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## The Oratorical Contest

By George Homuth of Waterloo College.

Oration Given by Student Geo. Homuth at the Oratorical Contest of the Waterloo College.

It is difficult for those who have been born into the atmosphere of a progressive western nation to appreciate present day conditions in India.

One of our strongest impulses is patriotism which comes from a sense of national unity and of a great common inheritance. This inheritance has been infused with the breath of Christianity and enriched by a constant growth in wisdom and intelligence. In North America we seem to be as a whole of a single race. We speak practically a single language in which is printed and distributed every year billions of pages. Free and compulsory education has made this literature intelligible to us all, so that the thought of millions are shaped by the same ideas. We have had our freedom so long that we merely take it as a matter of course. Our systems of transportation are wonderful and these have found us together. The progress in society, government and church is a normal thing. Finally our application of the result of modern science to the unearthing of our great natural resources has produced an abundance of wealth. All this is so familiar to us that it is hard to imagine a state of affairs entirely different.

Now let us look at India in contrast. India! It is a word which to us people of the Western Hemisphere and even to the people of Europe seems to bring us the feeling of mystery. It breathes of magic. The magic of the east. It seems to us impossible to think of India without calling up visions of idolatry, of religious castes, of pilgrimages to sacred temples and of a people who make religion such as it is, the mainstay of their life morally, physically and mentally. People who will suffer untold sorrows and privations without endeavoring to help themselves, believing it to be the will of their God.

The greatest misfortune to the progress of India are the institutions of the caste and the numerous languages which are spoken in the country. Caste may be defined as a collection of families, holding a common title or name, claiming descent from a common ancestor, professing to follow the same calling and living by fixed rules and customs. The castes are separated by the following barriers, intermarriage, eating together, contact and other similar things. There are about one hundred thousand castes in India.

Now allow me to dwell for a few moments on the women of India as they exist in India. One writer says: "The conditions of the women is the truest test of the people's civilization. Her status is her country's barometer. In the days of India woman enjoyed a position of honor and influence but later on when Hinduism pervaded their country it brought a curse on womanhood. The answer one of the lady missionaries received when she broached the question to a Brahman with regard to the educating of his wife was, "women have no brains. You can teach to men, but if you succeed I will bring around my cow and you can try and teach her." The early marriage question is one of the greatest evils. A woman has no independence. For her marriage she is usually not consulted but it is arranged by her parents.

Another curse which results from Hinduism is widowhood. If the husband dies, the wife is held responsible for his death. Her head is shaved and for year she eats but one meal a day with frequent fasts. The rest of her life is made miserable and unbearable and death comes to her as a welcome friend.

India is a part of the British Empire, while not half as large as Canada, yet it has a population of 315,000,000 of people while we have a population of only 8,000,000. When you consider that in this densely populated country there are 150 different languages and many different religions, the chief of which are Hinduism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism, you will realize to some extent the great task England has in trying to maintain order and helping the people to become better educated and infatigable trying to instill in them the democratic principles which we enjoy and appreciate so highly. If some times measures are used which seem a little harsh it is only because the cause of trouble and to be obtained demand this.

The government of India is headed by a governor-general who is also viceroy and an executive council of six members of the Bengal Bar. India is divided into fourteen provinces and thirteen native states. At the head of these provinces or states is the chief called the rajah and it is really through these rajahs that the British representatives must deal because they are all powerful in the territory over which they reign and unless they are humored and treated with every consideration, they are in a position with the large following they have, of causing a great deal of trouble and in some cases much bloodshed. Taxes are collected from the people for the maintenance of the army both native and white which it is necessary to keep in order to quell the many disturbances which occur. The Viceroy controls the majority of the members of the legislative assembly, 25 of whom are elected by the people and 35 by the Viceroy and has also the power of vetoing any measure. The plan is as generous as is consistent with the type of people to be governed for the people are not in a position either morally or mentally to govern themselves. At the present time they are advocating a rule because they are beginning to realize the benefits of democratic government. But by granting this at the present time it might only be the means of setting India back to where she was. Since India has been under British sovereignty peace between the different tribes has been established and there remain no longer the terrible tribal wars. The resources of the country are being developed. 3000 miles of railroads have been built and 15,000 miles of irrigation canals which have reclaimed 15,000,000 acres of land and which have forever done away, in these districts so often have swept the country carrying off millions of people by starvation and diseases. There are 50,000 miles of macadamized roads and 40,000 miles of telegraph lines. Schools have been built which are attended by 5,000,000 pupils and hospitals where 22,000,000 patients were treated in 1914.

Certainly England has done much for India, but can we say that everything is normal. Certainly we can not. There is much work in that field and each individual must do his or her own little part to carry on this work. One lady missionary tells the following story of her experience:

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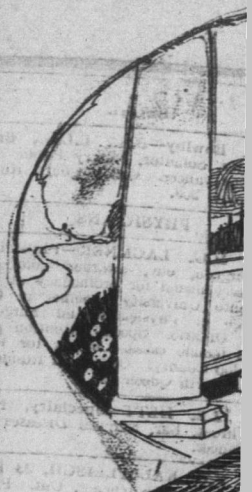
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