THE KANGRA MISSION

Plans for the Future

EVANGELISTIC—It is the aim of the Governing Board of the Mission to make all plans and operations subserve the end of evangelizing the District. A definite Evangelistic Policy is being formulated. Instead of indefinite itineration where a day or more may be spent at one place and then the comp move on to some other spot, the conviction is growing that this is inadequate, and that more carefully planned and executed itineration is to be undertaken. The inefficient presentation of the Gospel which must be the result of hurried visits is to be replaced by the fuller teaching of a more prolonged campaign at each place with a view to enlisting Catechumens from each centre ere the Camp is moved. Preachers at the various centres are now visiting and teaching in certain villages at regular intervals, thus making definite instruction a possibility. But the largest emphasis is laid upon the duty of the whole Church to become a witnessing body of believers. The Missionaries have been greatly encouraged by a movement from within the Church which has resulted in the formation of a Panchavat or Native Church Representative Council which is undertaking the support of Widows and Orphans in the Church. It is taking a share in the work of evangelizing, several of the members going out on Sundays and preaching in the villages, and others at intervals visiting their relatives and presenting the claims of Christ. It also examines Candidates for baptism with a view to keeping the Church free from men and women who may wish to join from unworthy motives.