

At Surat a Protestant Mission was first established in 1812. It was in connection with the Baptist Mission in Bengal. The present Mission Press, from which millions of Christian books and Scriptures in Gujarati have been issued, was started by Mr. Skinner in 1820. Nearly 8,000,000 pages, of which upwards of five-and-a-quarter millions were of purely religious literature, issued from the Mission Press, Surat, in 1888, and 110,835 books were bound in it.

Baroda is a non-tributary independent Native State of the first rank, in direct political relation with the Government of India. Its ruler is called "the Gaekwar," which signifies "a cowherd." The Gaekwar has just completed a superb modern palace, estimated to cost £300,000. It is the most elaborate specimen of Indo-Saracenic style in all India, and its internal decorations are wonderful in detail and variety. The trappings of the State elephant are very gorgeous and magnificent. The regalia of Baroda is valued at £3,000,000 sterling. At a little distance from the palace are two guns, weighing 280 pounds each, of solid gold, with two companions of silver, the ammunition waggons, bullock harness, and ramrods being all silver.

LEADING AND FOLLOWING.

BY ANNIE CLARKE.

"And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them."--John x. 4.

He goeth before them
All the long way,
Up the high mountain,
Barren and gray ;
Down the dark valley,
Misty and cold ;
Bravely they follow—
Love makes them bold.

He goeth before them,
Dim is the light,
Loud rings the tempest,
Dark grows the night.
Calmly they follow,
Fearing no ill,
Loving His leading,
Trusting Him still.

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He goeth before them,
Out of the night
Into the dawning,
Into the light !
Out of the tempest
Into the calm,
Where the wind loiters,
Breathing of balm.

He goeth before them,
Pastures are green,
Still are the waters,
Golden their sheen !
Gladly they follow,
Safely they rest
Joyfully proving
His way the best.