

HINDOSTANEE MISSION.

BY BISHOP NATHANIEL V. JONES.

LETTER NO. 6.

During the month of February, Calcutta received its last and final instalment of tracts; through the assistance of Mr. Murill White we distributed about 1200 among all classes. I will here say that our operations have not been exclusively confined to the European population. They have been both vigilant and extensive among the natives. We formed many acquaintances with the high castenatives, most of whom could speak good English. Some were Hindoos and others held to a kind of Deism; the latter are quite numerous in Calcutta, and for the most part very wealthy.

During our visits we took particular pains to explain to their comprehension the principles of the gospel, and the true nature of this great and last message, and that we were sent forth by revelation to warn the inhabitants of this land of the great revolutions that are about to take place with the inhabitants of the earth. Most of this class have a strong aversion to the Bible, which was chiefly the topic of conversation, and generally resulted in asking many questions respecting the character and attributes of the Almighty, and particularly his personality.

These and a host of kindred questions had to be settled every time we met, and generally ended by their saying, "You have much truth, and are much more reasonable than most of your Christian brethren, but our religion embraces all the truth of which you have been speaking and a great deal more." They had not the most remote idea of receiving our doctrines, but rather expected we would become converts to theirs.

Of the higher caste of Hindoos there cannot much be said in favor; they are a pusillanimous, crouching, servile race. The strong and indomitable love of tradition that prevails among them, as well as the unsubdued tenacity with which they observe their religious feasts and poojahs, together with their uncompromising devotion to their castes, throw around them a barrier so formidable that the customs, traditions, and habits of the surrounding nations have not been able to make any considerable inroads upon them.

There are among them many relics of the ancient order of the priesthood, which their fathers borrowed from the children of Israel, though much corrupted by the innovations of heathen mythology; still the outlines are distinctly traceable, particularly in their domestic relations.

Their families in a great measure are patriarchal, especially those of the higher class; they often number several hundred residing under the same roof; generally the senior member presides, though there are instances sometimes when it is otherwise, owing to certain privileges or preferences belonging to particular branches of the family, which they have probably inherited from inter-change of marriage, by reason of which they fall heir to certain privileges and titles of distinction. Their children always remain at home, or near the parents.

All mechanical tools, implements of husbandry, as well as all vessels used for culinary purposes are purely of domestic origin. They have an unyielding aversion to the use of everything of foreign manufacture; it matters not what the caste may be, it is observed from principle; and so strict are they that to use anything of foreign import they lose their caste, which dishonors them from their family and all benefits arising from the same.

The Brahmin sometimes grants them indulgences and they are permitted to return back to the fellowship of their caste by paying a certain sum of money, or by performing some penance. It is a daily occurrence to see those who, to regain their caste, have set at the shrine of Colah, or at some favorite Chaat, with one hand extended in a vertical position, until the muscles become paralyzed and the arm as immovable from that position as the limb of a tree, with the hand clutched until the finger nails have grown through the back. This act of devotion fully restores them to the confidence of their caste, and they are for ever after supported by them.

There are many things performed by the heads of families that would not be overlooked in subordinate members; they have a kind of reverence for their superior; whatever he does they think is all right, for say they, he is the "Burrah baboo."

The female portion of the family are never allowed to go out of doors or even to be seen by strangers. They are exceedingly tenacious in this particular, so much so that the municipal authorities have never been able to correctly take the census of the city. From their peculiar domestic arrangements it is quite an impossibility to become acquainted with any of the female members of the family. This principle of caste is a formidable barrier against the introduction of any new principle into the midst.

The lower orders of Hindoos are more particular than any others. The strong traditional character of the people, together with their faithful adherence to their Brahmin and their Shasters (traditions or teachings of their gods) for ever preclude the idea of reformation.

