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THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

DIARY OF A NATIVE BIBLE TEACHER IN BOMBAY.

May 31. - In one of the houses my pupil's husband was at home, a very respectable and nice gentleman. He said, "I am glad you came to teach my wife." I replied, "I have no time for secular teaching, but give her Bible instruction." He said that he always reads the Bible and does not worship idols, although they are in the house. He believes there is one God and respects Christ. I said, "Respecting only will not save you. Believe on Him as a divine being, and believe that He has made atonement for sinners. We cannot go to God, and our sins will never be forgiven, unless we trust in Christ."

I said, "I can tell you by experience that there is no happiness in this world until our sins are forgiven." He looked very grave and said that the thought often struck him that God would never forgive sins unless somebody bore the punishment of them. Jesus Christ suffered the punishment for us; so He must be the Mediator, and so on. He seemed in earnest.

June 4. - Went to a house where I have a very nice pupil; her daughter and educated son-in-law were there. The first question he put to me was, "Are you a Christian?" I replied, "I am glad I look so, and those who are not Christians know at once that I am one." Then he began to discuss with me. At first I thought he was in earnest, but very soon I found he was a great humbug. I told him I did not care to discuss with him, as he was not a humble inquirer. He asked me how I knew it. I said, "By your talk." He said that he was in earnest and that he wanted to see God. I said, "You can never see God unless you know you are a sinner and feel the need of forgiveness. When you will see your sins you will be humble and cry for mercy to God, I've no doubt."

June 12. - In one house I found a lady lying on a couch, crying. I went near and asked why she wept. She said she would tell me because she considered me like a sister. The night before her brother came home drunk, pulled her hair, and beat her. She cried bitterly and said she had spent her strength and money on her brother and their children, and that they were very ungrateful.

She said she would be polluted like me by becoming a Christian, and then give all her money to a mission, and before her death she would be sure her money would be used in a good work. Although she had expressed herself as being sure that Christians were the best sort of people yet she called them polluted. I explained to her the meaning of Christian and polluted; comforted and spoke to her a long time about religion. She seemed pleased to hear me, and said, "Ah, Lord, I thank Thee because Thou hast sent an angel to me in the time of trouble." She was comforted when I left her.

June 14. - Visited an interesting house. The woman looked rather restless that day. I asked what the trouble was. She answered that she liked to hear and learn the Bible, but as she was a widow the people abused and persecuted her because she let me go to her house. The poor woman was crying, and said, "Please do not come here, I shall go to my sister-in-law's to hear you." I realize more and more every day in what a sad condition the Hindu women are.

June 22. - Visited four widows; all were very attentive. One, who is very anxious, told me she liked my teaching, but she could not understand. "How could she know that her sins were forgiven?"

I said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." She said she would believe on Jesus willingly and that he would forgive her, but how was she to know that she was forgiven? I told her my experience and how I know that my sins are entirely forgiven. She listened thoughtfully, and said, "This really is a mystery, but I shall understand when my sins are forgiven."

June 24. - Visited a house where I used to teach two years ago. They asked me to go and teach them English. I said, "I do not go to teach anywhere." They asked what I did the whole day. I said, "I give Bible instruction to the women who are willing to hear it." They inquired if I had many houses where the women learned the Bible only. I replied, "Yes, many." They laughed loudly, and said, "We never thought that there were any such stupid women to love your Bible! Ah! the world is getting mad with these mission workers. We do not know what we will have next. We never will be so foolish. We hear the Bible because the lady who comes here teaches us some other things. If we do not listen to it she will not come to the house."

June 27. - Had a nice time in the schools. The boys and girls listen so attentively and remember what I teach them. It does one's heart good to see their dear bright faces, anxious to hear every word and ready to answer.

June 28. - Visited seven houses. In one of them an educated young man (Mohammedan) began to talk to me in a very respectable way. I have often had talks with him. He said "I read in a newspaper that if any one converts a man he gets a present of \$1,200." He asked me whether it was true.

I said, "No, no; you are greatly mistaken. Last year a certain missionary baptized thirty or forty persons, but he did not get a cent." He was astonished, but believed me. He asked, "Are you really saved?" "Yes." "Why did Jesus save you?" "Because I was a sinner and had broken His commandments and was fit for hell. When I realized this I went to Him, believed on Him, and was saved." He said that he honoured Jesus and believed Him to be one of the saviours. I said, "There are not many, only one, and He is Jesus Christ." Then he said that he would tell the truth; he had never committed a sin in his life, and was very proud of himself. I said, "Well, Jesus will not save you." He said, "What kind of people does Jesus want?" I replied, "Wicked and sinners." Then he said two ladies used to visit his house, but when he began to ask them questions they used to get vexed, and at last they left the house entirely. Now another lady went there, but she would be sure to leave the house soon. But he had tried often to get me vexed, but he found me always calm, and said, "You are a wonderful creature born into this world."

I said, "No wonder the ladies left your house when they saw such an educated, respectable gentleman so obstinate, and trying to tease them like a child." All the ladies who were listening were greatly amused and began to laugh. I said, "Now we will not talk about this any more."

The last three months passed very encouragingly. The Bible was taught in the houses and schools, the sick visited, sorrowing ones comforted. The Lord was with me all the time and gave me strength to preach to the poor souls. I could realize His presence, and so had happy times. - *Gospel in All Lands.*

IS IT AN ANSWER TO PRAYER?

All branches of the Church have been taken more or less by surprise by the uprising of a very large number of Christian young men and women, mostly students, who have volunteered under a partial pledge to give themselves to the work of Foreign Missions. This striking movement has been explained by one and another on such theories as seem to each most plausible, the theories, however, differing widely from each other. Whether it was an impulse borrowed from a similar movement in the Universities of Great Britain, whether it was mainly due to the great influence of that earnest and devoted man, Dwight L. Moody, of Northfield, or whether it was a response to the stirring appeals of young men sent out from Princeton to labour in the colleges and seminaries, are questions which have been discussed but never settled.

In sympathy with the volunteer movement, there has appeared a general enkindling of the spirit of missions in colleges, and where, but a few years ago, the merest trifle was contributed for the cause of Foreign Missions by students, large sums are now annually raised.

Coupled with this movement, a new departure on the part of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the country. There is a widening of their plans. They are looking across the sea and asking themselves, "Why may not the globe be belted with similar organizations, embracing the young converts on the mission fields, training them and organizing them for work among their countrymen?" With this great end in view, Rev. Mr. Wishard has been sent abroad for a labour of two or three years along these lines. He has thus far met with marked success, not only in organizing associations but in quickening the spirit of the young men, especially of Japan.

May we not also regard the rapid and remarkable development of the work of Christian Endeavour Societies in the churches as a part of this general movement and as due largely to the same causes? The young of both sexes who are soon to assume the great work of the world's evangelization are quickened in zeal throughout this country and in other Christian lands.

What are the causes of this general movement among the young? Has the Church any right to look with surprise as-if something strange had happened, something not to be accounted for on ordinary Christian principles? We dare not speak positively, but there are some things which are worthy of notice by way of suggestion.

Twenty or twenty-five years ago the Christian women of the churches of this country as well as of Great Britain were moved by the Spirit of God to undertake the work of enlightening and reclaiming the benighted women of heathen lands. It was one of the