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Miss Ross' Letter.

MAHABLESHWAR, April 9th, 1885.

My dear Mrs. Harvie:—

I should have answered your very kind letter before this, but as I was coming to the Hills I had not much time at my disposal.

A Bible woman and teacher for the school have been engaged, who are carrying on the work in my absence. A good deal of time was required to initiate the teacher; although she is a fair scholar for a native woman, yet she had not a proper idea of her responsibility as a teacher; however, before leaving I had the pleasure of seeing her take more interest in her work. Here there is not much to choose from, and we can only do our best with the material available. We hope that some who are being trained in the schools will be good helpers by-and-by. In this country I have often been reminded of the words,

“How swift is the glance of the mind,
Compared with the speed of its flight.”

Where the education of woman is so despised and neglected (although in many places there is marked improvement) time is required to effect great changes.

One of the two girls that I spoke of in my last letter as being in the second book is now reading in the New Testament, and there are six additional ones in the second reader. The girls have so often said, “What benefit is there from reading?”