

NARSAPATNAM.

The Narsapatnam field lies north-west from Tuni and Yellamanchili to which it is contiguous, covers an area of 400 square miles, and embraces a population of 175,000 souls. Though the soil is fairly fertile, much of the country is rough and mountainous. The field presents a wonderful panorama of hill and valley and the scenery in many places beggars description. Most of the people are Telugus, though in the mountains are to be found the Khonds Kois and other hill tribes, who though having languages of their own, yet for the most part, at least, speak a corruption of Telugu, and are thus fairly accessible to the Gospel. So far as we know, none of them have been converted as yet—at least in our Mission. They eke out an existence by hunting, fruit-selling and farming. In a very crude and primitive fashion they clear and cultivate a little patch of land on the mountain sides, on which they manage to grow a few vegetables.

In the low lands where the Telugus