

there is not a single missionary of the "teaching" order who does not *teach only in order that he may preach*; and it is as unjust to the "teaching" missionary as it is profoundly ignorant to assert or insinuate that he makes it his object, *firstly*, to educate, and *secondly*, to evangelise. If there be such a missionary, it can only be because that among every class there are men who are not so staunch to duty as they should be, and it certainly forms no part of *the ideal* of any missionary in India. I write all the more freely on this point, since it has cropped up almost without my intending it, because that I am not a "teaching" missionary myself, and, God willing, never intend to become one. I give every hour of my time to purely evangelistic work. For a couple of months I gave two hours a-week to help our fourth-year men at their history, but that was purely gratuitous, and was only for a couple of months. From a missionary point of view, I care as little for the manufacture of clever Babus into Bachelors and Masters of Arts as any man or woman, but I have yet to learn that any one proposes *that* as an end in itself; and to object to the system because that comes incidentally to it, is pretty much the same as if some one objected to my labour outside the Institution, because some of those I try to influence come to hear me only from a desire to be personally acquainted with a Sahib, and others of them want me to give a recommendation for some Government office. For whatever reason they come, I rejoice, and endeavour to make their coming into an opportunity to speak for Christ.

But I have no desire to turn my report into an argument. I have to state my conviction that certainly and surely the country is being moved, that idolatry is dying, and that now is *not* the time for disunion in the Church, but now is the time for perfect union and co-operation without jealousy—so that our united efforts may move to the overturning of the false and the up-building of the true.

#### WORK OUTSIDE THE INSTITUTION.

II. I now come to say a few words as to the second division of my work—viz., that which lies outside of the Institution.

When I began this letter, I intended to have said a good deal under this head, and a multitude of points are floating before the mind's eye at this moment demanding attention and chronicling. But the thought occurs opportunely, that mayhap these points may not be so absorbingly interesting to the members of Committee as they are to me, and that the big mountains may only be very small mole-hills when seen across the 6000 miles that lie between us. So I forbear, and will content myself with the merest sketch of what I have been doing, showing how far the old lines which last year I indicate have led, and what new ones I have opened up. My Sunday evening lectures I continued as far into the hot season as I possibly could, and I had every reason to be satisfied with the audiences which came to hear me. They ranged from 500 to 100, never falling below the latter figure. Every one who knows how fickle the Calcutta Babus are—how eager to fly from place to place when they do go out, and how slothful they are in going out at all—will understand how gratifying these audiences were. It was my intention to have resumed these lectures at the beginning of the season; but, as you are aware, the Institution has been under repair, and I have, up to this date, been unable to get the use of the large hall. However, it is now finished, and on Sunday next I begin again. I will have time for a few lectures still before the hot season begins. I am the more anxious for this resumption, because my Sunday afternoon Bible class chiefly depends on the fruits of these lectures for its recruits, so that by them I hope to give it another lease of life.

To come to the new developments of work. About five or six months ago a native gentleman informed me of a club who met at the house of another native gentleman of high social standing—a member of the Bengal Legislative Council—for the purpose of reading the Bible together, with the desire honestly to get to its meaning; and he kindly offered to introduce me to them. The result has been that, without trenching on their own evening for reading, I have met with them from 7 till 9 o'clock every Saturday evening for the past four