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CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.

The most encouraging aspect of Indian missions is the attitude of the mind of educated India toward Christ himself. An orthodox Hindu in a recent lecture delivered to his fellow-Hindus said: "How can we be blind to the greatness, the unrivaled splendor of Jesus Christ? Behind the British Empire and all European powers lies the single great personality—the greatest of all known to us—of Jesus Christ. He lives in Europe and America, in Asia and Africa, as King and Guide and Teacher. He lives in our midst. He seeks to revivify religion in India. We owe everything, even this deep yearning toward our own ancient Hinduism, to Christianity."

Whether we look at the growing Christian community and its many cheering features of life and of activity; or whether we study the non-Christian community and all the social and national institutions of India, we find large encouragement and a rich assurance of the speedy coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

HEARTLESSNESS OF HEATHENISM.

Writing about caste in India, Dr. Vaughn says: "Outside their own caste the weal or woe of their fellows affect them in no degree whatever. We have again and again witnessed along the great pilgrim routes of India harrowing illustrations of this sad truth. We have seen poor creatures, smitten with disease, lying on the roadside, passed by hundreds of their coreligionists with no more concern than if they were dying dogs; we have seen poor parched sufferers with folded hands and pleading voice crave a drop of water to moisten their lips, but all in vain. Hundreds thus perish, untended, unpitied, unaided; perhaps even before death does its work, the vultures and jackals begin theirs, and thus lines of whitened bones and blackened skulls border the roads leading to the sacred shrines. And whence this worse than brutal callousness? What has dried up the springs of human sympathy? It is caste. This first of all taught the people to look upon differing castes as different species; it next taught the lesson of defilement by contact; thus utter isolation and heartless selfishness account for the whole of the sickening scenes described."

—Rev. J. M. Gladstone, who has been at Hampton a year, has taken charge of the Episcopal Church at McAdam.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—Rev. D. G. Whittinghill reports from Italy that in the Baptist Mission in the city of Matera, in Southern Italy, a monk and twenty-six of his followers were baptized and received into the Baptist church in July last, and others are likely to follow.

—The depository of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, contains many treasures worth far more than their weight in gold, and which if by accident destroyed, no money could replace. Among these is a copy of John Eliot's Indian Bible, which no one now living can read.

—Rev. Sylvester Horne has resigned the pastorate of one of the most wealthy churches in the West end of London, to lead a work among the poor in Whitefield's Chapel in Tottenham Court Road.

—The strength of the movement "away from Rome" in Bohemia is in part shown by the dedication on Aug. 30 of two Protestant churches built by former Catholics. On September 8 two others were dedicated, and five more will be finished before the end of the year.

—A movement has been set on foot to erect in the capital of the Transvaal a Presbyterian church, to be a memorial to all the soldiers (officers and men, volunteers, doctors and nurses) of that denomination who fell during the war.

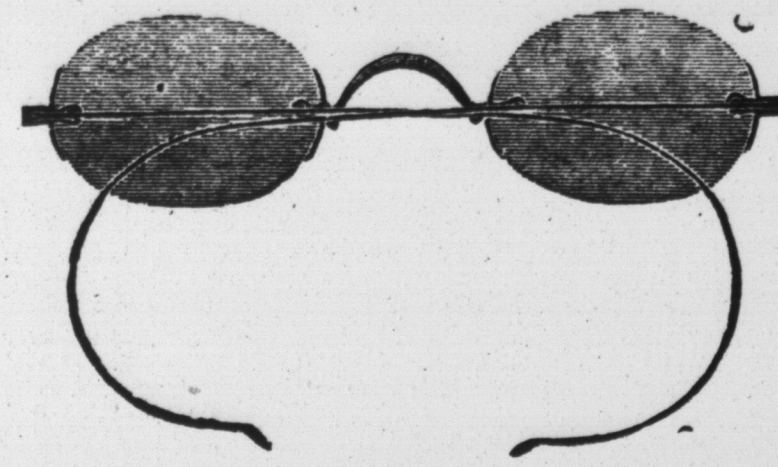
—The German Baptists have increased from 29,000 to 32,000 in the last three years, and a Russian Baptist pastor declares there are 20,000 in Russia who are in perfect accord with Baptists. The head of the Orthodox Greek church in Russia, in a recent deliverance, admitted that dissent was growing.

—We are sorry to learn that the church of the Transvaal, South Africa, has been divided by the war. A majority held out to the bitter end, and hated the minority that took up arms for the British. These would not be permitted to commune with the majority, unless they expressed penitence. The end is that the minority have formed a separate Synod.

—We believe, says the *Wesleyan*, that the only solution of the race problem is, give the gospel to every Canadian. Can they be reached? There are over 40,000 French Protestants on this side of the sea, and, according to returns, many thousands of French-Canadians have already received, if not read, portions of the Word of God. Fifty years ago there were great sections of Quebec where not a French Protestant was to be found, but to-day there is, perhaps, not a hamlet, however remote, which has not some sturdy soul with an open Bible in his hand, standing firm for that statement which is the keystone of Christianity. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Presbyterian Witness* is to become the property of a joint stock company. Dr. Murray, the accomplished editor, will continue in the position he has so worthily filled for many years. Dev. D. Stiles Fraser will, it is stated, become business manager. The *Witness* is an excellent paper, and we wish it increasing success.

IN EUROPE.—Gen. Booth is meeting with much success at Paris in his plan for extending the Salvation Army throughout Europe. He has addressed large gatherings there, and intends going to Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Italy. It is announced that the General has purchased 3,000 acres of land in Liberia for the purpose of establishing an industrial settlement and training native officers for the African propaganda of the Salvation Army.



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