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# To Convert Christians.

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A Society of India to Send  
Missionaries to This Country.

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To those who have been innocently sending out missionaries to convert the heathens, the idea that any Country should think of sending missionaries to convert this Country comes with more or less of a shock. Yet even in India, one of the very Countries that have been considered subjects for conversion, a movement is taking shape to send men hither to show us the ways of virtuous living. The movement has formed itself within the ranks of a society called the Arya Samaj, founded in 1887 by a celebrated East Indian pundit, the Swamee Dyanand Saraswatee. In this City is living a nephew of this learned man, the



Swamee Bhasikara Naid Sarswate.  
He is a son of the Prince of Joud Poor, and  
after taking a degree of A. M. at the  
University of Calcutta and of D. C. L. at  
Oxford, England, he has come to study the  
English language in this City. He described  
the society and its aims to a reporter yesterday  
afternoon as follows:

"The Arya Samaj, or Aryan Society, was  
founded in 1887 by my uncle, who was  
deemed the greatest vedic scholar of the  
age. My uncle was assassinated by poi-  
son about four years ago, but the society  
still lives. Its object is to spread throughout  
India and the world the principles of truth  
taught in the vedas, and especially the truth  
that there is one supreme being permeating  
the universe. The Creed of the society is as  
follows:

"1. - God is the fountain of all true knowledge.



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and the primeval cause of all things know-  
able.

"2. - Worship is alone due to God, who is  
all truth, all knowledge, all beatitude,  
boundless, almighty, just, merciful, infinite,  
unchangeable, and without a beginning.

"3. - The vedas are books of true knowledge,  
and it is the paramount duty of every Arya  
to read, or hear them read, to teach and to  
preach them to others.

"4. - An Arya should always be ready to  
accept the truth and denounce untruth  
when discovered.

"5. - Truth arrived at after consummate  
deliberation, should be his guiding prin-  
ciple in all sections.

"6. - The primary object of the Samaj is to do  
good to the world by improving the physi-  
cal, intellectual, spiritual, moral and  
social condition of mankind.



- " 7.- Due love for all and apprehension of justice an Arya should manifest in his behavior toward others.
- " 8.- He should endeavor to diffuse knowledge and dispel ignorance.
- " 9.- He should not be content with his own improvement, but look for it in that of others.
- " 10.- In matters which affect the general social well-being of our race he ought to discard all differences and not allow his individuality to interfere; but in strictly personal matters everyone may have his own way.
- " The society has spread with great rapidity throughout India. At present there are 900. The native princes are apt to be heads of branches. In these 900 branches, where the members are entirely high caste Hindus, about \$400,000 has been collected for the purpose of spreading the society's doctrines.



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throughout the world. I see that the editor  
of the Calcutta Mirror, who is an intimate  
friend, has hinted at the plan to send Mis-  
sionaries here. Upon this subject I would  
rather not give my opinion as yet."