

useless they allow it to starve to death, saying they do it no harm.

Last week here in the town, one of the keepers of the rajahs' elephants had taken an elephant to tank for water, and while there cruelly beat it, he had done the same thing several times before, and the animal had borne the treatment patiently, but this time becoming enraged, broke his chain, seized the keeper with his trunk, and crushed him, then ran through the town; the principal street was crowded as usual, and in the confusion two men could not get out of his path, so were grasped in his trunk and killed. The elephant could not be captured, and it was supposed he had gone to the woods, but the next morning he was at his old quarters at the rajah's and was as quiet as usual. The incident will soon be forgotten by the natives but not by the missionaries, for they realize that by the unkind act of one, three people have gone with no hope for the eternal life.

As in all countries where the people are ignorant, superstition prevails. Lamine things are used as objects of worship. We had a good illustration of this on the mission compound. Some carpenters who were repairing the roof of the bungalow every morning before beginning work, worshipped their tools by bowing to them with hands folded