

by eight, but in the centre only of height sufficient to stand upright. On two sides were raised places, a foot and a half from the ground, intended to recline or sleep on; and in the middle a large hearth or fire place, surrounded by a number of earthen pots and other utensils of the dairy.

"The door-way in the partition wall being much smaller than the outer one, I made several attempts before I succeeded in getting through it, but this I at last effected by lying on my side, and in that position twisting myself through.

"This apartment, excepting in height, was of smaller dimensions than the other, but surrounded on three sides by similar raised places; and on each side of the door way were little niches, apparently intended for lamps.

"Within this apartment was almost total darkness, and to my surprise the shining object which I had observed from without was no longer visible.

"After carefully searching every part, I was about to return, fully convinced that there was no idol, and from what I had seen from Hindoo temples, this had never been intended for the reception of one, when I thought I observed the shining object; but it again disappeared, and left me in darkness as before.—However, after a minute or two, it returned, and then remained fixed.

"I now discover that this object was nothing more than a shapeless piece of rude stone, having no symbolic form; and that it was evident it had at one time constituted a part of the raised seat; that the cause of my not seeing it for some time after I had been in this apartment, as well as the reason of the extreme darkness, and of the coming and going of the light, was my servant standing before the outer door-way, and obstructing the rays of the sun, which, darting through these two entrances caused the comparative and transient brilliancy."

It appears that they have a good reason for keeping up a mystery about their faith, since by doing so they preserve their ascendancy over the other tribes in their neighbourhood.—