

## I N D I A .

Passing by Turkey and the Mediterranean, where the Society's operations are being carried on with vigor and success, we make a short extract from India. To this part of the world the attention of your committee has naturally been turned with painful interest. It is not necessary to repeat the tale of disasters at which civilized nations stood aghast. The losses of our fellow-countrymen are known to all, and your committee hastened to do their share in meeting the calamity. Books and Tracts were supplied to the soldiers embarking for the scene of blood, for which your committee received the cordial thanks of the Secretary of War. Large supplies of Tracts were despatched to Calcutta for distribution among the troops when they should arrive. Books, to the extent of hundreds of pounds, were gratuitously sent to replace those destroyed by the mutineers. An appeal was made for special assistance towards these extra efforts, which has been generously responded to ; especially when the increased contributions to Missionary Societies are considered. While the English have received immediate attention, the work for the natives continues to be pursued. Whatever the crimes of the Sepoy army, the people have been quiet. The more those crimes have revealed of the cruel nature of their superstitions, the more claim have the Hindoos to christian pity and exertion. The friends at Agra and Calcutta have therefore been urged to proceed vigorously in the publication of vernacular tracts. Large supplies of paper have been despatched for such pecuniary help as may be required. In the midst of all the agitation your committee rejoice to think that "the Dairyman's Daughter," "The Missionary at the Ganges," "Extracts from the Upedeshall," "Baxter's Guide to Heaven," and a new and improved edition of "Barth's Bible Stories," have issued from the Calcutta press in Bengali. The evidence of the effects produced on the native mind by tract distribution, increases from every part of the British Dominions in India. A Baboo who is an enemy to the gospel, remarked to a Missionary, "that our books were more effectual than our preaching, inasmuch as they remain with them ;" every one gets them ; they are liked by very many. "We have need to guard against them," he continued, "lest we be caught, for your books are good."

It is the conclusion of all thoughtful observers, both in India and in England, that the failure of the prophecies, circulated among the people, of the destruction of British power, on the termination of its