

our first missionary, the Rev. James Douglass, was warned that great prudence would be necessary. Mr. Douglass arrived in India in the beginning of the year 1877, and on the 25th of January he entered the city of Indore. Of this he writes as follows: "It was an evening of deep emotion to me. It was a solemn thought: a lone missionary in a heathen city of 70,000 inhabitants. But when God holds us by the right hand His own right hand of power is free to execute His will and minister unto us." Mr. Douglass brought with him a native catechist, and work was at once begun by his preaching every day in the city; and frequently he stood in the shade of the palace, with a crowd around him listening, most of them for the first time, to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The people also bought books and tracts, and several native gentlemen called and expressed their good wishes. Misses Fairweather and Rodger joined him in a few weeks, and very soon after the mission party was still further increased by the arrival of the Rev. J. F. Campbell, who was stationed in Mhow, a city fourteen miles from Indore, where a number of British troops are quartered.

Erratum.—In the Study in the June number, for Kakha read Rakha.

A Word from Central Africa.

The Rev. D. Clement Scott of Blantyre, where a mission of the Church of Scotland has been working for fifteen years, writing in the June *Mission Record* on the present critical state of affairs in Central Africa, says: "Let the Church remember that there is not a European in the whole of British Central Africa who is not there either as a missionary or because mission help and mission promise have made it possible for him to be there. The African is the key to Africa. The first fruits of African Christianity are blossoming and fruiting in the Mission's work.

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