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THE DEATH OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA IN CALCUTTA.

A Hindoo Priest, He Was Taken Up
by Eastern "Faddists" and Made
Many Converts—Calve and a
Duchess Among Them.

New York, July 25.—Private advices from Calcutta announce the death in a monastery near there of Swami Vivekananda, the Hindoo monk and philosopher who preached himself into New York's exclusive society. Vivekananda's original mission here was as a delegate to the congress of religions at the Chicago World's Fair. He remained long after the fair was over in response to invitations by members of the "higher thought" movement in America who were greatly impressed by his teachings. Then society took him up as a "fad" and lionized him.

Vivekananda came to America without money, and refused to accept money from his numerous admirers while here. He lived in the simplest manner and preached his severe Buddhist doctrines wherever he came. Swami is a Hindoo word meaning free, and is given by the religious order to which Vivekananda belongs, to those only who have reached spiritual perfection in the material body. There are only twenty such teachers in India, or in the world. They really live the life ascribed to Buddha in Arnold's "Light of Asia," wear the plainest garb of yellow, travel from village to village afoot, preaching and teaching, and accepting nothing save so much rice or pulse as will fill a little wooden bowl. Swami Vivekananda was an impressive orator and a deep thinker.

Swami Vivekananda, who is said to have had such an influence on the young Duchess of Manchester that she became a convert to his Oriental religion, as announced several times since the former Miss Zimmerman's marriage, was in charge of the party that went to India, which included Madame Calve and two American women who was his acquaintance in America and were enough interested in his theories to undertake the journey to India. There have been various explanations of the prima donna's strange desire to give up her career for a year and spend her time on the back of a camel. One of these was the promise of the Eastern disciple of Buddha to restore her health if she undertakes the pilgrimage. She preferred this course to the drastic measures suggested by the Paris surgeons.

Swami Vivekananda before he came to America was a wandering priest, bare-headed, begging front door to door, and eating what was set before him. He was sent here by a Hindoo priest, who paid the expenses of his shipment, like an express package, for Vivekananda knew nothing of money or its use. He had, in fact, no pockets in his clothes. He lectured for money, but this was sent to India for religious purposes. Swami Vivekananda, notwithstanding months of residence in high mountains, in order to discard the material swaddles of nature, was yet a man of the world, and believed in a certain conformity. He accordingly, against his religion, tried to eat meat. He was accredited with saying that the most difficult thing he has encountered in his earthly career was the effort to dispose of the pork and dressed beef at Chicago tables.

"I would like very much for our women to have your intellectuality, but not if it must be at the cost of foolishness," said Swami Vivekananda in New York. "I admire all that you know, but I dislike the way that you cover what is bad with roses and call it good. Intellectuality is not the highest good. Morality, spirituality are the things for which we strive. Our women are not so learned, but they are more pure. To all women every man save her husband should be as her son.

"To all men every woman save his own wife should be as his mother. When I look about me and see what you call gallantry my soul is filled with disgust. Not

until you learn to ignore the question of sex and to meet on a ground of common humanity will your women really develop. Until then they are playthings, nothing more. All this is the cause of divorce. Your men bow low and offer a chair, but in another breath they pay compliments. They say, 'Oh, madam, how beautiful are your eyes!' What right have they to do this? How dare a man venture so far, and how can you women permit it? Such things develop the less nobles side of humanity. They do not tend to nobler ideals.

"We should not think that we are men and women, but only that we are human beings, born to cherish and to help one another. No sooner are a young man and young woman left alone than he pays compliments and perhaps before he has a wife he has courted 200. Bah! If I belonged to the marrying sect I could find a woman to love without that!

"When I was at home and saw these things from the outside I was told it is all right, it is mere pleasantry, and I believed. But I have traveled since then, and I know it is not right. It is wrong, only you of the west shut your eyes and call it good. The trouble with the nations of the West is that they are young, foolish, sickle and wealthy. What mischief can come of one of these qualities; but when all three, all four, are combined, beware!"

But severe as the Swami was upon all, Boston received the hardest blow.

"Of all, Boston is the worst. There the women are all faddists, all sickle, merely bent on following something new and strange."

Swami Vivekananda visited Des Moines in 1905 and was entertained while here by Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Breen. He lectured at the Central Christian church and attracted a large audience. A reception was given in his honor while in Des Moines and he is known to hundreds of people here.

MUST HAVE BETTER QUARTERS

Fire and Police Commission Given a
Small Room Back of Detective De-
partment, Without Windows.

It is the general impression among the tax-payers of the city that the fire and police commission of the city should be provided with good offices. No more important commission was ever appointed, in which the welfare of the city of Des Moines was so thoroughly involved. The council by some means, should provide the official headquarters of the commission with every convenience possible. Those who are interested in the welfare of the police and fire department of the city should have some place to attend to file their suggestions or complaints outside of a fix room in the back part of the fire station. It is understood that the commission will have its office room back of that occupied by the city detective department. If that is so there will be many people deterred from running the gauntlet of the gang of policemen and detectives, to make their wants known. Every intelligent and progressive spirited citizen believes that this commission should be furnished with suitable offices, separate and apart from the city hall, so that they might appear before the commission without engendering the apparent occasion of some police officials. It is the general belief that the city council will provide such quarters as will meet the exigencies of the occasion.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

One Bank and Several Other Firms
File Them With Secretary.

The following articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state today:

Hawkeye Furniture company of Burlington; capital, \$500. Joseph J. Black, president; John Schmidt, secretary and treasurer.

Rowe Gas, Light and Heating company of Early; capital, \$10,000. E. E. Rowe, D. D. Carlton, F. J. Kerwin, E. C. Fuhs and O. P. Nennis, incorporators.

Mount Sterling Savings bank of Mount Sterling; capital, \$10,000. B. R. Vale, president; W. B. Welch, cashier.

The state auditor has chartered the Citizens' Savings bank of New Virginia to do business in Iowa. Its capital is \$10,000. C. C. Randall is president and D. W. Keiser vice president.