

days. A few evenings after her return Nerbudda got two or three slaps from Kheru. Gopee fearing that she, too, might be beaten fled from the house, and was not found until the third day. From that time her husband does not allow her to go but a few yards from the house. She is one of the most promising pupils I have. They want her to study so that she can earn something by teaching. Nerbudda, Gopee and Mainee are pretty regular in their attendance. After rising in the morning generally about the first thing done is to clean the teeth and mouth; this occupies several minutes, as they rub their teeth most faithfully with powdered charcoal, earth or tobacco ashes, etc., leaving them bright and clean, the whiteness being often enhanced by the dark margin left encircling them; but the black boundary does not seem to trouble them in the least. Gopee then sweeps the house, Mainee goes with Barlee for water, while Nerbudda often sits doing little or nothing till I come to school. I find that it is not easy to convince her that she could do better if she would only apply herself; however, she is improving. The family have only two meals daily, one about two o'clock in the afternoon, the other at ten at night. After school is dismissed Gopee begins to grind the wheat for flour to make their chippatties, which are flat cakes made of meal and water, or flour and water; sometimes ghee (boiled butter) is added. Natives, both male and female, are very expert at flattening out those cakes between the palms of their hands; they are cooked in the fire or in a flat pan. But to return, after Gopee has finished grinding she reduces the vegetables to particles on a flat stone, a long round stone serving as the roller. Nerbudda cooks the food, and while the meal is being prepared, Mainee is away at the bazaar for oil, vegetables, wheat, etc. Bhermee, their mother-in-law, says that if wheat sufficient for ten days was brought at once it would only last five, therefore, she has every article of food brought daily from the bazaar, so on that account she and Mainee are often on the road carrying rice, wheat, vegetables, etc., etc. When their food is ready they sit down separately on the ground floor, each one having three brass vessels by his or her side, chippatties being in one, rice and vegetables, or whatever