

or singing by special request, I would depart and enter, maybe the humblest home, where there was only a rush matting spread upon the ground to sit upon. In some of the high-caste homes the mothers showed me their own family temple and gods among their chief treasures ; and when I asked them to come out and listen to the story of the one true God in Sunday school, they sadly shook their heads and said: " Miss Sahib, we cannot go there, but you please come here."

I fear I am wearying you, but you asked me to tell you about my work, so I have told you a little. I regret much that I have not far more time to devote to them ; but I hope the day is not far distant when someone else will be able to take up the work, not only as teachers in school, but also as zenana visitors in the homes where, I believe, many of the women would willingly listen and learn.

Some months ago, Dr. O'Hara took a trip down to Ceylon, as you know, with Dr. McKellar and Mr. and Mrs. Russell, returning before the others, however, as she did not intend visiting all the places they did. In her absence, I had charge of all the medical work also, and was kept very busy indeed, as it was the most unhealthy time of the year, at the drying up of the rains. I got along nicely, however, though I had some very difficult cases and was nobly assisted by our matron and the two nurses.

You asked about my Hindi and my health, and I fear one has depended much upon the other, because I have never been really well, and my head has troubled me so much with its almost incessant aching that I have not been able to study at all as I would have desired, even when I was free to do so. I have done something at the language, however, and do not find it difficult. Our examination comes off at the end of this month, and I must hope to be successful.