

the salaries of male teachers in our Indian Schools has been for the past five years \$3,300.

4.—“The influence of a Christian home is boundless; a married woman's influence far exceeds that of an unmarried woman.”

ANSWER.—In reply to the statement that the influence of single ladies as missionaries is relatively small, or “nil,” it may be mentioned that very strong testimony to the contrary has within a few weeks come before our Board in the fact that the Diwan of Jaora, a city about 90 miles from Indore, a place where there is no missionary, holds them in such high esteem that he urgently requests that a medical lady and mission worker be sent there. He offered not only a site, but promised to build a bungalow. If the influence of single women in India were “nil” is it likely that a native official of high rank, and a heathen, would make such a request? In this connection another statement is incidentally refuted, namely: “That our missionaries are opposed to the work of single women in India;” for the request from the Diwan of Jaora came through the Rev. Wm. Wilson, our missionary at Neemuch, who himself supported it strongly, with the full knowledge that the ladies, if sent, would for some time at least be unaccompanied by a male missionary and would occupy the station alone. A feeling of opposition to the work of single women in India on the part either of our own or other Churches must be limited, we think, to one or two men at most. That such opposition is unreasonable and groundless, we have no hesitation in asserting. The whole history of the work of single women in eastern lands shows that it is of unspeakable value. Indeed many men have affirmed that it is the most important department of foreign mission work.

In reference to the assumption that “the wives of missionaries do as much mission work as the single women” who have given themselves entirely to it, we know, that however earnestly the wives of missionaries may desire to do direct mission work in teaching, Zenana visiting, medical work, etc., it is certainly *impossible*, along with the care of their homes, and often with young children, for them to accomplish much in any special line. We acknowledge the great influence of a Christian home on the natives, and we hold the wives of our missionaries in the very highest honor. We love