



WILLIAM CAREY.

appointed Bishop of Calcutta in 1823. He is well known as the sweet singer among missionaries, and India and he can never be forgotten as long as his glorious hymn,

From Greenland's icy mountains,  
To India's coral strand,

is sung.

One hundred years ago the noble zeal which has marked the missionary work in India commenced, and now we see the result.

At the annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society lately held in England, one of the speakers thus eloquently spoke on this subject:—

Jesus Christ has taken possession of India. The missionary enterprise is no longer an experiment. The conquest of India is potentially, and almost actually, an accomplished fact. And so when we are looking to India as a battle-field for the Gospel we are looking at a battle-field where the victory is already won, and we have

only to gather up, as the king of Israel did, the spoil left by Sennacherib. When William the Conqueror beat King Harold at Hastings, Britain was won right there; and when Krishnapal, the first convert to Christianity under the teaching of William Carey, made his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, British Christianity was an accomplished fact in India. From that day till now—little more than 100 years or not quite 100 years ago since the baptism of Krishnapal—there has never been a single backward step in the progress of Christianity in India. I had the pleasure not long ago of talking with the noble Viceroy of India about Missions. Even he, broad-minded as he is, was a little inclined

to question the success of Christian Missions. He wanted to know if, after all, it was not discouraging work, and the undertaking somewhat hopeless, and asked what, with 300,000,000 of people, a mere handful of Christian missionaries in India could hope to do, in the face of this solid mass of Hinduism, with its age-old superstitions and iron caste. "Well, but," I said substantially, "my Lord, it is not a question as to whether we shall be able to take India for Christ, for we have taken India for Christ already. That question has long since been behind us." "But," he said, "impossible!" "I then asked, "My Lord, has great Britain taken India for the Crown of England?" "Undoubtedly," said he, "yes." "But," I said, "what is the proof of it?" The Viceroy replied, "Here we are!" I then said, "And so are we!" After that I went on to say, "My Lord, I believe the British Empire is permanently—so far as any human empire may be permanent—enthroned