

selected of a type not necessary for the Hindoo or Mahometan. Men possessed of what is usually known as a knowledge of the world—men of genial temperaments and engaging manners—seem to be more required. I now come to another point on which I would lay great stress. Let each man *man study carefully what portion of the religion which he seeks to oppose, he can accept and agree with.* It is, I think, a mistake of the most fatal kind to commence the attack, continue the attack, and never cease the attack. I feel sure, *where there is common ground to stand on*, be the spot ever so small, that is the place whereon to meet the adversary hand to hand at the commencement, and thence to suggest and point out the better road. St. Paul accepted a portion of the theology of the Greeks when he pointed out the altar to the Unknown God, and owned that He it was to whom he owed allegiance. The Hindoo owns the one Great Supreme Being who is over all things; he understands the the nature of incarnations of Him: he knows something of a Trinity; while the Mahometan has much more in common with us—the one true God, the Prophets of the Old Testament. Even Jesus is acknowledged as a prophet. Thus much on what should be the studies at home. On arrival in this country the candidates should be received into some central college or institution—the centre of a large native Christian community, if practicable—where they might learn from the most experienced Missionaries the more practical portion of their work, obtain an insight into the manners, customs, and feelings of the natives, as well as a knowledge of the language in which they will have to carry on their disputations. These disputations they should commence with the English-speaking natives, and thus learn by degrees to make use of the store of learning they acquired at home, great care being taken that they do no harm, as was the fear expressed by an Indian Bishop some years ago, that all Missionaries were liable to do during the first few years of their residence." These were the leading feature of the Hon. Judge Gibbs' scheme, and they are evidently replete with wisdom and good sense. Could none in Canada learn a lesson from them?

P. S.—*The monthly article on Church Intelligence in this Magazine will for the future be compiled by another hand. The writer, in taking leave of the "Students' Monthly," wishes it all good success.*

### CURRENT LITERATURE.

We have received from Messrs Dawson of Montreal the cheap American reprint by Harper of Mr. Yates new novel "Black Sheep" \* which is concluded in the last monthly part of All The Year Round. Mr. Yates is well known in London as the author of the papers of literary gossip which appear in every monday's "Star" signed "Flaneur." These papers are sensibly written and tolerably free from the constant straining after comic effect which is the besetting sin of such literary loafers as G. A. Sala and his imitators. Several of Mr. Yates' works have been

\* "Black Sheep" a novel by Edmund Yates, Dawson Bros., Montreal.

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