

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL INDIA.

The Return of Miss McWilliams.

From letters recently received from Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Miss McWilliams, we learn, with sincere sorrow, that the latter is now on her return voyage to Canada, on account of ill-health. Some months ago unfavourable symptoms manifested themselves, and evidences of failing health were apparent in the case of Miss McWilliams. Medical advice, outside the Mission staff, was sought, and after carefully considering her case, Dr. Keegan, civil surgeon at Indore, strongly advised her to take complete rest and change at the Hills for three months.

Miss McWilliams improved greatly at the Hills, but upon her return in July, the strength gained rapidly decreased, and the unfavourable symptoms reappeared. Dr. Keegan was again consulted, who reluctantly but decisively ordered our missionary to leave India *at once*. Arrangements were made immediately by Mr. Wilkie for the passage home, and Miss McWilliams was booked to sail on Saturday, August 5th, by the Scindia, of the Anchor Line. Dr. O'Hara writes :—“Miss McWilliams has from the first been earnest and devoted in the work in India, and although at times she was unable to work, she battled with her weakness, and seemed determined not to yield to disease, but to carry out the desire of her heart, to work for the Master in this land. I am very thankful that now, though reluctantly, she sees it her duty to go home. We all feel very keenly that her health requires this step, and none regret it half so much as she. It does seem strange to us, that one who has made such progress in the language and had taken up the work so heartily, should be laid aside from work here ; but we must submit, feeling that this work is not ours, and that the Master will lead His own by ways which we know not. The improvement at the