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and to acquire a knowledge of the people and their customs as one goes along. This latter is not to be got in books, but by personal observation, and is a study which each missionary should undertake systematically. To do this one must make the people accustomed to one's presence so that they reveal themselves unconsciously, and, for this, personality is all important. It will not be possible for those doing this work to mix much in European society. The drain on time and the physical strain of living two sorts of lives is too great, and some aspects of such society, though all right for ordinary people, are not suitable for missionaries. The old idea of the missionary setting forth armed with the Bible and very little else of worldly possessions has lost ground in these days, but I believe that in dealing with a race like the Malays that old way would be the most likely to succeed. The qualities which marked those old missionaries—faith and a deep knowledge of the Gospels, wisdom, courage and love—are still the most powerful.

An Apostle in the Panjab

God has raised up a young evangelist from among the Sikhs. He was converted on board ship on his way to Canada to learn agriculture. A Christian friend asked him to attend Divine Service. This he did, but at first refused to kneel for prayer. A fight went on and at last he gave in and knelt down. Such a joy came flooding into his soul that he could not contain it, but poured it out to his friend after the service. His friend said, 'Man, you are a Christian!' This he emphatically denied, but from that time the Bible was his delight. On Sunday he went to church and, at the invitation of the minister 'to all who love their Lord and Saviour,' he went forward and partook of Communion. He did not rest until he was baptized publicly.

He has all the fire of an apostle. He preaches Christ and Him crucified, and tells Christians that they must themselves be convicted of all sin if they expect to see the non-Christians so convicted. He is roving the churches of the Panjab as Sadhu Sundar Singh used to do. He is not connected with any mission, but works with all of them. How he lives is a marvel to us all. He never asks for money and refuses it except for his railway fares, and he has no collections at his meetings. He tells simply how Christ brings into his life joy which he vainly sought as a Sikh. That joy has filled him with love for all men.—*R. McCheyne Paterson.*