

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INSTITUTION,

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"REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I feel highly gratified at receiving your kind favour. I thank you for your prayers and good wishes for me. It is a most encouraging thought that you all take so much interest in a convert and treat him as a brother.

"I can never feel too grateful for what the General Assembly's Institution has done for me; it has shown me that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that in and through him we may obtain perfect happiness. Pray that I may realize in their fullness the perfection and love of Him who died for sinners, who consummated His everlasting love on the Cross. Pray that I may obtain grace and strength through Him, that I may 'work out my salvation with fear and trembling,' and communicate the sweet tidings of salvation to those who are still in the dark.

"I thank you for your kind sympathy for all the troubles I have to endure. But to a believer they should not appear what they are: to him they should be as the love tokens of the spear-pierced side and thorn-encompassed head. They should strengthen him the more.

"I think I should do some kind of mission work. The missionary prospect in our Institution here is very hopeful, the best students in the College classes being the most favourably disposed towards Christianity, although they are not yet prepared to make a bold profession of what they actually believe.

"Hoping for the continuance of your loving kindness, I remain, yours very truly,

"NITYA GOPAL MUCKERJI."

CONVERSION OF AN AYAH, AND ITS LESSON.

The united monthly Prayer-meeting and the Missionary Conference was held Monday evening, in St. Andrew's

Church, and was presided over by the Rev. G. G. Gillan, the Minister of St. Andrew's. After introductory prayer and a Bible-reading and exposition by Mr. Gillan, the prayers of the meeting were led by the Rev. Mr. Hook, of the Lall Bazaar Baptist Chapel, and the Rev. Mr. McDonald, Principal of the Free Church Institution. Towards the close of the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Hastie, Principal of the General Assembly's Institution, made an interesting and instructive statement regarding the recent conversion of an ayah, under the Christian instruction of her mistress, a member of St. Andrew's Church. He said—

"It was not my intention to say a single word here this evening, but the announcement made, as I was coming in, that the speakers who were expected having been unable to attend, induces me, without any apology, to bring under your notice a case that may help to give direction to some and encouragement to all in our common work. My first contact with the other world this morning was made by the early visit of a Hindu inquirer, who came from one of our missionary stations in Calcutta, to profess his maturing faith in Christ, and to request his being received on an early day by baptism into the fellowship of any Christian Church. But cheering as this was, it is of another case that I wish to tell, and one whose lesson is specially applicable to the Christian ladies who evidently form the larger part of our meeting this evening. The case was brought under the notice of Mr. Gillan and myself in the vestry, after his morning service yesterday, by one of the lady members of our congregation. She informed us that her ayah, who had been long in the service of the family, and to whom she had been endeavouring faithfully to communicate the truth as it is in Christ, had declared her living faith in Jesus, and had expressed a most earnest desire to be