

This school is principally attended by low caste girls. The number on the roll is 47, average attendance 35. The ages range from two years to thirteen, and only two of the girls are married. A Scripture lesson is given daily, and at a recent examination upon Bible subjects, three of the girls, received first prize, and five, second.

## MISS DOUGAN.

Miss Dougan, while closely engaged in the study of the Marathi language, has found time to visit several Zenanas regularly, to aid in the medical work at Neemuch, and since July to assist Dr. O'Hara. She will probably take charge of the Marathi School while Miss Sinclair is on furlough.

## DR. M. FRASER.

The medical work in connection with the mission in Mhow is now well established and as the population is not large, there is not much further scope for expansion. The regular work opened us some two years ago in Barwai has succeeded beyond the expectations of the workers and is full of encouragement. Barwai is a native town in an agricultural district a few miles from Mhow.

## MISS ROSS.

Miss Ross has continued her educational work in Mhow. The attendance has been large but very irregular, on account of sickness indifference of parents and poverty. The difficulties, Miss Ross says are a living foe to study and classification and she acts upon the idea that the best classification is to give the children lessons whenever their presence can be secured. Many of the children read well—average attendance from November to January 101.

## MISS CALDER.

Miss Calder who is proving an efficient worker, has a good attendance at the Pensuapura School and has begun work at old Mhow and Kackepura. The building used for a school was formerly a cattle shed and one half of it is still used for that purpose.

## MISS MCKELLAR, M.D.

She speaks with regret of leaving Neemuch but rejoices in that she was honored in being the pioneer medical missionary to the suffering women there, she has been appointed to Indore.

## MISS TURNBULL, M.D.

She has been at work in Indore and is now to go to Neemuch to take up the work in which Miss McKellar was engaged.

## METHODS OF WORK IN AUXILIARIES.

One had a Visiting Committee of two appointed each month to visit those not connected with the Society, with a view to interest them in missions and invite them to their meetings. "St. Andrew's," Perth, invited four neighboring Auxiliaries to meet with them in September. Representatives from each took part in the programme. This interchange of thought was helpful. Some Auxiliaries report little bands of workers, in outlying districts, auxiliary to them, thus encouraging and strengthening the work where otherwise it could find no entrance or power to exist. Others hold their meetings in different sections of the district, so that all may be reached and interested. A good many have adopted the method of appointing, a month in advance, one or two members to take charge of the next meeting, and have found it satisfactory. This plan should be of value to our Society in training efficient leaders, and in making less frequent the disbandment of Auxiliaries and Bands for lack of officers. One Auxiliary reports the editing of a column of mission news in the local weekly paper, seeking in that way to interest others.

## PLUCK.

Three Auxiliaries report only four members; in one, the average attendance was four, and contribution over forty dollars; one, with six members, says, "We could not for a moment think of giving up the work"; another, "We cannot give up our meetings, coming together for prayer has been such a blessing to us"; still another, "It was urged that we give up the work for a year, as our church required so much help, but it was decided unanimously that we could not afford to do that."

## NEULAH AUXILIARY.

It is interesting to find the Indian women of the North-West at work for their sisters. They have only five members, but have sent their contribution. Rev. J. McArthur writes: "This Auxiliary certainly has not the helpful influence of large numbers to inspire them in their work, and their grinding poverty would be an excuse to many white people for not trying to contribute anything to missions. But the fact that they are banded together as a mis-

sionary society, helps to keep them from burying their one talent. One of the members died a few weeks ago. In her life she had much sorrow and affliction, but unlike many Indian women, equally afflicted, she had a kind, Christian husband, who showed his kindness to her, and tenderness for her to the end. The end, we believe, to her was peace. Her cheering words, indicating her strong faith and bright hope, give us good reason to believe that she has gone to be one of whom it is said, "These are they who came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

## CENTRAL INDIA AUXILIARY.

The secretary of the "Purab ka Tara" Auxiliary has sent us her report, beautifully written in Hindi. It was accompanied by an English translation, from which we glean that the work has prospered with them. Each month, from thirty to forty were in attendance at the meetings. The Bible woman engaged by this Auxiliary, has done her work with great ardour, and gave a report of it at each meeting. Their contribution is considerably in excess of previous years.

## MISSION BANDS—DANGER.

It is desirable that the children should be encouraged and trained to give for missions that which costs them effort and self-denial but wise oversight is needed to assure that only such means shall be employed as are fitting in the Master's service. Occasionally we hear of methods being used which indicate that the true spirit giving has not been sought for nor attained.

## CROWNS WON.

Many touching incidents are recorded in the reports of trial and loss. Devoted, faithful officers and members have passed from earthly service. Their genial presence and helpfulness have been much missed and their removal mourned, as is testified by the loving tributes ascribed them in the reports. They have ceased from earthly effort, but their influence is still a living voice calling those who are left to earnest, faithful endeavor in the Master's service.

## LOSSES.

Disappointment and discouragement came to some through the loss of their carefully gathered funds. In one instance, a bank failed in which was deposited their contribution; in another, the funds of the Auxiliary and Band were stolen by the man-servant when the Treasurer and her husband were from home.

## SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING.

The poor Indian can and does appreciate the love which sends the warm clothing to cover his nakedness during the severe cold of our Northern winter, and he is more willing to hear the Gospel from those who have first ministered to his bodily necessities. During the past year about 28,000 lbs. of strong, warm clothing, quilts, blankets, etc., have been sent to the Northwest for the children in our schools and the men and women on our Reserves. This is less than the usual amount, but the falling off is accounted for by the recommendation of the North-West Foreign Mission Committee last year that a smaller quantity of clothing for adults be sent, as there was some doubt in their minds as to the advisability of providing clothing for able-bodied men and women, even in return for work done or supplies for the missions.

## NO WASTE.

There was no clothing "moth-eaten, moulding and going to waste" on any of the Reserves, and our missionaries were unanimous in saying that without these supplies they could not carry on their work. One writes, "When you decide to withdraw the clothing, you had better go a little further and recall the missionaries." And another says: "Without the clothing sent by the W.F.M.S. last year many would have perished."

## PUBLICATIONS.

The *Letter Leaflet* has a circulation of 13,160, and leaves after all expenses are paid a profit of \$336.94. It is proposed to enlarge the *Leaflet*, increasing the size of the page. There are other tracts issued free of charge. The pamphlets on India and Formosa and the Catechism by the Rev. R. P. MacKay have been much in demand.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

Cooke's Church was crowded on Wednesday night, Mr. Mamilton Cassels, presided. Dr. McTavish read the Scriptures and Dr. MacLaren offered prayer. Rev. Wm. Patterson, the pastor of the church, gave an address of welcome, which he did in his usually happy style.

The Rev. R. P. MacKay, gave the following comparative state-