

"One very interesting incident came under my notice. Some years ago a Sudra farmer in one of the out-of-the-way villages was baptized under the name of Israel. He had a wife and a large family, but they positively declined to follow him to Christianity. At first they gave him a great deal of trouble, refusing to associate with him for fear of defilement, and his wife even declined to give him food. He gradually overcame these difficulties, but his family seemed as far as ever from Christianity. When I visited the family in 1884, just before going home, I asked his wife and each of his sons whether they intended to become Christians, and the answer was 'No.' I prayed with them, and urged them to follow their father, who was following Christ; but I had no reason to believe that any impression had been produced.

"When camping last month within seven miles of Israel's village, a young man came to the tent and said he was Israel's eldest son.

"'Well, come and sit down. I am very glad to see you. I have not seen you for a long time,' I said.

"He sat down, and told me that last year his father died. I told him I was very sorry, but added, 'Your father was a good man, and he is now in heaven with the Lord Jesus.'

"'Yes,' he said, 'I believe that. When my father was very ill and could not read the Bible, he asked me to read to him.'

"'And did you?'

"'Yes, I read to him every day, and he seemed always better after I read to him.'

"'What did you read?'

"'I read the Psalms and the Gospels. My father was very fond of the Psalms and the Gospels.'

"'When he died, did you burn the body like a heathen?'

"'No. We had a grave dug for him in the field, and we buried him as a Christian.'

"'I suppose there was no Christian present to read the Scriptures and to pray?'

"'No; but I read the twenty-third Psalm after the body was lowered to the grave.'

"'I am very glad to hear that. How did you have the courage to do it?'

"'Well, I felt that it was right, and that it was in accordance with the wish of the departed, and so God gave me courage. And not only that, but I am determined to become a Christian, too, and die like my father.'

"'What about your wife?'

"'She is quite willing to be baptized.'

"'Do you want to be baptized now?'

"'No; I will wait till you come again, for I want my brothers and their families to be baptized at the same time, and they are not prepared yet.'

"Oh! how thankful I was to our heavenly Father for this incident. How wonderful God is in carrying on His work! An incident like this is enough compensation for all the labour bestowed in the Tripatore district since the commencement of the mission. May the Lord's work so prosper everywhere!"

THE SCRIPTURES IN MANY TONGUES.

The *Indian Evangelical Review*, for January, 1888, devotes several pages to an account of a collection of the Holy Scriptures, which attracted much attention at the Calcutta International Exhibition of 1883-'84. The collection included volumes old and new, in languages dead and living, European, African, Asiatic, American and Polynesian. The languages spoken in India, Burmah and Ceylon were specially prominent, and these alone amounted to about fifty different languages and dialects. They were of interest not to the