

## REPORTER'S FOLIO.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

**A**T a special meeting of this society, February 14th, two excellent papers on missions were read, of which we give a short report as follows :— Mr. Sutherland gave a brief sketch of the biographies of the missionaries in Central India. Only twelve years have gone since the foundation of the work was laid by Rev. J. M. Douglas at Indore, and Rev. J. F. Campbell at Mhow. Excluding missionaries' wives, seventeen other workers (eight men and nine women) have gone forth. Two—Rev. J. Builder and Rev. R. C. Murray—have gone to their rest. Two—Rev. J. M. Douglas and Miss Fairweather have been recalled. One—Miss Ross has returned. Five are learning the language as yet, and Mr. Wilkie and Miss McGregor are at present at home on furlough. As Drs. Beatie and Oliver are almost entirely engrossed in medical work, the burden of the Christian teaching falls at present on Messrs. Campbell and Wilson with their native helpers.

The other paper, which was read by Mr. Dobson, dealt chiefly with the progress of mission work in India. India, he said, has a territory and population second only to China. It contains more than 240,000,000 of people and has forty-four towns having a population of more than 30,000. India has been connected with England since the East India Company was established in 1600, and yet the Anglo-Saxon race have been slow in sending them the Gospel. Only in comparatively late times has an effort been made to spread the Gospel there. Central India has been opened since the year 1876. Encouraging reports have come to us. Difficulties have been removed. From two stations in 1879 the work has spread to five. Opposition from English and native officials has been removed, and at the present time the number of converts is about 500,000. There is a pressing need of workers, thousands have forsaken their old faith, and by earnest effort might now be brought to Christianity.

### DR. PIERSON.

Monday afternoon at three o'clock, a large number of students, from the different colleges in the city, assembled in Convocation Hall to hear Dr. Pierson, who so kindly consented to speak to them during that hour. Rev. Principal MacVicar, who officiated as chairman, introduced the speaker in complimentary terms, saying that we were indebted to Dr. Pierson for many things, and especially for his valuable contributions to the *COLLEGE JOURNAL*.

Dr. Pierson, after a few introductory remarks, went on to say that he was not satisfied, so far as the present progress of missions was concerned. Humanly speaking, he said, we have made very little progress in this century. There is no excuse to be given for its lack of progress as far as