

from their hands: each one pulled it in his direction, each one wished to embrace it once more; they all had something to say to it. At length they became resigned to allow it to be removed; all the family accompanied it to the grave: when the moment came of consigning it to the earth, the cries, bidding farewell, and lamentations, recommenced. I did not see the conclusion; my duty being fulfilled, I retired.—What struck me particularly, was, that in the midst of all the demonstrations of grief, I saw but few tears fall. The whole appeared to me forced, and prepared according to usage; for usage regulates everything in this country, even the feelings of the heart.

“In certain castes there prevails a very laudable custom. When the dying are in the last agony, the family assembles around the death-bed: at the moment of expiring all present kneel down, and pray for the soul just departed; tears are forbidden until this pious duty has been discharged. On the day of the death, all the friends of the deceased Indian repair to the house of his nearest relative, to mourn with him, and to share in his affliction; they accompany him during the funeral ceremonies, and also take their last farewell of the deceased.—Having returned from the funeral, they assemble at an appointed place, and conclude their condolence by an act which you will consider singular, to say no more of it—they smoke a cigar each in token of mourning.

“The ignorance of this people is what afflicts the Missionary the most: the fatigue, the privations, the rigour of the climate, are nothing, in comparison with what he feels from the prevailing darkness; inasmuch as the deficiency of the instruction, united to the inconstancy of the Indians, causes frequent defections. A trifling interest, a frivolous reason, is sufficient to induce several of them to pass over to schism, or to the exterior profession of heresy. When we shall speak their language well, and that we shall be in sufficient number to visit them several times in the year, we shall I hope, effect much good; for the present we can only prevent the Catho-

lic faith from being completely extinguished here; and our Christians from again becoming pagans. This is something, certainly, but is not enough for the heart of a Missionary.

“Accept, &c.,

“LOUIS TASSIS,  
“Missionary-Apostolic.”

## Association for the Propagation of the Faith.

A meeting of the Committee and Collectors of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith will be held in the new Vestry, on Monday evening, 2d October, at 7 o'clock.

## Catechistical Society.

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