

scope for the highest mental endowments. Foreign missionaries tell of large placards, with printed extracts from Paine's "Age of Reason," which are at times posted upon the walls of Calcutta, and widely and eagerly read. In the high-grade schools and colleges of India, educated natives frequently oppose Christian teaching with arguments from Hegel, Strauss and Renan. Brahmans who have read European agnostic literature sometimes tell missionaries that they are trying to transplant into India a religion which is in the death-struggle at home. At Oxford and Cambridge the Brahman has shown himself to be the equal mentally, and in philosophy the superior of the Anglo-Saxon.

If the missionary is to stand upon the high mental plane occupied by the Brahman, and successfully to answer his opposing arguments, his mental culture must be broad and deep. This thorough mental training will give the missionary power to study the nature and the peculiar attitude of mind, of the people amongst whom he is to labor, a study so difficult that men without a liberal education need not attempt it—a knowledge of which is so essential to the highest missionary success.

From a utilitarian standpoint, the prospective missionary will find a knowledge of medicine to be of great advantage. In the interests of his own health and of his future work that knowledge is important. Geddie found such knowledge invaluable. Livingstone was a graduate in medicine. One of our Klondike missionaries has already done good work as a medical missionary.

In his skilful hand, the opthalmic bistoury of MacLure, of China, has dispelled the physical gloom of many a grateful heathen, and as an ambassador of Christ he has at the same time been the means of illumining the benighted heart with the effulgence of the Sun of Righteousness. That modest, unostentatious and heroic medical missionary is worthy of a biography written with a pen as facile and as graceful as that which has immortalized MacLure of Drumtochty.

Among the most crying needs of India are medical missionaries. Although they cannot heal all manner of sickness, yet