

Trichur
South India
Dec. 23rd 1895.

Dear Sir,

It is some time since I thought of writing to you on a subject in which I have every reason to believe you take a deep interest. But being a stranger I must at the outset introduce myself to you. I am an Indian Christian an Assistant Master of the C.M.S. High School at Trichur. This latter is a town in the Cochin State in South India. The C.M.S. has a station here which has been in existence for more than fifty years. Trichur is the largest town in the State and one of the centres of Brahmanic bigotry and superstition in South India. Western Education

and culture has not penetrated these parts as thoroughly as the British territories. (Cochin is a native State under the Madras Presidency) Caste reigns supreme in these regions of moral and spiritual darkness. High Caste Hindus present the greatest opposition to Christian work in any form. The F. M. S. High School which was started here about seven years ago has proved to be the most powerful means of reaching High Caste Hindus. Western Culture has given a rude shock to the religion of the Brahmanas but the results have not always been favourable to the spread of the Gospel. Our graduates who are mostly the products of "godless colleges" have very unsettled views

on the subject of religion. Many
of them have lost their faith in
the religion of their fathers but have
not got anything better in its
place. Not a few have embraced
various forms of unbelief and
have become disciples of Spencer,
Huxley, Bain and others. Some
have taken refuge in philosophic
Hinduism especially Vedantism.
As a result of Missionary Education
there are of course many sincere
inquiries after truth. Christ has
secret disciples scattered through
the whole of India. Most of
his Educated Hindus content
themselves with admiring Christ
simply as a moral Reformer
without admitting his Divinity.
Now a few words as they ob-
ject in writing to you.

Though a teacher at present I
desire to do evangelistic work among
Educated Guides if the Lord is
pleased to open the way for me.
But whatever be the work I am
engaged in I desire to bring
the claims of Christ before
my Educated Countrymen.
Among the latter there is a
wide-spread belief that faith
in any religion involving the
supernatural is in this scientific
19th Century incompatible with
high intellectual culture that
Christianity is fast losing its
hold on the Scholars and
thinkers of Europe and America
and so forth. One way in which
I can dispel this erroneous delusion
and bring Christ before Educated
Guides is by inducing them

Mr. T. D. Gerge, B. A. was Head
Master of the C. M. S. Middle School
for 3 years and in 1891, after tak-
ing his degree became the teacher
of the 4th Form of the High School.
Of his high Christian character
and conscientious discharge of his
duties I cannot speak too highly.
In voluntary work I have found
him ever with the firmest ready
to apply his power to preaching
in the Congregation taking a class
in the Sunday School and an act-
ive part in the Y. M. C. A. as
well as in all good work in
the place. He has also rendered us
valuable service in the Church
Committee.

Trichur } F. Bowen
May, 1, 1895 } Missionary C. M. S.

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Letter
from Lulu
McPhee
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to read good books on Christian
Evidences written by men eminent
in the various departments of
Knowledge — Science, philosophy,
literature, politics &c. As I have
got very few such books with me
at present I appeal to you for
help in this direction. It was only
yesterday that a high Caste
Hindu Graduate said that it
would be interesting if ^{men} ~~men~~ of science
write Commentaries on the Bible.
It was in connection with Genesis
that he made this remark.
I mentioned your name and told
him that though not a com-
mentator you have written books
elucidating Scriptural subjects.
"The meeting place of Geology and
History" & "Egypt and Syria: their
physical features in relation

to Scripture history" are I think
of special value in this connection.
No doubt you know many more
books that would answer the
purposes mentioned above. I have
a twofold object to gain. The first
is to be able to put into the
hands of educated Hindus good
books on the evidences of Reve-
lation and Christianity. The
other is to show them by means
of religious works written by
great men that intellectual e-
minence is not the monopoly
of unbelievers and that the pro-
gress of the Sciences has not as
they fondly imagine driven be-
fore it all faith in the Super-
natural. All that I have to
say in justification of this my
request is that my motives

of self interest have urged me
to solicit your help and that
I sincerely desire to do all in
my power to bring my educated
Countrymen to Christ. In con-
clusion I assure you that the
books you may send me
will, under God's blessing, be most
faithfully made use of.
Trusting you will kindly
help me in the matter,

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
W. George

P. S.

I herewith send you a
copy of the testimonial which
the Rev. F. Bower (our former
Missionary now in England

on furlough) has given me. I do
this simply to remove any doubt
that might arise in your mind
as to the truth of the representa-
tions contained in my letter.
Mr. Bower's address is given
below.

Resolute Vicarage,
Marlborough
Wilts.

I am known to Mr. David Mc
Caughey M.A. the General
Secretary of the Madras Y.M.
C.A. now in America.

J.D.G.

