

divorced from her heathen husband, according to their laws, so, as all seemed anxious for this marriage, Mr. Craig consented. She will probably teach school.

14. Hope has gone to live with her sister, Mahalakshmi, and at present is doing the housework for her, while she goes out visiting.

15. Elizabeth, Y. Sundramma and M. Leah were all married on the same day, just a week before Miss Alexander became Mrs. Drake. Elizabeth is now teaching at a village called Mendapett.

42. T. Mary was taken home last term by her father, as they are trying to get her a divorce from her husband, and it was necessary for her to be there.

By comparing the two lists you will see that some of the girls have done very well, while a few are still where they were a year ago.

And now I must bring this long letter to a close, or they will refuse to print it all.

A. S. CRAIG.

Mission House, April 16th, 1888.

Letter from Mrs. Drake.

Dear Children.—When you read this letter it will be hot summer weather at home, while now in April we are beginning to have summer in India. May is one of the warmest months of the year in most places, and people begin to go to the hills where it is cool. If you lived here you could not go out in the sun during the middle of the day even in the cool season, as the sun is dangerous and your heads would soon ache. The time for playing outside is either very early in the morning, or else after four or five in the afternoon. The children here are pale, not rosy-cheeked like most of you.

I have just had more than a dozen little girls here for a meeting, but one not in the least like your Mission Band meetings. They could not understand my English, and I understood but very little of their Telugu, so I had some one who knows English in the room to tell them in Telugu what I wished to say. They all sat on the floor around me and listened very attentively to all that was said. They are polite little girls, and always say "salaam," at the same time touching their foreheads with their right hand, when they enter or leave a room. I hope some of these little girls are Christians and will be good and useful women when they are older.

We have some strange company in our Indian homes, frogs, ballies (which are a species of lizard), and birds, besides many other creatures. Every evening about the time the sun goes down a family of frogs hop around the bath-room, some are big and some are very little, but they all seem to enjoy themselves. When we pour water from the ewer a little frog is often sitting on the edge and hops off as the water comes; or if we take a bottle or box from a shelf one of these little fellows is sitting on top of it. They hop around the floors of all the rooms and catch the flies and bugs as fast as they can. The other evening one was sitting on the top of a picture frame; do you think he was admiring the painting? In the evening after the lamps are lighted the ballies are quite lively; they come out of holes and corners in the wall and ceiling or roof, and as the flies walk along the wall where the light falls, a ballie will creep after them, quietly and slowly, then suddenly snap and the flies go down Mr. Ballie's throat, and this way he gets a good dinner. Sometimes I have watched one ballie chase another for quite a while, as though they were playing "tag," as the children do at home, then the one that is being chased at first will chase the other. But I like best to watch the little birds as they build their nests and

chatter to each other, although they do bring a great deal of rubbish into the rooms. Perhaps you will say, "Why do the birds build their nests in the houses?" Yes, they do, just as they do in the trees outside. The windows and doors are nearly always open here and they fly in and out as they please, and even when the doors and blinds are closed they squeeze themselves through the slats of the shutters. As the ceilings here are not like those at home they can make their nests in the corners of the rafters and on the top of pillars too high to be reached by an ordinary broom, so the little creatures are left undisturbed. In the morning they make a great noise and chatter, and if there is a nest in your bedroom you cannot sleep much after they are awake.

Little people do not like very long sermons, I know, nor very long letters either. Another time I hope to tell you something about the children as I see them, and anything I may learn about them in the future.

I. A. D.

Madras, April, 1888.

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