



SOUTHERN INDIA—GREAT PAGODA OF TANJORE.

"The perpendicular part of its base measures 82 feet square, and is two storeys in height . . . Above this the pyramid rises in thirteen storeys to the summit, which is crowned by a dome said to consist of a single stone, and reaching a height of 190 feet. . . . One of the peculiarities of the Tanjore temple is that all the sculptures on the gopuras belong to the religion of Vishnu while everything in the court is dedicated to the worship of Siva. . . . An instance of the extreme tolerance that prevailed at the age at which it was erected, before these religions became antagonistic."—Fergusson.