

trenches is now very severe. But, whenever I feel inclined to repine I turn my eyes to the suffering of my Redeemer on Calvary, and soon forget my hardships or count them as nothing." The last words he wrote were : " We walked together during the day and exchanged our thoughts about Jesus." In less than twenty-four hours Hedley Vicars fell, nobly leading his men in one of those deadly Crimean conflicts, no less the brave soldier of his Queen because he was the professed soldier of the King of Kings.

" A SINGLE SEED."

Many years ago, a youth of a respectable family was passing along the streets of Calcutta, when his attention was aroused by a crowd around a missionary. He soon continued his journey, but a single seed had fallen into his mind and a new sense of sin came over him. He felt that sin was a terrible thing, and that deliverance from it was all important. He grew to man's estate ; he embarked in business and he prospered ; then followed reverses ; and again the old feeling came with force and poignancy. He left business and betook himself to the life of a religious pilgrim. He wandered over a great part of India, paying his devotions at the most noted Hindoo shrines, seeking relief from the burden of guilt and fear. Years rolled on ; despite every effort something seemed to say, without atonement for past guilt you perish. During his last tour, at Benares, he retired to a garden to meditate, when a sense of despair settled upon him. " What more can I do than I have done, and yet there is no peace ; still the burden of sin remains ?" It was the darkest hour of his long, dark night, but the dawn was at hand. " It appeared," said he, " as if an audible voice said to me, ' not in ways like this will peace be found ; return to your house.' " Not very long after, says the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, we noticed in our church at Calcutta a stranger of interesting mien—his hair was snowy white—his countenance eager and intelligent, and his eyes sparkled with a sort of energetic brightness. The prayer ended he fixed those enquiring eyes upon the preacher until the sermon was finished. He then