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### Miscellaneous Articles.

#### GOD'S JUDGMENTS IN INDIA.

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ISAIAH XXVI., 9,—“*When thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*”

Having spoken of God's Judgments, we shall, secondly, consider the righteousness to be learned in this crisis.

(1.) We are to learn righteousness by correcting errors in our rule of India. I enter not here on the complicated question of the double government of British India—partly by the Company's Board of Directors, and partly by the responsible Ministers of the Crown,—I leave this to be discussed by statesmen and politicians in their proper place. But there are grave errors of rule and procedure in our Eastern empire that are patent to common observation, and that call for special attention on this day of humiliation for sin. And foremost here must be placed our guilty connivance at the idolatrous system of India. The general spirit and course of our rule in that land have tended to pamper the superstitions of the people. Instead of aiming to give all classes alike the benefit of British law and British civilization, we have betrayed an imbecile fear of touching any Hindoo institution, no matter how offensive or cruel to the mass of the nation. We found one class of them proud, imperious, tyrannical, to whom the hateful system of caste gave unlimited power to trample on all other orders of the community, and who used their power with a hand of iron. Yet, instead of interposing our sovereign rule as a shield between the oppressed and their oppressors, we have confirmed the lofty