

The Mission Field.

BUDDHISM IN RELATION TO CHRISTIANITY.

At the last large meeting held in February, by the Victoria (Philosophical) Institute, 7, Adelphi Terrace, London, a paper was read by the Rev. R. C. Collins, M.A., on Buddhism in relation to Christianity. Referring to the parallels between the persons and characters of Buddha and Jesus Christ, he said:—Take, as a prominent instance, the birth stories I need not here give details, which are to be found in any modern work on Buddhism. The supposed miraculous conception, the bringing down of Buddha from the Tushita heaven; the Devas acknowledging his supremacy; and the presentation in the Temple, when the images of Indra and other gods threw themselves at his feet; the temptation by Mara—which legends are embellished by the modern writer I have already quoted, under such phrases as "Conceived by the Holy Ghost," "Born of the Virgin Mary," "Song of the heavenly host," "Presentation in the Temple and temptation in the wilderness"—none of these is found in the early Pali texts. The simple story of ancient Buddhism is that an ascetic, whose family name was Gautama, preached a new doctrine of human suffering, and a new way of deliverance from it. The accounts of his descending from heaven, and being convinced in the world of men, when a preternatural light shone over the world, the blind received sight, the dumb sang, the lame danced, the sick were cured, together with all such embellishment, are certainly added by later hands; and if here we recognise some rather remarkable likeness in thought or expression to things familiar to us in our Bibles we need not be astonished, when we reflect how great must have been the influence, as I have before hinted, of the Christian story in India in the early centuries of the Christian era, and, perhaps, long subsequently. This is a point which has been much overlooked; but it is abundantly evident from, among other proofs, the story of the god Krishna, which is a manifest parody of the history of Christ. Several Home and Colonial applications to join the Institute as guinea Subscribers were received and its object being to investigate all philosophical and scientific questions especially any said to militate against the truth of the Bible,—a discussion ensued in which Mr. Hormuzd Rassam, Professor Leitner, from Lahore Mr. Coles, an earnest student of the question during 25 years' residence in Ceylon, Professor Rhys Davids, and others took part. All agreeing in and confirming the statement of Fr. Collins' paper. Dr. Leitner brought a large number of photograph of early Indian and Tartar sculptures showing the first introduction of the Christian story into those monuments between about the second and tenth centuries, and he pointed out the value of such additional confirmation of Mr. Collins' statements.

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