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India is in the throes of a social, intellectual, and religious revolution. The masses of the people have not to a large extent been caught by the whirl of the agitation; but the educated, who have imbibed Western ideas through their Western education, are strongly moved. Intellectually, India is free; and a man may think as he likes, without much fear of persecution. Socially, India is improving; and many much needed reforms are ardently discussed, and slowly put into practice. Religiously, India is held in the most rigorous bondage; and woe to the man who openly disavows the gods of his fathers! But even here there is movement. Men fear not to criticize the beliefs of their ancestors; they show a desire for fuller knowledge of those mysteries that surround the spiritual nature of man; and what wonder, while they thus inquire, if they learn something of European materialism, or even of the more degrading infidelity of a grosser school? It has been known for some time that infidel, or "free-thought," literature has been disseminated in India, though to what extent was unknown. Recently the Religious Tract Society, to the many blessings which it has conferred upon India, has added another, in appointing a committee to investigate this matter, and provide means to counteract the evil.—*The Harvest Field.*

SHUT UP.

When God shut Noah into the ark he had no choice between quietly abiding within it or forcing his way through its windows to destruction. It is even so with a man who by stern providences is "shut up" within clearly-marked lines, of disagreeable and painful duties. Within those lines there are many trials of faith; but beyond them is the wide, tempestuous sea of disobedience and destruction. It is therefore the part of the man of faith and wisdom to stand patiently at the post of duty, enduring hardness like a good soldier until God's own hand opens the door and sets him free, as he did Noah when the flood had subsided. Thus doing, though his "weeping may endure for a night," yet "joy cometh in the morning." It is better to die within the lines of duty than revel in the widest, freest realm of sinful delight.—*Zion's Herald.*