

independent states—Nepal, Sikkim, and Bhutan.

In 1877 at the durbar in Delhi, Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India. In 1902, there was a durbar for King Edward VII. King George and Queen Mary heard the proclamation in person, before 100,000 people, December 12th, 1911. And has great Britain been a benefactor? Rustom Rustom Yee, editor and proprietor of a powerful newspaper in western India, and prominent in Oriental affairs, in religion a Parsee, is visiting America for the first time. His opinion is that British occupation is a blessing. The postal service, the telegraphic system, irrigation, commerce and peace he assigns as results of their presence. He says: "Even the sternest critics of the English, among the classes, would fight tooth and nail for her, if there was danger of invasion from Russia, or any other country."

SARAH STUART BARBER.

THE SCHOOL-GIRL'S VISIT.

Dear Link: This morning when the church service was almost completed, and the Christians were making their monthly offering, we had an interesting visit. Ten of our little Caste School girls, looking fair and pretty, and dressed in clean skirts and bright jackets, came to the church door. I asked one of the eldest, Sathamma, a girl in the third class, why they had come. She said there had been no rain, so last week in their homes and in school they had prayed that God would send the rain. He heard their prayer, and sent two heavy showers. So to show their gratitude they each came, bringing a thank-offering.

They sang a hymn for the church people, made their offering, and after joining with us in prayer for more rain, left. May God save these little ones, and through them many of their people.

The lack of rain is causing much suffering. In Ramachandrapuram itself, 300 houses were burnt down during the hot season, and in nearby villages fire has destroyed some large sections. Since returning from our holidays we have been besieged by people needing help. Until the rains come, many can get no work, and until new crops come, the price of rice, which has almost doubled, will not decrease.

As I write, I hear the hacking cough of one of our Biblewomen. She was only taken on to the work this year, and two months after developed consumption. She is a wife and mother, and if she receives the home-call, they will miss her very much.

Yours sincerely,

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THANKSGIVING DAY—OCT. 21.

"The best thing that hearts that are thankful can do
Is this: To make thankful some other hearts, too;
For lives that are grateful and sunny and glad
Should carry their sunshine to lives that are sad,
For children who have all they want and to spare
Their good things with poor little children to share—
For this will bring blessing, and this is the way
To show we are thankful on Thanksgiving Day."

—The Missionary Helper.