

young man who had become desirous of receiving baptism in consequence of reading St. Matthew's Gospel, but who had died before accomplishing his desire. Referring to the work in this district, the Rev. J. Samuel says : " I have often co-operated with the colporteur this year at Caroor and its vicinity. We have had several encouraging tokens. A Mohammedan once came running to us and earnestly entreated us to give him that portion of the Bible which relates to Holy Jesus. On another occasion a Brahmin came some distance after us and bought a Scripture portion. At Pasooopathipalam we spoke to a man of the benefits derivable from Bible-reading. He appreciated the offer, and paid more than the fixed price for a portion, and promised to read it himself as well as to his neighbours. Similar incidents I dare say often occur in the experience of the colporteur ; and they manifest that the efforts put forth by the Bible Society and the Missionary bodies are not in vain."

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In the Telugu district, while one colporteur reports that at a festival a Brahmin purchased a Scripture portion only to tear it in pieces and pelt him out of the place, another has brought the means, under the Divine blessing, of converting a heathen family ; while he is often sought by a pensioned Sepoy and a village schoolmaster, who are inquiring the way of Life.

Abel Edwin, of Vizianagaram, reports that a certain Brahmin once made the following declaration : " When I was a student at Madras, I was in the habit of attending church on Sundays, and I used to feel it a Heaven on earth. I have not as yet received baptism, but I read the Bible and believe in Christ at heart as being the true Saviour."

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The Rev. C. H. Hocken says that he has the greatest faith in the work of colportage, and is anxious to see it thoroughly carried out. Perhaps, however, the most valuable testimony in its favour is that of Dr. Murdoch, of Madras, who, writing to your Committee, says :—

" I am enthusiastically in favour of Bible colportage. It is by far the most important agency in heathen lands for the useful dissemination of the Scriptures. Other means should be employed as far as available, but this will do more than all the rest combined."

MISCELLANEOUS.

A LETTER FROM MR. MOODY.

TO THE RECENT CONVERTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—Since returning to America, in response to my invitation, I have received precious communications from many of you. Were it possible I would gladly reply to each ; but, as I have not opportunity for this, I shall avail myself of the columns of *The Christian* to send to you all a few words of greeting.

I praise God continually for what he has done for you in saving your souls through the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son. You are much on my heart, and in my prayers. But most glad am I to know, that when I cease to remember, Jesus Himself bears each one of you in continual remembrance before His Father. You are graven upon the palms of His hands (Isa. xlix. 16), and written upon the heart of His affections (Ex. xxviii. 29) ; and of you He has said, " My sheep shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand " (John x. 28).

You have taken the Lord Jesus for your Redeemer, and it has become eternal salvation unto you. Now Jesus is something more to you. He has become your High Priest. His great business in heaven to-day is to repre-