

be brought in. He is a very nice old man, and so far as I can see does not at all try to use his influence against the Christian training of the children.

I have always taken the Sunday school work myself, and have no difficulty in getting all the girls together for that day. They are, naturally, more interested in Bible stories and teaching than in A, B, C, and 1, 2, 3, and, I think, really take great pleasure in the Sunday's lesson.

Miss Jamieson is very kindly looking after the school while I am in the jungle, and she seems to be pleased with the attendance, and with the progress of some of the girls.

The parents of most of these girls are very, very poor, and just as soon as any of them are able to earn a few pice by doing cooly or other work, they are taken away, or become very irregular in their attendance. The mother of one of the children is a widow, with a family of four to support, and she earns from four to eight pice a day (from two and a half to five cents a day), with which to feed and clothe five persons, including herself! Others are earning very little more than that.

You will not wonder to hear that the clothing of these poor children is not abundant. I was very pleased to be able to give to each of them on Christmas, or rather the day after New Year, when we had a little *tamasha*, a piece of flannel for a jacket. To one girl, who had been present almost every day from the first, I gave a skirt also, a garment, I suppose, she had never owned in her life. On Sunday morning she appeared in her new dress, looking very neat and nice, but on Monday she turned up, as usual, in her old scanty costume. I asked what she had done with the dress. She looked distressed and did not answer. But one of the others told me that the child's mother had cut the dress to make a coat for one of her boys! That is always the way in India. The boys must be first served, and the poor girls take what is left. It is not surprising that, as a rule, boys become very selfish and domineering, and in every way most objectionable.

I told Chundria that I should never give her any clothing again if her mother were going to act in this way, and I am sure that rather than not get it the mother will leave her daughter in possession.

There are two Mahratta girls in the school whose parents are