

the barriers in the outer world, once it has a chance to operate on an extensive scale.

Here, however, comes in the difficulty of our slowness vigorously to press forward with evangelism, and the expanding and upbuilding process which inevitably must follow it. The spirit of Christ is the only true basis for a sound internationalism and the only guarantee for a right and enduring world peace. Wherever the gospel has been diligently proclaimed there its effects are manifest. Through preaching, through the influence of primary schools, high schools, colleges, and professional institutions, through the translation and widespread circulation of the scriptures and an increasing Christian literature, and through the influence of a multitude of earnest "living epistles" a deep impression has been made and is being made on multitudes. In localities where this has occurred community living is on a higher plane, the impact of Christ on the home, the business man, the teacher, the lawyer, the physician and the journalist is more in evidence, and the relations between the various castes, races and creeds are decidedly better. What has been done is an earnest of what may be done, and constitutes a call to enlarged service and a guarantee of success. The times are clamant for the vigorous pressing on of the conflict of light against darkness till the darkness shall be overcome.—Rev. W. L. Ferguson, D.D., in "The Missionary Review of the World."

THE INFLUENCE OF THE BIBLE

A missionary received a petition from a district in India in which there were no Christians. It was a request to take under his charge a school which had been established a year before. It was signed by the leading men, not one of whom was a Christian. The petition actually

asked to have the Bible introduced as a text book in every class every day. He was much surprised at this request, and he summoned a meeting of those interested and told them plainly that if this school was placed under his charge it would be his endeavor to present the highest ~~that~~ man could conceive of to all the pupils, and he asked whether with this understanding they still wished him to undertake the school. The head master, a Brahman, was the first to speak. He had been educated in a mission school, and said that there he had learned to reverence the Bible. He knew by experience what the Bible did for a man, though he had not become a Christian; he was anxious that his pupils should be brought up under its teaching. Then a native judge spoke, a high-caste gentleman and well educated. His words were remarkable: "I was not educated in a mission school, but I have many friends who were and who studied the Bible daily. I have witnessed the effect upon their lives. I have read the Bible privately a great deal. I know the pure and beautiful morality it inculcates. Nothing in our Vedas can compare with it. Let your sons study the Bible; they need not become Christians. But if you want your sons to become upright and noble men, put this school under the missionary and have the Bible taught in it daily. I have but one son, and on him all my hopes are centered. I am able to send him where I will for his education, but I want him to be a noble, honest man. I have sent him to the Madras Christian College, and there he studies the Bible with the missionary every day.

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During the absence of our President, Mrs. Matthews, in Europe, the Vice President, Mrs. J. G. Brown, presided.