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*"For hatred does not cease by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love.
This is an old rule."—Dhammapada.*

Pleading for Their Wives and Children



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WHEN the Canadian missionary goes to India, he is allowed to take with him his wife and children. The Canadian being a British subject has that right and privilege. When the Hindu comes to Canada he is not allowed to bring his wife and children. He is a British subject, and he may be a Christian, but these matters count for naught with the Canadian Government.

The finest and best of the Hindus are the Sikhs. They are neither Moslems or Buddhists. They are Sikhs, and the Sikh religion is Christian in the broadest sense of the word. They are brave and loyal subjects of the King-Emperor. Yet none of the 4,000 Sikhs in British Columbia and Alberta is allowed to bring over his family.

If they went to Great Britain they could take their families with them. If they went to the United States they could take their wives and children with them. Canada, Christian Canada, refuses to give them this privilege.

The four men in the photograph have recently been in Ottawa to ask for this privilege. The Rev. Mr. Hall is the Presbyterian missionary in Victoria, and he pleads for them. The other three bear the title of "Singh," not to designate blood relationship, but religious brotherhood. They are Sikhs of whom there are two million in the Punjaub, and who are the only class of Hindus who emigrate.

What do the men and women of Canada think of this situation? Shall this plea be made in vain?

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