



A BAND OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS.

Photograph taken at a Convention, Termangalan Station, India.

pampered native army. Hence, it was not very wide in its scope, and was, after all, easily stamped out. Had they proved successful, the rebellious soldiery would, inevitably, in a little time, have divided into two camps, Hindu and Mohammedan, and these two would have turned against each other.

The only power with whom there could possibly be serious collision is Russia. Semi-Asiatic herself, Russia has steadily pressed east and south, absorbing immense territories. To-day she is the greatest of all the Asiatic powers in the vastness of her territory. Seeking an outlet to the ocean she presses China on the east and towards India on the south. Doubtless the Northern Bear looks upon India as an immense beehive stored with honey. But with a loyal country behind her, if England will remain in India and not seek to press up

towards the Russian outposts north of the Himalayas, seeking some scientific frontier will-o'-the-wisp, she need not fear the paws of the bear. Aided by the vast resources of the land, her fleet along the Indian shores, her army reinforced to almost any extent by admirable Indian soldiery behind the mountain barriers of the north, she would be invincible.

The Rev. Dr. Briggs and the Rev. S. F. Huestis, Methodist Book Stewards in Toronto and Halifax, have kindly consented to act as treasurers for a special Methodist Famine Fund. Three years ago our Church in Canada sent through this channel alone about \$7,000. The sums contributed will be administered by the Wesleyan missionaries in the famine regions of India, who can make a dollar go as far as possible in the succour of the famine victims.

There is nothing we cannot overcome;
 Say not thy evil instinct is inherited,
 Or that some trait inborn makes thy whole life forlorn,
 And calls down punishment that is not merited.
 Back of thy parents and grandparents lies
 The great eternal Will. That, too, is thine
 Inheritance, strong, beautiful, divine;
 Sure lever of success for one who tries.

—*Elta Wheeler Wilcox.*