

a smattering of some sort or other of the language of this strange country. What I offered did not suit, so he drew up a "model," which I enclose. The man is a good teacher, a great authority in Persian, but I am sure you will think a "brag." On the contrary, he is very modest and unassuming—one of the meekest of men. The paper, however, lets light in on a phase of eastern thought that is worth studying. Success attend you.

Ever yours,

JAMES SMITH.

Ahmednagar, India, Jan. 10th, 1884.

MODEL TESTIMONIAL.

"I certify that Munshi Burkar Ali, Persian teacher of our High School, is competent enough in all respects in Persian, Hindustani, and a little of Arabic; and so far as I am able to judge, he is best of all the late Munshis of Ahmednagar put together, and am consequently glad to recommend him to any officers preparing for any Persian or Hindustani examinations, that they will be very much benefited by him, and at the same time apt to pass their examinations sooner if they take benefit of his tuition than they can be otherwise.

"He is long experienced in teaching, and bears superiority to any other Munshi, being brought up to this profession from his early age by his father, who no doubt is an excellent Munshi, and possesses brilliant testimonials from several officers whom he taught. I have strong reasons to say that he inherits, as it were, this profession from his forefathers, while such is not the case with other Munshis."

TORONTO NOTES.

*To the Editor of V. P. Journal.*

DEAR SIR,—The great social events of the college year at Toronto have come and gone. The Trinity College conversation more than equalled expectations. Toronto's youth and beauty were in full force, and the unanimous verdict among the young, after the headaches of the next day were dissipated, was that

"Maids were ne'er so fair nor youths so gay;"

whilst the elders were fluttered with complacency when told they had never so great a success before.