

Such societies in every community, with a children's band in connection, would work wonders in our mission fields in five years. Information, inspiration, power, effective service, come from such gatherings. There is no seed so vital as missionary truth, sow it broadcast. People may resent the implied demand for money, but the obligation will stick in the conscience until by and by, as surely as God's promises are fulfilled, somebody will see the harvest; perhaps only God and the angel reapers, but it is sure to follow. -- *The Missionary Helper*.

As yet India has few practical reformers. One such has just passed away in Bombay, Mr. Madhavdas Raghunathdas. Believing in the marriage of women, he married a widow, and in consequence suffered the fiercest persecution from his caste people,--persecution which ceased only with his life, though he lived to see his grandchildren grow up about him. As his wealth increased he spent large sums of money in securing to widows their just rights. So many widows "who preferred honorable marriage to a life of suffering or shame" were married from his house, that his residence was known as the "Widows' Marriage Hall." Courageous, consistent, and earnest, his death is a great loss to the cause of Hindu social reform. He has left a son who seems inclined to walk in the footsteps of his father, as a few days since a widow was remarried at his house.

By the party interested in Hindu social reform, efforts are being made to bring out from their seclusion those who have so long been held in bondage by custom. A popular form of entertainment is a lecture illustrated by a magic lantern. Ladies only are admitted to such entertainments. In one of the cities of Southern India it is proposed to provide a park which can be made sufficiently private to allow Indian ladies to avail themselves of the benefits of fresh air and sunlight, and to hold social intercourse with others of their own sex. Such movements, yet in their infancy, point to a growing feeling in the minds of both sexes that the walls of ignorance and superstition, which for centuries have kept women in bondage in India, must be broken down.

The women of the Indian Christian community are making year by year, as regards educational attainments, a brighter record. The first Indian lady who graduated in arts was a Christian; so was the first who graduated in medicine. One Christian lady at least among the daughters of India, has graduated in law, while two others, Mrs. S. Satrianadham and Miss Tora Dutt, have won the approbation of European critics as writers in English. The Maharani regent of Mysore, a Hindu lady, knew besides her mother tongue, which is Canarese, English, Sanskrit, Gujarati, and Hindustani. Those whose minds are capable of such cultivation and expansion will not always be kept in bondage. The women of India will yet play an important part in the civilization and evangelization of this great empire. -- *N. Y. Observer*.

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