

all times. We believe that God sent him to us to settle that difficulty. Since that time many of those heathen came to hear the preaching of Christ, and afterward a number of them became Christians. O, Christian friends, here we see the good result from the Bible, and here we see the sign that the name of Jesus shall prevail over all nations of the earth, and "all people shall acknowledge Him as their Saviour and their God."

The Lord will bless this Bible Society and its work. May He give a long life to the members of this Society, that they may do good to His people! and when they get through labouring here, God will say to them "Well done."
—*California Alta.*

INDIA.

LETTER FROM REV. B. H. BADLEY, OF GONDA.

At the Ajoodhiya *mela*, in November, a Brahmin came up to the colporteur's table and asked him if he had the Bible. On being answered in the affirmative, he said, "Please, let me have a copy. I have been reading 'Dharm Tula' (a very popular tract in Hindee), and find there some mention of the Bible, in which all these great truths about salvation may be found, so I wish a copy to read." When informed of the price (eighteen cents) he said nothing—a very rare occurrence in this land of bickering, where in giving the first price, the seller is always supposed to be asking fifty per cent. too much—but slyly slipped the amount into the colporteur's hand, adding, "Now, be so good as to pray for me, that I may understand this book and receive great benefit from it." Will not the Holy Spirit help and guide such a person searching for the truth? Such is our faith. It often fills our hearts with joy to place our pure books in the hands of those people. They contain such a glad and simple message, and are so adapted to the wants of these benighted ones, that we feel sure that God will make the printed page a great blessing.

One day in December, as the colporteur was going along a country road, he saw a man sitting in front of a *fakir's* hut, very diligently engaged in reading some book, swaying his body and chanting the words as pundits do. On approaching the colporteur found that the man was a *guru* (religious teacher) visiting one of his disciples—of whom he has a large number in that part of the district—and that the book was a copy of the Psalms in Hindee. The *guru* had obtained it at some *mela*, and expressed himself as delighted with its contents. He also knew something about Christ, and told the colporteur that he considered Him equal with Ram Chandra and other deities, and also that he prayed in His name day by day. The colporteur explained the way of salvation more fully and gave him a gospel. God grant that this Psalm-reading *guru* may soon become a true disciple of the great Teacher.—*Missionary Advocate.*

THE ARMENIAN BLACKSMITH AND HIS WIFE.

I had often noticed in the Harpoot chapel a large, tall man—"head and shoulders above his brethren"—with broad, open, sunny face, that seemed shining with good nature and Christian feeling. At last I inquired who he was. "Why don't you know the blacksmith? That's Menzar, our good blacksmith." It appears that this good man had been for several years a Christian, and was very useful in teaching others the way of life. When a villager came to his shop, Menzar would draw from his bosom his constant companion, the New Testament, and reading a verse (with his hearty manner and ringing tones), while hammering away upon the horse-shoe, he would every now and then direct a blow at the man's conscience; and when the work was done, would "catch him with guile," by saying, "If you would like to take that book, I'll lend it to you." Another Testament would quickly supply its place; and in fact, he generally kept one "lying around loose," as