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**Our Mission at Indore.**

THE "pamphlet to which Mr. Wilkie alludes in his letter, to be found in another column, is entitled, "A short account of the opposition to Christian Mission Work at Indore, Central India." It covers about thirty pages, and bears the *imprimatur* of the "Canadian Mission Press, Indore." It appears from this document that our missionaries in Central India have had "ten years of weary fighting for rights and liberties which we believe to be ours as British citizens—even though we are Christian missionaries." From some cause or other, the authorities at Indore have all along looked upon our missionary work within their territory with disfavour, and in some specified instances with opposition. As far back as 1879, Mr. Wilkie learned on his arrival that an order had been issued by the local authorities "forbidding all Christian work in the City of Indore, and a few months afterwards a school belonging to our mission was closed by order of the Durbar, because a written agreement would not be given promising that no Christian instruction should be imparted in the school. On the one hand, Mr. Wilkie claims certain rights and privileges under the Queen's Proclamations of 1858 and 1877. These he holds to include a liberty to everyone to obey the behests of his religion, so long as these do not interfere with the liberties of others, one of which commands in the case of a Christian is to make known to all others the glad tidings of salvation." Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Campbell, of Mhow, our two missionaries in Central India, having addressed a joint letter to the Assistant Agent of the Governor General of India, resident at Indore, setting forth that they had been in-

terfered with, and even insulted, while peaceably discharging their duty by the Indore City Police received the following reply:—"I am to remark in the first place, that the Agent Governor General is not able to understand what is meant by the phrase "infringement of " your "right." He presumes that missionaries who choose to preach in Native States, where their doctrines are distasteful to both princes and people, expect to meet with opposition, in the same way as the early apostles and teachers of Christianity met with opposition and resistance; and he fails to see what reason they can have to expect British officers to relieve them of inconveniences which they bring entirely upon themselves. Moreover, so far as Sir Lepel Griffin understands the case, you and your colleague were, in the instances specified, primarily in the wrong for infringing the Indore city police regulations, which, as you are well aware, prohibit street preaching. Under these circumstances I am to inform you that the Agent Governor General declines to interfere regarding the subject matter of your complaint." The missionaries answered that they did not violate the law against street preaching, but were molested by the police while speaking to the people from their own verandah, and even then they retired to a vacant lot to address the people rather than have any disturbance in the street. They say:—"We fail to see on what ground the Agent Governor General states that our teaching is offensive to the people, when, as we in our letter pointed out and emphasised, the people followed us from place to place and stood by us, even when repeatedly ordered off by the police, until they were forcibly driven away. Our teachings are undoubtedly distasteful to many, but such are in no way obliged to listen to us