

generally was connected with the name of Christ among the Heathen. Some thousands of the natives of those countries who were converts to the Romish church, are now feeling the beneficial influence of Christian Missions: they had been instructed in the falsehood of the Hindoo Veda and Shaster, and delivered from the Brahminical yoke, but they had not been provided with the Scriptures of truth nor made acquainted with their saving power; and they were still enthralled by a system equally careless as Hindooism itself of the moral and spiritual improvement of the people; but the pure form of Christianity is now presented to their view and acceptance, and they read in their own tongues the "lively oracles" of God: whilst multitudes of Pagans and Mahomedans, formerly in the undisputed possession of him who "deceiveth the nations," are now, at least, informed of the general character and high claims of the religion of Christ, and some of them have happily acknowledged those claims and have become partakers of its spiritual benefits."

"The political and commercial relations of England to her Eastern possessions, important as they are, will not be estimated as worthy of comparison with those momentous consequences to the spiritual and eternal interests of millions of our fellow-men, which may result from our religious connection with that part of the world: the glory of conquest and of remodelling forms of government and jurisprudence, and otherwise promoting the temporal welfare of our fellow-men, is infinitely surpassed by that of uniting those various nations under the banners of Christ, and rendering them the willing and happy subjects of the Prince of Peace. The Committee regard it as very desirable to extend their operations in this highly interesting and promising field; four additional Missions have therefore been sent to the East, two are designed for *Calcutta*, where for several years we have had a number of friends who have repeatedly requested the Committee to avail themselves of the openings afforded for the establishment of Missions in the capital of British India."

"In *Ceylon*, beside the public labours of the Missionaries, the Scriptures are largely distributed from the Mission Press, in the various languages of the people. The excellency and efficiency of the extensive School system which has been adopted, and which has met with such high approval and generous support, have been manifested by the general spread of knowledge, by an evident improvement in the character of the rising generation, and by some bright examples of early piety and the developement of useful talent. The hostility of the Buddhist priesthood seems at length to be awakened against the opera-

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