

# NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD

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Reports of the Great Desolation Inflicted by the Earthquake Near Calcutta Confirmed.

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## TOWN OF SHILLONG LEVELED

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Inspector of Prisons Killed—Railroad Vanishes Near Gauhati and Roads Are Crossed by Wide Chasms—Fund for the Jubilee May Go to the Sufferers.

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CALCUTTA, June 16.—Further reports of the destruction caused by the earthquake of last Saturday show that great damage was done at Dacca, Jamalpur, and Murshidabad. At the latter place the Nawab had a miraculous escape.

Great injury has been done to the tea plantations of Assam, Cachar, and Duaro. A number of factories and machine houses have been wrecked at the three places named. At Krishnagar, Mymensingh, and Silket all the Courts and Treasuries have been demolished.

Terrible reports are coming in from Assam. At Shillong everything has been leveled to the ground. An Inspector of Prisons has been killed, and there have been many deaths in the public offices, in the military lines, and in the bazaar. No further details are obtainable.

The official records have been buried at Gauhati, where the roads are now crossed by wide chasms. The railroad has vanished in that vicinity, and at Goalpara a tidal wave has destroyed the bazaar and all the other buildings, and the neighboring country is covered with fissures which are spouting mud and sand.

Numbers of buildings have been destroyed at Dhubri, where the river bank has subsided, flooding the country and ruining the crops.

There has been heavy loss of life at Goalpara and Dhubri.

Several of the shaken districts have not been heard from, but isolated roads have been broken up by fissures, bridges have been destroyed, and the telegraph lines have been broken down almost throughout Assam.

It is expected that the jubilee illuminations will be abandoned, and that the money which it was proposed to expend upon them will be devoted to relieving the distress of the earthquake sufferers.