

they will reverse the above proportions, and will spend their treasures and themselves for the service of their Master. Then the work of the Lord will no longer languish. These will be a nation of missionaries laboring for the evangelization of the world. Oh, let us pray that the time may soon come when all Israel shall be saved!"—*L'Eclaireur*.

INDIA.

—"In a meeting at Madras of the Hindu Reform Union, for the improvement of public morals, a resolution was lately passed to endeavor to bring it about that *no Hindu living in open concubinage* shall be entrusted with responsible offices. When we consider how little Hinduism concerns itself with morals, especially of the men, this resolution, spontaneous with the natives themselves, appears significant and hopeful. This Union publishes a periodical, the *Indian Social Reformer*, which energetically strives against the ethical defects of Hindu society. The natives also publish in Madras an English periodical, the *Eastern Star*, which never wearies of attacking the unchastity which is publicly tolerated by the State, as well as drunkenness and the opium trade."—*Ibid*.

—Mr. SCHAD, of the Danish Mission in South India, writing in the *Missions-Blad*, remarks that once, he is told, there were a great many English officials in India who were actively Christian, and warm friends of missions. Now, however, he remarks, they are hard to find. Doubtless the large growth of atheism at home, under its new name of agnosticism, has much to do with this. These men, Mr. Schad observes, are often not merely indifferent to missions, but actively hostile—indeed, sometimes vulgarly scoffing. He has been asked by one of these gentlemen how many pence he gave his catechists for every Hindu convert they brought in. The influence

of such men is the worse, that they are very jealous in maintaining their claim to the name of Christians, and are very boastful of England's eminence as a Christian nation, not unfrequently also taking part in Christian ceremonies.

Should God give England another such admonition as in 1857, it will doubtless be a yet more terrible one.

Mr. Schad calls attention to the fact that there is an European heathenism in India. There are white men who help to maintain idol worship and even take part in it. "He that is not with Me is against Me."

—"Officially, as we think most rightly, no officer of Government can directly work for the conversion of the Indian people to the faith of Christ. But in 1866 Sir Henry Sumner Maine could say in the Viceroy's Council, Calcutta, 'We will not force any man to be a Christian; we will not even tempt any man to be a Christian; but if he chooses to become a Christian we shall protect him.'—Rev. P. IRELAND JONES, in *C. M. Intelligencer*.

—"The long hopeless degradation of the pariahs, or outcasts, who in Madras Presidency amount to five millions—thirteen per cent of the population—appears to have reached its term, so far as Government action can relieve it. This intervention has been procured by the efforts of the missionaries and other friends of the pariahs, aided at last by a considerable number even of the Brahmins. The terms of the law, promulgated in 1892, are as follows:

"1. Any untitled and untaxed land having no owner may be assigned to pariahs for cultivation.

"2. The magistrates shall require the landlords to cede to the pariahs, gratuitously, or at the cost of the Government, all lands which they cannot cultivate themselves.

"3. All pledging of pariah children for debt is henceforth forbidden. The