

quite the contrary. I have found the country far more lovely than I expected. Someone who knows India advised me not to write much till I had seen a good deal, and I believe the advice was a good one. I shall not say much about the ladies' work for I believe Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Builder have written about the schools. I was very greatly pleased with the schools. Though there should not be one single member added to the church here for years, the time and work are not lost. The Christian teaching and the training to think for themselves that these bright little girls are getting now must, and will shew themselves some time, though it may not be till "after many days"; and we are sure of this, "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men; and there is ample room here to do good. As the preaching of the Gospel is hindered, it seems to me impossible to estimate the importance of the schools.

Of my own work I cannot say much, because I am not into it yet. The language is my care, and though it seems very slow I hope to get a few words into my brain and tongue soon. Mr. Wilkin has quite a large practice, and I go up to his dispensary and observe what is to be seen—what I am thus learning will be of great use to me when my own dispensary shall be opened. I shall be so glad when I can talk to my patients directly, then I shall feel that my day of usefulness has arrived. I had a short letter from Miss Bell last week—was so glad to hear directly from her—she is so patient that it did me good to read her letter, though it made me wish more and more that she had been allowed to come on with us.

It is very comical the way business is done in this country. I wanted a few yards of muslin and cotton wherewith to make my room like home, but instead of going down to the shop as I should have done at home, I let the merchant know that I wanted these things, and he brought several pieces of goods for me to choose from, so I did my shopping sitting right here on our own verandah. In the same way the shoemaker came and took measures for shoes. I would like to give a description of the bazaar but it is a perfectly hopeless task. The place is a perpetual wonder to me. I feel sometimes as though I must have been shot backwards in time to a century or two before the flood; then all at once I see in the midst of the jumble some