

India.

Last month the Reports of the Missionaries in Central India were given. In the present issue will be found the Reports of lady teachers, giving as they do a fuller insight into the working of our mission there.—Ed.

REPORT OF MISS RODGER.

This girls' school has been carried on throughout the year without any more than the ordinary interruptions. The girls studying English number about twenty and they have made satisfactory progress in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and scripture history. As they translate the English into Urdu they have a much better knowledge of the subject than if they simply learned the lesson. They have gone through addition and subtraction and are now in multiplication in arithmetic and have used copy books for writing. In geography they have been taught carefully the map of India with its political divisions and physical features; also the maps of Europe and Asia although not quite so thoroughly, along with the general geography of the globe. As there are constant changes going on in school and some of the girls have not been in attendance for any length of time the progress is much greater than might be supposed. They have gone over Barth's Scripture History of the Old Testament up to the period of the entrance of the Israelites into Palestine. They know also the chief events in the life of Christ. The Hindu girls are taught separately and take the Geography and Scripture lesson together. Although there is a larger number of this class, yet they do not attend so regularly and do not make as rapid progress. Three of the English speaking girls have left as a new school has been opened by a Roman Catholic teacher in the camp, and the parents of these children are Roman Catholics. Two Native Christian girls belonging to the Church of England have attended school for the last five months. The elder is now studying more specially arithmetic, algebra, Euclid and geography and will take English history as soon as arrangements can be made for that subject. The younger is not so far advanced, but they have both been carefully taught and are improving rapidly. The elder takes Marathi also as

a second language, she wishes to be able to pass the middle school examination.

I regret to say that throughout the year as much attention has not been given to Zenana work as usual. This is not because the women are not as anxious to be visited and hear the Word read, but for want of sufficient time and proper help. A young girl in the city, who has been a widow for several years, has been studying English for some time past and would soon get a fair knowledge of the language as she learns quickly, if only time could be given to instruct her. She cannot come out and must be taught in her own home.

This is not the only instance that could be given of women willing to be taught in their homes, if there were any one to give them regular instruction.

REPORT OF MISS ROSS.

I wish I had the good news to tell, that one at least had given her heart to the Saviour, but I know of no such one among those whom I have been visiting during the past year although I have seen faces brighten on hearing of God's love and care.

In August I opened a new school in the Sarafa (money lenders' street.) While endeavors were being put forth to get a house, many were the disparaging statements made against female education. One man said that it would not do to educate the women as they would become as sharp as they were and would not do what the men told them. I expressed my appreciation of the system and spoke of how well it succeeded in my country, but they did not look convinced. However, through the kindness of Mr. Wilkie, a building was secured and the school opened, at least, it was ready for the prospective pupils. But during the first three days no little maiden appeared. On the fourth one little girl came, and for three days had no companion. Her father had sent her. He told me that he would do so and he kept his word. In the first month only ten presented themselves. On September 8th, fourteen were present. The parents were very suspicious. On one occasion news came to me that I was putting bracelets on the girls and drowning them in a pond. Some affirmed that I would carry them off. I also heard that I was going to give them something to drink that would break their caste.