

These have no social importance, but are exceedingly useful as retail traders, laundrymen and domestics. Doubtless they are chiefly low-caste and Catholics in religion. In general the Hindoo element has shown itself very friendly towards the German efforts at colonization."

The *Journal des Missions Evangeliques*, speaking of the recent ordination of MM. Allégret and Teissières, for the Congo Mission, says:

"We are very well assured that this occasion will be found to have left in Christian hearts more than one refreshing remembrance, and we entreat God that He will himself call out into fruitful growth the germs of life and love which have been sown in these hearts by His word. In permitting our churches, and especially the Church of Paris, to set apart various missionaries at brief intervals, God, we believe, addresses to us all a serious appeal, demanding that we shall set ourselves apart. Active service, that is what He requires of us. May His appeal be listened to! And may many Christians, as a result of this evening of January 17, finally make to Him the complete surrender of their possessions, of their children, and above all, of their hearts!"

Herr Winter, of the Berlin Society, who has to undergo much weariness from the extremely unspiritual temper of the Caffres, expresses the comfort that he has in meeting with an exception in the person of a chief Kcholokoe. He says: "I become more and more attached to him the longer and better I know him. I cannot but wish that more Bassutos were like him. He is really a man in whom we cannot deny that there is found a habit of deep meditation upon things which lie beyond the sphere of every-day life. Let our conversation turn upon what it may, it is always interesting. I have often sat talking with him for hours together and have never felt myself weary. Had he not been a chief he would long since have been a Christian. Unhappily, he is very ill and has little hope of ever being better."

Herr van Eendenburg, of the *Nederlandsche Zendingsvereeniging*, gives as his judgment that the spread of Christianity in Java imperatively requires that those who are inclined to receive Christian instruction should be settled apart on newly-cleared lands. He declares that all attempts to bring over the old-established agricultural communities of Java have been a failure.

Herr de Haan, speaking of a man of good position on one of the Sunda Islands, who seems very friendly to the missionaries, says: "I entertained the hope that in him we should, for once, have an accession to a Sundanese congregation of a man of some mental development, of some influence upon those around him, and, which cannot be exactly a censurable desire, of a man of means." The gospel, though of a higher birth than worldly distinctions, yet, as the Book of Acts shows, by no means disdains these in their measure and time. They are subordinate, but by no means valueless.

Herr Berg, in the *Dansk Missions-Blad*, gives some interesting reflections in describing the ruins of an ancient temple in Southern India:

"I contemplated this splendid work of man with yet greater interest than when I saw it before; its greatness, both in extent and in the execution of the work, together with its venerable age, awakened my wonder, not so much in view of the great, well-formed masses of stone, as of the earlier life of the spirit, of which this temple is a magnificent, though material product. The high, pyramidal pagoda-towers might dispute rank with church-spires of no mean celebrity in their aspiring loftiness. The burdensomeness of the material shows, indeed, that the flight was heavy, but nevertheless it was directed upwards. As the towers bear witness to aspiration, so the whole temple bears witness to a persistent unity and spirit of self-sacrifice, for the rearing of it has taken long periods and swallowed up great sums of treasure. This fact testifies to an earnest endeavor to please their god, and to give to this endeavor a visible expression by raising temples as grand as possible. Above all, the whole of this great achievement of Hindoo devotion bears witness to the energy with which the truth-seeking element in their hearts has groped after the living God."