

a Hindu opinion on the relative progress of Christianity and Hinduism in India, published as Tract No. 2, issued by the Hindu Tract Society of Madras, and sent to the *Church Gleaner* by Rev. H. Schaffter of Tinnevely College :

"How many hundreds of thousands have these padres turned to Christianity, and keep on turning! How many hundreds of thousands of dear children have they swallowed up! On how many more have they cast their nets! How much evil is yet to come upon us by their means! If we sleep as heretofore, in a short time they will turn all to Christianity without exception, and our temples will be changed into churches. Do you suppose these padres to be mild and gentle? Do you think they are excellent teachers? Are you ignorant of the fact that Hinduism is daily decreasing and Christianity increasing? How long can a lake last that has an outlet and no inlet? So if, as we see, no converts are coming in to Hinduism, and every year multitudes on multitudes are going over to Christianity, there will not be a single Hindu left. Then what will become of caste, what of the Sivite and Vishnuvite faith! What of our temples and sacred tanks? We shall see no monastery or even footprint of a Hindu. When Christianity has laid waste the land, will a blade of Hinduism grow there?

"Now who cares or speaks about these things? When the flood rushes over our heads it will be too late. It is because of our carelessness that these strangers insult our gods in the open streets during our festivals, Is there no learned pundit to be secured for money who will crush the Christians?"

INCREASE OF ISLAM IN THE EAST INDIES.

We are left to glance at the increase of Islam, and as it is convenient we begin with India. Canon Taylor's paper or address, read at the Church Congress at Wolverhampton last year, has been supplemented by so many fragmentary utterances of his in the *London Times* and elsewhere that it is not easy to know for just what he is to be held responsible. His Church Congress paper has been abundantly reviewed, quite beyond its deserts. Mr. Bosworth Smith in the *Nineteenth Century* charges him with lack of originality and wholesale plagiarism from his lectures on "Mohammed and Mohammedanism," published a dozen years ago, and alleges that even the opinions are "as nearly as possible identical" with those which thirteen years before he had promulgated, though "they were couched in an exaggerated form and without any modification or explanations," and were reproduced "without any adequate preparation or study of the subject at first hand," and that he "rushed at the task with headlong heedlessness."

But the archbishop may be credited with originality in his statement in the *Times* when he says that the Moslem population of India increased in the decade 1871-1881 between nine and ten millions, of whom he estimates *six millions to be converts*, while the Christian missionaries had not made one-tenth as many converts in the same period. The recklessness of such a statement was equaled by the ludicrousness of the method of ciphering, when it became known that the canon had added to the later Moslem population the entire number in the Moslem feudatory states, which were not included in the census of 1871. If this is not "heedlessness" it is difficult to furnish a specimen of it.