



INDIA AND THE GOSPEL.

We hope our readers will be pleased with the wood-cut of a cottage in distant India. That beautiful country has strong claims on their Christian sympathy,—the more so, that so large an extent of it is under British sway. Yet after all the efforts of Christian people, how little have the masses of heathenism there, been penetrated by the leaven of Gospel truth. We lately read a very interesting document. The *Missionaries in India* of our own Church and of all the Protestant Evangelical denominations held a brotherly conference, to take counsel together about their common work, and the Report of their meeting is indeed interesting. From it we glean the following particulars. There are in all 400 missionaries in India. Perhaps you think this a great many, but wait a little. First think of the extent of the population, that mighty mass of poor perishing human beings. Here are the latest returns of the population of India, viz:

Presidency of Bengal.....	45,160,000.....	108	Missionaries
“ Agra.....	30,200,000....	60	“
“ Bombay.....	10,000,000....	33	“
“ Madras.....	27,250,000....	182	“
The Punjaub.....	5,600,000....	5	“