

The Mission Field.

IMPORTANCE OF CONQUERING INDIA.

If India should be brought to the foot of the cross, then Mohammedanism, then all heathenism must follow soon. If India should fall, the gain would not be confined to so many thousands, so many millions of heathen laid captive, but the spread of Christian truth throughout the world must follow. If Greece and Rome successively added so much to the influence and the organisation of the church, what must India do? the India which has exercised an unrivalled influence on the religion of the world; India, the seat of Brahminism; India, the parent of Buddhism; India, the stronghold of Mohammedanism. What an acquisition to the glories of the latter Temple. What an enrichment to the treasury of the House of God. But in proportion to the importance and magnificence of the work was also its difficulty. We must never in our impatience forget that. Once again, as in Apostolic times, the Church and the Gospel were confronted with time-honoured and wide-spread religions, which had struck their roots deep in the civilisation, the poetry, the art and literature, and the social life of the people. Once again there would be the same difficulties, the responsibilities, the same hesitations, the same resuscitation of waning faith, the same halting between two opinions, witnessed during the early centuries, during the transition period from Paganism to Christianity. In Japan (and they might expect analogous phenomena in India) there was a remarkable revival of the waning and dying Buddhism. The people are longing for that peace which the gospel alone can give.

THE Rev. E. H. Bickersteth, vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead, in the course of his sermon at the recent consecration of the Rev. W. Arthur Poole, D. D., took occasion to say that there had been for two hundred and thirty years this proclamation:—"So long as the sun shall warm the earth let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan, and let all hear that if the King of Spain or the Christian's God or the Great God of all violate this command he shall pay for it with his head." But now England and America were awaking to their mission. The Church Missionary Society had stations at Nagasaki, Osaka, Tokio, and Hakodate; the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at Tokio and Kobe; and the American Church at Tokio and Osaka. That was a proof of the immense strides made by Christianity in Japan, and was it not an augury of good that the two great missionary societies at home had united to send forth to that distant land the first missionary Bishop of the Church of England.

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