

thoughts of her people as the name of Jesus Christ.

With a people so heterogeneous, not only in origin but disposition, with such a kaleidoscope of religious cults and systems, with social barriers like caste and so many petrified customs, and with a false patriotism that clings to the old because it is national and refuses the new because it is alien, the problem in India is perhaps the most difficult in Mission history. But if difficult of conquest, India is correspondingly strategic in its position. The birthplace of two of the greatest religious movements of history, the home of more than one-fourth of the Mohammedans of the world, and containing one-fifth of the population of the world, its conquest for Christianity is fraught with great meaning to the world problem. Moreover never before were its doors so open to Christian missions. In almost every portion of the Empire may organised mission work be carried on, the State of Bhopal being among the last to open their doors. From every part of the field come news of strategic positions waiting for labourers. A few years ago we were invited by the prime minister of one of the unoccupied states of Central India to begin work within his jurisdiction; and several times