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As Mrs. Gullison's letter for Tidings has not reached us we take the liberty of publishing this private one.

Mission House,  
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My dear sister :

After two months spent in this country we are beginning to form some idea of what life in India for foreigner and native is like.

Living as we do at Vizianagram, some little distance from the town we escape a great deal of the wretchedness one living in the town would be brought in contact with, but we see sufficient to prove to us that the power of satan is having unlimited sway in this land. As we think of the darkness, more dense than the blackest night, which paganism has thrown like a great deathly pall over this land ; and as we learn to what a surprising extent, and how lovingly her sons and daughters are wedded to it, we cannot wonder that there are no more converts to christianity than there are. They hug to their bosom the serpent that poisons body and soul, and kiss with affection the rod of evil that smites them. Truly "they love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

A genuine conversion of a native to christianity is as great a miracle as

any our blessed Lord ever wrought during his incarnation. Steeped in sin as they have been for centuries without a ray of the "Light of the world," how can we look for anything else from these poor unfortunates. Indeed, from a human standpoint it seems too much to expect that they will accept Jesus and suffer the persecution which naturally follows.

As I look upon them and think of superstition and ignorance the question always arises "Would I have been any different under similar circumstances ?

Ah, we don't realize how we have been blessed by having been born in a christian land.

Neither do we realize what a great responsibility rests upon us for that very reason. I never felt this while in the home-land as I have since coming here.

Although it seems impossible from a human stand-point to bring a heathen soul to Christ, yet the power of God is being felt. Yesterday we were made to rejoice because of the good news Mr. Churchill sent us. He has been touring out at Riagnudda, where those six were baptized some time ago. He sends us the glad message that eleven more have been buried with Christ in baptism. Isn't that encouraging ? Our people at home must thank God and take courage ; better days are dawning for our beloved mission. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."