

tion, in those homes which have been regularly visited, that it has not been too often for them. Two pupils have died during the year, and three have removed to other stations, but they may still be visited by a missionary in the stations to which they have gone.

One of my pupils reads well in Hindi, and has written letters to her father when he was absent from home. She is beginning to find fault with the way in which the dargi makes her clothes, and is wanting a sewing machine. Another has asked for the "Woman's Friend," a Christian paper, published in Lucknow. It is printed in the Persian characters, which she reads well, as her father is the Moulvie in Kaj Kuniar College. She is able to read and understand easy English sentences, and has a great desire to learn more, and to be able to speak English. It is pleasing to see how anxious her father is, also, to have her taught.

At any time throughout the year, there has never been over sixty-eight names on the roll, and the attendance is not more than two-thirds that number. Yet those who have attended have been more regular than in former years. The English class is now down to three, two Parsees and one Roman Catholic child; her parents came from Madras, and her father is a respectable man in the employment of the P. W. D. Before Christmas, there were nine in the class, but three Roman Catholic children were advised to go to the camp school, as they are able to pay. The Parsee girl went to Bombay with her mother, and another ceased to come after she got her Christmas gift. One was a Hindu girl, and she was rather old to come out, although she could not be more than twelve. Such is life in India.

The native children are Hindu and Marathi, and the greater part of them are either in the first book or writing on slates. It is a matter of time, the getting of the alphabet in the vernacular. A few have got into the second book, but the number that get through the third book in school is few, especially if they are Hindu children; they do not think anything is to be gained from learning to read.

A Scripture lesson is given every day to all the children, and they are also taught hymns from the Christian hymn book. As a rule they join heartily in the singing of these hymns.