

I have long been intending to write you and tell you something of the work, and especially of the use to which I put your former contribution, but have found it very hard to carry out my purpose, and even now I cannot do so as fully as I wish, for I have yet several letters to write by this mail *if possible*, and the day is nearly done.

What you kindly entrusted to me last year was devoted partly to the support of a Catechist, and partly to a Boys' School. The former was with me only for a short time having been taken at first on trial, and, though in some respects fitted to be a useful man, finally parted with on account of his conduct. His worst faults were probably all more or less due to that which is one of the greatest enemies against which the infant Church in India has to contend—strong drink. His place has been occupied for five months by an excellent man recommended to me by Rev. Narayan Sheshadi, under whom at that time he was labouring. His name is Dhondiba Baperjee Misal; he was converted when a young man, with his mother and two brothers the elder of whom is now a native minister, and the other has fallen asleep.

The school has continued to flourish sufficiently to make it very interesting and hopeful without becoming anything remarkable. The master and assistant are both heathens and the former a most decided one, so that I have seriously thought at times of removing him, and would have done so but for the great difficulty of getting a Christian one such as I should like, together with the "drawing power" of a Brahmin master in attracting Hindoo scholars, and keeping them in spite of the Christian instruction given daily by myself, or the Catechist or occasionally by one of the ladies. The scholars are mostly from the very poor, and this not only makes the amount of fees collected very small, but frequently leads to the removal of boys as soon as they are able to earn anything. The number of boys who are under our instructions is thus much greater than the number at any one time on the roll. And we work in confidence that the hymns they learn to sing and the Scripture truth fixed in their mem-

ory and understanding will not be lost even though they may often slip from our notice. Some of our boys will soon acquit themselves better in an examination on the first three gospels than most boys at home, and besides have some acquaintance with the Old Testament history. All this seed can not be lost.

We have a Sabbath School, at which the attendance is voluntary and varies considerably, occasionally rising to over a hundred, but generally ranging about sixty or seventy, and sometimes falling as low as thirty or forty.

I am in correspondence about one or two other workers, and if I succeed in getting any there will be room for more money for their support, but, as it is, the Catechist and school will require far more than the amount you have now sent; and this I mention as a stimulus to the congregations to increase their contributions.

Pardon this short letter; give my love to brethren and friends, who will no doubt be glad to hear of my happy transit from "single blessedness" to the double thereof, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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At the induction of the Rev. H. B. McKay of Brighton, England, to the pastoral charge of Crescent St. Church, Montreal, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in addressing the minister is reported by a Montreal paper, amongst other remarks to have made the following: "There were some amongst his people who would expect him to be the centre of attraction at dinner parties, and evening gatherings; they would ask him to visit a great deal, to work on school boards, to give counsel at committee meetings, to be beside them not only when they are dying but when they have a cold." Alas! alas! the trail of the serpent is over us all.