

best not to spend that season again in India without a change home.

We have made a small advance in a social way with the Parsees—they may eat and drink with us without prejudice to their religion. We invited all the Parsi ladies in Indore to an "At Home." More than half of them came. We had twenty four guests. We had tea and cake and a very pleasant hour together, then we went to the school-house and gave a small magic lantern exhibition, which we mean to repeat. Altogether we flatter ourselves the affair was a brilliant success. One of the young Parsi ladies came to me a few days afterwards and asked for the words of a Hindi hymn that was sung ; so perhaps there will be more than a *social advance*.

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## MISSIONARY STUDIES.

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THE Presbyterian Church of Australia is now taking an active share in the work of evangelizing the New Hebrides, and most of the missionaries are supported by that Church. There are at this date, 1889, twenty islands occupied and eighteen ordained missionaries on the field, and under their direction no fewer than one hundred native teachers are engaged in evangelistic work. These teachers are absolutely necessary to the carrying on of mission work on the new Hebrides and are quite as much missionaries as the ministers. In many cases they give up home and friends, and go to a strange island where a different language is spoken and different customs prevail, and being strangers, the people are suspicious of them, so that they are often exposed to much hardship and danger, and not a few of them have won the martyr's crown. They are teachers, according to our idea of the word, for they conduct the daily schools, but they are preachers and evangelists as well. The population is scattered in little villages all over these mountainous islands, the distances are considerable, and there are no roads and no means of travel but on foot, or by boat, so that the missionary can of necessity visit