

experience in the work in Germany. The audience was deeply impressed. In the provinces he had very crowded meetings, and it is chiefly owing to his energy that different local associations have been started for vigilance and rescue work in connection with the Evangelization Society. The Doctor won even the most cautious people. His language is simple and direct, and he has the power of arresting attention and holding his audience spell-bound from the first word to the last. We thank God for him and for the results which have attended his work."

India.—**Times of Refreshing.** During the Daselra Festival among the Hindus, when the deeds of "gods which are no gods" are rehearsed all over the Northwest Provinces and Oudh, the missionaries are unable to do much in the way of aggressive Christian work. For some years past, therefore, missionaries of all denominations in the region have assembled at this period of the year for spiritual refreshment and prayer to God for increased power for service. The meetings have always been held at Lucknow, which, being a central point, has also the advantage of a large and influential European and native Christian Church, the members of which, with the visitors, are accordingly brought under the influences of this "Christian Daselra."

The session this year extended from October 10th to 14th, and the proceedings were reported at length in *The Bombay Guardian* of October 20. At one of the meetings, Rev. Dr. Johnson, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, alluded to the fact that there are at present some thousands of Hindus all over the country who are intellectually convinced of the truth. Having, however, to face casting out from home in the event of their confessing Christ, they hesitate to give proof of their faith. Missionaries are being asked how they would provide for such converts if they should become Christians? In answer, he pointed out that Christ had the same difficulty to face. It will be remembered, moreover, that He had nothing to give His converts, and though He told them that "He had not where to lay his head," thousands followed Him. Dr. Johnson maintained that the problem will be solved by the power of Christ resting upon every Christian worker in India, then thousands of the people will be found willing to give up all for Him.

In an exhaustive address on "The Fullness of the Spirit," Rev. J. N. Forman said: Every Christian, weak or strong, has the Holy Spirit. That is the one great difference between a moral Mohammedan or Hindu and a Christian; one has, and the other has not, the Holy Spirit. But the command is, "Be filled with the Spirit." This fullness of the Spirit is wanted for active service. It gives wisdom, holiness, courage, and power. The knowledge of God is by the Holy Ghost. "They that know the Lord shall do exploits."

Dr. McCoy, of *The Indian Witness*, spoke on "Walking with God." This is not a temporary

experience, by fits and starts, but the current of the life. There are some people who, in momentary ecstasies, seem to go into the third heaven, but the current of their life is earthly, sensual, devilish. Walking with God is the source of power. Many speakers followed on the same subject, most of them dwelling upon the necessity of a childlike trustfulness.

Rev. W. H. Hollister spoke on the admonition, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another." Man's way of saying things is, "Confess one another's faults, and pray for yourself," but God's command was to confess one's own faults and pray for others. Many others spoke briefly, and amongst them a clergyman, who thanked God that he had been present, and asked the prayers of every one, as he intended, by God's grace, to go home and confess his bad temper to his heathen native servants.

In the course of a powerful address, Rev. F. W. Warne pointed out that the way to get at the Rajah is to convert the coolie, when the Rajah is in spiritual want, he will seek for the spiritual peace he has seen in the coolie. The early Church was built upon this principle. The first that were converted were slaves and people of the lower classes, in greater and greater multitudes, until the whole of society was permeated. The Reformation started on this same basis and every revival since. God is always getting His choicest workers out of the most unexpected places. He chooses the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty.

At the several meetings many signified their desire for abounding spiritual life, and not a few persons confessed Christ for the first time. Among the latter was a Jew, and among the former a lady reputed to belong to the Roman Catholic communion. Many natives also testified their faith, and among the children there were some who stood up and blessed the name of Jesus.—*The Christian*, London.

—Sir William Hunter predicts that the aborigines living in India will, within fifty years, be absorbed into either Mohammedanism and Hinduism or Christianity. Looking at the rate at which the Santals, Kols, Bhils and other aborigines are becoming either Christians or Mohammedans or Hindus, I would readily accept Sir William's prediction. But I would venture to predict that of these people the greatest number will be the Christians, a lesser number would be Mohammedans, and the least number Hindus. Hinduism is not a proselytizing religion, while the other two religions are. Already it is seen that there are more thorough Christians among these aboriginal races than Mohammedans, and more Mohammedans than Hindus. This curious fact was recently discovered, that Mohammedans were increasing in India at a rate faster than that at which the population increased.—*Indian Spectator*.

The Dialects of India.—More than 150 languages and dialects are current in India and in British Burmah, with their 256,000,000 of people