

Scriptural plan is assuredly unsanctioned of God. Nay, it is almost an unvarying truth, that the wealth which is hastily amassed—which comes not as the legitimate result of honest, laborious, industrious enterprise, which lights down upon a man almost unexpectedly, is in its very nature fleeting—it seldom tarries long with its possessor; generally after a little while it again takes to itself wings and flies away. If the commercial gourd springs up in a night, it will as certainly perish in a night. God's way is ever the best way. Commercial prosperity, like the growth of the natural body, to be healthy must be slow; for like the trees of the forest, the slowest growing timber attains the greatest age. "As the days of a tree are the days of my people, saith the Lord."

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EVANGELIZATION OF INDIA.

The late deplorable occurrences in the East, have drawn the attention of Christians in Britain, strongly to the duty of vastly greater efforts being made for the propagation of the Gospel in that part of the world. The Schemes contemplated correspond, of course, with the different views of the parties respecting the duty of government in such matters. In the month of November, a Public Meeting was held in Edinburgh, Colonel Anderson in the Chair, at which the following resolutions were adopted:—

I. "That, in connection with the present crisis in India, there is an imperative obligation lying upon all British Christians to adopt immediate measures for enlightening the public mind and awakening the public interest on the subject of Indian affairs, with a view to secure the entire withdrawal of all countenance from idolatry and caste, and the removal of all obstacles to the profession and propagation of Christianity; as well as ultimately, with a view to stimulate missionary zeal and enterprise on behalf of India among all other branches of the Church of Christ."

II. "That, in order to the end contemplated, full and accurate information ought to be obtained and widely circulated in regard to whatever practices, hostile to the profession of Christianity, or favourable to the false religions of India, have been hitherto sanctioned or countenanced by the authorities there; as well as in regard to all obstacles that have been interposed in the way of the propagation of the Gospel among all classes of the community."

III. "That, for the purpose of inquiry, deliberation, and action, an Association be now formed in Edinburgh, to subsist so long as it may be needed for the end in view, and that said Association, or its Committee, be authorised to take immediate steps for procuring the formation of similar Associations all over Scotland, so that, if it shall be deemed expedient, there may be ere long a national movement and demonstration in this great cause, it being understood that the Association is not to form a new mission or new scheme of missionary operations, but to aid in the evangelization of India, by protesting against all Government countenance of caste, connection with idolatry, and opposition to the profession and promulgation of Christianity."

These were moved and supported by Ministers and Laymen of various denominations, and a large Committee was appointed for carrying the objects into effect. Some of the leading men in the Free Church entertain the idea of recalling Dr. Duff from India, not for addressing Public Meetings, for his state of health is considered as having unfitted him for that, but for acting as a counsellor respecting Missionary operations in India. At the December Meeting of the Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Thomson said,—he was strongly impressed with the importance of the Presbytery giving forth a voice on the subject of India in present circumstances. All eyes were now turned on that land, and many proposals were made as to the duty of this country with respect to it, yet one could not fail to see how these seemed to be almost all of one kind—and of a kind that he, and all who held his views, could not approve of. He thought that the Presbytery might do good by publishing its views on this important subject, as—1st, Their people would be stirred up more to the duty of taking care that India be evangelized; and 2nd, their testimony would be given as to the proper way in which this was to be done.