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"Allelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." A fact declared in the sacred oracles, though largely discredited by the busy, sinning, spiritually-unobserving world, but, in the constant development of events, (as they operate to the secular advantage or disadvantage of individuals, whether occupying high or low positions among men; or result in the elevation, decline or fall of nationalities,—) to the pious believer and worker, the progress of those events but indicate the march of God, as he advances,—steadily, persistently advances, in the vindication of his honor, in the assertion of his sovereign right, in the avenging of his own elect, and in the taking vengeance upon his enemies, until the promised time arrives when He, whose right it is "shall, take the kingdom and possess it forever, even forever and ever." From year to year, there is much to animate to faith and hope, and also much to stimulate to zeal and earnest effort, all who, in this world, are ranged on the Lord's side, working and fighting in reference to the better day promised of God as yet to come; and the year last past is no exception to the rule. That, against which all Christian work is opposed, is, (1st) The world at large—the world lying in wickedness; (2nd) Heathenism, including every false system, in which Christ cannot be found; (3rd) Romanism, by whatever name distinguished, as representative of priestly performances and ceremonial mummary, impiously substituted for the preaching of the Cross. Against each and all of these is evangelistic effort righteously, and only right when earnestly directed; and the result, so far, proves that, "greater is He who is with us than all that are against us—" that there is more vitality, and consequently greater aggressive power in our holy Christianity, than in any opposing system; and hence, experience supplements the Scripture testimony, and adds force to the Divine declaration, that "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end"—that He shall have the "heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

The teeming millions of India's pagan population, are far less sensitive than formerly concerning Christian effort; while, with less official restriction, evangelical missionaries and operations are multiplying continually. Lord Lawrence, after a 40 years'

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