

ment in their work, but with the closing months of 1879 a period of trial and difficulty set in, which for a time threatened to break up the mission, and which long continued to hinder its usefulness. Some of the British Government officials were opposed to mission work, and probably their opinions and influence helped to awaken the disapproval of the Maharajah Holkar ; and in December 1879 an order was issued forbidding all Christian work in the city. The missionaries were forbidden to preach on the streets, or on public grounds, and when they attempted to do so in private yards, the police were employed to drive the people who were listening away. The Resident Agent, the highest British official, was appealed to, but in vain, for instead of using his influence to secure freedom of speech he made no secret of his opposition, and it was not until Lord Dufferin became Governor General of India and interested himself in the matter that this unhappy state of things was ended, and freedom of action secured for the missionaries.

Less opposition was shown to the work carried on by the ladies, who continued to teach in schools and Zenanas, being joined in 1883 by Miss Ross, and in 1886 by Miss Sinclair, the present principal of the Boarding School.

The Rev. J. Wilkie, who joined the mission in 1879, and has ever since been one of the leading missionaries, has always taken a deep interest in educational work. By his unwearied efforts a high school and college, and also a home for boys, have been successfully established, and will, it is hoped, bring under Christian influence and training a large class of intelligent young men, who desire to obtain a superior education. Mr. Wilkie is Principal of the College, and is assisted by a large staff of teachers, most of whom are natives of India.

In 1886 several new missionaries having been added to the staff, it was resolved to take up some new stations, an account of which will be given elsewhere.

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