

*éclat* and ceremony. Processions and music, together with splendid illuminations, are the order of the night, and many of the guests of high rank, European and native, are invited by the parents to a grand feast. When all is over the children are separated, until they reach the age of from twelve to fifteen years, when, after another ceremony, they live together as man and wife.

When about to leave Bombay for England, in 1867, I was invited to visit a Lodge of Parsee Freemasons, which is said to be one of the strictest in all India, but it happened that a mistake was made about the time of their meeting, so that, unfortunately, I missed the opportunity of meeting them on the Level and Square, having to proceed homewards at once in the steamer. So, concluding this brief article, the Parsees are said to be the most loyal and devoted to the British Crown of any of the whole of the Queen's subjects in India.