

DR. MARGARET MacKELLAR

One of the helpful ministries of Dr. MacKellar's life is her letter-writing. Often at great expenditure of time and energy, and curtailing the time for necessary recreation, she sits at her desk answering letters. Anyone in need of help who appeals to her can be sure of a sympathetic and prompt reply. Many letters reach her—from missionaries, Indian Christians, and from persons of whom she has never heard, for she is widely known in India. Letters to the church papers, at one time frequent, have been fewer of late, because of the pressure of other correspondence, but there are many persons in the homeland who have felt the heart-beat of her sympathy and have treasured letters she has written. One of the labors of love which she has added to her list involving a good deal of correspondence is that of the Secretaryship of the Bible Success Band. The motto of this Band is found in Josh. I: 8, and the members promise to memorize one verse of Scripture daily. Through Dr. MacKellar's ardent advocacy it has—in two years—spread widely in India.

Akin to the ministry of letter-writing is that of sending out tracts or booklets. Dr. MacKellar has posted thousands of these. Some years ago she sent out a hundred copies of "A Spiritual Awakening" to her friends. One copy was sent to Rev. J. Goforth, of China, and was the means used to lead him out into a line of thoughtful study that resulted, as we know, in a great work of revival.

One of the annual reports Dr. MacKellar wrote years ago began with the words: "What we long for most, we see least of"—that is, the conversion of souls.

Mass movements are only beginning in Central India, if indeed they can be said to have begun. As yet the joy is over the *one* sinner repenting—for, as a rule, they come singly. But in her nearly twenty-seven years in India Dr. MacKellar has seen a goodly number of souls brought to Christ through her medical missionary work, and "saved to serve" Christ in India. Others she has seen dragged back to heathenism when they were on the point of open confession, but among them also will there not be found some in the number of the redeemed?