

cause its supplications to ascend, and diffuse their sweet savour around the throne of God. Rend the heavens, O Lord, and come down in the power of Thy Spirit to a world lying in wickedness. Touch the mountains of its ungodliness that they may smoke, not with the fire of Thy wrath, but with the incense of Thy grace. Oh, for that sound to be heard again as of a mighty rushing wind. Oh, for a baptism of fire to soften and melt, to purify and refine man's corrupt nature. Come from the four winds. O Breath, and breathe upon the slain that they may live. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, then shall the lame man leap as an hart and the tongue of the dumb sing, renewed hearts shall reflect with joy the beauty of holiness, and a ransomed people adorn the doctrine of their Saviour God.

INDIA—THE BIBLE ITS OWN WITNESS.

The following letter, which we select from the September "Monthly Reporter" of the British and Foreign Bible Society, will be read with profit and will cause the reader to feel deeply grateful to God for the work which is being done in that distant portion of our Empire. And yet alas! how many millions of India have not even *heard of the precious volume*.

"Earnest desire has lately been felt, by the Committee of the Parent Society, to induce Missionaries to undertake tours for the dispersion of the Scriptures in parts of India into which regular, or even occasional, Missionary labours have not yet penetrated. During the past cold season, several such tours were carried out by Missionaries in the Presidencies of Bengal and Madras, the Bible Society providing the necessary funds. The journals which appeared in the August *Reporter* reveal most encouraging facts, and disclose an amount of success far beyond the anticipations which had been cherished; and it is hoped that, by the special means in question, a new and important mode of circulating the Scriptures may be extensively employed.

The following statement is designated "The Bible its own Witness, or Notes from the Journal of a Bellary Missionary, while on a tour made on behalf of the Bible Society in February and March, 1872." The tale is full of pathetic and thrilling interest, and abundantly testifies that the Bible, in the absence of all human teachers, does effectually enlighten men's minds, bringing them by Divine guidance to a clear and soul-satisfying apprehension of saving Truth.

'Much has been written, more said, and still more thought about the comparative if not absolute impossibility of the Bible making its own way and bearing testimony to its own divine origin and adaptedness to man, amongst the masses of people generally, and particularly in the midst of those nations who own other gods, follow other religions, believe in other sacred books, are swayed by many superstitions, and ruled by ceremonies and customs altogether opposed in spirit and practice to those of the Bible.

'It has been most confidently and boldly affirmed that the Bible amongst the masses of India is, and must of necessity be, a sealed book, an unintelligible collection of strange stories, and that consequently the efforts put forth by Christians in India to distribute the Bible widely, are simply the result of an ignorant and bigoted superstition, of a mistaken and useless zeal.

'Such statements made in India and in England, and that too amongst professing Christians, have received the assent of thousands, and have been loudly applauded by hundreds; and there is reason to fear that such statements, though not wholly credited, have been, partially at least, believed by many who have taken a great interest in promulgating the Scriptures, and