

If we wish to gauge the progress of Christianity in India, what statement can be more authoritative than that which comes spontaneously from the lips of non-Christian Hindus? More importance attaches to such an opinion than to any amount of figures compiled by any laborer engaged in the work. In *The Spectator* of Bangalore, in the Madras Presidency, we find a report of a monster meeting of the Hindus residing in the Cantonment and the Pattah, held on Saturday, November 10, at 4 p.m., in the new chuttram, near Annamma's Temple, Bangalore. The recent conversion of a Hindu girl, named Muthulutchamamah, to Christianity, was the occasion of the assembly. We quote this report, and comment is needless.

"There were over one thousand people present, and the meeting was held in true Oriental style. The speeches were delivered in Canarese, and the audience was accommodated with seats on carpets; Mr. C. Sooba Rao, retired Deputy Collector, Bellary, occupied the chair. The chairman, in a lengthy speech, referred to the conversion of Muthulutchamamah to Christianity, and submitted that it was against the tenets of the Shastras and the Vedas for Hindu parents to send their daughters to mission-schools, where they run the risk of being proselytized. He cited copiously from the Shastras, in Sanskrit, on the subject before the meeting, and explained his citation in Canarese. The Hindus, he observed, never sent their girls to school after they had attained the age of majority; and the Christian padres took advantage of their youth to infuse into them new ideas which were inimical to the Hindu religion. He appealed to his hearers to immediately start subscription lists for the purpose of establishing schools for the education of their girls, and to remove them at once from mission-schools. Mission-schools were mainly supported by the Hindu community, and considering *the incalculable injury the missionaries were doing to the cause of the Hindu religion*, he did not see why they should not have their own schools—the padres to look after themselves. The conversion of the girl was not the first of its kind, and in all such cases he invariably found that the influence of mission ladies was brought into requisition to effect the *work of destruction*. Mr. Advocate Narrian Rao said that the father of the girl Muthulutchamamah had told him that she was only fifteen years of age, and that it was by his allowing mission ladies to frequent his house that his daughter was now lost to him. Mr. Advocate Sooba Rao read the translation in Canarese of a letter bearing on the point at issue, written by the Rev. Mr. Picken, in the last issue of *The Harvest*, and proceeded to explain the same seriatim. Mr. Ramkrishna Iyer, of the Déwan's office, suggested that a large building near the Taluk Cutcherry should be purchased and utilized for a school. Mr. Pattana Iyer remarked that it was owing to their lethargy that the missionaries had so far succeeded in their work of conversion. It was eventually resolved that all Hindu children should be removed from mission-schools, and that subscriptions be collected for opening schools for Hindu girls in the several localities of Bangalore. The proceedings lasted exactly four hours."

A Bible reader in China lately overheard a Buddhist, who was a chief spokesman in a crowd of disputatious natives, say, "Well, it is plain that our religions are already declining; and this religion of the foreign devils is bound to conquer." The best and most sagacious