

Report on Woman's Work in Sabnas.

When I returned from An. Mtg. a year ago, I thought I would go to villages much more than I had the preceding year, and for two months, or until January, carried out my plans, but then began the long, cold winter, which in February made the native houses so cold that I could not with safety even visit in Hoftiman. I was nearly a stranger in that village last fall, but during the winter made many friends. There are thirty houses where I have been pleasantly rec'd, and have read and prayed with the women, visiting some of them several times, and very many have listened eagerly to the reading of the Bible. One has asked me to read to her every week, and if for any reason I do not go, she often comes to me, and will not leave till I have prayed with her. Her husband, too, listens most attentively when I read at their house. In March I spent twelve days with Mr. Wright's family in Ole, and made twenty-seven calls. Seven of these were on Turkish families, where Norma accompanied, and read and talked.

All winter the boys of Hoftiman were paying special attentions to me, as you would have thought could you have seen the shoes so constantly outside my outer door, when it was open, which was a sign I was at home. Boys of all ages, up to fifteen or sixteen years, came at all times, making calls of all lengths, for two to fifteen at a

time, till I thought scarce a boy remained that I had not seen, but wh. I have since found was a great mistake. I sang with them, taught them Bible stories, and verses &c. &c. Many of them came to U.S. About Xmas we opened the girls' school, and in six or seven weeks had seven scholars, generally four or five at a time. Some said it was too cold, others it was too far, we suspected the priests would not allow them to come. In Apr. spring work on the new house began in earnest, & May 2nd, I moved into my bedroom, & rejoiced that I could eat my breakfast without a long walk before it. School was begun the Monday before I moved. At first only five or six girls were present, but soon there was a week when the scholars came in so fast that we could neither remember their names or faces, and we closed a nine wk's term with 25 names on the book, & 8 more girls who had been in attendance a longer or shorter time. These were day scholars, fr. 5 to 14 yrs. of age, none of whom could read well enough to study anything else. A few were fr. the best families in the village, & all were the priests, nungists little girls one could well find. I never saw wrong done more innocently. When all were sitting quietly sewing, suddenly some one would say "Kamson, she's cursing me," & his over told with the greatest ease. When told to do or not to do something, obedience lasted as long as one watched them, generally not longer. Going to sch. did not mean to study, or even to sit still, & we were at our wits' ends to bring order out of such confusion, & still these girls didn't mean to be naughty, & didn't suppose

they were, so different were their standards. We must just be patient & teach them, & we saw great improvements. A great many of them were steady in attendance at S. S. In the fall we shall have boarders. In Seneca, Reason Stepan had a nice little sch. of ten girls during the winter, until the priest broke it up. Also in Dola Horoma had 10 or 12 girls during the winter, & when the Catholic sch. closed in the spring, 18 came.

Horoma has visited other villages when she has not been teaching, & for a month Rachel has been visiting afternoons in Haftiman. The former has been very much interested in a Musselman woman, at present in Dola, who is eager for instruction, & says Horoma's God is her God. She wonders what she shall do without those "sweet words" when she returns to Delimon, & Horoma has promised to go there & read to her.

After Sabbath morning service I read to any women who may be present, sometimes there are none, sometimes 15 or 20.

Since the new house has been finished, a great many have called to see it, & whatever else I had to show them, & to very many of these I have read from the Testaments.

We are exceedingly happy in the prospect of reinforcements, & I am especially thankful for the lady coming as my associate. Just as the house is ready, & a good sch. starting, making ample work for two, the Lord is sending the second one to take up her part. Long may she live, & have the privilege of seeing her scholars grow up into earnest Christian women.

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