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FROM MISS RODGER.

INDORE, CENTRAL INDIA, May 7th, 1885.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—

I should have answered your last letter sooner, although I had not much to write about. Just now my school is closed for a month, as the heat is very oppressive. Since I last wrote the boarding school has been begun. As yet there are only three girls, and they occupy one of the rooms in our own house. Until accommodation is provided more cannot be taken, but others are willing and wishing to come. It was only because Miss Ross was away at present in the hills that there happened to be a room for these three girls. Before she returns the new houses will be ready, and better arrangements can be made. Two of the girls are daughters of Miss McGregor's Bible woman, and as their mother is a widow, she was only too glad to have her daughters taken into the school; she was obliged to leave them so much alone when out at her work. The third one is Dinah, the daughter of Rebecca, who was formerly in the mission, and who now supports herself by doing ayah work. She has a woolly, curly head, showing plainly her African descent, and is very sharp. However, her mother has promised \$2 per month towards her support. Only those who cannot afford to pay full will be helped, and all will require to give something. The present idea is to build houses for the boarding school on the compound where my school is, and the two can be worked together. The situation is a very desirable one for a girls' school, as most of the Parsi and Bengali families in the camp reside in the neighbourhood. They can come to the school by a back way, which is a decided advantage, especially in the case of some of the larger girls.