

men on their feet as I said these words and they sat down as if they had been shot. They would rather sit and listen to me an hour and a half than have it appear that they did not understand English. You could not have pulled them out with a derrick.

I preached in Calcutta every night for eight weeks to congregations of educated, English-speaking natives, nine-tenths of them Brahmins. I have seen some Brahmins defying all precedent, braving all reproach, stand boldly on their feet in the presence of five hundred of their fellows, asking that the Christian God might have mercy upon them. I have some seventy cards in my possession signed by Brahmins, indicating their desire to be Christians, only they were not yet prepared to make their confessions openly. They say, "Be patient with us; we have insuperable difficulties to overcome." You and I do not know what it means to forsake father, and mother, and houses, and lands, and wives, and brothers, and sisters, and not only be hurled out of our own community, but cast into the very mud and mire of society, and to throw back upon those we love best all the reproach of our disgrace. That is what these converts to Christianity have to face. God help them and pity them!

WHEN a pump is frequently used, but little pains are necessary to obtain water; the water pours out at the first stroke, because it is high; but if the pump has not been used for a long time the water gets low, and when you want it you must pump a long while, and the water comes only after great efforts. It is so with prayer. If we are instant in prayer, every little circumstance awakens the disposition to pray, and desire and words are always ready. But if we neglect prayer it is difficult for us to pray.—*Selected.*

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