

or crossing the Pacific. The work in these localities has resulted in the establishment of two churches, one of which has been almost entirely self-supporting from the beginning. The members of this latter church have already established places, in private houses, for religious services and instruction, in two outlying villages."

Providence has brought the great Empires of India and China almost to our doors, that we may give them the gospel. India sends her myriads of Coolie laborers to the West Indies beyond the trammels of castes where they are more accessible to the gospel than at home. This gospel they receive and carry with them on their return. That same Providence has brought thousands of China's millions to our own shores, that when they go back they may carry with them not only gold but that which is far more precious. Every converted Chinaman, will, on his return, be a missionary on a small scale.

A Catechism lately issued by the Roman Catholic authorities in Mexico, for the circulation of which the civil authority of the State of Guanajuato caused a priest to be punished, directs Catholics not to lend or hire horses to Protestants for services; not to erect or repair churches for Protestants, nor to make or sell furniture for such churches, nor to attend Protestant services under penalty of excommunication. The civil authorities interfered with this religious boycott on the ground that it was "subversive of the public well being."

A most profitably spent portion of a missionary's time is that in which he is visiting the home churches. Fresh from contact with heathenism he forms a living link between the church and the field and brings home more vividly than could otherwise be done the world's need of the gospel. Then when he returns to his work those who have seen and heard him watch with deeper interest his progress.

We are sure that this will be the case with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie from Central India, who have been visiting some of the congregations in the Maritime Provinces. Very interesting is their story of the establishment of the Mission in Central India. They had to endure no small amount of opposition and persecution for several years. In some cases both British officials

and British newspapers in India opposed them and their work, calling them fanatics and troublemakers, and threatening to expel or arrest them. Policemen scattered his congregations as they would a mob of moonlighters, and Mr. Wilkie himself suffered violence at their hands. Patiently for four years they bore and worked, and then they carried their appeal to the Viceroy, and now they carry on their work unmolested. For years the Commissioner Agent at Indore would not allow them to buy a foot of ground, a privilege that was granted to the poorest Coolie. Now they can get all they want, and just before they came away the Maharani or Queen of Indore presented them with the title deed to eleven acres of land for schools, mission, and hospital purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie have a family of five children all under nine years of age, and when they return to India after their furlough, they will be obliged to leave them all behind in this country. That will indeed be a sacrifice to make for the heathen.

There is one field of work for which the church in the Maritime Provinces is in a measure responsible although she does scarcely anything for it, that is, Home Mission Work in the North West and British Columbia. The Western Section of the Church has its home field just as we have, but the North West is a new land a thousand miles away from the Western Section and into that new land immigrants are going both from Nova Scotia and Ontario. And it is our work as well as that of the West to follow them with the Gospel. The West expended near \$40,000 last year in the North West.

"New Jersey has an excellent law, which forbids the sale of cigarettes to minors. It has not hitherto been enforced, but the Newark Police board have determined that in that city, at least, it shall no longer be a dead letter. An order has been given to patrolmen to arrest all small boys seen smoking, and through them discover, if possible, from whom they procured the cigarettes, in order that the dealers may be proceeded against under the law."

The whole receipts for Foreign Missions in both sections of the Church for the year were \$86,886.58, instead of \$81,000, as given on page 199.