

affected." Papers on "How to study the Bible" and "Temperance" and "Debt" succeeded this.

All the meetings were in Hindi with the exception of that on Thursday evening which was an Evangelistic meeting for English speaking natives conducted by Major E. Owen Hay, and addressed by Mr. F. H. Russell, Dr. Wood and Mr. Ankell.

Next day we had papers on "How to develop a Missionary spirit in the Church" "Giving" "Christian life as a power in the conversion of the heathen" "Sabbath Observance" and "Religious training of the Young." The time for the Question Drawer passed altogether too quickly and many questions had to remain unanswered.

Perhaps the two finest meetings of the Mela were those held on Friday evening. At half past four o'clock the Christians separated into three bands and marched through the streets singing their native hymns and announcing the meeting. In this way a large crowd was gathered, to the number of about 500, who were packed into our Church building till it could hold no more, and we had to have an overflow meeting of 100 more on the street outside. This immense gathering was addressed by some of our veteran workers, Balaram of Neemuch, Khan Singh of Indore and others. God alone knows the results. A meeting like this cannot be managed here as at home, nor can the result be as easily ascertained. They heard the Gospel sung as well as spoken, they saw the enthusiasm of Christianity, they saw a larger gathering of Christian people than they had probably ever seen before, and they had a practical object lesson as to the difference between a Christian Mela and their own heathen orgies.

At the close of this meeting the room was cleared and the Christians gathered together to celebrate the Lord's Supper. It was a long meeting and it followed two hard and busy days of solid work, but a sweet feeling of peace and quietness seemed to steal over the congregation with the opening prayer. It was a real sacramental feast and we all felt that God was there to sanction and add a parting blessing to our Convention. We were loth to separate, it was in the minds of some to remain and hold a prolonged praise meeting, but time forbade as most of the visitors were leaving that evening.

We had a grand Mela, the Christians thoroughly enjoyed themselves without either a feast or any form of amusement. All are anxious to hold another next year. There is only one difficulty, except in Mhow and Indore we have no buildings large enough for such a gathering. We need a large Gospel tent which could be used also to hold Gospel meetings all over our large district. I would be glad to hear from any who would care to assist in such a project.

Yours faithfully,

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LETTER FROM REV. J. WILKIE.

INDORE, Jan. 25, 1894.

MY DEAR SIR:—I have not time for a full letter this week, but a few facts may help to keep us in mind.

1. On Christmas morning we tried to get our Sabbath School children to come to the central hall of the College and succeeded in gathering in the unroofed room about 600 in all, there being representatives from all our 17 schools. To these we gave prizes according to the results of the examinations that we had been holding during the previous weeks. They were a motley crowd, representing all castes from the very highest to the very lowest, but they had all been taught the truth about Jesus and some of them would put to shame many a more favored school at home. To over six hundred every Sabbath day the Gospel is taught, and as our Christian community grows, we will be able to have a larger number of such schools, our only limit in this work being our ability to overtake it.

In the evening of the same day we had a gathering of all our Christians, when all had a *khana* or feast together. It was in many ways a striking gathering, and thoughts would go back to a year before when as yet so few of these new brothers had been gathered into the outward church of Christ. It was to all a very enjoyable time, and I trust helped to bring us nearer together.

2. Throughout the week, beginning New Year's day, we had meetings morning and evening for our Christians, as a preparation for the Communion the following Sabbath, but especially that we might together seek for fresh power for the new year's work. Every morning we had about half of our people, and in the evening we had the Church full. They were to all a real blessing and especially to some of our workers who seem to have received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Others will have written about the Mela at Mhow, so I pass on.

3. On Sabbath last H. E. Lord Lansdowne sent privately for the College a donation of Rs. 250, a parting gift as he was about to leave India; and on Tuesday last H. H. the Maharajah of Dhar sent Rs. 400 for the same purpose, along with a very kind letter. Both gifts were much needed and came at a time when we were specially pleading for the College in connection with the opening of the Y.M.C.A.

4. On Monday last, 22nd inst., our new room for the Y.M.C.A. was formally opened. In November last a strongly expressed wish for an Association led to a visit of Mr. McCann, the energetic warm-hearted General Secretary who has been sent out from home to look after this special work. An association was formed and