

## Groveling Pilgrims.

Two miles from the city of Lucknow is the decaying city of Alligunj, once the home of many rich people, and still the scene of the great annual Hindu festival. In the centre of the village, surrounded by tumble-down buildings fast falling into ruins, stands a wretched, filthy little shrine, dedicated to Hanuman, or Mahabir, the monkey-god. To this shrine, at the time of the annual festival, held some time in May, thousands of pilgrims may be seen making their way. No small number travel greater or less distances, some as much as fifty or even one hundred miles, measuring their length on the ground, as you see represented in the picture

do and overlooking that which might encourage us to hope that we might succeed in the undertaking. Then there is the voice of God in his word. This is the truest guide, as the Holy Ghost makes clear our Father's will. But to discover that will we must take into account our circumstances. For example the bible would not give the same instructions to a man in the last stages of consumption in regard to entering the ministry or undertaking any other work, that it would to a man in the full possession of all his strength and faculties, though it be the same book from which each seeks instruction.

The following actual case will serve as an

## Diaz, the Apostle of Cuba.

### THE STORY OF PROTESTANT MISSION IN THE PEARL OF THE ANTILLES.

(By Belle M. Brain, in 'Christian Endeavor World'.)

The Rev. Alberto J. Diaz has been justly called 'a star of the first magnitude among the missionary heroes of the world.' Were the dates omitted and the history written in the style of eighteen hundred years ago, one could easily believe it a recently discovered chapter in the Acts of the Apostles.

During the last Cuban rebellion (1868-1878) young Diaz, though a graduate of both literary and medical departments of the University of Havana, and about to enter upon his professional career, cast his fortunes with the Cuban patriots.

Being ordered to an outpost to warn the army of a Spanish attack, he and his men were surrounded by the enemy. Escape by land being impossible, when night came, under friendly cover of darkness each took a piece of wood and plunged into the sea! They hoped to drift along the coast and land at some safe place.

To their dismay they were carried far out from land, and death seemed inevitable. But God had chosen one of them to do a great work for him, and it was not in accordance with the divine plan that he should perish. After floating about many hours, he was rescued by a small vessel and carried to the United States.

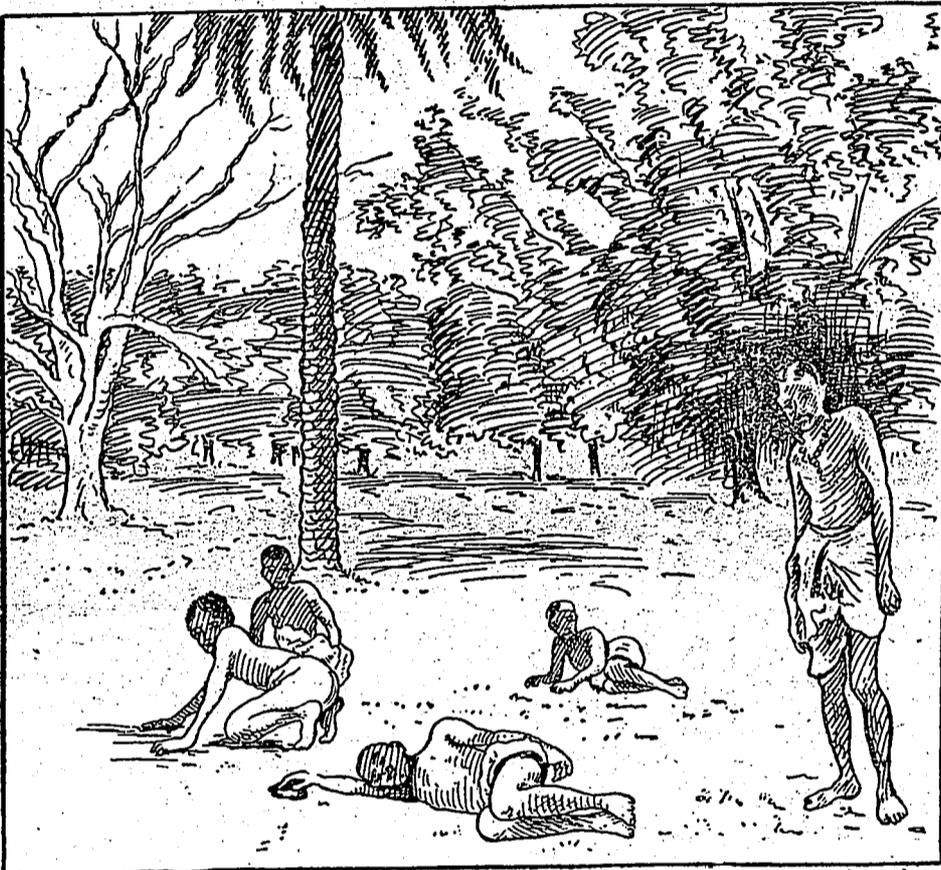
Captain Diaz decided to go to New York and continue his medical studies there, making a specialty of diseases of the eye. During the winter an acute attack of pneumonia laid him so low that his life was despaired of.

