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## REVIEW SECTION.

### I.—THE TRIUMPH OF CHRISTIANITY.\*

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I AM going to India to present Christianity to the educated English-speaking Hindus, because many of my friends think that my connection with "The World's Parliament of Religions" has brought me into sympathetic relations with the representatives of the ethnic religions, and thereby opened the way for a favorable reception by the adherents of these religions in India. This farewell seems a fitting occasion for outlining the method proposed in pursuing this end, and I take advantage of it for this purpose in order that my Christian friends in America may follow the work in India with intelligent appreciation and sympathy.

In presenting Christ to the educated classes in India it is not proposed to ignore what the light of nature and the reflected rays of revelation have done in rare instances for those who have not had the direct light of the Gospel. But notwithstanding the shining examples of the elect few in the non-Christian world, there is a vast area of idolatry, and pollution, and unrest, and superstition, and cruelty, which can never be healed by the forces which are found in the non-Christian systems. Recognizing to the full the brighter side of so-called heathenism, rejoicing that the light has been shining everywhere, and that foreshadowings of the evangelic truths are discoverable

\* This farewell address was delivered in the chapel of the Presbyterian Building, Fifth Avenue and Twentieth Street, New York City, February 24, 1896, on the day before the departure of Dr. Barrows for Europe, on his way to India, to lecture on Christianity to the educated Hindus in all the great centers of that country. The assembly that listened to its delivery was presided over by Chaplain McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, and was made up of the secretaries of the great mission organizations and of leading workers in the cause of missions. Dr. Barrows was addressed on behalf of India, by Dr. Chamberlain, for thirty-four years a missionary in India, and by Rev. Dr. F. F. Ellwood of the Presbyterian Foreign Board, in behalf of this country. The eloquent address of Dr. Barrows, the concluding portion of which will be printed in the May number of the REVIEW, will, we feel assured, suggest a most forcible and timely line of argument for bringing home the central truths of the Gospel to many of the educated classes in this country whose religious opinions have become somewhat unsettled during the recent years of conflict and skepticism.