

the people and those who go there to evangelize them. In a word, that the *caste spirit* of India has found its way into the homes and hearts of some missionaries, and that this separation hinders the Lord's work, prevents natives from becoming Christians, and obstructs the progress of civilization. Miss Joseph is quoted as instancing a native civil surgeon who leaned to Christianity, but explained his reluctance to confess Christ because the open espousal of Christianity meant to him and his family a double ostracism—first, to be outcasts from the native society, and secondly, to be *excluded from the society of European Christians!*

These gentlemen also refer to the custom in South India of holding district meetings for Europeans only, from which even ordained native ministers are shut out. Dr. Lunn states that in a year's residence in India he remembers but one occasion where he was asked to take a meal at the same table with a native Wesleyan minister. At the Bangalore Conference of 1889 not *one native minister* had a place in the assembly.

The letters of Messrs. Hughes and Lunn call attention emphatically to the *scale of living* found in India. They state the average income of an Indian missionary to be £300 annually and a bungalow, and they get this average from comparison of seven societies. They give a table of daily diet, from which they show that good, wholesome food may be obtained for £40 annually; servants, seven in cold weather and eleven in hot, may be obtained for £26 more; clothing for £24 more. Allowing for house linen and furniture, for charities, books and other expenses £50 more; this makes a total of but £140, or less than *one-half* the above average salary. Letters from Bishop Thoburn state that American Methodist ministers (married) receive about £122 per annum and single about £80. Dr. Peck also writes, giving the salaries of married missionaries in three conferences, in Methodist Episcopal missions, as follows: In South India, 1,800 rup., or £122; in Northern India and Bengal, 2,475 rup., or £168. Bishop Ninde adds his testimony that there is no complaint among these men that their stipends are insufficient, and expresses his concurrence in the *via media* suggested by Mr. Hughes.

Thus far we have acted as mere journalists, giving an impartial account of the current news. We cannot forbear to say, in the capacity of *reviewers*, that, whether or not the course of these gentlemen has been wise, the matter is now before the public, and much of the confidence of the people in the conduct of missions will depend on the thorough and explicit manner in which these questions are dealt with. We have no doubt that our English Wesleyan friends purpose to pursue a course of both ingenuous and intrepid fidelity.

Meanwhile we have a few words to say which will not prejudice or prejudice the issue.