

and a large and well-cultivated garden. The Orphanage and School are attached, and so our work is all about us. It will be especially good for our perfecting ourselves in the language. We have deferred getting a horse until now, as we wished to be as economical as possible.

We would live on mostly anything, if you could only send some one to fill Indore, and let us work for *our-own* Church. I know the work is all one,—one aim, one Master, and one object. I know our friends here are kind as men can be; they help us, counsel us, and in every way assist us, more than we ever deserve; but we do so wish to see *our* Church taking her place, and an honourable one too, among the other Mission bodies in India. The field is ready, and another will occupy if we do not, and that speedily.

Yours very sincerely

M. FAIRWEATHER.

THE REV. NARAYAN SHESHADRI.

Many of our readers will read with interest the following extract from a private letter from the Rev. N. Sheshadri, with reference to his work in India: "I am thankful to say," writes Mr. Sheshadri, "that I am busy at my own sphere of usefulness from four o'clock a.m. to nine o'clock, p.m.—of course meal hours, bathing-time, etc., excepted. Here is the way in which I spend my day. At five o'clock I go out with my evangelistic party, which is formed of the perfect number seven, to some one of our numerous villages in our neighbourhood, within an area of ten miles. My evangelists take with them musical instruments, viz., a drum, a guitar, and a pair of cymbals. As soon as we arrive at the appointed village, our blind minstrel, Bartimeus, sings a Christian hymn to the instrumental music, and as this goes on, men, women, and children collect around us. After singing, one of our evangelists steps forward and tries to set forth the truths that have been sung in as spirited an address as he can. Another hymn is then sung, and a second evangelist gives another address—and what does your humble servant do? His principal business is to supplement the addresses of our young evangelists, and close the whole with a concluding address. This lasts for nearly an hour-and-a-half. We, on the whole, get very good congregations indeed—very orderly, and attentive, and respectful. While going to a village I try to give hints to our evangelists on the art of preaching. After preaching I ride home as fast as I can; that is about nine o'clock. After breakfast I have a class with our medical catechists to read the Word of God. This lasts for nearly an hour. About one o'clock I go over to the Anglo-Vernacular School, and impart religious instruction to the whole school. After this, about five o'clock, p.m., I have twice a-week congregational meetings with our Christian people. At seven o'clock, the advanced scholars from the Anglo-Vernacular school come to read Angus's 'Hand-book of the English Tongue.' The last class I hear is that of our young masons, who read the Old Testament from eight to nine p.m. I assure you I have as much joy and pleasure in this way of working as I used to have when with you. However, with us it is still sowing time."

The *Free Church Record* for April contains a letter from Mr. Sheshadri to Dr. Murray, Mitche., giving encouraging accounts of the progress of the work. He expresses his heartfelt thanks to friends in distant lands for affording facilities for carrying on evangelistic work. He has now a commodious building of his own, and hopes to see the erection of several regular churches.