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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THIS little book is not in the usual line of mission literature. That literature naturally and properly selects from missionary experience some of the cases which illustrate the happy working of missionary diligence and missionary method. It does not try to disguise the disappointment and failure which form part of missionary experience; but it does try especially to bring home to British Christians how the harvest ripens in mission fields, and how fruit is gathered unto life eternal.

Naturally, however, one desires to attain a somewhat more broad and various impression of the way in which practically the Hindu mind (to speak now only of that) works in its contact with

Christianity, alike in cases where the Christian message is finally received, and in cases where that does not seem to be the result. Those who have read a small work by the present authoress, *Suwarta*, will remember how much of its singular charm depended on the vivid pictures of Hindu women, with their native impressions and surroundings coming under Christian influences, not always with the result a Christian desires, but always so as to present a moral situation that not only interests the heart, but that sets one thinking.

The narrative which follows suggests rather how Christ may find His own through very dim uncertain echoes of the glad tidings, coming to souls that have begun to thirst. Sometimes, as in the case of the Karens of Burmah, whole tribes

seem to be seized with a desire for light which they know they have not got. So, also, solitary souls sitting in great darkness may be led to set forth seeking goodly pearls. Their path, before they find and make sure of the pearl of great price, must needs be arduous and perilous. Always, also, such seekers must start from their own door, wherever that may be. We need not limit the ways in which the great promise is fulfilled. Everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. To those who ask of Him, He will give living water. It is, no doubt, our part to use with zeal the appointed means ; but we are glad to believe that the Shepherd of Souls works without and above means beyond all that we are able to ask or think.

ROBERT RAINY.

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TO THE LOVED MEMORY OF HIM
WHO INSPIRED THIS LITTLE STUDY,
AND FOR WHOSE SOLE PLEASURE
IT WAS AT FIRST UNDERTAKEN :
WHO HELD THE PEOPLE OF INDIA
IN HONOUR,
AND WHO GLADLY LIVED HIS LIFE
IN THEIR SERVICE—

MY FATHER,
JOHN SMALL OF POONA.

Born at Arbroath, December 4th, 1833.
Arrived in India, December 4th, 1863.
Worked as a Missionary for 35 years.
Died at Poona, May 9th, 1899.