6. The Author of the Khalâsat-at-Tawârîkh.

Pitfold, Shottermill, Surrey.

26th October, 1894.

Dear Sir,—It occurred to me that some information about Sujân Singh, the author of the Khalâsat-at-Tawârîkh, might be obtained at Batâla, his native place, and so I wrote to the Deputy-Commissioner of Gurdâspur on the subject. Through the courtesy of Mr. Renouf, the Officiating Deputy-Commissioner, I have received a communication from Qâzî Tasaddaq Hussain, a resident of Batâla, of which the following is an extract:—

"The compiler of the Khalâsat-at-Tawârîkh, Sujân Singh, was by caste a dhîr khâtri, and was a resident of Batâla, in the Gurdâspur district. He lived in the time of Alamgir Aurangzib, and was employed under various Amîrs of the Chagátâï family as their munshi or secretary. The Khalâsat-at-Tawârîkh was compiled by him in 1107 Hijra. Among his writings there is also a book called Khalâsat-al-Inshâ, in which he describes the art of polite writing. This was written in 1105 Hijra. Some people also call him Sujân Râi, but in both books he signs himself Sujân Singh Dhîr. He was not a Kânungo. The above information is derived from his books, for the inhabitants of Batâla of the dhîr caste know nothing about him."

Yours sincerely,

H. Beveridge.

Erratum.

On page 865 of the Journal (October, 1894), line 16, for "buried" read "burned."