

and bhang and are generally fond of opium. It is very difficult to form any correct idea of their religious tendencies. Instead of worshipping any Deity whom they trust to help, protect and love, they are generally found to be engaged in propitiating the wrath of some unknown Demon, whom they think to be always on the alert to injure them. Religion such as this, would be irksome, and as the hillmen, unfortunately, always prefer to live away from places where civilization could find its way, there is not the remotest chance of their being able to taste at least the elements of any religion that soothes, instead of worries, or, that strengthens, instead of intimidates. So peculiar are the ways of these hillmen, and so out of the common run are their habits, methods of living and social conceptions, that it would afford special interest to readers, if the subject be dealt with in detail in a separate account.

According to the Agricultural Returns, the total area of woodlands in Great Britain now amounts to 2,768,243 acres, of which 1,715,473 acres are in England alone. There has been an increase of about 50,000 acres in England during the past ten years. In Scotland, on the other hand, there has been a decrease of about 10,000 acres during the same period.

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