

REV. GEORGE MACKELVIE, M. A.

The members of St. Paul's Church will doubtless be glad to have in their hands, for reference, the following brief sketch, obtained from an authentic source, of the missionary who now represents the congregation at Mhow, Central India, in room and place of the late Rev. ROBERT CAMPBELL MURRAY, our first missionary, whose lamented death in December, 1887, following so soon after that of his estimable young wife is still fresh in our memories.

Mr. Mackelvie was born in the County of Tyrone, Ireland, on the 23rd of March, 1859, but was brought up from early childhood in Glasgow, where he attended the Green Street National Schools. He was afterwards apprenticed to the engineering trade, and wrought at it for some years; but as he was anxious to improve his education, especially in those branches where he thought he most required improvement, he began to attend evening classes in Anderson's College, Glasgow.

Being at this time a member of Dalmarnock Parish Church, and a teacher in its Sabbath School, he was induced by the minister, Rev. James Kelly, to give himself wholly to the work of the Master, and when he entered the University classes of 1879-80 it was with a view to studying for the ministry. The success that had already attended his efforts as a city missionary and the teacher of a large Bible-class left no room for doubt that he was well suited for the sacred profession of which he had made choice.

After a pretty successful College course he graduated with the degree of M. A. in 1884. He then entered on his Theological curriculum, and attended for two sessions the classes in Glasgow University, but before completing his course he was induced by some friends to come to Canada. He arrived in Montreal in October, 1887, and spent his third session in Theology at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, where he won the respect and esteem of his professors and fellow-students, for his ability as a scholar and his earnestness as a Christian. Soon after completing his studies he offered his services to the Foreign Mission Board, as a missionary to Couva, Trinidad; but the answer was delayed, and in the meantime when St. Paul's Church asked for a missionary, he applied and was accepted.

Mr. Mackelvie was licensed by the Presbytery of Montreal on the 18th of May, 1888. On Sabbath evening, the 27th of that month, he was ordained in St. Paul's Church, to the office of the ministry, and designated as a missionary to Central India. He reached his field of labour a very short time afterwards, and immediately engaged in the study of the language of the people residing in that part of India. Being now able to converse and preach freely in Hindi, Mr. Mackelvie has fairly entered upon his missionary labours with every reasonable prospect of success.

MHOW.—Mr. Mackelvie's station in Central India.

Amidst the native states of Central India are placed here and there British military stations called Camps, to watch over British interests and to preserve the peace of the native states. One of the largest and strongest of these is Mhow, about 300 miles N.E. from Bombay, situated on the brow of and amidst the outstanding spurs of the Vindhya hills, nearly 2000 feet above the sea-level, on the back of two gently sloping hills, about four miles square, with Maharajah Holkar's

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