closely-built districts. 481 persons have been saved from death by fire since 1848, and 3,563 fires have been attended by the escapes.

CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.—A public meeting was held on Tuesday in Exeter-hall for the purpose of considering, in the terms of the advertisement, "the future relation of the British government to religion in India." The proceedings seemed to excite less interest than might have been anticipated from the nature of the subject to be discussed, and at the commencement of the business the body of the hall was little more than half filled. Subsequently there was a slight increase in the number of the auditory, which was of a very respectable character. The platform was occupied by a large number of gentlemen, including many dissenting ministers, and among them was Lord Ebury, the Hon. A. Kinnaird, M.P., Sir C. Eardley, Sir M. Peto, M.P., Mr. R. Hanbury, M.P., the Rev. Canon Champneys, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, the Rev. W. Chalmers, &c. The chair was taken soon after eleven o'clock by the Earl of Shaftesbury.

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FRA DS AND FORGERY BY A SOLICITOR AT ASHTON.—On Thursday a warrant was obtained from the magistrates of Ashton-under-Lyne, on the application of a clerk from the office of Mr. Marriott, solicitor, at Manchester, against Mr. Mollor, a solicitor, late of Ashton, but who has absconded, charging him with forgery. Mr. Mellor has occupied, up to the time of his disappearance, a position of great respectability, but it has now been discovered that he has committed frauds and forgeries to the amount of several thousand pounds. A petition in bankruptcy was presented against Mellor in the Manchester Court of Bankruptcy on the 2nd of January, and the inquiries instituted by creditors bave led to the discovery of these serious delinquencies. Among other creditors was Mrs. Clarke, of Bowden, who some years ago intrusted £12,000 to Mr. Heginbotham, attorney, of Ashton, to invest in mortgages. Subsequently, Mr. Heginbotham was made a bankrupt, and his business and investment of the moneys were transferred to Mellor. At various subsequent periods Mellor furnished to Mrs. Clarke what purported to be mortgage deeds, by means of which he got FRA DS AND FORGERY BY A SOLICITOR AT quent periods Mellor furnished to Mrs. Clarke what purported to be mortgage deeds, by mesns of which he got hold of sums of £500, £300, and other moneys; but an examination of these instruments has shown that they are of no value, the properties purporting to be mortgaged not belonging to the persons whose names are inserted in the deeds. Mrs. Clarke alone has thus been defrauded out of some thousands of pounds. It is believed that Mellor had a considerable sum in his possession when he absconded

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