

## Mission Field.

[From our English Correspondent.]

The Lahore Arya Somaj held its 17th anniversary on Nov. 24th and 25th. Their meetings were largely attended by members from town and country, and addresses were given in praise of the Vedas. The Aryas proclaim that Hinduism, as teaching the eternity of matter is more in accordance with scientific ideas than the sacred books of Mohammedans or Christians. There is, however, a momentous division amongst the followers of Dayarard on the question of animal food. The Arya Patrika of Nov. 30th announces the want of a missionary for the propagation of the Vedic religion in the central provinces and Berar. He is required to be versed in Sanskrit and other religious literature. In the Arya Patrika of December 21st, the doctrine of the transmigrating of souls is maintained, and the belief in miracles and special providences is attacked. 'One Dayarard,' it is said, 'is sufficient to psychologize the whole world.'

A new journal *The Philanthropist* has been commenced at Ludhiana in the Punjab, in the interests of 'progressive Mohammedanism,' the modernized Islam, which has had for its advocates Mr. Quillion in Liverpool, and Mr. A. Russell Webb in America. Mr. David Snow, another European convert to Islam, is mentioned in connection with it. He is described as the 'Founder and pastor of the church of Islam, Bombay. The *Philanthropist* advocates Zoltic theories of astronomy, substituting 'planetary vortices' for globular revolutions and attractions. It anticipates a grand reconciliation between Hindus and Mohammedans; the latter abandoning their bigotry, backwardness, apathy and procrastination, and becoming the professors of a 'democratic, cosmopolitan and humanitarian' religion, and 'seeing in Islam a progressive and civilized faith.' The progressive 'church of Islam' has a branch in Lahore, and claims to be gaining English converts. The number in Liverpool is stated to be 120; 14 in Paris and the neighborhood; and about 19 in New York and Brooklyn; in Germany 4; Spain 20; in Adelaide, Australia, 5.

### SOUTH INDIA.

The report of the 'English Church of Islam,' established at Secunderabad, Deccan, in 1891, by Mr. Harold Urban Snow, contains the following declaration: 'We advocate separation from other communities and the formation of a new community with religious and social principles based on the Pentateuch of Moses, the evangel of Jesus, the Koran of Ahmed, and the gens of other Scriptures. The national development of true religion is to be attained only by the frequent formation of such communities, who segregate from those who have deteriorated from original precepts. Hence our object is in being good and true Moslems to be primitive Moslems (and this is all

religionists originally were) and hence also true Christians and true Vedantists and true Zendists by following Mohammed, the greatest of all Unitarians, and soldiers of the true cross of afflictions, 'the Jihad,' and the self-annihilation of Buddha. The list of principles and duties advocated or enjoined is illustrated by copious references to the Old and New Testament, especially the Gospels. There is a section called the 'Eurasian Nazarene Mohammedans,' who are strict vegetarians in food, and in political union with the National congress.

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