

progress of Christianity, to do more than to name the efforts of a Ward and Carey, as the pioneers at Serampore ; and then, recognising the efforts of these with those of the Church Missionary Society and others, as collaborateurs in the great work of spreading the Gospel throughout that land, present some broad features of the present position of Christianity there. For many years these noble men plodded on in unwearied zeal, but apparently unrewarded toil. Like labourers engaged in excavating the foundation of some mighty edifice, mountains of obstacles were overcome, and deeds of mighty prowess achieved, without the eye of the superficial observer being rewarded with anything like a visible remuneration for the mighty expenditure of labour and life ; yet the work was still progressing. No risk of the safety of the superstructure was to be run, through any fundamental neglect ; little, beyond the vast area, could be detected from the slowly rising wall, but an edifice will be raised there by the united energy and zeal of God's own workmen, which shall be a shelter for every outcast. Its stones will be polished after the similitude of a palace, its fair proportions shall overtop the temples of idolatry ; its shrine shall be that of a pure and peerless faith ; its topstone shall be brought on amidst the acclaims of earth and heaven, shouting, Grace, Grace be unto and upon it ; its banners shall unfold to the breeze the spotless Lamb ; its inscription shall be the magic name Immanuel, God with us, from its threshold shall flow a healing stream, on the banks of which Ministers of every name shall stand and cry, " Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," and whoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

During the last twenty years the Missionaries have rapidly increased in number, and multiplied to a greater extent than many have been aware of. I take the following statement from the Calcutta Review of more than four years ago, when