

might be opened, and we hope to comply with their request this month.

There are at Mhow 23 communicants (including European members of the staff); baptized adherents, 22; unbaptized adherents, 4; scholars, boys, 75; girls, 23. The contributions by native Christians have amounted, during the year, to 25 rupees; those of other friends in the city to 550 rupees.

INDORE.

The Mission staff is as follows:—Rev. J. Wilkie, M.A., Miss Rodger, Miss McGregor, Miss Ross, Miss Beatty, M.D., Benjamin Balaram, and 12 native assistants.

Though, as in former years, our missionaries have had to contend with difficulties placed in their way, both in the cantonment and in the city, they have in faith and hope been prosecuting their work. They say, with gratitude to God, that several changes have taken place in various ways, which have materially helped them, and made their position in the city better than ever before. Street preaching is not yet attempted, but all other kinds of work go on with comparatively little hindrance. Preaching, as will be seen from extracts from reports of the workers hereinafter given, has been carried on in the camp, mohallas of the city, station and villages far and near; and, at all the regular services in the church, there have always been some outsiders present.

In view of this the following extract from the minutes of the Mission Council will be readily understood: "Mr. Builder reported that, after due consideration of possible fields of labour, he chose Indore; and the sanction of the Council was given to his going there to begin work." This action of the Council has been sustained by your Committee; and Mr. Builder's field of labour will accordingly be Indore. In reference to this, Mr. Wilkie says: "The arrangement made by Mr. Builder and me is that he shall take the educational work, and I the evangelistic, with press, medical and district work. This educational work will include our High School and, if possible, a Normal and Theological School, both very much needed. As I may be needed and find time, I shall help him in his work, and he shall help me in mine." In the High School, of which Mr. Wilkie is principal, there are nine native teachers. The teaching is exceedingly interesting work, the boys being always greedy for knowledge, and most attentive and well-behaved. Though it is not such direct missionary work as preaching, yet we are just as surely letting in the light of knowledge, which ever tends to dispel the darkness of superstition." These studies are all conducted under Christian supervision and on a Christian basis. The school is opened and closed with religious exercises, including the reading and explanation of some portion of the Bible and prayer. The attendance is about one hundred.

Of communicants at Indore and Oojain there are (including European members of the staff)

42; under suspension 1; baptized adherents 19; unbaptized adherents 10; total Christian community 71. "I have," says Dr. Wilkie, "only three converts to report, two being Rajpoots, and they continue to live and work among their own people as before." But the progress of the Gospel cannot be measured by the mere number actually received in full communion. For there are many at the various preaching stations who are inquiring after the truth as it is in Jesus.

Our missionaries are at times gladdened by finding not only individuals but whole families brought under the power of divine truth. "At Oojain there is one very interesting family, consisting of about twenty persons in all, of different generations, who are all except the wife willing to be received, and who have given great joy by their outspoken and faithful testimony for Christ. The father, being a Patel or headman of his caste, will in coming out exert a good influence over those in authority." But on the other hand there are great trials, on account of which the hearts of our Christian workers there are often cast down within them. "Three of those," say they, "who were with us a year ago have sadly fallen; and at the present time two, viz., Yeshwant Rao and Mahabub Masih, are away from us. Mahabub professed ere going to his own home, sincere repentance, and begged to be again received; and Yeshwant has again and again in the midst of so many inconsistencies, professed his love for Jesus and his trust in Him as his Saviour: but concerning both of these erring brethren we can at present only hope and pray."

To adapt their instructions to the circumstances and capacities of those among whom they live and labour, the missionaries, or those working under their direction have recourse at times to modes differing from those that are followed in the ordinary exercise of public worship. Some idea of one of these is given in the following extract: "Several have been received by certificate during the year. Gyanoba and his wife and blind Bartimeus were sent to us as workers by the Rev. Narayan Sheshardri. They (Gyanoba and his wife and blind Bartimeus) along with Govind Rao, form a native band, and exercise a wonderful influence for good wherever they go. Their singing and playing may not be very artistic, it is however very hearty, and according to Hindoo taste, just perfection. One with his fingers at the same time plays two drums, one in his lap and the other on the ground; the second plays a one-stringed instrument somewhat like a violin, but having a bamboo for a handle, a gourd for a body and a piece of tile for a bridge, and a brass wire for a string; while the third plays a small pair of native cymbals. Blind Bartimeus is the leader, and from his experience as a Hindoo Sadhu before becoming a Christian, is well qualified for the position. They sit on the ground with the people seated around them, and then sing and speak alter-