

ity the signs of the times, and are availing themselves of every favourable opportunity to scatter the bread of life amongst the perishing multitude. These opportunities are becoming increasingly numerous; and, although the devoted men employed in this work are strongly opposed by the intolerant emissaries of Antichrist, the three pious and active labourers who are now in the field are, by printing and circulating the Sacred Scriptures, by public ministrations and private conversation, endeavouring to direct the attention of the poor infatuated Spaniards to those things which belong to their present and everlasting peace.

MALTA.

Although the beneficial influence which this Mission exercises, owing to the nature of the work and the character of the people of the island, is not seen to any very great extent, yet Malta continues to be an interesting and an important station, and is instrumental in sending forth the light of evangelical truth upon the surrounding countries.

INDIA.

To the vast and thickly-populated regions of India the attention of the Society is ever turned with deep anxiety and increasing solicitude. The solemn reflection that nearly two hundred millions of Pagans are placed, directly or indirectly, under the control of our Government and are accessible to our Missionaries—that, amongst this immense mass of human beings, Superstition sways her iron sceptre and exercises her utmost cruelty—is awakening a deeper sympathy in their behalf, and calling forth additional labourers into this important section of our Mission Field; and, while the Committee labour under a painful sense of the inadequacy of their means to send out a sufficient number of Missionaries to meet the pressing necessities of the people, they are encouraged by the delightful fact that *native labourers*, who have been instructed in their Schools and converted by the instrumentality of their Agents, are rising up and bearing a part in the great work of rescuing India from error's deadly chain. During the past year a man of the highest Brahmin caste has embraced Christianity; and it is hoped he will be made a great blessing to his countrymen. The general success of our Missions in Continental India and Ceylon, surrounded as they are by a people besotted by idolatry, devil-worship, and atheism, has been very considerable;—the foundations of false systems are being destroyed, and the superstructures of error are seen falling to the ground; but there are hundreds of millions yet dead in trespasses and in sins, living without hope and without God in the world,—and our rejoicing over what has been done is mingled with a painful sense of

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