

the whole amount to 408. [I give these figures simply to enable you, with the figures that follow, to form a complete numerical estimate of our medical work at this station for the year.]

"At the beginning of May, the dispensary came into my hands, and from that date till 31st December, 992 new cases are recorded, giving a monthly average of 124 new cases, and making a total for the year of 1400; and since the date of the opening of the dispensary, of 1317. During the latter months of the year, I had been in the habit of noting both the number of old cases and the total number of persons present each morning. Our audiences have been frequently largely made up of patients' friends and passers-by, who have been drawn in by the sound of the speaker's voice, and the figures give an average total of 145 persons present daily since 1st August inclusive. Residents of Nya Nuggur have formed our largest per centage, only 24.85 per cent. having been noted as villagers or other non-residents. A considerable number of these have been Mohammedan Punjaubees, who, coming with their camel-loads of cotton, have been led in our way by illness, induced by exposure or other causes, and have thus heard, it might be for the first time, the story of the Wonderful Prophet, who brought healing and salvation nigh to man. Some have belonged to the class of religious mendicants, who, whether Mussulman or Hindu, seem equally repulsive and unsatisfactory, and, with righteousness on their lips, exhibit the grossest impurity in their lives; nay, commit sin under the cloak of religion, and bear on their very countenances the indubitable marks of the licentious libertine.

"Our sphere has not been confined to the dispensary, however, for many visits have been paid to the houses of all classes, both to male and female patients, eliciting expressions of gratitude sometimes fulsome as only a Hindu can use, and affording opportunities of pleading for the Master in the homes and directly to the hearts of these otherwise obdurate people. Several operations of a serious nature have been performed, of some interest to a medical reader, but interesting to the general reader mainly in so far as the success attendant on them produces the favorable impression so highly desired and sought for. Though many of the people are dreadfully afraid of the knife, and would rather lie and cheat, or worse, from morning till night than offend by one tittle against the pharisaical righteousness inculcated by their religious teachers by spilling a drop of the life fluid, yet such operations as have been performed have been submitted to readily when the object was clearly explained. In many cases requiring operative interference to effect a cure, permission has, however, been refused; and one guru of the Jain sect acted thus, though willing to submit to any amount of medications, because the shedding of blood is forbidden by the "dhakin" or custom of his sect.

"With regard to the evangelistic aspect of the work, occasional assistance was latterly given by Umrah and Rama, two of our native preachers; and more recently Rati Ram and myself have spoken to the people, each on alternate mornings. Endeavours have been made ever to maintain the missionary character of the dispensary; and though for some time it was not found practicable to keep up a constant series of religious exercises, and attempts to engage persons in conversation proved abortive, on account of a limited vocabulary, I have tried to carry out the conviction that, whenever possible, the words of advice for bodily disease should be accompanied by those directing the diseased soul to the Heavenly Physician. My experience is yet necessarily barren of personal incident of an interesting kind. As my knowledge of the language increases, and I am able to hold close