

The rapidity with which the use of the English language is growing in India, under the present system of education in that tongue in both Government and mission schools, is almost startling. In the last twenty-two years the Madras University alone has examined about 25,000 candidates for the matriculation examination, all of them possessing a fair knowledge of English. As many as eight or ten thousand candidates go up now annually for this examination in the three great universities of India, and English is the chief language used. This stream



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of influence year by year is telling very strongly upon the country, more so than many suspect. The *Indian Mirror*, a native paper, said, the other day:—

"Foreigners can hardly realize the extent to which the English language is spoken and written among the educated classes in India, almost superseding in some instances the use of the vernaculars. When educated Hindus meet, they talk English; when they write letters to each other, they show their decided preference to English."

One of the greatest obstacles to Indian evangelization is the degraded condition of women. It is impossible to raise the moral status of the people without raising that of its women. And here the Gospel has shown itself the best friend of the women of India, as well as of womanhood throughout the world. Till the advent of Christianity they were regarded in youth as