

## INDIA.

It is not our province to narrate the startling and sanguinary events, in Her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain's vast possessions in India; nor could we state our own and the Christian world's indignation, at the barbarities and enormities now perpetrated there, which give pangs to obduracy, and extort lamentations from stoics; neither shall we remark on causes, any further than to earnestly acquiesce in the opinion expressed in a sound and timely article in the Parent Society's Notices for August: "Mohammedanism and Hinduism, have not been merely tolerated; they have been rewarded and pampered, whilst Christianity has been frowned upon. We have "sown the wind," and have "reaped the whirlwind."

So far as the revolt relates to Missions we notice it, but very briefly. From the first there has been more than official reserve, with Protestant and evangelical teachers, and now the Presidency that has countenanced them least, is most subject to revolution and blood; making it evident that there is a Supreme Ruler, who will deny them who deny Him, of whatever nation or dignity. That good men should suffer and die, was to be expected, but that fanatical vengeance should fall indiscriminately on women and children is heart-rending, and the soul is lacerated to hear that several Missionaries, and mothers and daughters, of the Propagation, Scotch and Baptist Societies, have been cruelly massacred at their posts of labour. The sympathies of Christendom are excited for the loyal and suffering civilians, and heroic soldiery; and heaven's martyr-roll is lengthened, in which, among many others, are the radiant names of Smith of the West Indies, John Williams of the South Seas, Threlfall and Thomas of Africa, and Richard Williams of Tierra-del-Fuego.

At the last accounts the Missionaries of other Societies, though all in trepidation and anguish, were personally safe, and making the most strenuous efforts for the cause in whose behalf they have sacrificed comforts, reputation, friends, and country; and it is exceedingly gratifying that while this mutiny lasts, there are such men to direct the work amidst the ragings of the storm, as the Bishop of Calcutta, of the Episcopalian Church, Dr. Duff of the Free Church, and Hodson, Gogerly, and Griffiths of the Wesleyan Church; and it is a pleasure to learn, that the Rev. William Butler, and family, sent out last year by the American Methodist Episcopal Church, to establish a Mission, though they have lost all but their lives, are mercifully prevented from repining while overwhelmed with new and severe trials. How reviving to all God's servants in India now the Divine assurance, "Lo, I am with you!"

Let the intercessors of every Church, immediately and simultaneously throng God's throne! The long-prayed for spiritual harvest in India may be delayed, but there is too much precious seed sown for it to fail. There have been tears, and there is woe now; but the noble men of the East must yet rejoice. The righteous man shall prevail! "Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed, and confounded: they shall be as nothing: and they that strive with thee shall perish \* \* \* For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand."

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