

time to time, it would be a great incentive to the teachers, myself and children.

We hope to have a larger attendance than ever this coming winter, and we ask all those who have children to send them to the school and thus let our hopes be fully realized. We are in need of half a dozen good teachers, especially men. I cannot understand why so few men offer their services as teachers. I am sure there are many men in our church who are quite able to instruct the young and make the hour in Sunday School pleasant and profitable. I am afraid the only plea many have, is self indulgence. This is a mistake, yes a misfortune, not only to the children, but to such individuals. We undoubtedly are sent into this world to do good; not to ourselves alone, but especially to others. There are many boys who prefer a male teacher, and we have the greatest difficulty in getting said boys to attend school because there are no men to teach them. I earnestly and prayerfully ask God to touch the hearts of a few of our fathers and brothers, and that we will have them offering themselves as teachers. I make this earnest appeal because it is an urgent one.

We have an able and faithful staff of lady teachers, and I thank them heartily for their regular attendance and good work.

The orchestra was very popular last winter, and certainly was a great acquisition. It will begin again next Sunday, or the Sunday after, under the able leadership of the choirmaster, Mr. W. H. Robinson. There is considerable expense in connection with the orchestra, and it is seldom the Sunday School asks for a contribution from the congregation. I take the liberty of asking those in comfortable circumstances to send me or the secretary of the school a donation. T. MILLMAN,

Oct. 2nd, 1895.

Superintendent.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Auxiliary held their opening meeting on Thursday, October 3rd. The officers for the ensuing year were elected by ballot, and donations received for laying in material for the winter's work. It is hoped that all the old members will be at the next meeting and the officers will gladly welcome any new comers who will help in this branch of Mission work.

LETTER FROM PERSIA.

JULFA ISFAHAN, May 22, '95.

Dear Mr. Hoyles,—

Mr. Tisdall, the secretary of our C.M.S Mission, has asked me to give you some account of the progress of our work amongst Mohammedans out here.

The outward progress is but slow certainly, if one compares it with the leavening process which goes on quietly by means of God's word and the constant visiting and teaching in and around Julfa. The most striking outward signs of the power of God's word, are first, the Sunday morning services, where a crowd of Persian men and women come Sunday after Sunday in increasing numbers, to eagerly drink in the gospel messages (they have overflowed from a gallery set apart for them to two other rooms adjoining the church). 2nd, the crowded audiences at Miss Bird's dispensary for women, who listen with wonderful attention to her simple gospel address. These are the more conspicuous signs to us that God is in our midst, but what specially rejoices us is the fact that an increasing number of enquirers are coming for teaching and within the last two or three months, four men and one woman have been baptized. It sounds such a small number, but in every case it means facing dreadful persecution, and even death to be baptized.

The girl who has been baptized is only 18. and she has been driven from her husband simply because his ill usage made her ill, and she and her baby live with her father and mother. Her father has beaten her, and occasionally turned her out of the house because she wanted to become a Christian, and she has had to bear so much persecution, and only a week or two since the man who had disowned her wished to have his child back lest she should bring it up as a Christian; he in fact took it away one night, but it cried so much that, next morning, he sent it back to its mother. But, spite of all this she has been true to the faith, and she is now bringing several friends with her to Miss Bird, for teaching, and she has persuaded her brother-in-law to come to Mr. Tisdall for teaching. Mr. Tisdall has a continued stream of enquirers, many of course come only to argue, at least at first they do so, but many come because they feel that our religion supplies a