

plumed snake. This serpent divinity is of ancient Atzec origin, and was worship all over Mexico and central America in prehistoric times. He was very troublesome in those days, it appears, and on one occasion, brought about a deluge which flooded the valley in which the ancestors of the Moqui dwelt. At length he was appeased by the sacrifice of the sun and daughter of the chief of the town but afterward he afflicted the people in other ways, so that they were obliged to migrate northward to Arizona. And even yet they are compelled to perform elaborate annual rites to appease him.



An explanation.

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Will you kindly publish the following explanation?

In my printed statement of the Society for the Preservation of the Faith among the Indian Children for 1905 it is stated: "The Preservation Society received last year an allocation of \$3,853.66 from the Association of the Holy Childhood, which this year made no allocation." This expression was not intended as a criticism of the Association of the Holy Childhood, which is, of course, free to give or not to give to the Preservation Society but was inserted to explain partially the very noticeable falling off in the receipts of the Preservation Society for 1905. As the statement in question had reference to the Preservation Society only, the expression quoted above is correct, and as in former years the donation of the Association of the Holy Childhood had been handed over to me to be recorded on the books of the preservation Society, I was under the impression, not having received any notice of a donation for the year 1905, that none had been given. It transpires, however, that while the Association of the Holy Childhood has not sent in a donation to the Preservation Society for 1905, it has made a very liberal allocation in favor of the Indian