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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5.

LETTER FROM REV. C. GRANT, CALCUTTA.

THE "dovecotes" of the Baptist Missionaries in India have lately been, and still are, in a state of flutter, owing to an "Eagle," in the shape of a despatch from their London Committee, that has flown over, and caused mighty agitation. The said Committee is evidently scornful of the teachings of history, and believes that a nation *ought to be* born in a day if only the attendant midwives do their duty; and applying this belief to the case of India, are in a state of amazement that this mighty empire has not already been brought to the Christian birth. The fault *must* lie, *not* in a prayerless Church at home—not in the opposition of the carnal heart—not in the might of a heathenism strong in the social customs of the people, and the prestige of the reign of thousands of years,—not in the fact that long years—aye, it may be, even hundreds of years, may be required to mould India according to God's plan of working, even as hundreds of years were required to mould the Roman empire with one half the population and a mythology possessing one half the popular hold,—not in any or all of these causes is the *real* cause to be found, but in the Missionaries, and the Missionaries alone. The Committee solemnly declare their belief that had their Missionaries been more "self-denying,"—had they gone forth in poverty and weakness—had they only been "Apostolic"—had they only all been St. Pauls—then their Missions would have been as gigantic a success as their enemies say they have been a failure. Nay, still further, the Committee rather hint, that had their Missionaries only entered into a competition with the native Fakirs and Sunyasis, and starved themselves, and gone about with emaciated bodies, and matted locks, and persons encrusted with filth, things would have been different. Still further, the word "persecutions" is so quoted from the New Testament as to imply that the Missionaries here have been culpably remiss in not getting up an occasional persecution, and managing matters so that occasionally one of their number should be "stoned" or "beaten with rods."—So the whole blame is laid, by the men who have stayed at home and contributed their pence, on the men who have gone forth and toiled and prayed, aye, and suffered, what is perhaps more difficult to suffer than "beat-