

upwards to a higher moral manhood—to a severer law which will ultimately lead them to the foot of the cross. "The Government of India" (concludes this interesting and valuable document) "cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions made by these 600 missionaries, whose blameless example, and self-denying labours are infusing new vigor into the stereotyped life of the great populations placed under English rule, and are preparing them to be in every way better men and better citizens of the great empire in which they dwell."

Thus at length does God bear witness in behalf of his servants by the mouth of the Government which at first doubted and despised their influence. In a document full of figures and facts it is shown that through Protestant Missionaries a mighty revolution is going on in India, whose issue even now demands and deserves the thanks of the civil rulers of that vast land. How true therefore, as applicable to India and its Christian missionaries, the words of a man who knew from painful experience what it is to be misunderstood in one's character and work, and also misrepresented and maligned! "Delight thyself in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart; commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass; and He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and the judgment as the noon-day. Psalm xxxvii. 4-6.

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SHOES FOR PILGRIMS AND WARRIORS.

A THURSDAY EVENING HOMILY, BY C. H. SPURGEON.

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."—Ephesians vi. 15.

The Christian was evidently intended to be in motion, for here are shoes for his feet. His head is provided with a helmet, for he is to be thoughtful; his heart is covered with a breast-plate, for he is to be a man of feeling; his whole nature is protected by a shield, for he is called to endurance and caution; but that he is to be active is certain, for a sword is provided for his hand to use, and sandals with which his feet are to be shod. To suppose that a Christian is to be motionless as a post, and inanimate as a stone, or

merely pensive as a weeping-willow, and passive as a reed shaken by the wind, is altogether a mistake. God worketh in us, and his grace is the great motive power which secures our salvation; but he does not so work in us as to chloroform us into unconscious submission, or engineer us into mechanical motion, but he arouses all our activities by working in us "to will and to do of his good pleasure." Grace imparts healthy life, and life rejoices in activity. The Lord never intended his people to be automata to be worked by clock-work, or statues cold and dead, but he meant them to have life, to have it more abundantly, and in the power of that life to be full of energy. It is true he makes us lie down in green pastures, but equally certain is it that he leads us onward beside the still waters. A true believer