

native friends were at the station to meet us, some even going to Mhow. This was followed by a reception from the native Christians, and another from the school and college students. I need not take time to tell you of written addresses, hymns composed for the occasion, etc., etc., but shall pass on to what will be more interesting to you.

It was pleasant to meet so many old friends ; but there was a sad side to the story, for a number of familiar faces were not among the number. A number of native Christians have died since we left. In one case both father and mother are dead, leaving two little orphans, Mary and Joseph. Both are supported by our ladies. Mary is at present in the Boarding school at Neemuch. Joseph was in Poona when we came here, but was brought here as soon as we got the Home for boys started. He seems a nice bright little fellow, and we hope to give these boys a good *home* training in this institution, giving those who show ability an education such as will fit them for future ministers, realizing as we do the fact that only thus can we hasten on the evangelizing of India.

I was very much gratified to note the signs of progress since we left here, less than three years ago, especially among the women. There seems to be much less reserve. Perhaps I can the better illustrate this when I tell you that I was present at an "At Home" of Parsee women at the ladies' bungalow, at which twenty-five Parsee women sat with us and partook of the hospitality provided, consisting of tea, cake and sweets. I have also been present with the ladies at a number of "At Homes," in all of which I could not help feeling how near we were getting to the people.

Miss Sinclair's school girls were all brought from the city to our church, or rather school, in the camp, to receive their prizes. When I looked at over a hundred girls sitting there, singing our hymns with spirit, who had been reading our Christian books and taught about Jesus, I could not but feel that we should take courage ; for truly the Lord is blessing the efforts put forth to reclaim India's millions.

There were also present at the same, some of the wives of natives holding high positions, among them the wife of the Chief Justice of Indore. All seemed to take an interest and did not look frightened or as if they were doing anything improper.