

II.—THE INDIES.

In'-di-a. | Gan'-ges [-jeez]. | Cal-cut'-ta.

1. EAST of Arabia, in the southern part of Asia, are two great peninsulas; and a little farther south, in the ocean, is a cluster of the largest islands in the world.



Temples on the Banks of the Ganges.

These peninsulas and islands together are usually called THE INDIES, though each of them has a separate name.

2. These are all hot countries, with plenty of rain, and are remarkable for the abundance of vegetable and animal productions, as well as for mineral wealth.

3. Almost all the kinds of spices now raised in different parts of the world may be found here in the forests.