

ing way and tell me that the girls were tickling his feet and teasing him. It was too much for my gravity at times. I found, too, that when at any time I would leave school early, he at once dismissed the girls and stopped work.

~~As~~ I dismissed him and also the calling woman, and straightway my troubles began. Both have used all their influence to keep the girls away, and a few days ago I was told that the Brahman threatens to curse any child found coming to the school. After I had dismissed this man, I engaged another pundit, a Brahman from Old Neemuch, and I fancy that but for his influence we should not be able to get a single girl to come. This teacher seems to be a really nice old man (though he is a Brahman), and he always is present when the Bible lesson is taught, and listens most respectfully. He even tried yesterday day to join in the singing of our opening hymn. He says to the girls: "What, suppose that other Brahman does curse you. Is he the master of the world? I am a Brahman too."

About two weeks ago the woman who had left me returned and asked to be taken on again as teacher. I was obliged to take her on or close the school, for we shall soon be going out to the jungle, and I do not like to leave it altogether in the hands of my pundit. For some days we have had five, six and seven girls present, and there are now ten names on the roll, and I hope will soon have it up to the old numbers or larger.

If the Christian teacher was at all a vigorous woman I would dismiss the pundit, but doing so in the meantime would be fatal to the school. Miss Jamieson has kindly consented to superintend the school while we may be away from camp.

Did you know that some weeks ago Mr. Wilson baptized a family here—father, mother and three children? The father is butler in an officer's family, and is getting very good wages, and many people have expressed surprise that a man in so independent a position, a man not needing help of any kind, should have become a Christian! These people were under instruction by our head catechist for some months before their baptism, and their only daughter, a little girl of eight or nine years of age, was in Miss Harris' school as a boarder. The man is a Madrassey, and has two brothers Christians, so we can understand how he may have been influenced by them to become a Christian