

panic ensues. The scene is awful. A general rush is made to stairs, and passages, and doors. Hundreds are trampled under foot, or almost crushed to death.

This morning, at our TRACT SOCIETY meeting, we had a most interesting statement from Mr. Matthews, a Scripture reader from the East by the Soldiers' Friend Society, as to the results of Tract Distribution since April last, among the Sardinians, French, and English.

The bold signature "OLIVER P." reminds us of the vigor of one who made England respected everywhere, both by land and sea. The East India Company became a far more powerful Corporation than ever, after the days of Oliver, and the conquests of later days have added continually to their power.

Next is the Invitation: "Come unto me." We will now briefly inquire what it is to come to Christ Jesus. He himself explains this. He says, "He that believeth on me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

They make peeps to Caszivantha. They give aims in the name of their god to the Brahmins. They repeat these for many days. But what is the result? To use the words of the prophet, "They were in pain, but what did they bring forth? Nothing but wind."

The East India Company was long the enemy of the Gospel in India. It refused to allow its first missionaries the London Society to set their foot upon its shores; and it was on the Dutch island of Serampore that Carey and Marshman set up that Bible-printing press which John Foster speaks of with such enthusiasm as a mighty "artillery" against Satan's strongholds.

It cannot be said that, even yet, anything like a majority of the Court of Directors are zealous for the spread of Evangelical Christianity. They look rather at India with a secular eye; they think mainly of developing its resources, by railways, by cotton-growing, and above all, by the opium trade.

It is my purpose, this evening, God helping me, to set forth the subject of our text under the following three heads, 1. Those who are invited. 2. The invitation; and, 3. The promised rest.

VALUABLE COAL MINE ON THE PACIFIC.—By recent dispatches to the Navy Department, from Commander Swartwout, of the United States steamer Hecate, we are informed that a coal mine has been discovered on the coast of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca.

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