

necessity raged in Oude, and Rohilcund, and Behar, and Central India. Has that ceased? Is the effusion of blood stopped? Is the hunt after mutineers and murderers at an end? May our nobly-enduring countrymen rest awhile? Have the leaders of the rebellion, with few exceptions, been brought to justice? Have numbers of their miserable followers been granted life, and repentance, under the amnesty of our Beloved Queen? Has no wide-spread famine succeeded, to decimate the people? Have the pursuits of peaceful industry been every where resumed? Is Civil Government re-established on a firm basis? and can Missionary operations again have free, yea a more hopeful, course? Oh! let us acknowledge the greatness of these blessings, and ascribe glory to Him unto whose infinite and undeserved mercy they are due! "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. HE maketh wars to cease: He breaketh the bow, and putteth the spear in sunder: He burneth the chariot in the fire."

For, to whom—to what—are such happy, and let me say surprising, results owing? How was the avalanche of '57 avoided by any? How was it broken, and prevented from burying the entire Christian population of the land—a handful as they were—in its descent? How did this metropolis escape? How has tranquility been restored through the length and breadth of the Empire? All honor to the *Instruments*! All honor to every man and woman who held not their lives dear—for their faith and their country! The unshrinking constancy, for instance, in Wheeler's entrenchment was probably never surpassed since time began. Alas! alas! for the fate of those dear brave spirits! yet is their example embalmed in every memory—indelible it is from the history of the world. The effect of such endurance dies not with the death of those by whom it is displayed. And no tongue can exaggerate in speaking of the exploits at Lucknow and Delhi; of the feats of the two illustrious Brothers, and of all who administered or fought under their inspiration; of Neill, and Nicholson, and Hodson; of Henry Havelock and his heroes. For our immediate protection, honor be to the generous citizens who volunteered to guard us, night after night, during the weeks of alarm! And all honor to our beloved seagirt Mother—who, with a torn heart but an unflinching arm, weeping bitter tears but rising manfully to the call of duty, sent forth her sons by myriads to avenge the Christian blood that had been so ruthlessly shed, and to save a Continent from relapsing into barbarism! Right well has that gallant army, in all departments, done its work. Skill, courage and patience—in General and in Private have everywhere triumphed; the last embers of revolt have been trodden out; and the teeming millions are freed from anarchy. Yes: let us gratefully remember all that has been

done for us by our fellows, in high rank and in low, in civil and in military capacities, often in most difficult positions—whereof frequently there was but scant appreciation! And, yet it is beyond controversy that "if it had been the Lord who was on our side, when the foe rose up against us; if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters had overwhelmed us, then the proud waters had gone over our soul." None more ready, I am sure, than our principal defenders to give the praise to Jehovah! For (not to mention that "wisdom and might are His"—He bestowed, on our statesmen and on our soldiers, understanding and boldness and promptitude and union and self-control—while He turned the counsel of the enemy to foolishness, He took off their chariot-wheels that they drove heavily, they became as women, none of their men of might found their hands!) Just look at some tokens of the Divine interposition.

1. Had the conflagration been simultaneous, effectual resistance to it had been simply impossible. In four and twenty hours every European creature must have been in flames. Why was it irregular? Say—through bad management; say—imperfect combination. Or, say that the primary explosion was accelerated by the maddening sentence on the Meerut sowars. Give any explanation you choose—there stands out the fact, that God made the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He restrained. 2. Or, had the existing political relations of Britain been different; had she not been in alliance with France, and at peace with the world; could she have parted with the forces which she did—even for the safety of her most magnificent colony? Every thing favored—a perfect army, fresh from the Crimea, and ardent for service; not a breath of disturbance in Europe; our Persian armament ready to land again on these shores; and if against the far East we were indeed launching an expedition, thence came our earliest priceless reinforcements! In all this was there not an overruling Providence? 3. Or, had the disaffection embraced all races and creeds in the army, could we have maintained our stand? There can be little doubt that Delhi could not have been stormed as it was, save for the successive bodies of troops which John Lawrence and Robert Montgomery were able to hurl against it; and that the abandonment of the siege, or even a little more delay in the final assault, would have placed other Presidencies in jeopardy. But who had a right to calculate on the continued loyalty of the land which furnished those supplies? Thus wrote the Chief Commissioner on 21st October, 1857:—"When I look back on the events of the last four months, I am lost in astonishment that any of us are alive. Had the Sikhs joined against us, nothing