

woman, yet we together were not able to visit all the homes that invited us. The Bible woman was originally low caste, and she on that account would not be received in every house, but for a length of time I have been surprised at the warm welcome given to her by high caste people.

I find that prejudice against the Mission has decreased greatly. Mr. Wilkie's High School has done much to disarm suspicion. I have again and again met with persons in the city who spoke favourable of Christianity because of the knowledge they gained of it in the High School.

Notwithstanding the light that is being diffused, there is still a great deal of thick darkness, and the line upon line has to be given very often before they understand and remember. In my last report I referred to the oft-repeated statement, "Your religion is good for you, our religion is good for us." I must speak of it again here; as yet I find that I must often go back to the beginning and tell them there is but one God and one way of salvation; that we are all the children of our first parents Adam and Eve; that when man sinned he did not wish to obey God, but followed the evil desires of his own heart. Many made idols, and said these are our gods. When the people became numerous they had to spread and go to different countries, and that although the colour of our skin differs according to climate, yet we are all the descendants of Adam and Eve, and cannot divide ourselves up into castes. But they say God made caste, I say no, but that when man ceased to obey God one began to say to another I am superior to you, you cannot associate with me; that some were richer than others, and as they did not fear God, they gratified their pride, and thus people got divided into castes. Some at once say we believe that is true, others shake their heads and try to maintain that it was instituted by our Creator. I ask if their gods do not sin, quarrel and fight, the answer is in the affirmative. I then wish to know if it is likely that God who made man such a wonderful being, the world and all it contains, is a sinner. When they look at it in that way they think it highly improbable. I go on to tell them, that as they wish their children to love and obey them so God who is the Father of us all wants us to love and obey Him. That He has revealed His will to us in His own book, and His words are all consistent, that even now evidence is being exhumed which testifies to the truth of Christianity; many look interested and convinced, others still doubt.

More than once natives have spoken to me about the superior wisdom of the English, how they brought in the telegraph and the railroad, and were influencing the people of India, and that