Excerpt from Lectures on the Tinnevelly Missions: Descriptive of the Field, the Work, and the Results; With an Introductory Lecture on the Progress of Christianity in IndiaMadura, the two most southern collectorates, or provinces, in the Madras Presidency, amongst a population of more than, three millions, the number of Europeans, including civilians and military men, Missionaries and merchants, men, women, and children, is under 300, and the Europeans who are directly engaged in the work of government, or in that of coercion, in those two provinces do not number a hundred altogether! It might almost be regarded as a miracle that so many should submit to the government of so few; but, what renders it more remarkable is, that they have hitherto submitted to it, not reluctantly, but peaceably and contentedly. The people of those provinces, as of all the old settled provinces of Southern India, are more easily governed than the inhabitants of any county in England. There is only one regiment, and that a regiment of Sepoys, officered by Englishmen, in the two provinces referred to, amongst a population greater than that of Scotland; and the services of that one regiment have not been required for anything more serious than routine duty since 1809! It has often been said that our rule in India rests upon military force; but recent events have proved that it depends far less upon force than upon opinion. It rests partly on the opinion of the in vincibility, in the long run, of the English arms and policy; but in a much greater degree it rests on the opinion which the Hindus, as distinguished from the Mahometans, every where entertain, that the English Government, whatever be its faults, is the best government India has seen for many generations; not equal, indeed, to the paternal governments of the mythical golden age, but more than equal to any government that these prosaic times have heard of. It is a mistake to suppose that the Hindus feel towards the English the soreness of a conquered people. Those of them who know anything of the history of their nation prefer to represent matters thus: - The English never deprived us of any power or privilege of which they found us in the possession; they rescued us from the tyranny of our Mahommedan conquerors; and in all their early battles we fought with them, side by side, not against them. About the PublisherForgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.comThis book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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