



GENERAL MAP OF INDIA.

—On the Malabar coast is a community called Syrian Christians, who claim to have been converted by St. Thomas, whose tomb they point out south of Madras. They number possibly 300,000.

—The first Protestant missionaries to India were Ziegenbalg and Plutcho, who were sent in 1706 by the King of Denmark to Tranquebar, on the Coromandel Coast. In 1750 the mission was joined by Schwartz. When the English wanted to treat with Hyder Ali, he re-

fused to receive an ambassador, but said: "Send me the Christian" (meaning Schwartz); "he will not deceive me." William Carey and Thomas landed in India November 10th, 1793.

—The Roman Catholic religion was introduced by the Portuguese, who conquered Goa in 1509. Thirty years later Xavier began an earnest mission work, subsequently continued by others. According to the census of 1881, they numbered 865,643.