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**S. Schools** Mhow, one of the five older stations in Mhow. of our Central Indian Missions, has eight S. Schools, with 550 pupils. There is a Bible class for teachers on Saturday morning. There is a S.S. Association now started in the Mission which it is hoped will be very helpful to the teachers in all the stations.

The significance of the above can scarcely be realized. In a few years these men will be a large factor in the thought and life of their country.

**District Work in India.** A vivid and interesting picture of one phase of mission work is the following from Rev. Norman Russell of Mhow, India.

I have spent already three months in the district partly in company with my brother, and partly with Mr. Drew. We have had a grand time; a phenomenal time.

We were enabled to purchase second-hand a large tent which we used as a place of meeting in all the large centres where we stayed. It holds comfortably about four hundred people though we had as many as 750 present at one time. By this means the meetings were entirely in our own control, and were not subject to the many disturbances ordinarily met with in the bazaar; we were able to keep our audiences for a much longer time, from one to one and a half hours.

We have travelled over the whole Mhow district as far west as Sirdarpore, 60 miles from Mhow, and beyond the Nerbudda on the South. We have visited all the large villages and many of the smaller ones.

And the work is going on. We will probably continue as far into the season as the heat will permit. Already we have preached to about 25,000 people. It is impossible however to give statistics of such work. We can only say that the interest has been deep; we have been heard without interruption or disturbance wherever we have been. We can add moreover that the interest has been increased and the friendliness heightened since last year. We have also had a good many inquirers, some of whom are seeking baptism.

**Persecution and Progress.** Of two cities where our mission-aries at Mhow have been seeking an entrance, Mr. Russell writes:—

"In both of these centres and the surrounding villages we have gained a foothold. In the latter place especially has our work been rewarded with fruit. We have had several baptisms from the Barwai cluster of villages and several more are inquiring. Persecution has followed our converts; the wells were closed on them and one of them was imprisoned on a false charge. The latter we were able to release. These conversions have also closed some of the villages to our preaching, but only temporarily. The Word has been well sown and these are but manifestations of its taking root. In the Manipur district we have again obtained a foothold among the Bhils which was lost by the actions of the Roman Catholics. We spent a few days with them on our tour and were most kindly treated; when we left they prayed us to soon return. We have given them medicine in Manipur, and they now look on us as friends.

**Open doors in India.** "The great lesson, especially in the last three months experience," writes Mr. Russell, "is the immediate necessity for more help from home. India is not to be evangelised by her own people alone. Every centre needs a European Missionary to superintend.

At least four such centres are already open in our Mhow district alone. *Dhar* a large city of about 20,000 people, whose rajah is very friendly and who called us to sing before him when we were staying in his city; *Sirdarpore* the centre of the Bheel country, which is under British control; *Haheshwar* which commands a large and thickly populated district on the Nerbudda; and *Barwai* where already the work has grown to an extent requiring closer supervision. In each of these places the doors are wide open. It is in the power of the Church to enter now, and even if it be necessary to sacrifice in other parts of the work, they should be entered.

These open doors are the answer to a century of prayers. Slowly but surely as God's people have been waiting on Him have the gates of these heathen cities rumbled back on their creaking hinges. And now that her prayers have been heard will the Church of Christ prove unequal to the issue? God forbid.

"Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Who is it there among you of all his people, his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (he is the God) which is in Jerusalem."

"Come over and help us!"

"Whom shall we send and who will go for us?"