

CHITTAGONG

Sketches from Life

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The Story

CHITTAPRASAD was born in Midnapore district and spent his early youth in Chittagong and it is in these two districts that the people are suffering the worst. He is a self-taught artist and love of the people is the strength behind his brush.

(1) Nazir Ahmed, a peasant from North; starvation had driven him to the southernmost district, Chittagong where he was found on the roadside. When asked his name he could not recollect it for 3 minutes.

(2) One of the many. A Muslim family of Fatehabad village. All male members dead from hunger.

(3) A tall broad-boned fisherman, a section that is rapidly becoming extinct through starvation. Sitting on his matless cot inside the Relief Hospital he could not reply to a single question by the artist, his head had gone all blank.

(4) A Muslim, unknown and unclaimed, sketched a few minutes before he died from an attack of cholera.

(5) A group of children, orphaned by the famine, picked up from the streets and brought to the orphanage. All skin and bones, the horror of what they have suffered writ large on their young faces.

(6) An orphaned fisherman girl of 14 who looked double her age. Hunger had led to loss of honour. A two weeks' life of shame had given her acute gonorrhoea. Her eyes could not look up when she told her tale.

(7) This is the end. Dead, Hindu and Muslim, lying side by side, inside the Relief Hospital.



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