

in Bhopāl city and four subordinate district jails are situated in the *nizāmats*. Various industries are carried on by the inmates, *daris*, *newār*, and carpets being made. Tiles are a speciality and find a ready sale throughout Central India. The annual expenditure is about Rs. 30,000.

SECTION X.—EDUCATION.

(Table XXIII.)

Shāh Jahān Begam started the first regular school in High school. 1860 and in 1871, in order to encourage education, issued an order that no person could be given a post in a State office unless he held a certificate from some school or college. This ultimately developed into the present Sulimānia High School which was in 1892 affiliated to the Calcutta University and is now affiliated to Allahābād. It teaches up to the University Entrance Standard. There are also seven other schools, including 2 girls schools and 76 primary schools in the districts. Her Highness is making strenuous efforts to promote education, but the Muhammadan section of the population does not as yet respond freely. The plea of poverty, always put forward, is of no weight as all education is provided free of charge. The educational department is in charge of a qualified Director of Public Instruction.

The Victoria girls school started in 1891 is now attended Girls school. by about 180 pupils. Reading, writing, arithmetic and needlework are taught, as well as the *Korān*. A special school for daughters of people of position called the Sultānia school provides instruction for *pardah* girls of good family.

In 1903 a school called the "Alexandra school" for sons Special schools. of *Sardārs* was opened.¹ It is in charge of a European Principal. A building is under construction for the accommodation of this school.

A medical school called the Asifia school in memory of Her Highness's daughter Asaf Jahān imparts instruction in *Yunāni* medicine together with modern anatomy and surgery.

An Art school was started in 1905 to instruct widows Art school. and destitute women in some useful profession and assist in maintaining their self-respect.

An official publication the "Bhopāl Gazette" issues weekly. It contains Darbār orders and brief notes on important events. The Sultānia Press also undertakes miscellaneous work.

A public library has been lately opened in the Benazir Library. palace.

¹ This school has since been amalgamated with the High School.