

bowed again and again and recovered. The same mother always receives me cheerfully when I go to read to her from the Bible.

One morning a little Mohammedan was very earnest in her entreaties, that I would come and visit her mother. After school I went; she received me kindly, but was too busily engaged to listen; however, she generally pays attention. She said that one of her sons was nineteen, that his beard was beginning to grow, and that they would have a gathering of friends in the evening and asked me if I would come. They maintain that as all the prophets had beards, that it is God's light upon the face, and always celebrate the day when it begins to appear. I went before the celebration was to commence, and found several women congregated in the court before the door. They were seated on pieces of old carpet spread on the ground. I read to them and told them about Jesus Christ giving His life to save sinners. One of them sharply said, No, no, that was not their religion; that they believed that Jesus Christ was only man, and succeeded in distracting the attention of most of the others. The Mohammedans put Christ on the same level as David, and say that he was one of God's prophets.

Still some of the stones are falling out of the great wall, and we trust that sooner or later it will crumble down and the King of Kings enter in and keep the city.

In the hot season the attendance at school was greatly reduced, as the little girls were on the roads picking up fuel or gathering the unripe fruit for food. There are a great number of fruit trees on the plains; the owners of them in many cases sell the fruit on the tree while it is yet green; the party who purchases it sets a watch, sells, or uses it as it falls or ripens. On the night of the 31st of June a watchman was killed by men who came to demand fruit; the robbers escaped in the night. That occurred here, in the British part of Indore.

The numbers are again increasing at school. I went to the home of one little girl who had been absent quite a length of time after her marriage. She had previously told me that she would come after she was married. A woman that sat near her mother said that black people had no need of learning. I was surprised, as Jushody had been coming so regularly. Her mother said that her father-in-law did not want her to go to school. I tried to point out to her the import-

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