

neral inquiry. Ziegenbalg came to Europe to get help for his mission. The King of Denmark was very kind to him, and gave him many presents. In England, King George I. honoured him with an interview, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others, promised him help. Some time after his return to India, among other letters of encouragement which he received from Europe was one from the King of England. It was as follows:—

“George by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, to the Reverend and learned Bartholomew Ziegenbalg and John E. Grundler, Missionaries at Tranquebar.

“Reverend and beloved,—Your letter, dated January 20th, of this present year, was most welcome to us; not only because the work undertaken by you of converting the heathen to the Christian faith, doth, by the grace of God, prosper; but, also, because that, in this our kingdom, such a laudable zeal for the promotion of the Gospel prevails. We pray that you may be endued with health and strength of body, that you may long continue to fulfil your ministry with good success; of which, as we shall be rejoiced to hear, so you will always find us ready to succour you, in whatever may tend to promote your work, and excite your zeal. We assure you of the continuance of our royal favour.—GEORGE R.

“Given at our Palace of Hampton Court, Aug. 23rd, A. D. 1717, in the fourth year of our reign.”

THE INSURRECTION IN INDIA.

Sad, sad are the tidings from India, and many are the forebodings which throng our mind, as we sit down to tell our young readers, what fearful dangers now threaten that vast portion of our Queen's Dominions. Did we not know that when “the heathen rage,” and when Satan seems for a time to have overcome the truth, God is able to bring good out of the confusion, we should almost despair of the progress of the Gospel in Northern India. But away with such fears, they are groundless. Though heathenism seems to have gained a victory, it will be for a short season only, and where one church has been destroyed others will rise, where the blood of missionaries and of converts has been shed, hundreds will be found to erect the gospel banner.

Our readers are aware that India is now chiefly governed by a Company of Merchants, called the Honorable the East