

Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JEREMIAH PHILLIPS'S SPEECH.

I am glad of the opportunity to say a few words regarding the wants of our mission at Orissa. In listening to the report of your venerable Secretary, I seem to have lived over again very much of my past life. Vividly have I been reminded of the time when that named the subject of becoming a missionary

Before I sit down, allow me to say, pray for our dear children we leave behind, and whenever any of you meet them speak to them a word of encouragement.

Much more might I say, but I cannot longer indulge myself in retrospection, least I weary you. What now is the "prospect?" Over the water I see my dear India. The home of my childhood becomes the field for my life-work. The land itself, brightened, but yet beloved, calls me. There sleeps my precious mother. In the very city which guards her dust I hope to proclaim the gospel. There that good man, Kama, lies buried, who placed his hands on my head when I was but a child, and prayed God to make me a missionary to his countrymen. Now Christ calls me to that very land, my native land. To-night I hear his voice again bidding me go away from these shores. The success which has recently attended Dr. Bachevalier's labours cheers all our hearts. The little land presses which he took out with him

We suppose that all religious denominations have "ministers of like passions" with others, and who are not free from "small jealousies;" but it is a sad thing when "the general good has been sacrificed to personal selfishness!" Can it be possible that a true minister of Christ would be guilty of such wickedness? We sometimes hear of ministers who endeavor to build themselves up by undermining the reputation of others, or seeking to aggrandise to themselves all the esteem in a church or community.

All the efforts of the religious press and people of England have been powerless to prevent the Directors of the Crystal Palace from violating the Sabbath by every form of entertainment. Railway trains are run frequently between London and the Crystal Palace; concerts, shows, lectures, and all the appliances of Sabbath dissipation are industriously furnished for the entertainment of the multitude who do not like to retain God in their knowledge, to keep his laws. The expression of opinion in Parliament has no weight with a company of men who see their way open to make money, though at the expense of religion and morality.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURES.

Among the matters that we propose to leave to the local governments are, I have said, all questions of property and civil rights, all questions concerning the advancement of agriculture, all questions concerning the education of the people. Each section shall have control over the public land, and prisons and hospitals and charities in that section. All questions of municipal interest will be subject to the local government; all local works simply for the localities will be; and all questions of the general interest, the incorporation of private companies will be referred to the central government. In fact, all matters of general importance and interest, affecting all the Provinces, will go to the general government; and all matters of a local character, affecting only one section, will go to the local government. And the powers of all these and each separate portion have been so defined and secured by an act of the British Parliament, so that the two bodies shall not come into collision.

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Starting developments in regard to secret treasonable body of the Fenian Brotherhood are being made in this city. Arms have been found, and the leaders in the conspiracy are being arrested. There exists a painful feeling of insecurity.

A London correspondent asserts that the London Times contributed to a great extent to precipitate the credit of the United States government, and thus entangle both traders and money capitalists in the meshes of the speculators in rebel cotton here.

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