

"In many places an impression prevails that the Missions have not produced results adequate to the efforts which have been made; but I trust enough has been said to prove that there is no real foundation for this impression, and *those who hold such opinions know but little of the reality.*"

"SIR DONALD McLEOD,

"Lieut.-Gov. of the Punjab."

#### THE SANTHAL GERMAN MISSION.

The Santals are the old inhabitants of India, driven to their hills by the Hindoo invasion.

Mr. Andrew Campbell, once a hard-working, intelligent mason, connected with the Barclay Church, Edinburgh, a sincere, devoted Christian, and a strict teetotaller, has been two years labouring as an evangelist among the Santals, and in a letter to a friend thus writes:—"The German Santal Mission at Ebenezer is having a glorious success. Thousands have already become Christians. In hundreds of Santal villages not one man clings to the faith of his fathers. The missionaries are revolving in their minds what they will do when all the Santals in the district throw away their belief in *Bonghas*. They expect it almost every day. This mission is supported by funds for the most part collected in India. It is independent so far as not to be connected with any society. Mr. Boerssen once a year visits all the large stations in India for the purpose of collecting money." Mr. Campbell adds:—"One thing the people of this country have to learn is, that the blood of sheep and of goats cannot take away sin. What affected me most among all the scenes I witnessed at that festival was to see men and women, created in God's image, bowing down to bullocks, the creatures of His hand. To what a pass of degradation and misery does ignorance of God reduce men. The poor Santal, here at least, knows nothing of the love of God in Christ

Jesus. He may have heard, but certainly never understood, that Christ Jesus 'came into the world to save sinners.' The only powerful beings he knows of are malignant spirits, whom he must appease by gifts that he may be allowed to live. They believe, if they neglect to honour these *Bonghas*, all manner of evils will befall them. Missionaries labouring among them have experienced great difficulty in breaking up this belief, but when once effected the results are amazing. One man embraces Christianity. The others are confounded at such foolhardy daring, and prophesy all kinds of disasters to the man, his family, his cattle, and crops. But no such misfortune as they had anticipated happening, they come to see that *Bongha* has not the power they had accredited him with. Their faith in him being thus rudely shaken it takes little, humanly speaking, to induce them to transfer their allegiance to the God of the Christians. They then require to be taught the first principles of the faith of Jesus, made to understand they are sinners and need salvation, and to be told of the infinite love of God in Christ Jesus. The story of redeeming love sounds strangely in their ears. God's seeking to reconcile them to Himself seems too good news to be true. They have hitherto laboured to appease their supposed deities, but now they hear of one more powerful than they whose name is Love, and they hasten to throw themselves at His feet. There is more power in the story of the Cross than we can conceive. Tell these Santals that they must needs pray, and daily strive to do the best they can in the hope of gaining God's favour, and your words will fall upon their ears as idle tales, and they will not listen to you, but once take up the 'old, old story of Jesus and His love,' and the charm is complete. We are only breaking the ice in this part, but hope soon to see many of our Santals pressing into the fold. I see in