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Of the two dialects, I have taken the educated colloquial standard for comparison. Under the condition of elicitation it was very difficult to get purely colloquial forms of speech. Informants from both the dialects often furnished literary forms which were the same for both the dialects. Use of a tape recorder would have been of great help in getting the required forms. But it was beyond my reach. Anyhow I have tried my best to get only colloquial forms and present a comparison of the two dialects in as clear a way as possible.

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