

minded woman, gave prizes to the best pupils, (the mother of Miss McGregor's teacher is a sort of lady-in-waiting to the Maharanee) and last year the diwan (prime minister) gave forty rupees to be used for the same purpose. So there will probably be no more trouble now in maintaining this school.

Missionaries here have about as many opportunities and as much need for displaying *tact* as a Governor-General of India.

You will be delighted to hear that last week the city of Indore, recognizing the benefit to the community of her work, have offered Miss McGregor twenty-five (25) rupees a month towards the support of her schools, provided Holkar does not object. It remains thus to be seen whether he will oppose the granting of city money for any such purpose.

Miss Roger has a very nice little school-house containing three rooms, and certainly, with such an advantage, must find her work easier and pleasanter than Miss McGregor and Miss Ross. I wish you could see their school-houses (?) Miss Ross's is a particularly miserable place. It consists of a single, very small room—floor and walls of mud—having in the side a little door-way, (I think there is a door too) about four or five feet in height, but not a single window. Between the smoke from an adjoining house and the dust from the street one is nearly stifled, and one wonders how Miss Ross is able to endure her three or four hours of daily labour in it. This school was only begun last April, so that one cannot expect to find the children quite as orderly, or as advanced in study as they are in the other schools. One little girl who entered among the first pupils, not knowing a single letter at the time, now reads quite fluently in the 2nd book (her own language of course) and has made good progress in arithmetic. She also answers very intelligently questions asked her on portions of Scripture, that Miss Ross has read in the school. Among the scholars is one quite elderly woman who studies very diligently, and who, Miss Ross says, regrets exceedingly that she had no opportunity of learning to read when she was younger.

I could tell you of numbers of interesting pupils whom I saw in all the schools. Indeed after visiting these schools one does not so much wonder at the ladies being so absorbed in their work, that they labour with zeal and devotion which are having a sensible effect on the people of Indore.