

terest you and other Christian ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Miss Beatty arrived last Friday. They left Miss Bell ill in Scotland. The day after their arrival we had all the Missionaries of Indore and Mhow here at breakfast, and as the staff now numbers fourteen, they made quite a happy gathering. Thus far Mr. and Mrs. Wilson seem agreeably surprised and delighted with India. This is our cool and most pleasant season. The weather is just lovely at present—the flowers and foliage are looking their prettiest just after the rains. I am now sitting with a shawl about my shoulders and find it most comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson purpose remaining with us for a time, and it is a real pleasure having them. We have missed our friends and all Christian associations so much since we left; but this is the greatest trial of a missionary life; but labor is sweet for Him, although to perform it sends friends far away, and sweeter from the very fact that the sacrifice it now costs will enhance the blessedness of the rest when the resting time comes. Mr. Builder is enjoying good health and is just getting into work; is preaching in Hindustani, and at the same time is studying Hindi. The more one becomes acquainted with the people, the more they can sympathize and realize the need of the Gospel here. From what we have observed and heard a missionary requires great tact, patience, and readiness in argument to converse with the people and meet the objections they bring forward. They are very conservative, and many who are convinced of the truth are timid to confess Christ on account of the persecution they would have to endure. To give an illustration. Mr. Builder's Moonshee (Teacher), who is head Priest among the Mohammedans, has several times owned his belief in Christianity, and admits that he has not the courage to come from his people as he fears that they even might secretly seek to put him to death, and there are times when one would be moved to tears to see his uneasiness and unhappiness of mind. Other illustrations of a similar character could be given, but let this do for the present, as I would like to give you some facts in connexion with the Mission-lady workers here and at Indore. Miss Boger is in her new school-room which was recently put up for her on the compound of the Mission Church. I understand the number of her pupils is about fifty, average attendance about forty. Twenty Parsi and Bengali girls are studying English,

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