Their traditions have remained unchanged and unaltered for thousands of years; the children so completely ape every peculiarity and gesture of their parents that what you see in one characterizes the whole district. Tradition forms the backbone of their existence; it runs through their blood, sinews, and is woven with every fibre of their being. I confess I never saw a people so completely given over to the tradition of their fathers. The very atmosphere which they breathe is impregnated with it; the spirit of the land engenders oriental traditions.

Most foreigners that come to the country adopt in a great measure the customs of the natives, and to excuse themselves say, that "foreigners living here cannot carry out their English and American habits." On arriving in this country they find themselves subject to the influence which prevails here, which when once infused, is for ever established upon them.

This country is filled with evil spirits, and it is their influence which strangers have felt, though they have not been able to explain it. They exist here by millions; it is their favorite locality; they go in clans, and actually take up their residence in many buildings by taking possession in defiance of the former occupants. I have seen scores of large spacious buildings that have been vacated because the evil spirits annoyed them so frightfully that they were obliged to leave.

Many have attempted to carry out the more advanced principles of civilization as practised in Europe and America, but after trying it a year or two they soon retrograde into native traditions and habits.

It is now about 40 years since the Bible Society was established in Calcutta for the laudable purpose of "enlightening the dark and benighted heathen." During this time there have been numberless copies of the Bible printed in all the local languages, and gratuitously distributed among the people, backed up by ten times the same number of tracts, both having been supported by a formidable array of Christian missionaries who have stood ready to nourish the good seed as it should spring forth.

The effect of modern Christianity upon the natives of this country, notwithstanding this ostensible zeal to promulgate the gospel, is truly lamentable. The universal means adopted by the missionaries to obtain converts has been to hire them.

With this unwarrantable practise of hiring their converts, they have met with success only with a few isolated rigots and villagers; those who have a competence they cannot hire. To those who have become Christians they are obliged to continue pay from year to year; if not, they will leave them at once; they have obeyed Christianity for the money which they receive, the rice which they eat, or the patronage which they expect to get. The natives themselves say, "If we could not be secured in some one of these things, we would not be Christians."

They look upon it as a matter of traffic; and with us it was a daily occurrence for them to offer to join our church for the most trifling advance on the pay which they were then getting; and they go from one denomination to another for the purpose of bartering them for more pay. And it is quite common for those who have thus sold themselves to Christianity to slyly steal away to the Ganges and worship.

The Christian converts have become so proverbially dishonest that their own ministers will not employ them, but hire Mahomedan servants.

There were nearly 200 natives baptized by Elder Willes before we came to the country. Soon after Elder Willes left for the Upper Provinces, the Baptist missionaries bought them over to their faith for four rupees per month each. Soon after our arrival in the country they sent a delegation to us wishing to know how much over four rupees a month we would give them to come back. We told them we did not want them at all. Hearing this they went away, but soon returned again, when they used very stratagem in their power to induce us to take them back. After they had exhausted their arguments, they then asked us for money, but when they heard our explanation, they went away, and never troubled us after.

From first to last there has not been less than 75 of the better class of natives, most of whom have had an English education, who have called upon us and desired to join the church; and perhaps the first word they would say, "I wish to join your church," without any knowledge of our principles whatever; and upon being asked if they believed our doctrines, they would unhesitatingly say "Yes;" but upon examination we would soon learn that they did not know anything about us, but expecting to find us like other Christians, they had come to offer themselves as teachers with the expectation of getting a monthly salary. After the consideration of the pay had been fully discussed, they never called the second time.

I found in many instances they belonged to other denominations and had taken this course to increase their wages. A considerable portion of them I found to be the converts of the late Rev. Cary, whose missionary labors have gained much celebrity; others the converts of the celebrated Dr. Duff.

According to my observation and experience, Christianity as practised in India has been the parent of much evil, and is deteriorating to the religious and moral condition of the people.

If there are any conditions in which the natives are more honest and moral than another, it is when they are in full fellowship with their own religion and caste.

