

"In short, just as Hinduism and Mohammedanism are entering more largely into the field of religious instruction in the schools, Scottish missionaries would be withdrawing from it. So far as regards the welfare of the people of India, therefore, I should deprecate any relaxation of the educational efforts of the Missions of the Scottish Church."

Sir Charles E. Bernard, Chief Commissioner of Burmah and Home Secretary of the Indian Government, at the close of an able paper, says :

"In so far as the existing educational system leads men to reject Hinduism, it prepares the way for Christianity. But if no effort is made to teach Christianity, and if Christian schools and colleges were closed, atheism would be unchecked until some extension of Brahmoism or some new sect like the Brahmos arose. If Protestant colleges and schools were abolished or greatly diminished Roman Catholics would probably extend their educational work, and would occupy much of the ground vacated by Protestant missions."

Hon. George Edward Knox, formerly Sessions Judge, now Legal-Remembrancer, Northwest Provinces, says :

"I feel assured of this fact, that educational missions have, under God's blessing, conferred a boon upon India, and have been permitted by Him to be the means of bringing many souls to Christ. Of the extent of the boon, and of the number of souls, we shall not and cannot hope to have a complete record, at any rate until the day when we attain perfect knowledge. I have long entertained a belief that His Word is working secretly to an extent which we cannot perceive, and that the day is not far off when the number of those who are added to the Church will be as unexpected as was the draught of fishes after our Lord's resurrection. May we be prepared to meet it ! The practice of employing heathen teachers should, I say unhesitatingly, be abandoned."

Sir William W. Hunter, an unquestioned authority on all things pertaining to India, as preface to a most interesting paper, says :

"With reference to the welfare of the peoples of India, I should regard any withdrawal of the Scottish Missions from the work of education as disastrous. The weak point in our system of Indian public instruction is our inability to give any form of religious teaching in our state schools. We cannot teach Christianity, for the great proportion of the tax-payers are Hindus and Mohammedans. We cannot teach Hinduism or Islam, for we are a Christian Government. The result is an absence of religious teaching of any sort, which the natives of India deeply deplore."

Rev. J. Murdoch, LL.D., of the Christian Vernacular Education Society, says :

"It would be a great calamity if the higher education in India fell exclusively into the hands of Government, the Jesuits, and Hindus."

We cannot pursue this repertoire of very thoughtful expression of judgment and of most expert testimony. It is fair to say, however, that the whole question is not covered in the above extracts.

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But the troublesome kernel of this whole question still remains. Are these schools giving Christian education and reaching definite results in