

## "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

Among the many affecting incidents that have come to us relating to the prevailing terrible revolt in India, the one we select beneath, will have a special interest for our young readers. As they read it, let them reflect on the heroic, christian courage of this young martyr soldier, and ask themselves to which type their own faith belongs, whether to his or to that of the feeble and ready to halt, Mohammedan convert. True, the latter was but a babe in the truth; but yet may his faith and ours be strengthened by this striking incident. Pray for India, then, that light may come out of darkness. May the Lord of Hosts take unto Himself His power and reign in that benighted land; and may the Gospel mightily advance there, over all this confusion:—

The following is an extract from a letter from an officer in the East India Company's service:

"When the wretched 6th Regiment mutinied at Allahabad and murdered their officers, an ensign, not 17 years of age, Arthur M. H. Cheek, who was left for dead among the rest, escaped in the darkness to a neighbouring ravine. Here he found a stream, the waters of which sustained his life for four days and nights. Although desperately wounded, he contrived to raise himself into a tree during the night for protection from wild beasts. Poor boy! he had a high commission to fulfil before death released him from his sufferings. On the fifth day he was discovered, and dragged by the brutal Sepoys before one of their leaders to have the little life left in him extinguished. There he found another prisoner, a Christian catechist, formerly a Mahomedan, whom the Sepoys were endeavouring to torment and terrify into a recantation. The firmness of the native was giving way as he knelt amid his persecutors, with *no human sympathy* to support him. The boy officer, after anxiously watching him for a short time, cried out, 'Oh, my friend, come what may, do not deny the Lord Jesus!' Just at this moment the alarm of a sudden attack by the gallant Colonel Neill with his Madras Fusiliers caused the instant flight of the murderous fanatics. The catechist's life was saved. He turned to bless the boy, whose faith had strengthened his faltering spirit. But the young martyr had passed beyond all reach of human cruelty. He had entered into rest."

The details which have reached us of what took place are