

In the Reporter for August there are extracts taken from the Correspondence of the Madras Auxiliary relative to the Bible amongst the Natives of India. They are very gratifying and give sufficient proof of the blessing of God attending Bible circulation. Listen to some parts which your Committee set before you :—

"I was preaching," said Rev. T. V. Darling of Bezoarah to a large congregation in one of the large streets of Mylaveram, when an old man came forward, and said boldly, before all, "I have in my possession portions of the Christian Bible, and have read them for myself; they are very good." I asked him to show them to me, and he went home and brought them. They proved to be copies of Genesis and Exodus. On the fly-leaf was the date when the books were presented to him, viz. 1838. On questioning the old man, he described himself as about seventy years of age, and his appearance, though he is still hearty and strong, indicated that he was correct. I found that he had a wonderful knowledge of the books, and he gave me, to my great astonishment and delight, a most minute and accurate account of the histories of Joseph, of Moses, and of the children of Israel in the wilderness. He knew little about the Gospel scheme of Salvation, but I put into his hands a copy of the New Testament in Telugu, and have a good hope that he will read it most carefully."

"With reference to the circulation of the Holy Scriptures," says Rev. I. Hawksworth of Cottayam, "in the Malayalim language, I am happy to assure you, that our prospects were never before so bright, or the readiness to receive the sacred volume so cheering, as at the present time. The Syro-Romanists in the Travancore and Cochin Territories, numbering about 80,000 souls, have almost entirely renounced their Latin Bishop and received a Chaldean Bishop, who does not forbid the reading of the Bible. Many now receive, with expressions of gratitude, portions of the word of God. Bible burning has ceased and Bible reading has begun. We are anxious to sow the good seed, far and wide, with all due care. The heathen, too, receive the Scriptures more readily than before, and even the very highest class of Brahmins have recently asked for the book of Jehovah. I was startled to hear this."

"The revival power," says Rev. J. Crotton of Dolinavin, "which swept over the Panikulan district during the latter months of 1860 and the earlier months of 1861, at which period I was in charge, awakened many souls to very real interest in spiritual matters. At that time I saw very clearly the value of our Bible Society. When the spiritual hunger was excited, the people had to their hands that true bread from heaven which satisfied their longing heart. * * *

"At a time when evil men crept in and Satan was busy to mar