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## LETTER FROM REV. WM. WILSON.

HE TELLS OF A NEW HINDU GOD.

**D**EAR YOUNG PEOPLE—I want to tell you now of a new Hindu god that was lately made, according to an account given in a Hindu newspaper. A man named Brown lived at a city called Aligarh. He was engaged in growing the indigo plant and had charge of all produced in a certain district. But one year the crop was a failure and he got heavily into debt. The shop-keepers wanted their money and gave him much trouble, but he could not pay; so one night he fled and all trace of him was lost.

Some time after an English gentleman was going to a village in that district and he saw a great crowd of Hindus around a temple built after the style of an English bungalow or house. Out of curiosity the sahib went over to see what god the people were worshipping there. Dismounting from his horse, what did he see? Before him was a small door where the people were pushing and shoving to get in. Several of them had in one hand a vessel of whiskey and in the other a dish of meat cooked after the English fashion. Some others had in their hands bottles of brandy and of soda water. Behind them came a man dressed like a cook carrying knives and forks and spoons.

The sahib, greatly wondering, said to a man standing near, "What does all this mean?" The man replied, "This is the place where Brown Sahib is worshipped and we have come to do puja (or worship) to him." The gentleman laughed and said, "Do you

worship Mr. Brown?" He said, "Yes, sir; and all these things are for Brown Sahib's image." The English sahib then said he wished to see Mr. Brown's image. The people, with great pleasure, took him into the room where the image was. There he saw English chairs, tables, cupboards and such furniture as English people use, and khas-khas, tatties and punkhas for keeping the bungalow-temple cool, and there, too, was Brown Sahib's image made of earth, five feet high and covered with English clothing.

The visitor then sat down by the image and a Brahmin priest placed in his hands a bottle of brandy and one of soda water, and giving him a glass said, "Your Honor will please drink and also give Brown Sahib to drink." The English Sahib filled a glass with brandy and soda water and placed it before Brown's image, saying something in English. Then he took it up and drank it off himself, and having helped himself plentifully to the other articles of food that were placed at the feet of the image he came out. When the people had placed the offerings of food before Brown's image they bowed themselves before it in worship, and with loud voice cried, "Victory to Brown Sahib."

Some time afterwards the English gentleman by inquiring learned that Mr. Brown having sold his effects had gone to another city, and after his money was all gone he spent the rest of his life in begging from town to town. He married a woman of low caste and dressed like a native and so became lost to view. There is no account of how or where he died. The mysterious disappearance of the man from the view of the Hindu