

so much greater than theirs, need the baptism of the Spirit, that we may both "live in the Spirit" and "walk in the Spirit." We need this far more than we need fresh recruits; and we would plead with the whole Church to pray more for the mission workers.

With some very serious and trying faults, the Syrians are a gifted race. They are keen, quick, calculating, versatile, thrifty, kind-hearted, and hospitable, ready in speech, and with special aptitude for languages. Nature has done her part toward fitting them to be the missionary leaven among the scores of millions who may be reached by Arabic. Providence also has been paving the way by the remarkable revival among them of education and civilization, and now by their new passion for emigration, that has planted temporarily not less than 30,000 of them in Australia, Brazil, and the United States. When grace shall have taken strong possession, is it too much to expect that some happy day, in the not very distant future, they will fill in Oriental missions some such place as their Phœnician ancestors did in commerce?

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## THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN THE UNIVERSITIES OF INDIA.

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The Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association is encamping before the Jericho of modern missions—the educated classes in India. We do not admit the term Gibraltar, for that implies impregnability, which we are not prepared to concede. We say the Jericho of missions, not only because the Church has marched around this fortress for nearly seven decades of years, but chiefly because we believe the Church is destined to witness a wonderful display of the power of God in the conquest which the Gospel is sure to make of this hitherto apparently impregnable stronghold. The following is a mere outline of the situation, and of the special effort which is now being made in behalf of this important class of India's young men.

I. *The Numerical Strength of Christianity in the Student Class.*—Of over 14,000 students in the art or special colleges, only about 800 are Christians. Of over 260,000 in the secondary English schools, only 23,000 are registered as Christians. The term Christian does not necessarily imply communicant; it may mean only the children of Christians. The number of communicants in one prominent Christian college is about one in forty, in another one in fifty. Careful inquiry in Calcutta satisfied the writer that scarcely fifty Christian communicants existed in a student population of nearly 15,000; the vast majority of these students are in government and private schools.

II. *Special Obstacles to the Christianization of Indian Students.*—Th: