

the good work in progress, it was by constant reference to the Bible in their hands that I was able to stem the waters of the opening dam, and to keep our dear people from being carried away in a torrent of superstition and doctrinal licentiousness.

"Happily for us, all regarded the Bible as our final appeal; and, with one or two exceptions of self-willed and evil men, all bowed at once to its decree.

"It has been said by some that the wonderful knowledge, which our revival people possessed of the Bible, was merely the Hindoo facility at word learning, quickened by high mental excitement. I tested this phenomenon in more than sixteen revival congregations in four districts, and am certain that other faculties than memory were engaged, and these quickened by power far higher than their mental excitement.

"In a conversation," says the Rev. C. S. Kohloff of Evungalore, "I had with a Hindoo who had embraced Christianity about two years ago, I learned that the reading of God's Word was the means, and the chief means, of leading him to a saving knowledge of the truth. While a heathen, he spent a good portion of his wealth in the observance of religious ceremonies, and in bestowing gifts at Hindoo shrines; but finding no satisfaction in these services, he was induced by the example of some of his friends to search the Christian Scriptures, and finding there that peace, which the world can neither give nor take away, he applied for further instruction, and was received into the Christian Church. This happened at Ceylon, whither he had gone from this part of India, to which he has now returned with two other converts to Christianity, who with him form a congregation in the midst of the heathen, among whom, I trust they will let their light shine."

"In one or two instances," says Rev. W. Tracy of Madeira, "I have heard of books having been destroyed, but, with scarcely an exception, they are earnestly sought and highly prized. In one case a Chetty was in the habit of spending one or two hours every evening in reading the Scriptures and Tracts, and at last threw away his sacred cord, and openly declared himself a Christian, and for several months has been walking consistently with that profession. In another case a young man, who had received a portion of the Bible, became much interested in its contents. The book was accidentally destroyed, but he obtained a New Testament, and, in consequence of reading it, he professed openly his belief in the truth of Christianity, but a deep feeling of his own sinfulness; he expressed an earnest desire to cast in his lot with the people of God.

"Having watched for nearly twenty-five years the progress of the Mission work in this district, I can say with confidence that the prospects of Christ's cause were never more cheering here than at present."

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