

Will you kindly excuse my taking up so much of your time now, when you are all so busy preparing for the annual meeting? We are all enjoying the best of health. Kindest regards from Miss Minnes and myself to the ladies of the Board.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Acknowledgments of Clothing and Gifts

FROM REV. N. H. RUSSELL.

Mhow, C. I., March 7, 1895.

Mrs. Russell wrote to thank you when the box of presents came from Canada. That was before they were distributed. I must tell you also how pleased the children were at receiving them. To have seen the faces of these little Hindus light up would have been a sufficient reward for the much labour bestowed on the presents by the dear friends at home. I would I could write to each one personally to tell them how much their work has been appreciated.

For the coming year I don't think that you can do better than you have done this year. We have about 200 boys, and hope to have more by next fall, say 250. The pencil-cases were much appreciated; also the large cardboard sheets with colored cards and pictures pasted on them. Handkerchiefs and pocket knives are also much sought after—any cheap, colored handkerchiefs and bags for books, etc.

I wish the home people could come out and see us at our work, how stirred they would be. It is all interesting and all, I doubt not, precious. I have just come in from a three months' trip throughout the villiages and cities of our Mhow District. It is amazing how many there are and how ready they are to listen. God only knows what a harvest is waiting earnest work right here at our doors. But we need help. For the Mhow district alone we need four men, each in a different part of the field. We need men more than anything else to open up new stations: for now the doors are so wide open and so many ready to hear, surely we should enter. At Barwai, especially, things seem hopeful. We had a baptism there on Sunday last, and several others are ready. The whole *caste* from whom we have had most of our baptisms seem to be stirred and moved towards the Truth. It has been very hot for several weeks past, especially in tents, and below the Ghats, where we were touring. I would fain have stayed out another month, but Council comes on next week and our financial year closes now, so we have all its accounts to close.

I trust you are all well. Our little one has just been vaccinated and is a little sick from it, otherwise we are all well. Mrs. Russell joins me in kindest regards.