

ized in December in that very church. Another baptism of a Brahman student in Noble college is reported, accompanied by the same distressing opposition and hostile devices that marked the early baptism 50 years ago, and often since, but not accompanied, as in former days, by the emptying of the college, for Christian ex-Brahmins are not now uncommon, and when an Indian church council in 1905 appoints as pastor of the Lucknow Christian congregation an ex-Brahman clergyman who first learned of Christ in the Lucknow C. M. S. high school, few realize the immense significance of the act.

The Mohammedans of India are asking that if representation in the Councils of the Empire is to be given to the native, that it be on the basis of creed and not of numbers. The reason for this request is, of course, easy to see, as the Hindus in India outnumber the Mohammedans three to one. If the request were granted it would no doubt mean greatly restricted liberty in all forms of Christian work in India. But whether the request is acceded to or not the time is ripe for greatly increased activity and earnestness in Mission work among the Moslem peoples. The Mohammedan revival makes it more imperative that something be done at once in the Sudan, for instance.

A Child's Seriousness.

What we oftenest run athwart in the child, and daily offend, is his seriousness. I should not be astonished if this remark surprises more than one reader, for there is, alas! an impervious wall between the state of mind of most adults and that of a child. We do not take the child seriously. It is assumed that what concerns him is insignificant, that it is limited to certain unimportant events, things in miniature, which take place down where he is, far from those heights where the only things of consequence happen. 'That is childish, a bagatelle, a mere nothing,' we continually say.

O shortsighted creatures that we are, dull of sense and narrow of vision! How with our heavy tread do we crush the gracious blossoms of that garden of God called the heart of a child! We take ourselves seriously, our affairs are the affairs of moment, the child's are mere puerilities and play. But we deceive ourselves. No one is more serious than the child. Not the merchant over his accounts, the judge pronouncing sentence, the sage in meditation, or the faithful at prayer, is more serious than he. We might even make a saying: Serious as a child.

Listen to this story: It is an old man's tale, but in the depths of his heart he still felt his childish wounds.

I had committed one of those faults so natural to children and so little malicious in intent, however grave. In the presence of the family and some friends I had been dealt with firmly, as the offense merited, and in the face of my fault, acknowledged and bitterly regretted, I had burst into sobs. Then I was sent away. As I closed the door, still overwhelmed by what had happened, I heard behind me a great burst of laughter. Then I fled and hid in the farthest corner of the house, and wept my little heart out, that laugh had made me suffer so. From that day

I lost the naive confidence it is so well to keep as long as we may; and over and over again I asked myself the question, "Are big people, then, not serious?"

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