

portunity and his adroit answers to objections, resulted in the sale of his entire stock, and opened the way for the circulation of a fresh consignment. Your Agent considers this a result of high value. One such interview may be usefully reproduced :—

Klonares brought out both Greek and Turkish editions of various kinds, told the councillors that the Turkish were in a new and beautiful translation, and earnestly commended them as the Word of God. "I don't like these books," said the Mufti, "they don't speak good words." "True, your reverence," said Klonares, "they don't speak smooth words to the wicked, but denounce the wrath of God against all falsehood and injustice, whether in common or in holy things. Hence the wicked hate them, and will neither buy nor let others buy them. But whoever wishes to do the will of God will love the Word of God." The members stared at him for making this bold speech, but the Mufti, without further remark, bought a Bible, and soon every member of the council had followed his example, by purchasing either Greek or Turkish editions.

INDIA.

There are signs of steady and hopeful progress discernible by those who follow with intelligent sympathy the labours of God's servants in India and the results of Christian government there.

It is a matter for much thankfulness to find that in every Presidency there are signs of progress. But more, much more, might be done, especially in Northern and Western India.

LAHORE.—This province is the frontier province, touching Baluchistan and Afghanistan. Enterprising journeys have been made into both countries, and in some degree a lodgment effected of the Word of God. The Revs. T. P. Hughes and W. Jukes are engaged in translating the Pentateuch into Pushtu. The Rev. A. Lewis, during a recent tour, sold sixty-three portions amongst the Baluchis, but these were in Urdu.

Mr. E. Meyers, of Amritsar, gives two interesting cases of inquiry after truth prompted by the reading of the New Testament.

The first was that of a daughter-in-law of the late Mahant (religious teacher) belonging to the village of O—. She got possessed of a copy of the New Testament in Gurumukhi, probably given to her by the Rev. W. Keene some two years ago; she had read the book so often that she was able to quote some ten or twelve chapters of St. John's Gospel by heart. I had a conversation with her secretly; she appears to me to have a firm belief in Christ. She earnestly besought me to remove her from the village and take her to Amritsar to be placed under the tuition of the lady missionaries there; I have tried my best to do so, but have not so far succeeded.

The other case was that of a very respectable artisan in Amritsar; he also bought a copy of the New Testament in Gurumukhi some three years ago, and has read it so often that he has thoroughly convinced himself that there is no name under heaven given among men whereby men must be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son. He came to me a few days ago asking for baptism, but said he could not eat with the Christians, for he does not wish to be separated from his family, who are Hindus.

The following is from the *Monthly Reporter* for September :—

The Rev. F. A. P. Shirreff, Secretary of the Punjab Auxiliary, writes from Lahore on July 7 :—

"The Persian Scriptures (i. e. Psalms and three Gospels) are now ready, or all but ready, and I trust a good many will yet be circulated in Afghanistan before our troops leave the country. We have voted a free grant of 1,000 Portions to the Rev. G. M. Gordon,* who is now at Kandahar. Some

* We regret that Mr. Gordon has since been killed during one of the recent sorties from Kandahar.