

own fancies; wherefore he will be punished according to the Word of God, Rev. xxii, 18, 19. I was very glad when I heard this old Mahomedan Priest confess: "All that you say is true: the Bible lives in your heart. I see all the Prophets prophesy of Jesus Christ; but none speak of Mahomed." On leaving him, he thanked me much for what I had told him; and my earnest prayer was, that the Lord might give His blessing to that which he had given me an opportunity to speak."

The Missionaries are severely tried by the carelessness and enmity of their hearers. On Sabbath, the 7th of August last, Mr. Schmid remarks, that he went as usual to the king's yard to preach, but the natives were engaged at some law meeting, and he had to wait till they had finished, and even while he was preaching, some went away, some were talking and laughing, while others were attentive. "It often grieves my very heart," says Mr. S., "to see those people so shamefully profaning the Lord's-day, abusing the name of God Almighty in their quarrels, and finishing by repeating some forms of prayer." If we preach morality, they do not contradict it; if we convince them of their sinfulness, they confess that as all men are sinners, they are sinners too: though at other times they are forward enough to say, "Mahomedans cannot lie, nor steal, nor do any thing wrong;" and even if they confess themselves to be sinners, they cover their sins with their prayers, which they make five times a-day, and with their annual fasting: but when we preach the only way of Salvation which is in Christ Jesus the Son of God and Saviour of sinners, then all their attention is at an end; they begin either to laugh or to mock, or they go away.

The cross of Christ then is the stone at which they stumble, they will not believe in the only real Saviour. We beg every reader to put the question to himself or herself, do I believe in Christ, do I desire him as my only, all sufficient Saviour. If you do, happy are you, if not, what better are you than the poor Mahomedans of Timmanee, nay your sin is greater than theirs.

But it is pleasant to hear of the good fruits of the Gospel, and we now give, in the Missionary's words, an account of the death of a hopeful young Mahomedan.

"Aug. 14—To-day I was informed that a young man, a Mahomedan, named, Surih Timbih, had died of the measles.