

they feel now than they did when they came in, and certainly they will try and come on Tuesday to the women's prayer meeting.

Dear friends in the home land, pray for these sad, timid sisters. Give them your loving thought, and when you are asked to help fill the mission boxes, remember that games which have given you a happy, restful time will do the same for your sisters in Arabia.

Mission News

Mr. Pennings has gone home to America on furlough. He is traveling by way of China and Japan and expects to visit the stations of our Mission there. Surely our people in the churches at home will be glad to meet him and to hear from first hand the latest news about the work in the stations here. Amara station and its work is at present under the direction of the missionary in Busrah.

Bahrein school is steadily increasing in numbers. The evening school for the young men of the town is appreciated and many attend. Almost all those who attend during the day and evening are Moslems.

The Arabs of Oman are still unwilling to submit to the new ruler. There has not been any fighting but they threaten to come and take the important towns inland and to come to Maskat. This uncertainty makes the roads unsafe so that the missionaries cannot yet venture on tours.

The missionaries of Busrah schools have spent the short spring vacation in visiting the homes of several of their pupils. Both the schools there have gained in their attendance and more than fifty per cent. of the scholars are Moslems.

Maskat station has completed the building of the dispensary for medical work among the women of Maskat city. This work has long been contemplated and the people will appreciate the building now finished and ready for the work.

Dr. S. L. Hosmon has passed all her language examinations in full, and is in charge of the medical work for women in Maskat city. The new dispensary of that place has just been completed and is under her care and direction.

One of the teachers of the Busrah boys' school has gone to his people up in the Euphrates country to spend a well earned vacation. He has a brother who is pastor of one of the Arabic churches under the care of the American Board. He has another brother who is teacher in the Mardin High School.

Linga, an out-station of Bahrein station, has been visited by missionaries and colporteurs. A colporteur will live there for some months.

A colporteur of the Amara field has gone to his home on a vacation. He will spend some time with his people and when he returns to Busrah bring with him his family.

The British and Foreign Bible Society is about to open a Bible Depository in Busrah. This will bring the center of Scripture distribution nearer at hand, and will facilitate the delivery of Scriptures to the different stations in Arabia.

Bahrein girls' school has taken up its quarters in the house which formerly was occupied as a residence by the missionaries. The change was made in order to entice more of the girls to attend who for fear of the people would not come to the Mission house.

Sheikh Mubarek, of Kuwait, has been showing his people lately what his feelings are towards the missionaries by entertaining some of them in his early summer camp about eight miles out of town. Everything he had was at their disposal; their tent was pitched next to the Sheikh's and they were driven out from town and back in the Sheikh's brand new French motor-car. This invitation was a public compliment which cannot be ignored by those in Kuwait who are ever seeking to belittle what we do and to maintain enmity between the missionaries and those in authority. It is a case of "him whom the King delighteth to honour."

Those who look forward to the occupation of the interior of Arabia are glad of any incident which seems to show that that day may not be so far distant as we sometimes fear. Abd-el-Aziz bin Saud has been in camp within twenty miles of Kuwait. He is the man who believes in Arabia for the Arabs and who last year descended from the uplands of Nejd and drove the Turks out of Hassa. He came to the vicinity of Kuwait for state reasons and was in camp some ten days. It rests with him to say the word which will eventually welcome us into the heart of the Nejd and so the doctor in Kuwait was delighted to receive a very cordial invitation to come out to his camp to treat him for a slight attack of muscular rheumatism. Many of his men also needed attention, being down with fever, the result of a recent visit of the Sheikh's to fever-stricken Hassa. The reception was even more cordial than the invitation and the doctor spent one of the pleasantest days that he has ever experienced in Arabia.

Arabs are being brought more and more into touch with modern civilization; several light-houses of the very latest pattern have been erected on dangerous points on the ocean highway between India and the Persian Gulf. It is only the other day that there was not a light between Karachi and Busrah and navigation was correspondingly difficult. The British India Steam Navigation Co. is putting a fleet of new steamers on the Gulf, which are all equipped with "wireless telegraphy." Wireless stations have already been erected at several points along the Gulf and as soon as the new agreement between England and Turkey is signed and published, Kuwait will be given a regular post-office, and a wireless station will be installed.

The palaces of the Sultan of Maskat and of the Sheikh of Kuwait have for some time past been lit with electric light, while the motor car belonging to Sheikh Mubarek is giving the Arab some idea of the speed of modern travel. The railway which will unite Constantinople, Baghdad and Busrah is being steadily pushed on to completion.

A friend of the Mission has presented the equipment needed for the new hospital at Kuwait.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shaw and Alfred, left Busrah April 25th. Mr. P. C. Haynes is remaining in Busrah and endeavoring to continue and build up the firm's business.