Among the many natives with whom we became acquainted was one by the name of Melvie Hyder Ally, 70 years old, who formerly occupied an influential position in society; he was the moon-bee of the late Bishop Heber, and has been associated with most of the important men in the country; a man profound in oriental literature and possessed of a brilliant and comprehensive mind. He has rendered much service to the Bible societies by translating the Bible and other works into several languages; also the History of England, for which government made him some handsome presents. The Church of England built him a chapel, and he wore the gown for about fourteen years.

We made his acquaintance soon after our arrival in the country; he received us kindly and offered to render us any service that we might require in obtaining the language, or in disseminating our principles among the natives. He immediately commenced to investigate, and the report soon came to the ears of the members of the Bible Society that he was about to join the "Mormons." Upon hearing this news they stopped a salary which he had been in receipt of for some years past, for services rendered the society.

Report of the Ninth Quorum.

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The quorum meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, at the house of A. N. Hill, in the 14th ward, G. S. L. City. The members are requested to report themselves forthwith, either to A. N. Hill at the Tithing office, or the clerk of the quorum. Those marked thus * are requested to send in their genealogies without delay, as we want the book filled up, or they will be dropped, and their places filled.

By order of the Council.

RICHARD R. BIRKBECK, Cpk.

Answer to Enigma in No. 6.

Your first is a TAR we plainly do see,
And he uses TAR while crossing the sea.
Your "first and second" together combined,
Is a wandering PERSON called Tartar, we find.
Your second reversed, which comes in so pat,
Is a quadruped small, whose name is rat.
Your third and your last, I think we'll agree,
Is the pronoun us, the objective of we.
Your whole is Tartarus, generally called hell,
Where the subjects of Plato for punishment dwell.

Answer to Riddle in No. 6.

The things you saw to my surprise,
Were the Roman figures, XIII.
Of the lower half it was then bereft,
This VIII was the number left.

ENIGMA.

I'm composed of five letters, as we always spell,
Yet my whole with two letters will read quite as well.
My fourth is a venomous, obstinate thing;
My fourth, fifth and third are controlled by a king.
My fourth, fifth, and second will spell half my name;
My first and fifth will pronounce just the same.
My fourth is an insect of honor and fame;
My first and fourth will spell my whole name.
My surname I've scattered through these broken lines,
And left you to try to unravel my rhymes.
That you may know what I am, when you've shown me your skill,
I'll tell you my first name is called, "honest

BILL."

MARRIED:

In Grantsville, on the 14th of April, 1856, by Elder A. C. Brower, Mr. ALMA H. HALE and Miss SARAH ELIZABETH WALKER, all of Grantsville.

In this city, on Thursday, 10th inst., by Pres. L. Brigham Young, Mr. LEONARD WINES and Miss SARAH MORAN, all of G. S. L. City.

On the 20th of March, by President Kimball, Elder H. FINDLAY to CATHERINE ANN TAYLOR PARTINGTON, both of Great Salt Lake City.

In E. T. City, Tooele county, on the 10th inst., by Elder Samuel McIntosh, Mr. SAMUEL WORTHINGTON and Miss SARAH MCINTOSH.

In Farmington, Davis county, on March the 15th, 1856, by Elder Lorin Farr, Mr. JOHN A. MILES of Ogden City, and Miss FRANCES ROGERS, of Farmington.

In this city, on Friday the 18th inst., by Elder J. V. Long, Mr. EMANUEL WAYMAN and Miss MARGRET JOHNSON.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

A FINE toned five octave Melodeon, made by Prince & Co. Cattle, horses, or cash taken for pay. Enquire of W. Nixon, East Temple street. 6-1t

Strayed or Stolen.

A RED COW, with a star in forehead, branded G H on both hips, and tip of horns sawed off. Whoever will return her to the subscribers shall be rewarded. THOMAS & CO. 7-2t East Temple st.

DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between Phineas H. and Brigham H. Young, is this day mutually dissolved.

PHINEAS H. YOUNG,
BRIGHAM H. YOUNG.

