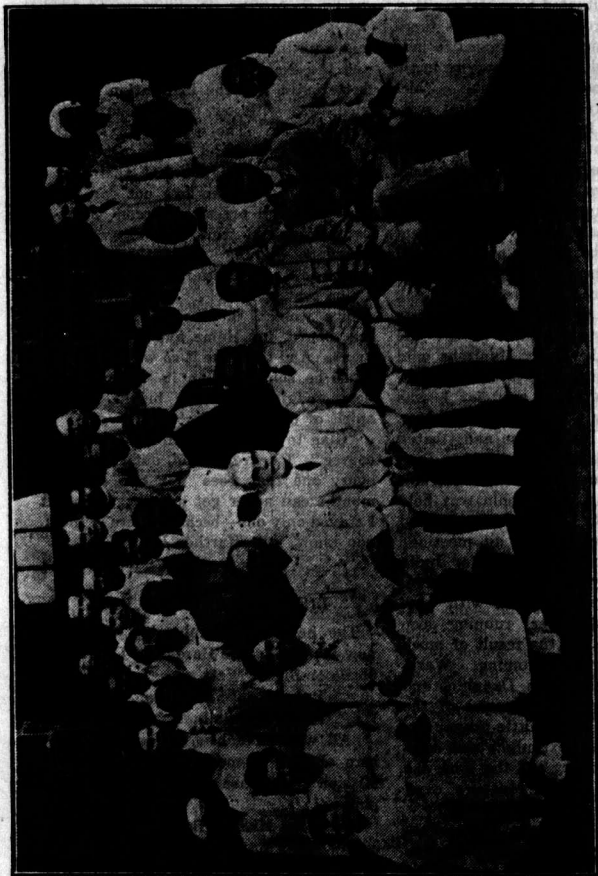




TWELVE MISSIONARIES AND TWELVE INDIAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN CONFERENCE CONCERNING DEVOLUTION.

Devolution—A word in very common use in Foreign Mission Fields to-day is devolution. By this is meant the gradual transfer of the responsibility for the evangelization of non-Christian countries from Christian Foreign Mission Boards, foreign missionaries and foreign Christian communities to the Christian Nationals of those lands. The ultimate aim, in well-won parlance, is self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating Indian churches. . . . In our own Mission it constitutes a very perplexing problem, which the Conference and the Board are step by step prayerfully trying to compass.

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