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The photograph shows the entrance to the inner shrine. On the other side stands the Bodhi Tree under which is an altar for offerings. The Temple is believed to date from the second century A. D. In 1863 it was in a ruinous condition and was restored by the Burmese Buddhists in 1877, but passed under Hindu control in 1891. After repeated efforts the Buddhists recently induced the Indian National Congress to appoint a Committee who recommended that both Hindus and Buddhists should be allowed to worship there, and that a Committee of five Hindus and five Buddhists should undertake the management and control of the Temple and the worship. It is hoped thus to convert the hallowed locality into "a great centre of learning and culture in which both Hindus and Buddhists will join."

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FOREWORD.

The growing demand, in the East as well as in the West, for a popular exposition of Buddhism, has encouraged us to republish in book form three articles which have previously appeared at different times.

“Why I Believe in Buddhism” has already been circulated in Chinese by the Peking Buddhist Research Society, to be followed later by “Some Thoughts on Buddhism”, which has also been published at Peking in Russian and Chinese (see *post* pp. 22).

“Tibetan Initiates on the Buddha” originally appeared serially in the *Maha Bodhi Journal* of Calcutta. It has been re-arranged and revised for the present purpose: that of presenting Buddhism as “The Science of Life.” In the Addenda to this section is included valuable information hitherto buried in old publications and more or less forgotten. Some of it comes direct from the Tibetan Initiates or their disciples, especially matters relating to the Buddha and his inner doctrine, of which they alone possess the complete records.

It has often been said that the Church was the great failure of the War; hence the license, disillusionment, and scepticism which has followed it. If Christianity failed under the acid test of the War, it was because its dogmas lack the foundation of law and reason. Indian troops and other Orientals who took part in the War were but little affected, because (with the exception of the Mahomedans) their religious beliefs are founded on the ancient philosophies, and above all on the twin laws of Karma and Re-incarnation which regulate evolution.

I.

Why I Believe in Buddhism

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