

manga, where 3 Missionaries have been sacrificed. His object is to persuade the natives to relinquish their idolatry and to worship the true God and his Son Jesus Christ.

Rev'd F. Campbell, in one of the provinces of British India, is prosecuting a work such as Rev'd Charles Grant began several years ago and described in the pages of the *Monthly Record*, namely, arguing with the subtle Hindoos on the folly of their religion and recommending the Christian as the alone true incarnation and Divine system. But both Missionaries aim at at one and the same end, viz: leading the natives to Christ; and *special* prayer as well as pecuniary means should go forth for success to both Missions the one in the east and the other in the west.

"What though the spring breezes
Beow soft in Ceylon's Isle,
Though every prospect pleases
And only man is vile!
In vain; with lavish kindness,
The gifts of God are strewn
The Heathen, in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.
Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to man benighted
The lamp of life deny;
Salvation Oh Salvation,
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till each remotest nation
Has learnt Messiah's name."

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COLLEGES.

Colleges at the present time, seem to be the all-important subject. That they are receiving attention from several branches of Christ's Church is nothing to be wondered at, when we take into consideration that an educated minority is necessary. They have done a noble work in other countries, having made themselves felt far beyond their prescribed limits through the many intellectual and educated men they have sent out, and why should not the same be done by them in Canada, in a Country

which is daily rising into importance, and giving proof of wealth as yet unknown. For warrant success, both in founding these, and making them useful afterwards, numbers must be avoided. Many small colleges, as well as several weak, dwindling congregations, instead of being a help to a Church, are a burden which hinder to no small extent the whole working of the Church. Efficiency is demanded, not numbers; thorough improvement, not a silly rivalry. The Presbyterian Church, regardless apparently of improvement in efficiency, in order to have the liberty to boast of numbers, is presently making a great effort to endow a Theological College in Halifax. Who can show this to be a wise step? Where is the actual necessity of draining the country of so much money which might be otherwise usefully employed in behalf of the Church, for a college which is not needed, and not only not needed, but will continue to be a drain upon the resources, and likewise send forth men little more than half educated! Were there only one in Canada we would say that the effort is justifiable, notwithstanding the burden imposed upon the Church. But with so many then the step is unwise and uncalled for. The journey to Canada to-day is neither long nor very expensive. Scotland, the great seat of education, is not the distance it was many years ago, taking into consideration the time spent in the journey, nor is the journey so expensive as to prevent our young men from studying there. The Paris Presbytery of the Canada Church, were it not that the basis of union is ignored, is on the right track for the good of the whole, in demanding the union of some of the colleges in order to a more thorough improvement and efficiency. And if union is real, we cannot see why the Church will not yield. It is perfectly ridiculous to keep up so many in Canada with two dozen of stud-