

to have her with us at our last meeting, before going out to the district.

I call it a meeting, but this month we are going to have instead an open air picnic. There are a number of pretty little groves near Neemuch, and we shall put up swings and have what amusement we can for both young and old. It is an experiment which I hope may succeed, for the native Christians are shut off from all the heathen festivals and sports, and I think that naturally they must wish for some out-door amusement. The Hindous and Musselmen have so many holidays and festivals which are primarily religious, but are made occasions for amusement and fun, and judging from the zest with which they observe these days the Indian people are very fond of sport. Unfortunately, the amusements, even were they not inseparable from idolatry, are often of the lowest and most obscene kind, and Christians can not in any way join in them with their heathen neighbors. They must come out and be separate from them in the strictest sense of the words. When any heathen becomes Christians they do not get rid of their social disposition, and perhaps we do not help them enough to cultivate this on good and pure lines.

Since I last wrote to you I have opened a girls' school in Bagana, a village of about 1,500 inhabitants, about half a mile from our compound. I got a very nice (for a native) house for \$5 a month, and reserving the upper flat, which is in one room, for the school, gave the lower rooms to the Christian teacher whom I had engaged, and her family. For a couple of weeks things went on nicely, but at the end of that time my woman struck for higher wages. As she was getting quite all she was worth I refused to raise her salary, and she left me. I was unwilling to close the school, so for a couple of months did all the teaching myself. When I had gathered in about sixteen or eighteen girls I engaged a heathen Pundit, a Brahman, to come every morning after the Bible lesson had been taught, to help with the other teaching. The girls were all very low caste, and most of them rather stupid, and I found teaching them A B C day after day very trying.

But my pundit turned out most unsatisfactory. He could not keep order at all, and though a great strapping fellow, six feet in height, he would come to me in the most helpless look-