

Some of these poor ignorant people used to throw themselves beneath the great car and let it crush them to death during these processions. They regarded it as a very worthy act, and thought they would go to heaven by doing so. But that is not allowed any more. The country is now ruled by the English, and they station policemen all along the line of the procession to keep people from throwing themselves beneath Juggernaut's car. The Hindus are a very religious people in their way: they attend to all the outward forms and ceremonies of their heathen worship, but they have not the true spirit of religion, because they do not know and love the true God. Some of their dreadful practices have passed away, and let us hope that as the gospel comes to them, they may obey its teachings and become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

### THE ZULUS.

There are three native races inhabiting South Africa: the Bushmen, the Hottentots, and the Kaffirs. The Zulus belong to the Kaffir tribe, and they are sometimes called Kaffir-Zulus. They occupy a region in the south-east part of Africa, including the province of Natal and the territory north of it. Natal is now an English colony, having been made such in 1843, and many English people have gone there to trade and to live. But before these colonists went to Natal, missionaries from America had begun to preach the gospel to the degraded natives. This was in 1835.

The Zulus, as they were first found, were degraded indeed. The men to be sure, had good forms and features; they were tall and quick in their motions. The earliest missionaries described them as wearing a few feathers upon the head, beads upon the neck and arms, a small piece of the skin of some animal about the loins, and otherwise without clothing. They are a strong, vigorous race, and very brave.

The ordinary native dwelling is called a "kraal." It looks like a large beehive, and is made of withes covered with

thatch. Kraals are usually some eight or ten feet in diameter, and in the centre are four or five feet high, so that no man can stand erect in them. They have but one opening, about two feet high, which serves for door as well as for windows and chimney.

If a Zulu has many wives, several of these kraals are built together in a circle, thus making a pen for the cattle. Women are always bought for wives in exchange for cattle, fathers selling their own daughters to the man who will give him the most cows for them. The Zulus were never cannibals, but they care very little for human life. It is said that when a king dies his body is not allowed to touch the ground, and before he is buried several of his principal men are killed and their bodies are placed in the grave so that the king may rest upon them. Cetawayo, at one time king of the wild Zulus, when the English protested against his slaying so many of his own people, sent back this message: "I do kill, but do not consider I have done anything in the way of killing. I have not yet begun. I have yet to kill. It is the custom of our nation, and I shall not depart from it."

### WHAT THE GOSPEL HAS DONE FOR THE ZULUS.

Some one told Mr. Grout, one of the first missionaries who went to Africa, that he was going on a wild goose chase. After thirty years of work there he could say: "If I did, I caught my goose." To be sure, it was ten years after the missionaries reached Natal before the first convert was received, but since then fifteen churches have been formed, and large numbers of Zulus have become Christians.

They are changed in every respect, — with new hearts first, and then with new clothes, and new houses, and new habits.

### A ZULU CHIEF AND PASTOR.

Our missionaries tell the story of the Rev. James Dube, a noble specimen of the Christian Zulu.

The story of the man is remarkable. He was born in the interior, in a common