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INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIA.

Some new statistics concerning India and its population were communicated recently by the Census Commissioner of India to the Royal Statistical Society of London. By these it appears that the entire population of that country is a little less than 288,000,000. It is an enormous population, but it inhabits a vast country. The mean density is 184 to the square mile. Forty-six millions of the people who live in the proportion of 600 and over to the square mile, while 36,000,000 are distributed one and a half to the acre. In the latter case there are very material points as to the great fertility of the soil, and the wide variety of occupations to be found upon it, to be considering in instituting comparisons. As to the most densely populated regions, those which, owing to greater resources, afford the easiest means of livelihood, Europe has three countries, Great Britain, Saxony, and Belgium, where there is a density of population not much less. Thirty-eight and a half millions of people in Europe live in the proportion of from 500 to 600 to the square mile. The extraordinary pressure of one and a half heads of population to the acre is confined to some districts of Bengal, that does not affect one-sixth of the whole people.

In the matter of proportion of town to country population, India presents a marked contrast to Europe and the Western countries generally. While in Europe the towns are all the time draining the country of the people, the direct contrary is the case in India. In England, for example, 53 per cent. of the population live in towns of 20,000 inhabitants or over; in India only 4½ per cent. of the population are so congregated in cities. Even including the smallest towns, which have been so classed for municipal purposes, only 10 per cent. of India's people are town dwellers.

Another interesting fact shown by the

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census returns is that the Indian people are not migratory. Over ninety per cent. of the people numbered in the last census were enumerated in the place where they were born and 6 per cent. more in the region contiguous to their birthplace. Change of domicile seems to be adopted only where the emigrants can keep within immediate touch of their former home. The people do not migrate to distant tracts. The great capabilities of the country are well shown by the fact that in the most densely populated tracts the increase of population since the last census has been 8 per cent. The greatest increase was 13½ per cent. This shows that the increase of population is quite normal; and the whole results of the census show that the growth is no way in excess of the means of support, as is largely the case in parts of Europe, while there is abundant room for expansion as the pressure becomes locally heavier.

The mass of the people are poor, but when the mode of living imposed on them by the climate and by their religion is considered they are not poorer than the mass of the European peasantry. They have little, but they want little and usually their wants are amply satisfied. They are mainly an agricultural people, each cultivating a piece of land just about enough to produce sufficient for actual present wants, but not enough to afford any surplus against a bad season. This fact is the cause of the famines in India, just as it is in Ireland. Finally, a review of the main revenue and commercial statistics for the last decade shows that the masses of the Indian people are by no means outstripping the resources of their wonderful country, and that it may, indeed, hold a future that shall astonish the Western nations.

The fishery in Maritime Province waters is poor and late.

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Some of the latest productions in white silks have shaded stripes, tiny figures and delicate cross-bars of black.

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The American Silk Journal says that palm leaf designs, lovely satin brocades of pale clover pink shade, sprinkled with sprays of clover in a deeper shade, and trailing vines, stems and leaves, black grenadines with linen and figures in satin and velvet effects, new style bengalines, cross corded, giving a honeycomb effect; black gauzes sown with small colored dots, diagonal stripes, garnished by tiny sprays of flowers, on a white satin ground, crinkly horizontal cords, shaded effects in various weaves, the shading forming two wide stripes, separated by a large dark stripe in the middle, and with narrower borders of the same color, are among the features of the display of the newest things in dress silks.

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