

must be aware how well many of our native converts speak English. It is quite a refreshing contrast to the style in which Anglo-Saxon is spoken in Europe by our French or German neighbours. While the departments of general knowledge are thus cultivated, especial study is given to the Bible and to the principles of Christianity; and much precious seed is being carefully and prayerfully sown, of which the fruits I doubt not, will be gathered in the future. From what I could learn of the present feelings of the natives towards Christianity, these are by no means so hostile as once they were, I do not answer for the statement, but on inquiring of some of the more intelligent Brahmin youths in the institution, they informed us that probably not one young Brahmin in ten was a decided enemy of the gospel; two-thirds were probably indifferent; and perhaps two or three in ten were believers in Bible truth, although afraid openly to avow it. I have no doubt that many leave our institutions impressed by the force of truth, but not prepared to make the great sacrifice which the profession of Christianity demands. I was interested to learn that while the missionaries at Poona are devoted to the Educational Institution, which is constantly rising in popularity and efficiency, they are resolved also to

cultivate the great mission field which the villages of the Deccan open before them. It is pleasing to know that very widely Christ is faithfully preached; multitudes listen with attention and interest.

The revival movement at Tinnevely still appears to continue, but there are not now the same physical manifestations. By last mail there arrived a number of missionaries, whom we gladly welcome to this Western Presidency—the Rev Mr McKie of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, Guzarat; and the Rev. J. and Mrs Robson, with the Rev W. and Mrs Martin, from the U.P. Church. Messrs Robson and Martin are remaining here for a short time to prepare for their lengthened land journey, and to consult with the Rev Dr Wilson regarding their mission. They are to give us on Friday, at our Union Prayer Meeting, an account of the remarkable revival of the gospel you have been witnessing in the West. They have both of them preached in the Free Church here with great acceptance; and if God be pleased to spare them—for which many prayers, I doubt not, will ascend at Bombay—they promise to be a valuable accession to the noble missionary staff devoting their energies, talents, and lives to the conversion of India.

FIRESIDE READING.

HYMN.

There is no friend like Jesus,
So gentle, kind, and true;
This Friend is always near us,
And sees whate'er we do;
Although he is so mighty,
The King of heaven above,
He calls us to his bosom,
And guards us with his love.

We'll try to follow Jesus.
His word we will obey,
We will be mild and gentle,
And pleasant in our play;
We'll do our little duties,
And love the Saviour best,
On earth we'll follow Jesus,
In heaven with him we'll rest

CLINGING.

Cling to the Mighty One,
Cling in thy grief:
Cling to the Holy One,
He gives relief.
Cling to the Gracious One,
Cling in thy pain:
Cling to the Faithful One,
He will sustain.

Cling to the Living One,
Cling in thy woe:
Cling to the Loving One,
Through all below:
Cling to the Pardonng One,
He speaketh peace:
Cling to the Healing One,
Anguish will cease.