April 17, 1856—7-1t

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession a two year old brindle heifer, crumple horns, no perceptible brands. She was taken from the Indians by Gen. Conover's command. The owner can have her by paying charges &c. W. W. CASPER. 7-1t Mt. Creek.

CARDING.

SPINNING, Weaving, Dyeing and fulling, &c., done at Jordan Woolen Factory. Wool taken to make up on shares or otherwise. Cloth, blankets, yarns, and linsey given in exchange for wool, araise and reap, by MATTHEW GAUNT. 7-6m

TAKEN UP

BY the subscriber some time in February, a middling sized red and white cow, five years old, white strip under her belly, bush of her tail white, white spot on her rump, both horns bored, no brands visible, has a young calf. The owner can have her by proving property, and paying charges. ISRAEL WEST, 7-2t Fort Bingham, Weber co.

TAKEN UP

BY the subscriber in Red Butte canyon, a white cow, with red hairs interspersed on her side, redish ears, branded S on right hip, and 8 on left, has a young calf. Will the owner come and take her away, pay charges, &c? WM. HAZLEHURST. 7-2t

\$5 REWARD.

STRAYED from G. S. L. City, about the 1st of April, a dark roan horse, 4 years old, with white legs and face, glass eyes, branded CK on the left hip. Any person on returning said horse to H. W. Lawrence, corner of Emigration street and State road, shall receive the above reward. 7-4t

A Good Chance for Lumber Men.

AS the Winter is now gone, and the snow in the mountains rapidly disappearing, we wish to inform all Loggers, that at our Mill, 14 miles east of this city, there is abundance of Logs, and excellent feed for animals, and from thirty to forty Teams can work to good advantage in hauling Logs. We saw for one third. W. L. JOLLY, JOHN GOASLIND.

N.B.—Come on, boys; we'll have a Jolly time in the mountains this season, and a profitable one too, if you'll work well. 7-4t

Public Auction at Goddard's Auction Mart,

ON Saturday, April 26, at one o'clock.

There will be a great variety of articles sold by Auction, and a good chance for Bargains, including Cooper Ware, Cabinet Ware, Tin Ware, Glasses, Lace, Needles, Bobinet, Buttons, Chalk, Borax, Scleratus, Caps, Watches, Fob Chains, Jewelry, Ink, Salt, Coats, Summer Hats, Stockings, Laces, Fringes, Dress Trimmings, Pocket Knives, Awls, Fish Hooks, Shirt Studs, Violin Strings, Violins, &c., &c.

The above will be sold without the least reserve by 6-1t GEORGE GODDARD, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.

To be sold at Auction by J. Salter, on

Monday next, April 23, 1856, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the store of F. D. CHIT, one door south of Nixon's, the following described property, consisting in part of Dry Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, smoking and chewing Tobacco, Pepper, Spices, Soap, Hair oil, Combs, Brushes, Brooms, Wash boards, Tin ware, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Stationery, Rifle and Shot Guns, one Colt's Revolver, Men and Boys' Clothing, household furniture, consisting of Tables, Chairs, Bedsteads, Sofas, one large sized Charter Oak Cooking stove and furniture, Crockery-ware, and a variety of other articles to be sold without reserve. Terms of sale—Cash. 7-1t

NOTICE.

WHEREAS W. I. APPELBY Clerk of the Supreme and 1st District Court of the U. S. for Utah Territory, has gone to the eastern states, leaving me as his deputy, I hereby notify all persons interested, that all business connected with his office will be promptly and legally attended to by me; and all business apart from judicial matters, requiring the seal of said courts will be executed in a correct, neat and legal form, such as claims against the U. S. Government, for losses by Indians, powers of attorney, naturalization papers, declaration for land warrant, deeds, bonds, &c., &c. For drawing up declarations for land warrants, including clerk's certificate and seal, my price is \$3 cash. Other papers in proportion.

Office—at Hon. Secretary Babbitt's house in the 16th ward, G. S. L. City. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. CURTIS E. BOLTON, Deputy Clerk &c. 7-3m

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