

after the truth as it is in Jesus is not only great but widely scattered.

It is significant that at just this time comes the proposal for a parliament of religions in connection with the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, next year. What effect it may have cannot easily be told. One thing is certain, Christianity will be on trial as never before. From every quarter of the world there will come men to see for themselves the results of the religion of our missionaries, in a land where it has had every advantage. A conviction forced upon these representatives from the Eastern world that we ourselves care little for the truth that we preach to them may set back the cause of missions many years. Let us see to it that at this time when so much is at stake abroad we be not found wanting at home.—*New York Independent*.

MISSION STUDIES.

Evangelistic Work in Zenanas and Villages.

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From the beginning of the Indore Mission zenana visiting and teaching formed an important part of the work done by our lady missionaries, and no difficulty was experienced in gaining access to more houses than they could undertake to visit, and in several the mothers and daughters were taught to read the New Testament either in Hindi or Marathi. The average number of persons in each zenana was four or five, but the dwellings being situated very near together, it was usual for neighbouring women to gather in one house, so that the average number of those receiving weekly instruction in one zenana was from fifteen to twenty. Frequently some of these women would say to the ladies: "You can read, and know everything; we can only grind our corn and eat"; and one, in the fulness of her heart, cried out: "We want to learn; but we have mothers-in-law,