

P.S.—I have read this to Miss Oliver. She agrees with all I have said about the work, but would put the claim for more school and zenana workers much more strongly than I have.

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## Welcome to Central India.

INDORE, Jan. 7, 1892.

MISS McWILLIAMS.—We had an exceedingly calm passage over the Atlantic (Miss O'Hara might here add pleasant). We arrived at Liverpool on Sunday morning, November 29. We had our baggage passed through the customs office and removed to our lodgings (we were obliged to remove it from the vessel at once), and were in time for morning service. We attended a Presbyterian church, the pastor of which is Rev. Dr. Thomas. We enjoyed very much our few days on *terra firma*, but were very much hurried in London, as we had only two days for purchasing there, and these seemed very short, owing to the fog.

With the exception of one short storm, our second voyage was also very calm and pleasant, and we arrived at Bombay on Monday, December 28, where we were met and welcomed to India by Rev. N. Russell and Miss McKellar, M.D. We left for Indore on the 10 p.m. train, and reached here on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

We received a very warm "welcome home" from all the members of the Indore and Mhow staff, and one requires to take a long sea voyage, where only strangers are to be seen at the different ports, to thoroughly understand what this "welcome home" means.

On the evening of New Year's day a Christian Mela was held at Indore, at which the native Christians of Mhow and Indore were present. A dinner was given in one of the lower rooms of the girls' boarding school. We sat upon the floor side by side with our dark brothers and sisters, and partook of the different courses in true native style, using our fingers instead of knives and forks. One woman, who sat opposite me, tried to teach me how to roll the rice (mixed with meat and various spices), into little balls in order to convey it from the plate to my mouth without loss, and then get it into my mouth without allowing my fingers to enter. It proved a failure, which appeared to afford great amusement to my teacher and her companions. We