

PRAYER ANSWERED FOR THE  
ATTAINMENT OF LANGUAGE.

Even in these days power to acquire a foreign language with great rapidity is given in answer to prayer, so much so that they who receive it regard it as "the gift of tongues."

Miss Reade, a lady Missionary, who was so largely blest among the Heathen and Mussulman women of Punrooty in Southern India, had long been teaching in the Tamil language; but feeling it important that the Mussulman women, who were daily assembled the Mission House, should be spoken to in Hindustani—the tongue to which they were most accustomed—she asked the Lord for the gift, and her own expression is that "the power came to her as a gift from God." One month she was unable to put more than two or three sentences together, while the next month she was able to preach and pray without waiting for a word. Those who heard her could only say with herself, "It was a gift from above."

When Mrs. Read began to preach openly in Hindustani, one man, who during the famine had been saved from starvation through her instrumentality, lost all control over himself, called to her to stop speaking, and asked her "where she had got all these words?"

"One result of the knowledge of this language was the discovery of a custom kept carefully secret by Mussulmans; but that it was observed was confirmed by Khader Bee. Although the Koran ignores the fact that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin," yet the truth seems to be too deeply impressed on the human mind to be altogether blotted out, so that in time of great trouble and sorrow, when dreading the death of a favourite child, it is their custom *secretly* to sacrifice a lamb, and cry, "Allah, take the life of this lamb for the life of my child."

The flesh of the lamb is then carefully removed and given to religious beggars, and the skeleton buried *without breaking a bone*.

The discovery of this ceremony has of course been an immense help in speaking to Mussulmans, they could not deny its observance, but said it was only practised by ignorant people.

A JEWISH RABBI 105 YEARS OLD.—A letter from the Baths of Ems states;—

"An old man with long grey hair, and a form somewhat bent with age, but otherwise robust-looking, may have been seen for some days, walking up and down the promenade. He is a Jewish Rabbi who has attained the respectable age of 105 years! His Majesty the Emperor, has heard tell of this visitor to the Waters, and how fresh and healthy he was both in body and mind. To-day he had him brought to speak to him, on the Platz. It was an interesting scene to see the Emperor of eighty-two interview the Rabbi of 105. The Emperor, who said jokingly he had found his master was greeted enthusiastically by the crowd.

CARES AND PRAYERS.—Learn to entwine with your prayers the small cares, the trifling sorrows, the little wants of daily life. Whatever affects you—be it a changed tone, an altered look, an unkind word, a wrong, a wound, a demand you cannot meet, a sorrow you cannot disclose—turn it into prayer, and send it up to God. Disclosures you may not make to man you can make to the Lord, Men may be too little for your great matter; God is not too great for your small ones.