

Christian and other instruction. Hence the importance of strengthening the lady missionary force already at work in India.

We are, of course, specially interested in the work of our own ladies at Indore and Mhow. You have had very lately details of their work given you, and yet I doubt, if not being on the ground and seeing with your own eyes their labors, you can appreciate them. In a city where the Prince, and as a matter of course, nearly all his officials, are violently opposed to all kinds of Christian mission work, where even the British Resident does all in his power to hinder it, Miss McGregor, Miss Roger and Miss Ross, have opened and *kept open* five schools, in which nearly two hundred Hindoo and Mohammedan children receive daily instruction from the ladies themselves and from native teachers employed by them. No small amount of wisdom and courage has been necessary to the establishing and maintaining of the schools up to the present time. I said to Miss McGregor one day, on leaving one of her school-rooms, "What a wretched place to teach in." She laughed and said, "I am very glad to have any kind of a building. I once feared that my school in this part of the city would have to be given up altogether, there was so much opposition to it."

The history of Miss McGregor's largest school in the city is, I daresay, familiar to you. I did not remember having heard it, and was very much interested in it. A family belonging to the Brahma Somaj, whom Miss McGregor had visited, were anxious to receive some English education, and so offered a room in their house to be used as a school-room. A number of children were gathered in, and Miss McGregor assisted by a daughter of the house, began work, Miss McGregor, of course, giving all the religious instruction. The school was no sooner fairly begun than the authorities came down on it and ordered it to be closed, on the ground of its being a Christian school. But the Brahma Somaj family said, "The school is ours," so nothing could be done for the time. It was, however, very closely watched, but Miss McGregor laboured on quietly, the daughter of the house appearing as the more prominent teacher, and until the work was firmly established no one could find out to whom the school really belonged, and from what source funds came for its support. Two years ago Holkar's wife, who is an intelligent and liberal-