

ous classes studying from text books, a normal class for leaders was conducted. The missionary enthusiasm of these young people cannot fail to carry contagion into the churches and young people's societies from which they were sent as delegates. There were many good things at this Conference which will bear fruit in the coming months.

Many of the missionaries in India, while regretting the great difficulties raised by sectarianism, have evinced a somewhat natural disposition to stifle the incipient movement towards an undenominational Indian Christian Church, fearing what it may mean. The 'Industrial Mission Herald' quotes a well known South Indian writer in pleading to be trusted with a free hand

in this matter: 'The Hindus, who are beginning to appreciate Christ and His teaching, are disgusted with the Sectarian Churches of the West, they all ask for undenominational form of worship. Even amongst Christians ritualism is disliked. Sectarian Christianity will never do for India nor the European Missionaries who are unable to understand the feelings of Indians. The salvation of this land must be worked out by her own children. My friends of the West, do not stand in our way. We understand our people better than yourselves; allow us to work in strengthening the cause of Christ in this land. Do not place any hindrances in our way for God's sake. It is the Missionary's fear that keeps native Christians away from participating with our efforts. Otherwise the National Church of India would have made considerable progress by this time.'

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