

with me and let us exalt His name together."

This is the time of a great feast, one of the greatest held in Bimlipatam. It lasts for three days and people from all the surrounding villages have come to attend it. In fact, when visiting in the town this afternoon we met, in one house a number of women who had come from Vizianagram that they might be present at this feast. So full of this subject were they that for a time it seemed we should be compelled to return without having had an opportunity to deliver our message, but the Lord opened the way for us before we left. This evening while all the heathen rites and ceremonies connected with this feast were in progress and doubtless a great crowd assembled, another company was gathered in the drawing-room of the mission house. A little company indeed, but the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were in our midst, so that they with us were more than they with them. It was a prayer meeting held at the request of K. Appaluswamy who with Gurraya is on tour. When K. A. went on tour nearly two weeks ago, he sent me a note telling of their safe arrival and asking that unceasing prayer be offered that the Lord would grant them some fruit in the villages to which they had gone. This morning Gurraya returned for supplies and brought me a letter from K. A. who now feels that prayer has been answered and there is evidence of fruit in at least one village. He writes that in all the villages he has visited he finds a marked change in the attitude of the people toward the Gospel. Such attention to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ he never received before from these villagers. To use his own words, he says, "We find this new change amongst the people of every caste, in every corner and in every street of villages." He then tells of two whom he feels certain are believing in Jesus Christ, and to quote from his letter again, after telling of the joy with which they were received by these two "new and young brothers in our Lord Jesus," he adds, "I can tell firm-

ly that these both have the unfeigned faith in our Lord Jesus and they got true repentance of their own sin, and they look as the plants which are planted by God our Lord and as the sheep of the Lord's flock.

So at his request we met together this evening and seated in a circle on the floor we listened to Gurayya as he told of their joy to find that, although upon other occasions the villagers had stepped aside to allow them to pass by as if they were cattle, yet this time these same people had courteously received them, listened to their message and they had many reasons to believe that two souls had been born again. He then called our attention to the promise in Matt. 18:19. Vuracharyulu spoke of the instances we have when the faith of friends was honored in the restoration of another, and now this same God would hear our prayer for the healing of these two sin-sick souls. Then all heads were bowed as one and another prayed the Lord to bring these two into His Kingdom, to strengthen them and help them to acknowledge Him before all men.

Dear sisters, was not the real feast after all, in the mission house? Should we not thank God for this good news and take courage? Again I say, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Sincerely yours,

Mission House, Ida M Newcombe
Bimlipatam, Apr. 10, '99.

Notice.

Will the Societies who have not paid for Tidings this year, please remember to send the pay with their next remittance to the Treasurer. The year is drawing to a close and we do not wish to be in debt.

Editor.

Notes for Tidings.

Dear Sisters of W. M. A. S. in N. B.
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