

Heathen world to the God of Heaven for deliverance?" He answers "there is no cry which understands itself. At the best it is only a blind longing." Let me tell you the story of Oreedus as related by himself at his baptism:—

"Some six or seven years ago I was in great trouble of mind—a burden oppressed me day and night. I could get no relief. I applied to a holy Brahmin, he advised me to fast every Tuesday, not to taste even water throughout the whole day, and to repeat constantly the name of my god. This I did faithfully, but my burden pressed as heavily as ever.

"He next advised me to go to the Ganges to bathe, performing the journey of two miles by prostrations. This is done by throwing the arms, when the body is completely prostrate, as far forward as possible, and with the forefinger making a mark at which he plants his toe in preparing for the next prostration. Accepting the counsel, I set out on my journey, and after several days with a chafed, lacerated body I arrived at the sacred river. Bathing relieved the pains of the body but it gave no relief to my soul. Knowing how meritorious it was to present a young cow as a gift to a Brahmin, I obtained one, and, after the usual ceremony, (which consists in taking white rice, the leaf of the betel nut, a sprig from the Tulsi plant, and a small piece of money in the hand, and with the same hand grasping the tail of the animal, the Brahmin repeats a Sloka from a Shashtra. The cow became the property of my spiritual instructor. Though this gift is said to be highly meritorious, yet it gave me no relief. I went home as dissatisfied as ever.

OTHER STEPS.

"Still I turned to my Guru for counsel. He assured me that my trouble of mind was due to my insincerity, and again advised me to visit a distant shrine. Ready to do as directed, I set out. I was eight months from home, being the most of the time on the roads, subsisting on what I could obtain from the hand of charity. On my return, my friends would not touch me lest they would be defiled, as I had eaten food from so many hands whilst abroad. After many purifications I was received by my family, but in mind I was as unhappy as before.

A TURN.

"In my country there are many medicines for those who are sick at heart. The next prescription was a visit to Jagannath in Orissa. I set out, but at Benares I met a man who persuaded me to turn aside from my purpose and to enlist for Trinidad. I have been led by a way that I knew not.

But now I see that my God, whom I neither knew, loved, nor served, brought me here to hear the kind invitation "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will you rest." My burden is now gone—another has taken it on his back. I have peace."

THE CHARACTER OF THE CONVERT

Our converts have on the whole stood well this year. We insist on abstinence from strong drink, opium, and ganja. At a marriage, about a month ago, one of our women thought that a bottle of light wine would add to the hilarity of the work. She purchased and drank, but it was regarded such a scandal by her friends at La Fortune that, before all was over, she felt that wine, which is a mocker, in the end bites and stings.

WHAT THE GOSPEL HAS DONE.

In November last the convert Tulaksingh left Trinidad for a visit to Calcutta. He is expected back in a few months. On the eve of his departure, our missionary at San Fernando, Rev. Kenneth J. Grant, asked him, "Now, Babu, tell me what the Gospel has done for those who have embraced it at La Fortune?" His answer was, "Sahib, I can tell you what it has done for myself. Four years ago I was drunk: now I have no wish to taste liquor. I used ganja habitually: but I have given it up wholly. I used to beat my wife severely; now my home is quiet and happy. I used to exact 10 cts. per month on the dollar, and enforced payment; but since I embraced Christianity I gave up more than \$200. interest which I could have collected. I was proud, and despised those of lower castes, but since I received the Gospel I know that God has made of one blood all people, and that Christians of whatever caste are all one in Christ Jesus, and that now, like Paul, I can say,—my heart's desire and prayer to God for my country people is that they may be saved. The Gospel has also produced a great change amongst the Christian people here. The Sabbath is now observed. Formerly those who had a cow, cut grass. Some bought, some sold; some got drunk, some quarrelled. But now none drink anything that intoxicates. None have been brought before the magistrate for neglect of duty or violation of law. Everyone goes to Church every Sabbath morning and evening. All have given up rum and ganja, and some, tobacco. All give something weekly to God: for quarter ending 30th Sept. about \$20 were contributed here. Some have learned to read the Bible and most are trying to bring others into the Christian way.