When it was announced one morning that the poor young Cuban was about to die, friendless and alone, Miss Alice Tucker, an earnest young Baptist woman, became greatly concerned for his salvation. Going to his room, she attempted to converse with him. Finding this impossible on account of his understanding so little English, she merely read a few verses from her New Testament, and prayed for him. This she continued to do for several days until the crisis was passed.

Knowing nothing of the bible, and never having seen anyone pray except by 'telling their beads,' he was curious to know what she had done. As soon as he was able he wrote her a note in broken English, asking what the little book was, and 'why she had closed her eyes and talked to herself after reading it.'

Learning that the book was a New Testament, he asked for a copy of it, which she was glad to give him. While attempting to translate it, he was told that the American Bible Society issued a Spanish edition. Procuring a copy, he began a diligent and earnest study of it, which resulted in his conversion.

In a short time, the rebellion having ended and amnesty being declared to all who had fled from their country, Diaz set sail for Cuba, burning with an intense de-



PILGRIMS ON THEIR WAY TO TEMPLE, ALLIGUNJ.

on this page. Taking a small stone in his hand the pilgrim stands in the attitude of prayer, with his hands folded on his breast, and mutters words of prayer or praise. Then, lying full length on the ground, he places the stone as far forward as he can, as you see the man in the foreground doing. Standing up by the stone, the pilgrim goes through the same action length by length, making slow progress to this village shrine. His mother, wife, sister, or daughter, walks by the roadside, carrying water for the thirsty devotee to drink, and at night, when he stops to rest, cooks his evening meal. — 'Church Missionary Gleaner.'

## Guidance.

Some seek to be guided only by the inner voice, an inner light, as they call it, taking it for the Holy Spirit. But to such often it is their own temperament or moods that speak, and they become very erratic in behaviour. Often, if we are guided by circumstances, we will interpret their instructions to suit our own wishes, seeing that which prevents our doing what we do not wish to

illustration of what is meant by the three voices concurring. A young man wished to decide whether he should become a foreign missionary. He was prompted from within to do so. The inner voice gave its verdict, 'you ought.' He looked for God's voice in his word. It also gave its verdict, 'you ought.' He consulted the voice of circumstances. He was of a very delicate constitution, compelled to spend many days confined to his house—missionary work would probably cause his death inside of a year. The voice of circumstances said, 'you ought not.' The three voices did not concur. He believed it was not God's will. To-day he is serving God and the missionary cause in another way, and enjoying God's peace in his heart.—'Parish and Home.'

## But One Day.

God's almanac has but one day, that is to-day;  
Satan's almanac has but one day, that is to-morrow;  
The fool's almanac has but one day, that is by-and-by,  
What infinite folly to say to-morrow, when the Holy Ghost says to-day!