

Then, just after it was cleaned and ready, we had an outbreak of cholera, of a more fatal kind than I have known of in Rutlam before, and this caused further delay in the opening of the school. However, in the month of August we made a beginning with about six or seven girls. For weeks the number kept low, then it began to increase, and has gone on till now, I think, the average number present is about twenty-five. For the short time it has been in operation we think this very encouraging, especially as we have had a good deal to contend against. Our past experience (the native teachers when in Jaora, and my own here) has no doubt helped us. For example, the calling of the roll we found worked disastrously, frightening away the children in the former days; so we avoided that this time.

About a month ago we started a Sunday school for these same girls, and find they come quite as readily as to the other.

The *house to house* visitation is carried on principally by two of our native Christian women—both *grandmothers*—who spend most of their afternoons in this work. Their own homes being in the city they can do much of this without a conveyance, especially as there are two of them together. I have not looked at their report book lately, but I think the number of houses thus visited is about twenty. They seem to be well received, and I believe are doing a good work. Another Christian woman who lives out of the city, and who is not very strong, also engages in this work, sometimes going along with me and sometimes alone, of course, in a conveyance.

Principally for the benefit and at the request of our native Christian women, we have a weekly Bible Class at the house of one of the native Christians. Other women also attend. For some time we also had a weekly sewing class at our own bungalow; but owing to sickness in the families of some of those who attended I thought it better to stop it for a while; but we hope to begin again to-morrow.

This week's mail has brought us the welcome news that Miss Fraser is now on her way out to India, and that we may look for her in Bombay about the 20th—just in time for Christmas. All here to whom we have spoken on the subject seem much pleased at the prospect of our having a lady doctor settled among us.

With a population in the city alone of 31,000, and with no European doctor nearer than Indore, you will see that she will