

in many ways, affect the position of the Church in that country, and the opportunities presented for the direct or indirect diffusion of the Gospel.

Let not the Church be behind the world in this matter. While the Legislature will most laudably direct its inquiries to the secular prosperity and the right and just government of 130,000,000 of our fellow-subjects, let the Church, with at least equal anxiety, survey the land, and see what has been done, or rather all that has not yet been done, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, and establish His visible kingdom among those countless multitudes.

The two last renewals of the Charter, in 1813 and 1833, have each of them been marked by important events in the history of the Church of England in that country. The year 1813 saw the erection of the bishopric of Calcutta,—an immense step, considering the temper and tone of feeling of that day; and this erection was accompanied by the formation of a regular Ecclesiastical Establishment, as well as by measures fully conceding to all classes of Christians the right of carrying forward missionary operations within the limits of British rule in India.

The year 1833 saw the subdivision of the see of Calcutta into the dioceses of Madras and Bombay; and from that period also dates the opening of the services of Government to all classes of native subjects, without distinction of creed, Christian as well as Hindoo or Mahometan; while the close of this second period has witnessed one of the most important steps, in furtherance of the propagation of the Gospel, which has been taken since India came under British rule, in the abolition, by law, of all those disabilities under which converts from Hinduism to Christianity lay, and which subjected to all the penalties of confiscation all such converts. At length perfect toleration and legal protection, and that only, has been secured to the native Christian subjects of the British crown.

This latter period has also witnessed the extensive development of all those schemes of secular education of the natives in the English language and literature, which must have, for good or for evil, so momentous a bearing upon the religious condition and enlightenment of the future generations of the natives of British India. And, lastly, the same period has seen the all but entire disassociation of the British Government from all support of, or connection with, the religious institutions both of Hindoos and Mahometans.

Surely, with the ground thus cleared, it will be the fault of Christian England, and above all, of the Church of England, if the year 1853 be not made the starting-point whence to date fresh triumphs for the Cross, and the enlargement of the basis, and expansion of the growth of the Church of Christ in that land. What will be wanted, will be a bold and faithful appreciation of the relation of the Church to the present condition of the world, and to the probable secular arrangements of the British Empire in India; a disposition not to shrink from new schemes, in a state of things so novel in its character; and, above all, a fixed determination and resolve, under the blessing of God, to make the Church of Christ in that country indigenous—not a foreign exotic, nor a mere ecclesiastical establishment, but a native plant—the Church of India.

Two full years are before us. Let them be diligently employed in a careful survey of what has been gained, and what remains to be gained,—of what has not been done, or what might be done better. Such preliminary inquiry and careful consideration may prove of great value to the heads of the Church when they come to be consulted on the ecclesiastical provisions of the new Charter; and for such a purpose they cannot now be commenced too soon.

It seems, therefore, most desirable that there should be a systematic treatment of this great subject, and that the contributions, not of one thinker, but of many, should be thus early obtained, especially of those now resident in India itself, or who have been resident there, with a view of getting together the largest possible amount of information upon the state of Christianity generally, and the condition of the Church of England in particular, in that country. Thus we may hope ultimately to clear the way to just views of what steps remain to be taken for the more effectual furtherance of the Gospel, and extension and rooting of the Church of Christ in India,—steps which might well commence with the era of the renewal of the Charter in 1853.

The following heads are suggested, upon which Reports might with great advantage be made, and upon which careful and well-selected information would be most valuable.

- 1. A comparative view of the state of Christianity, and the extent of its spread in the years 1813 and 1833, with reference, 1. To the Church of England. 3. To all other Christian communities.
2. A detailed and statistical account of the Church of England in the Dioceses of Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, in the year 1851. The number of Clergy, Churches, Communicants, &c., under the two heads,

- A. Of British congregations. B. Of Native congregations.
3. An economical view of the same subject. The expenses of the ecclesiastical establishment of the East India Company, and of the various Missionary Societies of the Church, specifying to what extent the voluntary principal has been carried out.
4. A condensed history of the operations of the Missionary Societies of the Church, showing, what ground has been lost or abandoned, and what gained, and where the prospects of success seem most promising.
5. A special account of the Missionary educational establishments of the Church of England in the three Dioceses.
6. Special Reports upon such changes as might be advantageously made in the organization of the British congregations in India, the status of the clergy, parochial rights, &c.
7. Special Reports on the best mode of rendering the Native church indigenous and self-supporting; how far Government might be called on to aid its development, or endowment, on the principle of applying the funds of extinct or disused temples.
8. Detailed accounts of all the various Missionary establishments external to the Church of England, both Roman Catholic and Protestant.
9. Reports upon the distinctive plans adopted in such Missions, e.g. the Free Kirk, Roman Catholics, &c.
10. Accounts and lists of the various charitable institutions in India connected with Christianity, and springing from it.
11. Reports upon the various translations of the Scriptures and the Prayer-Book at present existing, their respective excellencies or defects. What facilities and institutions exist for such translations, and what translations remain yet to be made.
12. Lists of all such translations of Theological books or others, as exist, bearing upon Missionary work: 1. Of the Church of England. 2. Of other bodies.
13. Report upon the ecclesiastical law of the Church of England in India, e.g. law of marriage, powers of the Diocesan, discipline of the clergy.
14. Hints upon the formation of a body of Missionary Canons for the Church of England.
15. An account of the Government establishments for secular education, with lists of books; Report how far any change in it, in a Christian direction, might rightly be sought for. Might Christian Colleges, after the fashion of the Irish, be affiliated, and so partly maintained by the State?
16. A special report upon those tribes and districts which have hitherto been quite unvisited by the Gospel, e.g. the Ghond, Seikha, &c.
17. What changes affecting the Church of England would it be desirable to seek for at the renewal of the Charter?

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