

From our small beginning the work has gradually developed. Medical Mission work for women under fully qualified lady doctors has been carried on in five centres in C. I., viz., Neemuch, Ujjain, Indore, Mhow and Dhar; and at the present time we have in the field four lady doctors and one trained nurse from Canada, in addition to hospital assistants, nurses, etc., of this land. We desire also gratefully to state that we have been encouraged in thus developing our work by some of those occupying high places in C. I.; notably by H. H. the Maharaja of Dhar, who recently gave two very valuable sites for a hospital and bungalow accommodation in his capital; and by invitations from both princes and ministers to their States, as in Jaora, of which as yet we regret we have not been able to avail ourselves. 62,306 women in C. I. were assisted by our Mission last year, at a cost of about Rs. 24,000 (about \$8,000, Ed. Record), almost wholly the gift of the women in Canada to their suffering sisters of India.

Though the time does not seem to have come when we can hope for much assistance in this land for the work, which is becoming each year a heavier burden, as it is constantly growing; yet we beg to assure Your Excellency that in thus recognizing and sympathizing with our work you have conferred on us a very real favor and very valuable aid. We, therefore, beg to return to you our very sincere thanks for your kind visit, and pray that you may long be spared to assist and encourage the cause of truth and humanity.

(Signed), Marion Oliver, M.D.,

Margaret McKellar, M.D.,
Physicians in charge.

HELP FOR THE BHEELS.

BY REV. J. BUCHANAN, M.D.

Dear Mr. Scott:—

With regard to the \$5,000 approved by the F.C.M. for the erection of the Mission House, Hospital, and two boarding schools, one for boys and one for girls, in the country of the destitute, oppressed Bheel, let me tell your readers in outline how this money will be useful for missionary purposes.

The Mission House is a necessary shelter for missionaries going to a hot climate in order that continuous work or any work at all may be done for more than half the year.

A Hospital in the midst of a timid untutored host of 800,000 people scattered over a wild rough country in thousands of villages, or more correctly communities, is useful in breaking down prejudices; in being a practical manifestation of the loving gospel we preach; and as a means of reaching, through the crowds that will gather day after day, outlying communities of these poor people, that would be otherwise utterly impossible for one man.

One person from a distance treated lovingly, helpfully, faithfully, in a hospital, changes the attitude of his far-away village toward the missionary and the gospel he preaches. Those remaining for a time in the hospital carry back with them to their villages a fairly good conception of what practical Christianity is. In the hospital with loving true Christians they have a book written in a character they can understand. Christ's life was pre-eminently a ministry. In the hospital the medical missionary has a constant opportunity of proving to the understanding of all grades of thought that God is love and that Christians are His servants.

The boarding schools are Christian Homes for boys and girls left destitute, either by the oppression always there, or by famine which is now claiming so many victims in this sin-cursed land. These orphanages we hope to make, by means of industrial labor, as near self-supporting as possible. While the children will be taught to read they will also be taught to work with their hands. There has always been a good return for the money spent for the orphan. God's blessing has seemed to rest in a special way upon such work. It has yielded in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some a hundred fold. Next month I hope to shew how the money will be useful as a famine relief fund.

I beg gratefully to acknowledge the following additional sums toward the \$5,000 Bheel Building Fund: From Toronto, Miss M. A. Snively, \$50; Mrs. J. T. Brodie, \$10; John Gowans, \$10; Rev. W. D. Ballantyne, \$5; C. H. Kahrs, \$5; Anon., \$1; Anon., \$1; Mrs. M., \$2; Mrs. Dr. Small, \$1. From Doon, "Friend of Missions," \$2. From Galt, The Misses Ballingall, \$5; W. Cassels Buchanan, 35c.; Esther Deans, 5c. Central Church C. E. \$1; Mr. Nairn, \$1; Central S. S., \$30; Mrs. Mary Buchanan, \$50; Anon., \$2; Norman Colvin, \$1.20. "Christmas Offering" by L. W. Montreal, \$25; Stamps, 79c.; Robert McQueen, Kirkwall, \$2; Margaret McTavish, S. Mountain, \$15; Mrs. Harris, Tor., \$5; "Nina," \$6. From Glen Morris, Blue Lake, S. S., \$5; Blue Lake M. B., \$2; Mrs. Wm. McVittie, Algoma, \$2; M. Steed, Glen Smal, \$1; J. M. M., \$5; Mrs. D. M. Buchanan, Lanark, \$2.50; "A Sympathizer," Levis, \$5. From Hamilton, "A friend," \$0.50; "A friend," \$1; J. Watt, \$5; Mrs. J. McQueston, \$5; "A friend," \$25; "Cobourg," \$1; A friend of Missions, Sarnia, \$1; "Gratitude," \$2. Previously acknowledged, \$73. Total, \$319.34. Promised \$241.00. Grand Total, \$563.39.

FORMOSAN JOTTINGS.

There has been much disturbance of the work; some churches have been injured and others destroyed, but the energy of the missionaries and the liberality of the native Christians have both combined to meet the difficulties of the situation. Dr. Mackay writes:—