

Perhaps the greatest difficulty is the indifference of the people, and lack of any real desire for a purer, better and higher life.

Early Church Work

The Church Missionary Society began work in Kangra in 1854. Their chief work was Evangelistic, Pastoral and Educational and a large and successful Boys' School was conducted at Kangra. In April, 1905, the district was visited by a great earthquake, when 40,000 people were killed, among whom were three missionaries. All the Mission buildings were destroyed and the fort was reduced to ruins.

The Christians

The Indian Christians in the Kangra District number 135. They are grouped at four centres, Kangra, Sidhpur, (three miles from Palampur), Jawala Mukhi and Dharmsala. The majority of these Christians are converts or descended from converts of the lower castes during the time of C.M.S. work in the district.

Present Work and Outlook

Following the earthquake of 1905, the C.M.S. sent Mr. and Mrs. Haslam to Kangra. Their work was to be Evangelistic and Pastoral, as no funds were on hand to rebuild the School or carry on Educational work. To aid him in his Evangelistic work, Mr. Haslam had a band of native Evangelists,