

break from this and become a Christian, he can't. He has a wife and family to care for, and no means of his own to do it with. While he lives with his father he must give in to the prejudices of those who rule in his father's home." Few Hindus have character enough to break from these influences and habits of generations, and the majority are helpless because they cannot be independent, having no means of support. This same gentleman made the very strong statement that a female convert was stronger than fifty male converts. He persisted in his statement, even when I showed him how exaggerated it appeared.

You will see from the above that it is with reason we make the appeal for more missionary ladies. Especially do we need more zenana ladies and teachers. We could place a dozen this year if the Church would send them. We are all much cheered at the addition we are to have to our numbers this fall, though it is puzzling to us how the women of our Church are so much more keen and ready to face the dangers of India than the men. You need not be at all surprised to hear soon that some of our lady missionaries have taken charge of stations by themselves. It has been done in other missions, and with the scarcity of men I see no other alternative.

The census returns show that not only is the Christian community above any other in the matter of education, but that in female education the rest of the people are comparatively nowhere. Further, it is all humbug about the Christian growth in India not keeping up with the increase in population. We are growing more than twice as fast as the population. The Lord has not retired from India by any means; we are expecting great things from His grace, and they may be here any day. Will you join us in very special prayer for an outpouring of grace on the native Christians, that they may be equal to the coming demands?

We had a very interesting baptism of a young Brahmin the other day, whose story I will probably give you some day.