

## THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

### FROM THE FIELD.

**A Sad Word from Bobbili.**—As we were nearing the close of our touring in March we observed one day that children who had come in swarms hitherto were quite absent, hardly a child at all in the big congregation. Enquiring where the children were, we were informed that 200 little bodies lay out in the field under the hot sun, if the jackals had not carried them off. Observing the absence of children again the following day, we again enquired, and were told that 300 from that village had just died from smallpox, and they hoped that "Ammathalli" had been appeased, for no compassion had been shown to the poor little bodies, only thrown out into the fields. These people need teaching.

M. F. CHURCHILL.

**Samalkot Difficulties.**—Am spending my hot season on the plains; the first in six years. It has not been difficult so far, although I have been going into the village each morning and evening regularly.

The Government ordered us to cut down the cactus around our nice piece of land in the town, as it was a menace to passers-by, being a hiding-place for snakes. That has been done, and now the place is open to goats, donkeys and other depredators, and our pastor has no peace. But we have decided to build a wall about it, in order to begin to answer our prayer that some day God will cause a chapel to be erected there. It will give work to any of our Christians who are anxious to earn a little in the season when so little work is to be had. Pray for them that they may build as unto the Lord.

C. M. McLEOD.

**Bimlipatam Converts.**—For more than a year we have been somewhat disturbed by active opposition to our work in Polepilly; a rival school has been established, and in every possible way our work has been hindered. We have been praying that God's reply to this attempt to hinder the progress of His Kingdom might be new souls added to the church. Sunday, May 12th, two men were baptized. One, a weaver, has been for some time believing but lacked the courage to identify himself with the people of God. The other is a young kamsali, whose wife helping one of our Christian goldsmiths, has been taught the truth and received it. He has had to leave his home, but seems very happy in the home of one of the Christians. The wife of the weaver has taken the children and gone to relatives in another village. Pray that these two new converts may remain steadfast.

IDA M. NEWCOMBE.

On the 27th of April, two bright young men of the Brahmin caste presented themselves to us for baptism. They both had passed the School Final Examination, and were holding positions which gave them an independent livelihood. Some