

consolidated, and it is to be hoped that this measure will at once promote their efficiency and reduce their expenditure.

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The mention of this sub-division of the globe excites vivid and conflicting emotions. The Primitive continent—the land of sacred and historical fame—what shall we say of thee—of China—of India—of Persia—of Egypt—of Syria, and their swarming millions of Idolaters and Mahomedans? Here the impious MOLOCH and the filthy DAGON are still honoured, and here the star of REMPHIN still shines. Here the Priests are jugglers and the teachers impostors; and as there is no vision the people perish

“In vain with lavish kindness,
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone.”

CEYLON AND CONTINENTAL INDIA.—The Mission in South Ceylon exhibits several interesting features. This portion of the Island is called “The Singhalese District,” and the latest reports from the various Circuits are highly encouraging. Four new Chapels have been lately erected, and the membership so much augmented, that it now amounts to 1,847. To God be all the praise. The brethren in the Tamul District, or North Ceylon, have passed through a year of much trial and affliction. Two of them have had to return home; but the residue though faint, are yet pursuing, and endeavouring to war a good warfare, and multiply the victories of the Cross.

CONTINENTAL INDIA.—In this immense breadth of territory we have but two districts; the Madras district, and the Mysore district. These are very partially supplied by some 12 or 13 missionaries, and as might be expected the most earnest and touching appeals are made for help. An additional preacher, says the minutes, is wanted, for Madras. Three are wanted for the Mysore; and two at least for Goobbee and Toomkoor. In several places the fields are white unto the harvest, and in others there is a shaking among the dry bones.

The native Church at Royapetta, is in a very promising state; at Negapatam too the Lord has been pleased to revive his work. The Educational Establishment at Bangalore, is in a very efficient state, containing no less than 300 boys; and Major-General Cubbon, Commissioner of the Rajah of Mysore, has signified his approval of this department of labour, by a monthly gift of 300 rupees. The printing establishment is carried on with a great deal of vigour, and continues to be a valuable auxiliary for promoting the “glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” But INDIA wants more labourers, nor can

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