

cember we moved temporarily into the building now occupied by the girl's school, and on New Year's Day into our present place, which was to have been ready two months before, and which is admirably situated on the main street of the bazaar, opposite one heathen temple and nearly opposite two others. Three months before, it was a ruinous looking place, filled with rubbish and dirt, but now a light, clean, airy school-house, with high ceiling and rooms partially divided, so as to suit different classes, and yet permit of its being filled with an audience, when we succeed in gaining one to listen to addresses within it. Who would not be delighted to step in and hear the fine, bright boys—Mohammedans, heathens, and one Jew—singing in Hindustani, but with familiar tunes, "Rock of Ages," "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," "I heard the Voice of Jesus say," "I Need Thee, Precious Saviour," etc., even if most sing with more sound than sweetness, (some sing very well, and as if they felt the meaning)—to question them and find how well they understand the meaning of the hymns, and then examine them on the first part of Luke's Gospel and find that some of them would pass a better examination than most boys in our Sunday schools at home! They are not taken over much ground, but are made to understand and remember what is gone over. How far it is taken to heart, who can tell? Much is undoubtedly mere memory. But it is difficult to believe that some of the answers I constantly receive come from no deeper, and that the earnest faces of some, when the vital truths of Christianity are being set forth, express no corresponding earnestness within. Doubtless there is much to hinder the growth of the seed, but the word spoken with some measure of earnest prayer and faith will result in the salvation of some of those boys, sooner or later, and we may yet have preachers from among them. It has greatly benefited myself to spend so much time in speaking and hearing Urdu, whether in singing and explaining hymns and teaching Scripture, or in the lower work of teaching the English primer, and (to one or two besides the Christian teacher) the English fourth book, with preparation of the translation at home.

VISITORS.

Parents and other visitors frequently drop in and listen for a time to the hymns or Scripture lesson, and a most interesting incident occurred a few days ago which, though not in 1877, I shall mention to illustrate what may result from this. I was ill, and Miss Rodger was kindly taking

some of my work for me, and was giving the Scripture Lesson (from Luke 12) when five Brahmins came in, sat down and listened attentively. They became deeply interested, and so delighted were they both with the answers of the boys and the teachings of the book, which, they said, was all new to them, that they remained some time to buy the book, no other satisfying them but the Gospel of Luke from which the lesson was given. They came from the State of Dewas, had come to Mhow to see the sights, and strolling along, had come to the school. God meant them to discover something better than they had come to see, and we hope to hear good news of the book they carried home.

EXAMINATION.

On Jan'y 14th, I had a little examination of the school for the purpose of stimulating the boys and interesting the "Sahibs" in it. Its success was so much greater than I had anticipated, that I regretted I had not invited more to be present. Prizes and presents of books and clothes were given at the close. These were bought with part of a donation of 10 Rupees, which had previously been sent, another donation of 10 Rupees was sent immediately afterward, and as these came unasked, more may be expected when our work becomes better known. The Brahmin continues to be paid partly by the commissariat department and partly by the fees. In the end of November I succeeded in getting a catechist, Wm. Salavi, at one time under Dr. Wilson, of the F. C. Mission, Bombay. Though he has more than once caused me considerable anxiety and pain, on the whole he seems a sincere Christian, and he has already been useful in a very encouraging degree. He speaks and reads Marathi and Hindi, and (imperfectly) English.

MISSSES. FORRESTER AND RODGER.

On December 10th, Misses Rodger and Forrester came to Mhow. The idea of two of the ladies coming here to work had previously been mooted, but it was in November that the apparent impossibility of getting accommodation for them all in Indore led Mr. Douglas to write, asking if I could possibly get a bungalow in Mhow for two. While consulting about it, our good friend, Col. Van Hey-huyesen came to our aid by offering me for them the use of his house for some weeks during the absence of his family, and just as they were to return, a small bungalow was vacated, which I secured—with the condition, of course, that it should be given up when required for any officer of the garrison. In this, as in so many things, the favouring hand of God has been