

of the contract. The boy, Upalawamy, is attending the Seminary, and we think the girl ought to be learning as well; so are using all proper means to get possession of her. Should these fail, some papers will be signed some day, and each will go his or her own way.

I left here by palki about 2 o'clock a.m., and reached the village in the early morning. The bearers put me down under a large tree, and a crowd at once gathered about; a white faced lady never before having been in that village, I was quite a curiosity. They looked at me, asked questions and finally invited me to get out of the palki; which I did and talked with them for some time. Both men and women looked pleased and listened attentively to talking and Scripture reading.

By-and-by I closed the palki doors and tried to rest; but they evidently thought that unnecessary, for some one was constantly wanting to see me or ask a question. One man went home and brought his little girl, whose limbs were partially withered; as he laid her on the ground beside the palki, he said, "If the God you tell us about is the true God, can He not heal this little girl?"

I talked to him as well as I could and gave him some ointment, which he carefully rubbed on the weak back and poor little limbs. After a while a blind boy came, and among all the people I met that day, no one grasped so readily the ideas of sin, punishment and a Saviour, as he.

In the afternoon we went to the little girl's house, where we were permitted to sit on the veranda. The grandfather is a more than ordinarily intelligent man; talked very well indeed, but said positively he did not want us to have the child. I asked where she was. He replied, "She is here; we did not hide her," which I thought they might possibly have done. He called "Sunyasée," who came out and seated herself beside him.

She is a very bright, smart looking girl, of perhaps 12 years. At first she would neither speak to me, nor let me touch her; after a little she answered my questions, but not in a very sweet tempered manner.

Nellie and Miriam, two of our girls, talked to her of their house here, the school, their sewing and general daily life: sang some nice hymns, and though she looked interested, said she would not come with us. The old man heard Ruth and Cassie, two other girls, singing in another house, and remarked, as he looked at them beside me, "They are very respectable, intelligent looking girls, but we want to keep Sunyasée." He had heard a great deal about the Christian religion, said it was good for us, but it was not his destiny to accept it, and what could he do?

Upalawamy attempted to speak for himself, but the young lady told him, in a very spirited manner, that she would have nothing to do with him; that when he wanted to become a Christian, he had done so, without consulting her, and when she was large enough she would marry some one she liked.

Her father is dead and her mother was at another village. She looked at me with both temper and tears in her eyes, and asked if I would take her by force? I talked to her as gently as possible, and before we left she gave me her hand and seemed less troubled. I asked the old man if he would let my boy Subriedu pray, to which he consented; and to the earnest prayer that followed they all gave good attention.

Since then, two of our helpers have been to see the mother, who says she will go to the other village, bring Sunyasée, and give her to us. What the final result will be we do not know; but we are sure that the day is com-

ing when child marriage will be abolished, and the heaven will be brought to Christ.

CARRIE HAMMOND.

Bimlipatam, July 12, 1883.

## Samulcotta Students.

### CHICACOLE BOYS.

*Nersinhulu* (Lion Man), is a little over five feet in height, delicately made, with dark curly hair, good features, but not robust. He has a good mind, tolerably good disposition, a low voice and not very vigorous in action. He is a quiet, steady student, who I believe will do good work for the Master. He is weighted with a large share of humanity as a wife. She is too dull to learn, but knows how to cook rice. He is one of the Armstrong pupils from Kirnedy and an Orya.

*David* is a man of another build. Is five feet six inches high, has a good solid frame, is light in color, straight hair, and is one of our best boys. He learns readily, retains well, and is a good and pleasant speaker. He is not married, which is a great blessing. David is a young man of promise, and we shall be glad to see his face among us for years to come.

*Subbaraida* belongs to Miss Hammond of Bimlipatam. He is a son of one of our Cocanada Christians, was in our school there for years. Bro. Timpany gave him to Miss Hammond, a year or two ago. In stature he is a Zaccheus, under five feet, dark, with slight beard and moustache. He is our best student. He has a good knowledge of the Bible, and more of a general knowledge than most of our people can boast. He is clever, willing and faithful. He has a good command of language and a good deal of vigor. Miss Hammond has done much for him. It is no hardship to love Subbaraida.

### COCANADA BOYS.

*Jaganaiakalu* is head man among these. He also is one of our own old boys. He is a good specimen of a Telugu physically, a good student, a good speaker and singer, an agreeable disposition, and altogether a very safe young man. One of a class which rarely disappoints.

*Jacob* is not like his Bible name-sake. He is a little less than medium height, with a good deal more bone and flesh than appears necessary. He is black and straight-haired. He is not brilliant, neither is he eloquent. He is slow to learn and quick to forget, but is good-natured and easily managed and means to do something some day.

*Cornelius* is a good-looking young lad, light in color and well-made. He is a good student, has a good general knowledge of the Bible and is amenable to authority. He thinks as much of himself as is necessary, and is a good deal more particular about *conveniences* than is agreeable in this country, but then he is young, and has plenty of time in which to learn better. He talks well, and if the Lord will give him grace to correct his faults, he will make a useful man. He is not married.

*Joseph* is from the country, and has not had the advantage of a city training. He is a diamond in the rough. He has fair abilities and is a tolerable student. In person he is rather heavy and dull. A good deal of training will make something of him. He also is single. Last of all comes

*Lakshmia*. He was a *dhummedi dhasiri*, that is dhummedi priest. This dhummedi is a small copper coin worth a little less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent. He went