

INDORE, April 30th, 1884.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—Your letter of February 14th was duly received. There has been a very good attendance at school since I last wrote, until lately, and there are now fewer on account of the heat and sickness. The children do not feel inclined to study as they did in the cold season, but the school is kept open during the hot season. Many of the girls were at school two years ago, and they have improved greatly in appearance since that time. Six of the larger girls were formed into a class, but shortly afterwards one of the six left, now there are five in the class. The mother of the girl that left school got her daughter married to one of the gods, which means sold into a life of wickedness, and she will not return. She was making rapid progress in learning to read, and is possessed of an excellent memory; none of the girls could repeat the Commandments as correctly as she could. She has been away from home for a few weeks learning to dance; in future she will be often engaged in dancing, for no respectable woman in India dances, and there are both dancing and singing at their marriages and other festivals. A girl has been brought here to attend school from Diwas, a state twenty miles distant; she lives with some relatives, and she is quite at home now, although at first she was very much afraid to come into the room. She told the man that brought her the first day that she would not come for I would cut off her ears. For several days she remained in one corner of the room and would not be persuaded to leave it, but she has lost her fears now entirely. Najoo, the wife of one of the native Christians, has taught the children