

brought forward for baptism until a few weeks ago, in order that we might be assured that the hope of being cared for was not leading her to a professed belief in Christ. Being convinced of her sincerity, she was baptized at the same time as Punabai. Her people have since given us considerable annoyance in seeking to carry her off, and cause her to go through some abominable ceremonies in order to be again received into caste. However, through the kindly aid of one of the native judges of Indore city, we have been enabled to get the matter satisfactorily settled before a magistrate, thus setting her free from any further interference from them. Two things in this matter we feel to be special cause for thanksgiving. One, that a woman of age and having no husband cannot be hindered from openly becoming a Christian, and the other that among the city authorities are to be found men like Judge Mangesh Rao, willing to undertake that justice be done. This, too, in the city of Indore, where not many years ago Mr. Wilkie had a hard battle to fight before he was allowed to tell of Christ inside the city limits.

The attendance at the dispensary here adjoining our bungalow has fallen off somewhat this year, owing possibly to our having put a small charge on the medicines, but the chief cause is doubtless the increased attendance at the city dispensary. This year the number of out patients at both dispensaries has averaged above 900 per month, being almost double that of last year. Our returns for the year are not yet made up, but with house visits, in patients and out patients, we will have a total of not less than 11,500 treated during the year.

Wherever our house patients have been cases requiring several visits, we have been able to do irregular Zenana work, but with the exception of one or two houses, we have not attempted to continue regular weekly Zenana teaching.

Our hospital, though so small and unpretentious in its appointments, has been a great help to us. During the year, 89 patients have been taken care of in the three small rooms which comprise our hospital accommodation. Yeshudabai, the matron, has been most painstaking and kind, alike thoughtful for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick under her care. We were obliged to discard all the native bedsteads with which we supplied the rooms, as they became too thickly populated, and so have now only mattresses laid on the floor.

In October we opened a dispensary in Oojein, putting it in charge of the wife of the native Christian doctor, who has carried