

it to be false on account of the nature of the ground, but the place was visited and worshipped by people from all the surrounding villages. The fakir was an impudent, lazy beggar who would come to no terms though I offered him very liberal ones to get out, as I wanted to pull down his house and tomb from in front of our new school. I finally, however, won over the authorities to consent to the man's removal as he had built his tomb and house by trespass. I gave him money to cover his loss, and the authorities pulled down his house. Then I forbade anyone to worship the tomb, it now being in my possession, but they came at night and worshipped. I finally decided to show them its falseness by pulling it down, so I had one of our Christian men remove the whole affair, as no heathen would touch it. I ground up the plaster and used the bricks in building a wall in front of the school. Everyone at first prophesied that I should die and the new school be destroyed, but months have now passed and neither happened. And when, on the tomb being all torn up, no bones or signs of a burial being found the heathen were reassured, and were quite as ready to assist in the final removal as the Christians, though six months ago they were worshipping it and mothers were bringing their hard earned pice to procure the help of the god who dwelt in it to give them boy children.

Such are the lies which hold sway over the minds of Hinduism, and Mohammedanism, too. I wish I could buy up all the temples and false tombs in India. I would go in for opening people's eyes.

I had hoped to send you a photograph of the new building before now, but I will wait until we have it colored. Our Council meets in it on the 7th of March, during whose session we will probably hold the opening services.

We are all very busy here. Mrs. Russell, Miss Dr. Turnbull and I were out at Maupeer last week for some days and had a grand visit. I saw a good deal of the Bbils and am very much