

isolated outposts. But the lowering of the prestige of British arms, if it could be called such, was but momentary. The tribes secured many points of vantage on the frontier, on the ridges of mountains, accessible only by narrow passes, walled in by cliffs. The dislodgment of the tribes from such points of vantage, has, in fact, constituted the campaign; for meeting Tommy Atkins at close quarters is not the kind of warfare the native hillmen of Northern India relish. But even with everything in their favor—a fortress provided by nature, where, in but few instances they could be reached by bullet from a distance, modern rifles and ammunition in abund-

Her Majesty in that distant part of the Empire. The taking of Dargai on Oct. 20th, was one of the most magnificent

displays of dash and courage recorded in the annals of British arms, replete as those annals are with tales of heroism and valour.

Our first illustration depicts a regiment of Highlanders marching down a defile. Imagine them marching up the defile in single line, or at the most two abreast; and at the head of the defile and along most of its length, steep cliffs from which the enemy, outnumbering them five or ten to



BENGAL LANCERS CHARGING A STEEP POSITION.

one, are pouring down an incessant shower of bullets. then some idea may be gathered of what 'taking a position'



THANA IN THE SWAT VALLEY, WITH BRITISH CAMP.

ance, stolen at different times, the dusky hordes of India have been unable to resist the dash of our fine fellows serving

on our Indian frontier means. The spectacle of Bengal Lancers 'charging a steep position' is also one that will