

of three of our present number object very much to the hymns, and threaten to remove the girls if we do not stop teaching them. I hope it is only a threat, however, for we cannot think of spending time and money on school work unless it be directly used as a Christian agency.

The school is held in one of two large rooms which we have rented in the bazar, for church and other purposes. For some time our hours were from seven to ten o'clock. Now the children are gathered at eight, and school is dismissed at eleven. In the hot season the former hours are preferable, but for a number of months now we shall find eight o'clock as early as the girls will come.

In our Indian girls' schools we have an "institution" that is not known in Canada—a caller in you might name her, or him. At Indore I think the "caller" in most of the schools is a woman. Ours is a man. You know that children of good caste are not allowed often to go freely through the bazar, so in order to get them to come to school some one of sufficiently high caste must be employed to go to their homes for them, and chaperone them to the school door. None of our girls are of high caste. They are all Hindoos, but the parents of most of them are rather poor.

From eight to nine reading and spelling are taught, from nine to ten writing and singing, and the last hour is given to sewing. Four of the girls have made really wonderful progress in reading, and their sewing would not do discredit to a Canadian child who had been practising for a year or two. They are making just now patchwork quilts, of which they are very fond, and we are looking forward to getting some sewing materials from a box which we hear is being sent out from Canada, for the use of the different schools here.

Would you care to hear any particulars of school expenses? As I suppose you know, almost everything in the way of work, material and books has to be given. I think that it is the same in all the schools. Five of our girls last month paid the small sum necessary to buy a first Hindi book, and more are doing the same this month. Slates, however, which cost us about ten cents a piece, they will not invest in. We must give those, or rather the use of them, for we don't allow anything to become private property unless paid for. All sewing material, too, has to be given. Our teacher gets eight rupees (about \$3.20) a month, and the old Brahmin who calls the children four rupees. So you see that in the meantime our expenses are not heavy. You will be glad to hear that two little friends have sent me \$15 for our school, which I intend to use in providing sewing materials and