

mission work has been carried on for about fifty years. We are close to the districts where thousands were converted in 1877 and 1878. Mr. Builder expects to spend a day in Tinnevely, where 32,000 were baptized in eighteen months; while we remain in Madura, a place which is famous for its *ancient temples*, and for a thriving mission under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. On our way here we remained in Madras a few days, and visited the Free Church school and college, which are said to be the finest in India. The average number on the roll for last year in the Boys, High School department was 1,052, and in the College 556—and the attendance is higher this year. At one girls' school they have 330 regular pupils.

Its history is very interesting. It was started by Dr. Anderson (the founder of the Free Church Mission) in 1841, and he had for years to pay the girls to come. He began with two pice each per day, and gradually reduced the amount until 1860, when the order of things was reversed; and they after a while were able to impose fees. They have seven other schools for Hindu girls, which we had not time to visit. The Christian Girls' Boarding School, and the Christian Girls' Normal School were well attended, and very interesting. They have also a thriving medical mission, where six were kept busy attending to the patients from 7 to 10 a.m., the average daily attendance being 128. How it encourages and refreshes one to visit these old missions, and see what the work of years has accomplished.

We are not discouraged with our work in Mhow, it is improving. The congregation numbers between thirty and forty. The schools are growing, particularly the girls' school. The two Sabbath Schools are well attended. We have the friendship of all classes—among the natives, especially the more intelligent classes. To the latter class Mr. Builder gave a lecture some time ago, and is constantly asked for more, but his time has been too much occupied to give much attention to this kind of work. We gave a service of song ("Little Joy"). It was in English, and for the natives only. The Presbyterian Chaplain (Rev. Mr. Scott) had it repeated in his church, and charged a small fee for the benefit of our work. The natives expressed themselves as very much pleased. We hope to have entertainments of this kind every three months. I have not had the health to give as much attention to my poor women as I would like. I have more calls for work than I can supply. Some of the women are homeless and want us to care for them. I am trying to get up a row of houses with local funds. One lady sent me voluntarily a sum of Rs. 50. I do not anticipate much trouble in raising the small sum required, as all the ladies who know of the scheme are