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Collection for Home Missions

Leader. What was the original purpose of Caste?

Ans. To prevent the early settlers in India from becoming extremely low; as they might marry those very much beneath them in every way.

Leader. Has Caste been the means of producing evil?

Ans. It has in a great many ways.

Leader. Name some of them.

Ans. One cannot eat or drink with those of a lower caste. If the shadow of a low caste person shades a Brahmin's food, it must be thrown away.

Leader. How does it affect character?

Ans. It increases pride, selfishness and idleness.

Leader. Does it affect the work of our missionaries?

Ans. Yes. It hinders more than any other influence.

Leader. Name some of the things which a Brahmin must give up in order to become a Christian.

Ans. He must give up his claim to superior holiness, his power and wealth, and become like his master, "despised and rejected of men."

Leader. Are all the native Christians persecuted by their heathen friends?

Ans. They are, and in some instances put to death in various ways.

I HAVE often wondered what we should do if the great Judge did call us up and ask, "Did you hear My command to go, Christian?" "Yes, Lord, we heard it; we got it by heart." "Well, did you go?" "We did not go far." "How far did you go? Did you go across the State?" "No, we didn't. We live in a large State; we could not get across." "Did you cross

the county?" "No, we didn't cross the county." "Did you go to the end of the street you lived in?" "No, Lord, our street was the longest in the town. We didn't get to the end of it." "How about that family that moved in right across the street a few months ago? Did you ever invite them to go to Sunday School?" "Well, Lord, we intended to do so. We started several times. But if you give us one more day we will take the Gospel to them."

The Grande Ligne Mission operates chiefly in the Province of Quebec, where out of a population of one million and a half, one million and three hundred thousand are under the teaching of darkest Romanism. A growing spirit of restlessness under priestly control is manifesting itself among the thinking classes. Mandements and proscriptions are being rescinded with a sullen independence which promises much for future work among this people. Dissatisfaction with the educational status of the Province has resulted in a demand that the educational system shall be wrested from the control of the church, where it has always been. These and many other things fill the missionary with hope. However, this struggle for liberty of conscience and freedom of thought is only just beginning.

About 6000 persons have been converted and added to the churches, many of whom, however, have been compelled to leave their native land because of the vigorous application of the boycott. More than 60 young people have received training for mission work in the school at Grande Ligne, some of whom are laboring in foreign lands. About one half of the ordained missionaries now laboring among the French in the United States were trained in our schools.