

listened very attentively to all that he said. The wife remained just inside the door, where she could hear quite well, and occasionally peeped out to have a look at the strangers. I remained after my husband left, and the wife came out then, and I had still further talk with them. The next day I called again. When coming away they expressed their pleasure at meeting me; and when I said to them that they would have still more joy if they would receive the word I had been telling them, their answer was that they could not read for themselves, and there was no one to tell them. Now this will show you something of the possibilities for women's work in this field. Jhabua is only a town of five or six thousand, and it is neither on the line of railway nor on the good road, but there is talk of a railway passing through Tandla, which is about 16 miles from Jhabua. Just a word or two about the mission box. I hope to write Mrs. Thorburn next week the particulars, but I want to tell you this much: that I gave all the girls in the two girls' schools in Mhow presents from it, and that I gave Miss Annie and Miss Minnie Stockbridge a supply of patterns and materials for their zenana and school work, and that I have kept a good supply of things for starting with in Rutlam, should the way be open for us to settle here.

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I have not yet begun to think about my annual report, but for you I will try to review the past. The first thing that occurs to my mind is a project that looked very bright to me this time last year; that was the giving of instruction in domestic medicine and hygiene, etc., to a class of women. I felt like rushing into it at once; but difficulties presented themselves. The chief one was of two elements—time and language. I found very soon that the time given to patients, and to giving instruction in *materia medica* to my interpreter, was all and often much more than I could well spare from the study of Hindi, so I abandoned the idea of going at once into that work. That it was a wise decision I know now, though I should not have had the wisdom to make it had not old members of the