

the Miss Sahib herself always taught the Bible. Whether it was because of this, or the subject itself, Tara soon became deeply interested in the Scripture lesson. The stories of Jesus were to her very sweet and so different from the ugly stories of the Hindu gods. And then she learned many of the verses by heart, including the Commandments and the Lord's prayer, "He hamara swarg jasi pita."

Every night as she came home she would

come very much interested in Tara's stories, and especially when she learned to sing "Yisu Masih" was he delighted, and couldn't hear it often enough.

And so it has been going on, Tara ever learning something new and bringing it home to teach her father. She says she believes in Jesus and prays to Him every day, and she has almost taught her father to believe also. Poor man, it would be so much easier for him if it were not for caste. He knows



Tara and her Father.

tell her father of the stories she had heard in school, and repeat to him the verses she had learned. At first he used to think to himself, "What would the priests and caste people say if they heard me listening to such things, and from my own daughter?" He knew that these teachings were contrary to his own religion. But then Ramdas was not very strict, he didn't half believe in the Hindu gods anyway, and the priests he looked on as lazy and deceitful. Moreover he be-

that to give up Hinduism and especially to become a Christian would be to lose caste, and that means to lose all his friends, and bring great ignominy on himself. This is a trial he dare not face as yet, for he has not learned the secret of strength. Nor for the same reason could he let Tara become a Christian.

There are many Ramdas's and many Taras in India, and they especially need our sympathy and our prayers.