

new christians who have come through persecution for Christ's sake, that I feel inclined to send it for the August "Tidings" rather than anything more from myself

Prabha Das came to Bobbili before we came to the hills and asked for one of our boarding girls. As she was willing to cast in her lot with him Mr. Churchill married them and they returned to the work. She has been teaching the children their letters, and reading and explaining the Bible to the christian women and teaching them to pray. She wrote me that when she sees these new christian women's faces shining as she teaches them the word of God, her heart is filled with joy. Nineteen have been baptized and they report three more waiting for us to return.

The following is the translation of the letter received from the Naida or head man among them :

"Chekkargooda, May 27, 1897.

To the dear Rev. G. Churchill,

Your dear brother, P. Tamandora desiring your blessing, we being well up to this time, give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to your salaams making, by your son Zogi Kaza, have caused to be written the following matters. The letter you wrote was received. Having caused the letter to be read, having heard the things written, great joy was to me. Since you have written such things we are very grateful. Though we were cooled by the winds, our thirst quenched by water, and by the fire warmed, yet we were ruined by sin. But to us these riches of the gospel by you came,

therefore toward you we are very grateful. Besides, that by the favor you have reposed in us, in recovering our land, we give praise. and to you being obedient. That our faith may be strengthened, our hope may be permanent, our love greatly spread abroad, by the favor of Christ and by your gracious blessing, that during our whole life time, in this religion of ours to be strengthened and to know the great things of Christ, that you will pray for us, we make our request.

The ten rupees which you wrote that you sent for the famine people was received. I took the money and gave to the poor. Five days since it was all spent. That is since the 23rd of May. Now there is no money by me. Many poor people came to me and I gave it to them properly. To some among our christians, that is Asidora Seetima (widow) and Dasarijmani (orphan) I gave some of the money you sent me and some of my own for two months. Therefore the money soon went from me. You said I must consider P. Das's circumstances and help him, but if I had money not giving to him would I give to others? As the money has gone I cannot give.

Alas! for three weeks Prabha Das was very ill. Fearing that he would die we greatly grieved. Though we gave him ever so much medicine he did not recover in Chekkargoorda. Then having made a stretcher with my own servants I sent him to Belgamn hospital (32 miles). I took care of his wife in my own house during his absence. P. Das having gone there, having stayed in hospital ten days, and