

## FOREIGN LETTERS.

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INDORE, *Feb. 9th, 1888.*

MRS. WILKIE.—Two weeks ago to-day the box reached us, and the same evening Miss Beattie, Miss Oliver and I distributed it equally among the five schools, viz.: Miss Rodger's, Miss Ross', Mrs. Campbell's, Mrs. Builder's and Mrs. Wilson's. The things which Mrs. Wilkie, of Toronto, sent I kept for the Christmas tree. Kindly thank for us all who contributed to the box.

We had the tree a week ago last Monday, and this year to the women we gave warm jackets, sleeping pillows and cards; to the men, handkerchiefs, texts and walking-sticks; to the little girls, calico jackets, dolls and handkerchiefs; to the large boys, books, cards and handkerchiefs; and to the small boys, trumpets, tops, left from last year, and calico jackets. All seemed pleased and happy, and the dolls were hugged and admired. One baby got the long strip of crochet work, to which were attached a number of bells, which greatly amused it, as well as its larger sister and brother. The children never seem to tire of dolls, and no mistake can be made in sending unlimited numbers. I was present at Miss Rodgers' prize distribution in her school, and saw some tears shed, in spite of brave efforts to keep them back, when it was known that all could not have dolls. One thing I noticed with pleasure—three little girls standing around a gentleman reading a lesson in English in the midst of the prize distribution. A few years ago this would have been impossible, as, first, they could not show their faces to a male, and, second, the prizes were of greater interest than the lessons, as they are still to the greater number. I was also pleased to see some Parsee girls accept of books with pleasure. When looking back to the first time I was present at an examination in Miss Rodger's school and comparing it with to-day's, I see great reason for rejoicing at the gradual progress that has been made in breaking down of prejudices, and in the advancement of the work among the women and children here. But I must pass by Miss Rodger's school, which is of long standing and well-known, and which, if present intentions are carried out, will be turned into a high school before very long, and tell you of Miss Ross' farewell meeting, at which I was also present in her city school a few days ago. She has succeeded in gathering around her about seventy girls, thirty-five, or about that, being generally present, some of whom can read up to the Third Reader in Marathi and Hindi. On learning that Miss Ross had felt constrained to leave the field, the scholars