

left the latter, as they said they were very anxious their children should go to school, but could not, as they could get no provisions from the agent to keep the children while they (the parents) were away.

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During the month of August there are more interruptions to work than almost any other month of the year. This is owing partly to sickness and partly to the number of holidays and fast days. Every Monday of this month is a day of fasting amongst the Hindus. There is Naj Panehmi holidays, when the snakes are worshipped, and fed with milk for two or three days. At present they are preparing to celebrate Krishna's birthday, and their attention is divided between study and play. The Parsees have eighteen days of continuous fasting just now—at least what they are pleased to call fasting—and this interferes considerably with the attendance of the children.

The English pupils are making steady progress, and they number about twenty. Others have come to take the place of those who have left; this constant changing being unavoidable in this land of change. The majority of these girls are Bengalese or Parsees, with a sprinkling of the Mohammedan and Maratha element, and an African, Dinah, that you have often heard of already; she is fonder of play than study. Lately another class has been introduced, the Eurasians. Take the former of these classes, and amongst them none is brighter or more persevering than Rajlake; then Grindibala, who is making equally rapid progress for the length of time, but has been a much shorter time at school. Both these girls dress in English clothes, and wear hats instead of chaddars. Their parents have mixed so much with Europeans that they have become quite English in their ideas about dress. The last one I will particularly mention is Samu, a younger child than the two others mentioned, but bright and eager to learn; Kali, Nanni, Mano, Nagginbalo and Shushilbalo, all belong to the same class, but they are not so bright as the three noticed. One pleasing feature of the Bengalese children is that they are clean and tidy, and do not require to be told