

and will tell you about the work among the women. So I shall confine myself to telling you about a few of the houses I have visited.

At this season, work is not carried on very briskly by the Bible woman. We have no gari (the two wheeled cart we use here) for them, and I do not like to ask them to walk much when the heat is so great, so each one is left to work very much as she wishes. One of the women seems to have injured her health by going out too early in the afternoon to visit zenans, and I have told her that until it is cooler she is not to attempt more than simply to keep all her houses open by occasional morning and evening visits.

One is sometimes disappointed that so few of the Christian women are eager to work for the Master they profess to serve. It is a pleasure to be obliged to tell any of them to spare themselves during a trying season of the year.

Yesterday I made an early call at the house of a goldsmith whose daughter is at present visiting in Rutlam. This girl is married to a man who lives in Ajmere, and while in her mother-in-law's house has been visited by some of the ladies of the Rajputana U. P. Mission. She reads Hindi very well, and sings a number of our hymns, and as she is to be here for several months and is anxious not to forget what she has learned, has put herself under the charge of the Mission. The father and mother are exceedingly friendly, and they told me that if I would send a teacher to the house they would arrange to have a number of girls gathered every day either in the court yard or in one of the rooms. The mother and daughter have come several times to a Sunday School that I have in the bazar, and also to a Bible class for Christian women in our own house.

You have no idea how very "superior" some of these people feel who have learned to read, and it is very amusing to hear them express their contempt for their illiterate neighbours.