

must be remembered by any at home who need more than the Lord's command and His promise to stimulate and encourage them, that seed time must precede harvest, that a large mass will absorb much heat without changing its form till the whole comes to the melting point; and that this applies to the people of India, as to perhaps no other people. Remembering also how vast is the mass and how comparatively small the influence applied, they and we must stir ourselves up both "to take hold on" God, and to put forth the energy He has given—but which alas is so largely frittered away even by His people on the "lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye and the pride of life."

In Central India we have nearly 10,000,000 of people. In this immense district with a population more than double that of the Dominion of Canada we know of only one mission station besides our own. Another of the mission (American Presbyterian) has in the past year been planted at Jhansi, which though now British Territory may for Mission purposes be counted as in Central India, lying as it does where the Eastern and Western sections meet each other. Allowing for these and deducting such natives as are reached by those working principally among Europeans we are safe in saying not one ordained missionary for every million and a half of people. If this is really all the Church can do then let her complacently anticipate the sentence "She hath done what she could." But is it all we can do? Leaving out of account for the present the Eastern district and the part of the Western for care of which we can naturally look to our American Presbyterian brethren, can our Church not put forth such effort that 1890 shall find mission stations in at least every town of 10,000 in this remainder of the field. This would need only about half a score more and then we should have one for every 300,000 or 350,000.

INDORE.

EXTRACT OF REPORT OF REV. J. WILKIE.

The congregation at Indore has taken a step in advance. It has been organized into a congregation and is prepared to call one, who has been taken under the care of the Presbytery with a view to license, after having taken a four years' course in the Ahmednagar Theological School. As

a stipend they promise 50 rupees per month or 600 rupees per year, and from the first they will be entirely self-supporting. This year all the expenses of the Boarding School, of the Sabbath-school, and of the religious papers, the current expenses of the church, together with help to other schemes, have been met from church contributions and they have a balance of nearly 1000 rupees to begin the new year with. They have therefore resolved to send \$100 to the Foreign Mission fund of the Home Church and 50 rupees to the Saharanpur Theological School. The membership has been reduced by removals, etc., to 43, with 17 baptised adherents i. e. 60 in all. Baptisms from heathenism we cannot report. We regret that the Boarding School scheme is practically blocked for want of a suitable building, but we hope as a congregation to undertake the building too ere long, since the Church at home cannot do so.

The High School has continued to grow, the average for the year being 132, but the average for the last few months has been about 150. The total expense to the Mission of the school for the year has been 67½ rupees per month, about \$26, and we hope in time to have it entirely self-supporting.

At our prize distribution recently held, Dewan Bahadur Raghunath Rao, Primo Minister of H. H. Maharajah Holkar, was in the chair and in the warmest possible way he spoke of Missionary efforts generally and of the school in particular, saying that it was the best school that he had seen in his wide experience of 45 years. With him were many of the principle gentlemen of the city, though owing to the Hosi and other festivals several regretted in letters of apology for their absence. For our Prize funds, over 200 rupees were given, part of which we have set aside to form a library and a gymnasium. I regret that none in Canada have been able to respond to the appeal of a year ago for some scholarships, etc., for the school, that we might be on a level with other competing schools; but we hope our great distance from those at home will not lead to our being lost sight of altogether. I should particularly mention that the Jubilee Committee consisting entirely of Native Gentlemen spontaneously sent us the largest donation received for the prize fund of our school.

All the other work such as Printing