

# Extracts of Letter from Dr. Buchanan.

INDORE, *May 29, 1889.*

TO REV. D. J. MACDONNELL.—It is now five and one half months since we landed in Bombay, then the beginning of the cold season, while now it is near the end of the hot season. As this part of Central India is an elevated plateau from 1700 to 2000 feet above the level of the sea, the mean temperature is very much lower than it is in many parts of India. During the winter I found woollen clothing, with an overcoat in the evening, comfortable. In the hot season, of which it is about the climax now, we have not found the dreaded heat so intolerable as we expected. Of course we do not go out in the middle of the day except when absolutely necessary, yet it is not impossible to be out at any time. So far as I have been able to observe, the thermometer never rose above 105° Fah. on the north verandah. This year, owing to the drought, is said to be hotter than the average temperature. Hence to those who have heard of the climate of India only as judged by the reports from Madras Presidency or from the valley of the Ganges, there is a good deal to encourage. The cause of this moderate temperature in Central India from Mhow to Neemuch is due in a great measure to the elevation. Leaving Bombay, you rise gradually till you come to the Ghats; then there is a somewhat sudden elevation of about 1000 feet. When once at the top of the Ghats you are in the Central India table-land, which slopes gently to the north. Mhow, the first of our stations from the south, is situated just about on the water-shed, a ridge separating the waters flowing into the Ganges on the north and those flowing into the Arabian Sea. Hence you can understand that the great cry about the deadly heat of India applies less to our mission field than to many other parts of India.

Since Mr. Campbell went to the hills about the middle of April, we have seen and had more to do with the native Christians of India than before, and while some of them are by their lives grand witnesses for the power of the Gospel to save from sin, still we find that they are tempted in very much the same way as western people. \* \* \* \* \*

I have a boy now with me, Harchand, who was won to the friendship of the mission by the treatment he received during