

Indian Pictures Drawn with Pen and Pencil. By the Rev. W. URWICK, M.A. 4to, illustrated. London : Religious Tract Society. Toronto : Wm. Briggs. Price, \$2.75.

There are many subjects of Queen Victoria who know comparatively little about her great Indian Empire, whose population numbers eight times that of Great Britain, and whose extent is equal to all Europe, except Russia. We know of no way in which so much interesting information will be so pleasantly communicated as in this handsome volume. The writer traversed the length and breadth of India, from

Ceylon and Cape Comorin to the Himalayas and Kashmir, and from the Ganges to the Indus. He gives a concise account of its races, with incidental illustrations of its history and missions, and a graphic description of its strange architecture and noble scenery. The book contains about 140 engravings, many of them full-page, of the stately temples, mosques, and palaces, and other features of this remarkable country. The author gave much attention to Christian missions—of all the Churches—and mentions the success of that of the Baptist Church of Canada.

METHODISM AND CULTURE.

METHODISM has been accused of a neglect of literature and culture. We do not think that this accusation can be sustained. There lie before us Three Methodist Reviews—The *London Quarterly*, *Methodist Quarterly*, New York, and the *Southern Quarterly*, Nashville, Tenn. They are high-class reviews, dealing with profound questions in philosophy, philology, theology, and criticism, and would be a credit to any church. Beside them lies the old *Wesleyan Magazine*, fresh and vigorous, after the long lifetime of over a century. Besides these there are 157 other periodicals, published in the several branches of Methodism. Several of these are of great weight and influence, as the *Watchman*, *Recorder*, and *Methodist*, in England ; the great family of *Advocates*, in the United States ; the *Guardian*, in Canada. In bound volumes, the New York Book Concern alone has published over six and a half million volumes, and over 19,000,000 tracts in the last twelve years. The average number of pages issued every day is 500,000.

The Educational Institutions of Methodism show corresponding en-

terprise and energy. The Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States alone has forty-nine Colleges, and nine Universities, eight Theological Schools, and thirty-three Classical Seminaries.

In Canada, our Church is endeavouring to do her part in the educational work of the country, with its two Universities, three Theological Colleges, and three other Educational Institutions. We rejoice to learn that the income of our Educational Society this year will probably reach \$12,000, instead of \$6,000 last year. This itself is equivalent to an endowment fund of \$200,000, and in some respects is better, as it calls forth more generally the sympathy, not merely of the wealthy few, but of the great body of our people, and will lead to a more intelligent interest in our educational work. But this is not enough. The Presbyterian Church, with fewer ministerial candidates than ourselves, besides its far larger endowments, raises \$20,000 a year for her Theological Institutes. We cannot afford to be second to any Church in the country in our educational efforts.