

break down, and are easily approached, have, in sharing the gospel portion, been left out of the calculations. There is no better field for missionary enterprise than among these Indians—the only drawback being that they are too close to populous centres. It may be urged that, in this case, a dollar would be the means of doing as much good as a pound in the case of more remote regions, and we readily grant that this is so. We may then be asked, why are not these advantages, apparent and real, made available, or, at least, some attempt made to do so? This question, apparently simple and easy, is what we cannot even attempt to answer. It seemed to us like some of the inscrutable ways of Providence—past finding out. We have travelled through the lands of some eight to ten tribes; we have been in many of their villages; we have been in communication with them daily; but, in this instance, the generally ubiquitous missionary has failed to put in an appearance. In all that great western region we even failed to hear of him. We can see no reason for this. The Indian is naturally of a religious turn of mind, without any of the degrading superstitions of the Hindoo or Chinese, or the intense love of human flesh which is characteristic of the inhabitants of many of the Polynesian Islands. The rights of hospitality are rigidly respected by him, and he has also sense enough to see that the safety of those who seek to benefit him in any way must be insured. We are glad to be able candidly to say this much for him. Bearing all the facts which we have stated, in regard to the Indian, in mind, let us now turn to the report of an Eastern Missionary Society which lies before us. We do not give it *verbatim*, but the gist of the tract will average something approaching to what follows:—From a station which we will call Banglewhaugwhurr, far towards the source of the Irrawady, the “news is most cheering.” A school is established, and, after a short residence of seven or eight years, there are actually some five or six native children attending the school at fitful intervals. From some incidental remarks of the good missionary, we can see that it is the calico and rice which is distributed, and not the desire for information, which has been the means of bringing these young heathens within range of his gospel fire, and that, without a judicious withholding of the supplies at the proper time, his benches would speedily become empty. We now come to something which is more satisfactory. An adult convert has been made, who appears to be steadfast in the faith in

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