

It was thus, to me at least, a satisfaction to know that our labours in this connection were not in vain, and that the only Presbyterian Church within hundreds of miles of us was thus helped in its difficulties.

Our Anglo-vernacular Sabbath-school has been maintained during the year. The attendance of heathen children has been more encouraging than formerly. Still they are never regular. Our advanced class of native Christians and others has been to me a source of real pleasure, and I trust to some, under Divine blessing, a means of real and lasting good, as three of its members signified their desire to join our little company by baptism. Of these one brahman and his interesting little son have throughout the year manifested a deep interest and love for Christian truth. They assured me of their determination to confess Christ and wished me to arrange for their doing so, but family opposition and the fear of persecution, as well as the prospect of our return home, prevented them from taking the step at present. I trust that at no distant day Mr. Wilkie may have the pleasure of receiving them.

Our City School for boys had been closed when I sent my report last year although the work was continued in another building by one of our former teachers Rowjee Gaugadhur, who remained faithful to the mission all through the difficulty. In December last we took charge of the school again and supplied it with some furniture, maps and books. On my first visit I found the idol "Kala Devi" placed in a nich in the wall, and that on the 16th of each month the children did "puga" to it. We assured the teacher that unless this idol was removed from the school no assistance or oversight could be given to it by me. So not a little to my surprise "Kala Devi" was removed to parts unknown. The boys on the whole have made fair progress, some of them have taken their places in public offices as writers, etc. At present we have an attendance of 77 on the roll and an average of about 55 boys. For the present all is quiet and the people friendly and accessible.

Our Printing Press has maintained its activity throughout the year. Indeed a larger amount of work has been overtaken during the year than formerly. Fully 53,000 tracts have been prepared, representing 796,000 pages of religious matter together with 296,000 Sabbath School cards and 336 Christmas cards in coloured inks. Nearly sufficient job printing has been done to cover the expenditure. The Mission press is growing in usefulness and has been and we hope shall continue to be a power for good. In our distribution and sale of books opposition has been met with. Our agency has gone forward quietly with the work and we always find that when tracts are prudently given they are gladly received. The different

members of the Mission staff have received such supplies of school books and other requisites as their work seemed to demand.

*Medical Work* :—Our success in the district last year seemed to open a wide door for usefulness in the city. Upon their own earnest solicitation we opened a dispensary in the middle of the city; the people themselves making all necessary arrangements for our accomodation. During the hot season about three hours daily were given to the work. As soon as our success secured the confidence of the people, we held regularly and daily religious service in connection with the work. The people generally attributed the happy results to the fact that we were religious men, and the blessing of God was with it. Hence they called it "religious medicine." We soon established a considerable house practice amongst the better class who are not unwilling to aid the work by their gifts of money to keep up supplies. Oftentimes, like the Apostle, we were obliged to remonstrate when they would have paid us divine honours declaring that we were but another incarnation come into their midst. The result of some of our cases of simple surgery greatly astonished them. Several times we found rice and flowers placed religiously upon our buggy in the street when we came out from the houses. We frequently had patients from Mhow, Oojein Jowrah and a number from the city of Rampoor, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles away. But we cannot give details. The valuable presents given to me personally and also which my family received from the city people, and the interesting address given by the City Council, bankers, and business men together with the amount of feeling manifested by the heathen people on our leaving was a revelation to us, and exhibits the fact that we had gained a power and influence amongst them of which we had not formely the slightest conception. For all this we would give God the praise.

*District Work* :—Throughout the year the villages in the surrounding county have been systematically visited and in them the gospel has been regularly preached. The camp Bazar, Railway Station and the City have alike received attention in the evening. Early in the year we rented a house on the main street leading to the city and had preaching service three times a week so long as the audiences were encouraging. During the last cold season we were able to overtake a good deal of work. Our tour was Eastward in the direction of Bhopal, taking all the villages on our way, and spending a week or so in each large town. We thus worked our way through Holkar's territory, the State of Dewas and into that of the *Bagli Rajah*. This was mostly unbroken ground. Having heard of our work before, the people were generally accessible and kind. Our labours were abundant and full of interesting details.