

extensive country was added to the British dominions? Are we not 'verily guilty' in reference to the millions of our brethren there, whom we left as we found, sunk in ignorance, superstition and brutality? Have we not been guilty of the very sins as connected with them, with which 'the Angel of the Lord' charges the Israelites in the text? 'Ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice.' No; the altars of heathenism are still standing in India, and we have made a league with its inhabitants, in maintaining the idolatrous systems to which they are dedicated, instead of labouring for their overthrow, and for the establishment on their ruins of the worship of the one living and true God, and the way of salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. And now God is saying to us with a voice of terror, and in a tone of indignant remonstrance—'Why have ye done this?' He is calling on us to learn the enormity of our sin from the severity of our sufferings. He has been threatening to wrest from our grasp, the territory which we have so much misgoverned, and from our teeming population, of whose best and highest interests we have been thus sway grossly negligent. It is not long since one of themselves said to a British official—'Your Government alone has prevented India from becoming a Christian country.'

The Sermon, viewed as a specimen of Mr. Gibson's every-day preaching must surely be regarded as very highly creditable indeed. The author lately came amongst us, and his congregation must be sensible that he is no ordinary acquisition.

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