

keep them more contented, although they stop the machinery of some of the rival industries of Great Britain. The British rule is one of comprehension, taking in all languages, religions, peoples. While it has abolished widow-burning and abated infanticide, it has been tolerant of the prescribed religious ceremonies of its subjects.

While tolerant of the religions of her conquered subjects, and naturally jealous of anything which might arouse and lead to an outbreak, the Indian Government, in a recent official report, used the following language respecting missionaries, which is to be commended to those who denounce missionary work as a failure: "The gain in converts is only a small part of the beneficial results of missionary effort. No mere statistical statement can give a correct idea of all that the missionaries have accomplished. The moral value of what they preach is acknowledged by hundreds who do not join them. Their doctrinal system has given the people new ideas, not only as purely religious questions, but upon the existence and nature of evil, the obligatory character of the law, and the motives which should

direct and govern human life. The Indian Government cannot avoid expressing how much its owes to the benevolent exertions of those 600 missionaries whose blameless lives and self-denying labours have inspired with a new vital force the great communities living under British rule."

The Bible is printed in 130 languages and dialects spoken in India and the British Colonies. Laws passed in the British Parliament are operative in the most of India and in much of Africa today. The advance of the British flag means religious toleration on the one hand and the protection of the missionary on the other. In the evangelization of Eastern Asia we may rejoice in the fact that England dominates the Pacific. I am deeply impressed with the growing greatness of the British Empire in this ocean which God has set alike for a boundary and a bond between the nations. The British flag floats over nearly all of the once Cannibal Islands of the Pacific, and English-speaking missionaries from Great Britain and America have made travel safe upon the high seas, and driven cannibalism from the Pacific Ocean.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

THROUGH THE NEW YEAR.

Through the new year whose gates we
enter now,
Be near me, Son of God;
Teach me in lowliness to walk, where Thou,
Going before, hast trod.
If my poor heart grow faint, and fear be nigh,
And hope depart from me,
Dear heart of Jesus, bear me up, till I
Shall gain new strength from Thee.

Worn in the travail of the past sad years,
Sorely my soul was tried:
Yet when my grief found no relief in tears,
Thou, Christ, wast at my side,

Folding me in Thy breast, as a tired child,
Thou soothedst me in my need;
O blessed Saviour, merciful and mild,
I was Thy child, indeed.

New faith, new hope, new strength, for the
New Year—
New service in Thy name;
Where'er my duty leadeth far or near,
I go with lofty aim.
Yet in humility, and striving still,
Like my Lord sacrificed,
Only to do my Heavenly Father's will,
Toward Thee, through Thee, dear Christ.