

One family has shown a special interest in the gospel message, but when one of the young men asked to be baptized he was prevented from taking that step by the parents.

Even amongst these low caste people, pride and distinction of caste are noticed, for one boy who is a sweeper is not allowed to come inside the school with the other boys, but must carry on his studies sitting outside the door.

At Christmas each of the girls and most of the boys received a warm jacket to help keep away the winter cold.

The attendance of the girls in the city school has been about the same all year, between twenty and thirty.

It has been no easy task to keep up this number as the indifference of the city people towards our work is quite marked, and it is the last thing that most of the parents would do to entrust their children into our care. We have to exercise great precaution as it is very hard to gain the confidence of the people. Twice the school was almost emptied for some days, through reports being circulated that children were being caught and carried away and that I would take the children away in the train.

On the first day of last October we were glad to vacate our old rented premises and enter into possession of our fine, new, mission building—the first building belonging to the Mission in Neemuch. Since then we have been very comfortable indeed.

We lost the largest girl at Christmas time by marriage. She had acted as monitor for some years and is greatly missed. Others have been put into purdah, that is, not allowed any longer to go outside of their own home, but these can still be reached by the Bible woman.

We are aiming at giving these children also a thorough knowledge of the Bible, and trust that God will use our feeble efforts to the furtherance of His cause and kingdom.

In the camp school we have still the same faithful teacher who makes school not only a profitable place but a pleasant one for the children.

Dr. Turnbull was appointed last November to come to Neemuch and take charge of this school and also of the Camp zenana-work, until we should both take our second year's examination in the language. This was a great help to me, for with the outside work and the second year's course of Hindi and Urdu to prepare, something would have to have been neglected.

The zenana work has specially interested me, as I love to get into homes and near to the people.