

long down-trodden that it is hard sometimes to convince them that they have a right to expect anything better, and I sometimes feel as if it were cruel to tell them of their degraded condition, lest it make them more wretched than they already are, but if they are not made to feel their debased condition, how are we to inspire in them a desire for better things? A wife never thinks of eating at the same table with her husband, she looks upon herself as an inferior being and not fit to sit down to eat with him, so he is served first, and then the mother and children have what is left. Even the wives of some of our native preachers or helpers cannot be persuaded that it is right and proper that they should sit down to eat with their husbands, though I think all of them would like their wives to do so. Chinese husbands despise their wives, and yet are afraid of them, because if a man makes his wife very angry in any way she frequently destroys her own life, and then her friends come and claim all he has. There does not seem to be any love or affection, as we regard it, between husband and wife, or even between parent and child, but all seem to be governed by fear. It is very difficult to get hold of the women. Even if you go to their houses, they tell you they have no leisure, and it is quite true in many cases, for most of them have to work very hard, and have their families to provide for.

REV. J. FRASER CAMPBELL: *Mhow, India.*—Not a few, that is several, have applied for baptism, and others have given great hopes for a time, some of whom are, I trust, really under the Spirit's teaching, but that is all I can say in that direction. I have sowed seed over a wide district, it has been my privilege to scatter it where it was probably never before dropped, and doubtless it has not all been lost. This afternoon I had an interesting visit from two lads, who are to go up next week for the University Entrance Examination. One of them, who passed 2nd from all Malwa in a preparatory examination last year, has sometimes seemed really converted, though not yet. The two came to ask me to pray for their success in the examination. Of course, I talked to them about another examination.

PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES went to CEYLON about sixty-five years ago. There are now about thirty European and American missionaries in the island, ninety native ministers, and about thirty thousand native Christians. Six years ago there was but one Christian Church in JAPAN, and every Christian effort was frowned upon by the government at the dictation of the heathen priests; now there are thirty-six Christian churches and one hundred young men are studying for the ministry.

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## MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

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MARITIME PROVINCES, at New Glasgow, 31st May, at 7 p.m.

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