

Does anything practical come out of this agitation? Yes, but it comes slowly. In England a very influential committee has been formed including the names of three ex-viceroy's of India, as well as several ex-governors and lieutenant-governors, who are familiar with the facts, and such a committee will have influence.

Then the Christian women of England are being stirred as never before, and as a result, a society has been formed called "The Indian Widows' Union." It is an organization of the Christian women of England for the purpose of improving the condition of Hindu and Mohammedan widows in India. The members are "widows only," but any Christian woman may become an "associate member." They pledge themselves to prayer that God will break the yoke and set the captive free. They raise money to be expended in training widows to useful industries, and they gather and diffuse information with regard to the condition of the widows. At the head of this institution is the Dowager Lady Dynevor, and a depot for the work done by the widows has been established at West Kensington.

The agitation in India by the native press, and by liberal and advanced natives on the platform, and this agitation in England should, and surely must lead the Government soon to act; but the evil lies too deep for the Government to remove. Nothing but the teachings of the Gospel of Christ will reach the root of the evil, or cure the disease.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Board of Missions of Boston (Congregational) held its twenty-third annual meeting in Hartford, January 13th-15th.

Over two hundred delegates represented its constituency in New England, New York, and Pennsylvania.

At the delegates' special meeting on Tuesday, the subject of first importance was the pressing, imperative need of money. This was ably emphasized in a paper on "Aggressive Work" at home, presented by Miss A. B. Child, Home Secretary.

It marshalled such an array of startling facts that it ought to take every woman's auxiliary by storm, and make "aggressive work" for the treasury of each a success, so that the advance called for this year, \$25,000, may be secured without fail. This leaflet, "Aggressive Work," is already in print for circulation.

This Board is invited to meet in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1892.

One result of General Booth's scheme will be found, we hope, in renewed attention to the rescue work *done by the clergy*. Looking into an appeal sent out by the Rev. J. H. Scott, rector of Spitalfields, we find that in this one parish "during the past year 230 cases [women and girls] have been dealt with, 110 of whom were below the age of twenty years; 104 have been sent to rescue homes, 13 returned to their parents, 21 sent to hospitals, 11 to service, and the remainder dealt with in a variety of ways." This is, of course, but one side of the work carried on from year to year in such parishes as Spitalfields and Whitechapel.