



## **THE TOWER OF SILENCE**

### **4th Wilts Men Stray to Hindu Temple**

In the Christ Church Parish Magazine notes for this month mention is made of an interesting letter from one of the Bible Class men now serving in India, who describes a visit he paid to a Hindu Temple thus:- "Another day (he writes) a friend and I went to a Tower of Silence. These towers, as no doubt you know, belong to the Parsees, who do not bury or burn the dead, but place the bodies on a grill on these towers for the birds to devour. On the wall of one of the marble tablets stating officers were not to drill their men near the hill, and no men were to ascend the hill, for how was a man to read the notice without ascending the hill – it was rather Irish. So I said to my friend, 'It seems to me that we are on forbidden ground, and had better clear out', which we did."

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