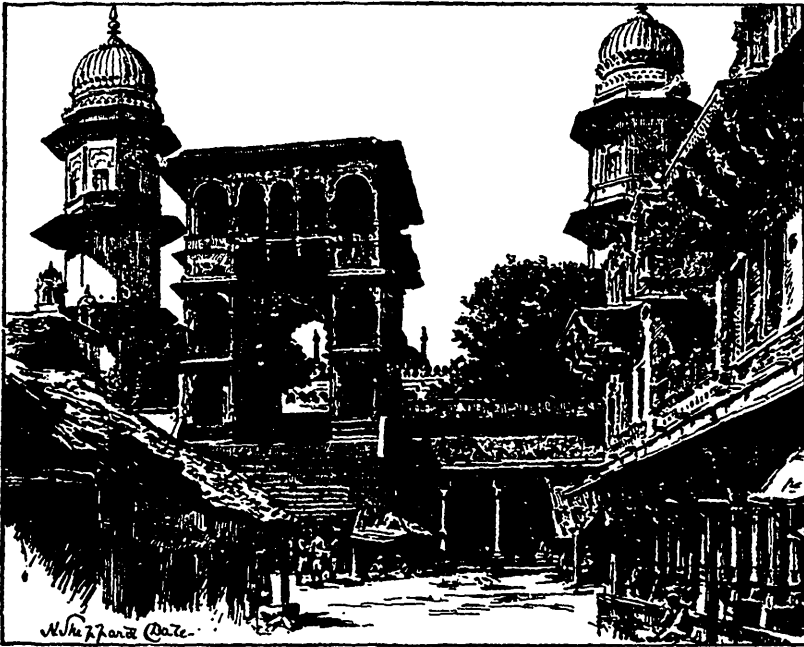


are some very pretty scenes along its banks. The native state of Indore has a total population estimated at 1,200,000. The Canadian Presbyterian Mission has stations at Indore. From here, however, a very interesting excursion may be made to Mandu, the ruined capital of the old kingdom of Malwa, thirty miles from Mhow.

Mandu, founded about the 4th century, is nobly situated on an extensive plateau, surrounded by a great ravine 300 or 400 yards wide, and about 200 feet deep. The principal palace is called the Jehaj Mahal, or "ship palace," being built between two fine



A STREET CORNER IN BHOPAL.

tanks, and so having the appearance of floating like a ship at sea. The whole series of buildings is very grand and massive, but its details are choked with jungle and vegetation, and are hardly visible. Of this strange deserted city Fergusson says: "In their solitude, in a vast uninhabited jungle, these buildings convey as vivid an impression of the ephemeral splendour of these Mohammedan dynasties as anything in India, and alone suffice to prove how wonderfully their builders grasped the true elements of architectural design."

Mandhata is an island in the Narbada River, famous for its many temples, but pre-eminently for the great shrine of Omkar,