

written on their hearts. "He is the enemy of the Gospel, and should he come he would kill us," they say. May God, Who wills that all should come to the knowledge of the Truth, give them a righteous king! Help us in prayer that God may raise up one after His own mind, and take away everything that hinders. Then there would be a glorious harvest for your work and ours.

I have also visited the district of Sahuti, and some of its villages. In all these are individuals who hear us; but in Addi Goadad we have much joy. There I met a tribeman, who took me to his house. It was about half-past three o'clock when I went out to the village place of assembly, and after the people had come together I read to them St. John iii. The afternoon was glorious, and until evening fell we read the Bible to the people. Then we returned to the house, had prayers with the owner, and went to rest. Next morning at eight o'clock the people assembled again to hear the Scriptures read, and listened with great attention. They begged us to build a church for them. I answered that would be indeed a good thing for them, but a better would be that their hearts should become temples of Jesus.

They begged me to return, and we parted in peace. Thus by degrees, all shall become well by God's help and power. Many are the difficulties; famine and suffering are rife. The locusts are a heavy affliction, but we still have hope.

Here in Zasega I read every Wednesday to the sick and diseased when they come for treatment. Many people come hither from different districts. The priests of this place are not hostile; they come willingly to hear God's Word. At the beginning of the rainy season an evil spirit possessed them; they thought to prevent our coming hither; now one after another expresses his regret that he did so. All the priests now read our books. Up to the present the chief of the village has opposed us.

Now, reverend and beloved father, forget not to pray for us. The number of books I have distributed in the half-year is sixty-two copies.

Farewell. Jesus be with us all.

From the humble and faithful,

MIKAEL NAGASCH.

#### IN PERSIA.

The following are extracts from the journals of a six months' tour made by Benjamin Badal in 1891:—

"On arriving at Shiraz," he says, "the Governor sent for us and ordered us to leave the place at once. He was exceedingly wrathful, and said, 'The missionaries came here from Isfahan and created great disturbance in the city, and now you have come to excite the people again.' He gave us three days to leave; there was no help for it; we had to obey." From Shiraz Benjamin and his companion travelled eastward to Karman, working in the towns and villages on the route. At Karman, he says, "No opposition has ever been offered to us in this town. There are three reasons for this: the friendliness of the Prince-Governor who has always shown us great kindness and bought our books; the friendly behaviour of the Imâm Jumâ and the Mullahs influenced by the example of the prince; and the circumstances of the people, who are divided into two hostile factions; the *Muthasari*, or *Balasari*, and the *Sheikhi*, who are too busy quarrelling with each other to interfere with us." They then went on to Bam, in the extreme east of Persia, and the journal continues:—"It is the first time that the Word of God has been brought to this place. In almost every town or village where we have begun the work, not only has there not been any hindrance but it has been perfectly successful. The Governor of the place received us very kindly; and when the Mujtahid heard of our work he called an assembly of his friends and invited us to attend. We spent four hours in religious dis-