x NAKICHEVAN, THE GRAVE OF NOAH 105

events in Caucasia than actually occurred, and which, owing to their local, personal, and religious character, paralysed all more dangerous and far-reaching movements. Whenever a dangerous revolt is hatched or breaks out in Caucasia, the authorities have only to incite the Mohammedans against the Christians, to lay hands on both parties after they have mutually exhausted their strength. The justice and humanity of such a policy may well seem doubtful, but it is certain that if the Caucasian tribes were left to themselves the state of affairs would be ten times worse. And in India the condition would be the same if England withdrew her hand.