

One Bible woman has been doing regular work all year in the city, and one in the camp, and many through their visits have heard the gospel preached plainly and earnestly, and have made progress in their studies.

It is our regret that we have not more labourers to send into the homes, for with having so many pupils to teach regularly in the zenanas the Bible women cannot spare much time to do preaching simply. On Wednesdays we often went to the homes of hearers only and had a blessed time proclaiming the glorious message of love. God said to Ezekiel, "Thou shalt speak my words unto them whether they will hear or whether they will forbear," and this we have tried to do in spite of the indifference that was often manifested.

One girl in the city, who is a widow of about fifteen years of age, is interesting us very much just now. She is, we think, a Christian, for her heart seems to have undergone a marvellous change lately, and she professes to us her faith in Christ. She has given up working on the Sabbath day and has a class of heathen women come to her home whom she teaches the Bible. She is kept strictly in purdah so it will be very hard for her to break away from her heathen friends and customs and come out openly for Christ, but we believe she will soon receive strength to do even that.

In the camp one woman has given up singing what she calls the world's songs, and sings nothing but our hymns, which she teaches to the women who assemble in the temple. She does not cease, however, to put her daily offering of flowers on the shrine of her favourite idol in front of her door. How patiently we need to deal with these women to gain their confidence and to lead them on to higher things. It is, with us, not the work of a day but it must be precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little, until God in his own good time sends into their hearts the light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our Sunday schools are held in the same places as the day schools with almost the same attendance of children. The zenana workers also help in these, each teaching her own class.

On Sabbath afternoons I still hold my class for the heathen women of the compound, and it has also increased during the year, for now women from three other compounds find their way to it, and all give wonderful attention as we sing the hymns and as they hear about Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

We were very glad to welcome Miss Campbell amongst us in January. She will soon be quite a help, but as yet must give her whole time to the study of the language. We are, however, very sorry to lose Dr. McKellar, and I especially, as we must now break the home-tie which has bound us for over two years.