

ing the seed of the woman. (Gen. chap. iii. 15.) This seemed very mysterious to him, until I explained it. He then exclaimed, "I never saw such books before: our own teachers do not possess them: they are ignorant: they do not even understand the Koran, when they read it." He afterwards turned to the Book of Psalms; and on reading the first psalm, "Blessed is the man that waiteth not in the counsel of the ungodly," &c. he cried out, "O what beautiful books are these! How happy am I that I have met with such a book! I came to you in the hope of obtaining silver; but, surely, this is a treasure of far more value!" "It is, indeed, my friend," replied I, "and this book is at your service, if you are willing to make good use of it: and if you pray to God to enlighten your mind, He will enable you to understand its contents. In giving it to you, I have given you the key of a spiritual knowledge. Throughout the whole of it, from Moses, down to the end of all the Prophets, ample testimony is borne to our Prophet, who was greater than all others, Jesus Christ; whom, in your language, you call Nohy, Messai; but with whom you are yet unacquainted. After dying like all the other Prophets, he alone arose from the dead; whereas Mahomet, in whom you trust, never ascended from the grave, and therefore you cannot expect any assistance from him: from the Prophet, however, whom we worship, we expect salvation; because all power is given to Him in heaven and earth, according to the good pleasure of God."

Surely this man was not far from the kingdom of God; for he felt the power of Divine truth on his heart. He remained more than two hours in our house, and could not be satisfied without our explaining to him whatever he did not understand. My wife was so much pleased with his company, and availed herself of the opportunity of pointing out to him some of the most striking passages in the Prophets, respecting our Lord Jesus Christ. When it grew late, and he was on the point of departing, he inquired if he might be permitted to take the books with him.

I told him he was welcome so to do; adding, that the books were not our own, but the property of our friends, in a far distant country who loved God, had provided them for distribution. At this, he was exceedingly pleased; and, ordering his servants to leave every thing else behind except the books, was going away. My wife, however, begged him to let his merchandise also be conveyed away; adding, that she did not wish to incur any responsibility on account of it. "No," said he, in reply, "I am not at all anxious on that score; for where such excellent laws of God are observed in a house, the inmates will never steal: to-morrow I will send for my goods;" and so saying, he left us, full of joy.

Two days before he left Amboyna, he once more called at our house, wishing to read again in the Bible; on which occasion we directed his attention to many striking passages in the New Testament, which we compared with the testimonies contained in the Prophets of the Old Testament, respecting our Lord; whereby his faith and confidence in the Holy Scriptures were greatly increased.—He spoke of the sacrifices, which the Mahomedans place much dependence on; but to him how Christ our Saviour, by one sacrifice, has perfected those who are sanctified: this we confirmed by various passages out of the New Testament; as, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world!" "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," &c. and "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." It was evident that these testimonies came powerfully home to his heart: and, indeed, I have often witnessed how far superior the testimonies of the Bible are, and how much better they are calculated to convince any one of the authority of the Sacred Scriptures themselves, both of the Old and New Testament, than all the arguments which our natural but imperfect reason can suggest.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday 15th March, in the Cathedral Church of this city, Mr. Joseph Braithwaite, A. B. of Queen's College in the University of Oxford, was admitted to Deacon's Orders, by the Bishop of the Diocese. This Gentleman, since his arrival in this country, has been in the charge of the Establishment for the Education of Youth instituted under the auspices of his Lordship, at Chambly, and is now appointed (in conjunction with his previous charge) to the Church at that place.—*Quebec Mercury.*