MARCH PAST ON PROCLAMATION DAY.

TYRANNY OF HINDUS.

RULES FOR BALAIS.

MODE OF LIFE LAID DOWN.

(from our own correspondent).

INDORE, January 1.

Last May high cast Hindu, Viz., Kalostas, Rajputas, and Brahmins, including the gota and potwa villages of Kanta, Bhopal, and Sardar, of about 15 others villages in the Indore district of the Balais, and their respective villages that they wished to live among them, must conform to the following rules: 1. The Balais must not wear gold or silver jewelry; 2. They must not tie with neckerchiefs, or fancy borders; 3. They must convey intimations of death of any Hindu to relatives of deceased—this is the law of dharma; 4. In all Hindu marriages, the Balais must play music before the proceedings, and during the marriage; 5. The Balais must not eat or drink in the presence of non-Hindus; and 6. Balais must attend all cases of confinement of Hindu women.

BALAIS REFUSE COMPLIANCE.

The Balais refused to comply; and the Hindu element proceeded against them. Balais were not allowed to get water from the village wells; they were not allowed to let go their cattle to graze. Balais were prohibited from passing through land owned by Hindus; so that the field of a Balai was surrounded by fields owned by Hindus, the Balais could not access to their own field. The Hindus also let their cattle graze down the fields of Balais. The Balais submitted petitions to the Durbar against these persecutions; but as they could get no timely redress, the oppression continued. Hundreds of Balais, with their wives and children, were obliged to abandon their homes in which their ancestors lived for generations, and migrate to adjoining States, viz., villages in Dhar, Dewas, Bagli, Bhupal, Gwalior, and other States.

COMPULSORY AGREEMENT.

Only a few days ago the Hindu of Reot village, barely 7 miles to the North of Indore City, sent the Balais to sign a stamped agreement in accordance with the rules framed against the Balais by the Hindus of other villages. The Balais refused to comply. It is alleged that some of them were beaten by the Hindus; and one Balai was fastened to a post, and was told that he would be let go on agreeing to sign the agreement. He signed the agreement; and was released. Some Balais from this village ran up to the Prime Minister, the next day, i.e., the 26th December, and made a complaint about the ill-treatment they have received from the Hindu villagers of Reot. They were sent to the Sohba, of the District. This Officer, with the help of the Folon, made inquiries at the village, and recommended that action be taken against the Hindus under Sections 94, 147 and 149 Indian Penal Code.

POONA'S XMAS.

A ROUND OF ENJOYABLE EVENTS.

(from our own correspondent).

POONA, January 2.

Poonah seems to have settled down now after the bustle and excitement of Christmas Week. The last of the functions were the New Year Balls given at the Poona Gymkhana and the Ordnance Club, Kirkhope. The winter atmosphere seems to have cleared the air of all the troubles that have beset the land, and the people are back to their old ways of enjoyment.