

closed, that "he would mention in his report having heard a prayer which was so good, and so comprehensive, that no Hindu could object to it."

Two of the young women formerly employed as teachers in the Girls' school have died, but it has been found possible to get others to take their places. Formerly no native heathen woman would dare to attend school, and only the lowest, often disreputable characters, would offer to bring the children to school. All this has now become a thing of the past, and situations are eagerly sought by respectable women. Twenty-seven Brahmin girls attend, thirty-two Marathis of different castes, and the remainder are generally the daughters of merchants. As yet very few Mahomedans will permit their children to attend a Christian school.

In connection with the Girls' school a small library was established for the use of the teachers and advanced pupils, and was found to be a delightful source of instruction and amusement. Five pupils in the training class are learning English, and have made excellent progress. Four pupils over the age of fourteen have been permitted to attend school during the year, thus showing an advance in public opinion. Two native Christian girls have been placed in a boarding-school in the city of Ahmednagar, and during the year have made excellent progress. They are supported by a Sabbath School in Canada.

#### RANAPOORA SCHOOL.

This mixed school was kept open during the first half of last year, and the average daily attendance was between twenty and twenty-five.

#### ZENANA WORK.

One Bible woman is employed. Visits are made in the usual neighbourhoods. Three hundred and six visits were made during the year, and 2,577 persons have heard the Gospel read. The singing of Christian hymns is much enjoyed by the people. A Bible class of native Christian women was held weekly, and eight attended regularly during the former part of the year. The number has somewhat diminished, on account of having moved farther away from the homes of the native Christians.

#### FROM MRS. JAMIESON.

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Many times within the last three years have I thought ladies in Canada should know more about Mrs. Mackay's work.