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Sunday Schools in Central India.

OUR readers will be interested in correspondence we publish this week from Mr. Wilkie, as to the work amongst the children at Indore. This is a department of the work, about which we do not hear very much, and it comes as a startling and delightful revelation that there are in connection with that one station 18 Sabbath schools with from 600 to 800 children in attendance, and these schools could be multiplied indefinitely if there were teachers to conduct them. Evidently they are not sensitive as to accommodation, for some of them meet in the shade of a tree, others on open verandahs, others in mud huts, and one in a grass hut from which the cows snatch a morsel in passing, and thus unconsciously help the school by letting in light and air. Who can fail to admire the spirit of the teachers who labour under such conditions? Yet the results are satisfactory. It is no mere singing away the time. Mr. Wilkie states that in a grand rally of all their schools for the purpose of prize distribution, "one child of four years repeated the Ten Commandments; the greater part of the school could repeat the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer and give an outline of the history of Our Lord; and amongst the older scholars a number seemed to have an intelligent knowledge of the truths of Christianity, and a heart-felt appreciation of the Saviour's love." We doubt not very many of these children would put to shame children of the same age in our Canadian schools. Our machinery and organization, and lesson helps, and superior accommodation are good in themselves, but unless the children are taught to know the Scriptures what does it all amount to? What better indication could possibly be given of the ultimate triumphs of the Gospel in India than such statements as these?

We are also interested in the industrial work to which Mr. Wilkie makes reference and for which he gives Mrs. Jahory so great praise. These poor helpless creatures, the victims of abject poverty—refused the accustomed employment by which they earned the

barest subsistence—what a blessing unspeakable to them to be so taught as to be able to produce a marketable article! What earthly boon could be bestowed, more worthy of the sympathy of Christian people? This is surely a department of mission enterprise that can be cultivated to advantage.

To us these letters have given new light—and we doubt not many of our readers will make the same acknowledgement.

Death of the Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D.

Another great man has fallen in Israel. The intelligence of the death of the much loved Dr. Gordon, of typhoid pneumonia, on Saturday Feb. 2nd., will sadden very many hearts both in the old world and new. He was a peculiarly attractive man. Who, having once heard him, will ever forget that clear, rich, powerful voice, that calm benign countenance, that sweet simplicity, and intellectual thoroughness in every sentence, that marvellous aptness and refinement in illustration, that versatility and point and freshness in Scripture quotation? He always impressed us with that ease and self-command, and self-forgetfulness that can only come from severe discipline and heart sympathy with his theme. He was pre-eminently a Bible preacher enjoyed absolute faith in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God, and handled it with that reverence and joyful trust inspired by the consciousness of personal interest and divine son-ship.—He who can from these stones raise up children unto Abraham, can find a successor, but to our eyes the successor is not above the horizon. His initial names were Adoniram Judson, called after the distinguished missionary of that name, which fact sufficiently tells the quality of his early training. He was born in 1836, in New Hampshire, began his ministry in the suburbs of Boston, and in 1869 became Pastor of the old and flourishing Baptist Church in Clarendon street in that cultured city. When Messrs. Moody and Sankey were in Boston some years ago, their tabernacle was located near his church, and he threw himself into the movement with great heartiness and ever since has been one of Mr. Moody's most intimate friends.

He first visited England in 1888, taking a prominent part in the "International Centenary Missionary Conference," after which he and Dr. Pierson held a series of Missionary meetings at Inverness, Strathpeffer, Nairn, Elgin and Aberdeen. At Aberdeen Dr. Gordon had to terminate his share of the work, having been called to America.—His interest in Foreign Mission was visible growing during recent years. His most fervid eloquence was displayed in the advocacy of this which he regarded as the first and highest duty and privilege of the Church. In one of his addresses in Exeter Hall, he said. "It seems to me that we have been so slow in sending the Gospel to these peoples that God is sending the peoples themselves to us. He has sent us inhabitants of Africa by the million; inhabitants of China by the thousand; and inhabitants of Japan by the hundred, and they are with us to day."—To the politician, that is a fanatical theory, but who can offer a more rational one, in the light of History and Providence? He had, in connection with his own Church in Boston, a Training school for the preparation of men for Mission work, at home and abroad—who had not had the privileges of education in early life. Many of these men are now in active work, and he