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appointed. To us on the field, this decided interest in the work in which we are engaged, is a great encouragement, for God's blessing must follow the united prayers of his people.

2. It is now 22 years since I sailed with my wife for India. When we arrived on the field, our dear departed brother Booth was a member of the Barrackpore Mission, and for more than ten years we enjoyed his friendship, and loving sympathy. I shall always consider this a privilege & a blessing. For twelve years we labored at Mainpuri which is the chief town of a district of the same name which has a population of 80,000 souls. We were alone in the midst of this vast population. I might give you several interesting instances of conversions which occurred during our residence there. And of earnest desires expressed by many to hear the gospel message

but will now only speak of what has occurred within the past year in connection with my work at Allahabad. I am able to report two interesting cases of conversion. And these cases will show that the seed may lie dormant for many years, and then spring up and bring forth precious fruit. The baptism of the first occurred in April. The first, by name Mir Kasim Ali Shah was a Muhammadan. The name will show. His home was near Calcutta. When the mutiny of 1857 broke out he was a student in St. Duff's College, and at that time 13 years of age. On account of the excitement connected with the great uprising, the College was closed, and the boy went to his home, where he remained, as he was obliged, owing to family difficulties, to give up his studies. The religious impressions he received in the mission school remained with him. He continued to read



and study the Bible, and now after thirty  
years have passed, he makes an open  
profession of his faith in Christ. He left  
his village for season but returned & him-  
self and is now a member of the Kobra  
Church Allahabad. The second case was  
that of a young Brahmin by name Shandu  
Mal, a resident of Kichhanti in the dis-  
trict of Etah. Eleven years ago when we  
were at Mainpuri my wife & I started  
a school for heathen girls in that village  
and Shandu Mal, then a mere boy, was  
appointed by the teacher, his assistant.  
He began to read Christian books, and  
soon became interested in the plan of  
salvation through Christ. Others in the  
same village began to read, and much  
religion interest was shown. A prayer  
meeting was established, and we hoped  
to see several from among the number open-  
ly acknowledging Christ as their Saviour.  
They were all persons of high caste and so  
feared the consequence of an open profession