

two of the preachers told of a village chief who had come to their house just to ask about the Christian teaching. He had a Testament and was reading it with a number of his villagers, but he wanted instruction.

A short time ago as we toured among the Rajah villages, we found eight or perhaps more, women who gave evidence of a changed heart. We could distinguish the believers by the expression of their faces. They could read, but had no Bibles—had learned of Christ from one of the widows living near. We took them a good supply of literature and have since sent the whole Bible. Their faces lighted up when they saw the books for themselves.

Thus while the scarcity of water causes dark forebodings to many; to us the prospect for a rich spiritual refreshing is bright.

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### Mission Band Lesson—Rice.

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Question. What is the staple food of the natives of India? Answer. It is rice.

Q. What do they eat with it? A. A sauce called curry

Q. How often do they eat rice? A. At every meal.

Q. Is this grain easily raised? A. It is, if there is plenty of water.

Q. What will happen if the season is a dry one? A. A famine will be the result.

Q. If crops are light for one year in our country do we have a famine? A. No, but in India there are millions more people than we have, and they depend altogether upon rice for food.

Q. Does each farmer own his land? A. No, he pays rent to some landlord or to the government.

Q. If the landlord is very rich does he not assist his ten-