

paration of Christian books and tracts. It is no longer a disgrace to publish a book in a language which can be read.

"The fear which existed universally twenty years ago is well-nigh gone; religious freedom is guaranteed in the Constitution, and there is a readiness to hear on the part of the people, in most places throughout the empire, which calls for a manifold larger number of direct evangelistic workers than are at present engaged in that work in Japan.

"The Protestant Christians of twenty years ago have become more than 30,000, organized into over 200 churches, with about 130 ordained Japanese ministers, and nearly 500 other Japanese evangelists and workers, and with nearly 400 men in training in theological schools. The foundations of these churches were laid in the midst of great opposition, when it cost something to profess the Christian religion, and for that reason they were well laid. We may certainly thank God and take courage that the infant church in Japan has so well withstood the attack from semi-materialism and rationalism which came in such subtle form so early in its history. The faith of some of us has been rebuked.

"The forty millions of Japan are not yet reached and saved, but the present force of foreign and Japanese workers ought to contain within itself the promise and potency of this great result. If there are any workmen in the great world-field who ought to be thankful and encouraged and who ought to press forward to the final victory, it is those in Japan."

CENTRAL INDIA.

Mission Work Among Women and Children at Ujjain and Rutlam.

From the reports to the Foreign Mission Committee of Rev. Dr. Buchanan, Ujjain, and Rev. J. F. Campbell, Rutlam, we copy the following encouraging statements :—