

friend, or acquaintance, will eat, drink, or smoke with the person who suffers the loss. He is held to be a curse, and shunned like the pestilence. Every Hindoo who is converted to christianity loses his cast.†

The Mahometans pursued a plan for the propagation of their religion in Hindostan, which might successfully be adopted by the Ministers of the Gospel. They patronized the outcast Hindoos, and gradually brought them over to the Mahometan faith. In this manner a great body of flourishing Hindoos, who had lost their cast, might be established in society to keep one another in countenance, and in time the losing cast might be no longer a bugbear.

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† The Danish missionaries, who attempted to convert the Indians in Malabar, in the beginning of the last century, say "Every one that turns Christian (not being the head of a family) is presently *baniſhed from his whole estate* and kindred, not daring so much as to come near them again. They look on him as the vilest and most miserable wretch that ever lived." See Page 37 of a Work, entitled "Propagation of the Gospel in the East." London, printed, 1718. This is a book worthy the attention of the Societies lately instituted for the propagation of the Gospel.