

it would not be much quieter than the usual order of children's processions. It was a great treat to them, and certainly when every little girl got a doll on her arm they were a happy gathering.

We began by the children all singing a Hindi hymn, followed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer in Hindi. Between the classes we had also a Marathi Kindergarten song by twenty-five of the girls, two verses of "Gathering in the Sheaves" by the girls who are learning English, and then, when all the dolls had been distributed, we had the girls sing "God Save the Queen." I do hope the ladies, who are on the way here, will be able to lead them in singing. We three here are, all alike, devoid of music.

Yesterday a gentleman living here sent a present of 24 lbs. of native sweetmeats for a Xmas treat to the Christian children, so we gathered them all into our bungalow for a feast.

Miss Rodger and I spent part of yesterday filling a work-bag for each of their mothers with some of the contents of the boxes; cloth enough for a jacket, and thread, needles, pins, scissors, buttons, etc., etc. I am sure if you could but see how pleasant it has been to handle the contents of those boxes, all the good women of Hamilton Presbytery would catch a share of that happiness. Being such a liberal supply for all, we just divided the general boxes into five equal shares to represent Neemuch, Rutlam, Indore, Oojein, and Mhow. Then, as Miss Rodger, Mrs. Wilson and I had got extras in our private home boxes, we did not need to make the Mhow share any less, on account of their special box. As I said before, there was enough for all and to spare. Next week we will go up to Oojein and give the little girls dolls, who have begun to attend our two schools lately opened there. The schools have only been open about six weeks, so that the girls have not yet earned a doll, but when I was up last, some three weeks ago, I found that for the first eight days after the schools were opened a number of girls attended them. All at once their parents refused to allow them to come because a report had been circulated that as soon as we got a large number gathered we would carry them off to Indore and drown them. I visited some of their homes and got them to promise to send them back, and, in order to encourage both teachers and scholars, promised small dolls to all who would come regularly. In a few days the attendance at the Marathi School rose to fifteen daily, and at the Hindi School nearly as many. No doubt "a doll" is the strongest force at work as yet, but if we can but get the girls started to come by encouraging them, I do not fear but that nearly all of them will continue to come. The two teachers are the wives of two of the Christian teachers in the boys' school, and seem to be really in-