

religion and government, having their own chiefs and priests.

Q. What is their present condition? A. During the past few years they have been brought under the direct control of British officers, and pay taxes.

Q. Are their women held in the same estimate as women among the Telugus? A. No, they are considered as superior in a way, and have many privileges and rights never accorded to the Telugu woman.

Q. What are some of the characteristics of their religion? A. They believe departed spirits hover around, and do injury to those who displease them. In every house are kept pots, which are kept sacred as the abodes of departed spirits. The spirits get into the pot by means of a string by which the pot is suspended.

Q. What is another point of belief? A. They know nothing of good spirits, but are taught to dread evil spirits. In case of illness, medicine is not used, but offerings are made to the evil spirits.

Q. Has much been done to enlighten this large tribe?

A. No, it is sad that little has been done, although now the missionaries at Parlakimedi and Chicacole have two Savara Evangelists and are doing what little they can.

Q. Shall we not try to learn more of these hill tribes, to think more about their, sad, uncivilized, ignorant condition, and do something to help them to know of our Saviour who is "their Saviour too?" Shall we not *pray* and *do* something that the Light and Glory of our God may penetrate even into the darkest and most remote corners of His vineyard?

GLIMPSES AND GLEAMS FOR MISSION BANDS.

The Gadabas—a Hill Tribe.

Around and among the hills near Bobbili live the strange, little copper-colored people called the Gadabas. Their number is not large—probably there are not more than two thousand in all—but they are very interesting;

A Gadaba village with its thatched roofed mud houses might easily be supposed to be a poor Telugu village; a Gadaba man dresses just like any low caste Telugu man; but a Gadaba woman cannot be mistaken. She is very fond of beads and wears many strings of many sizes and colors about her neck and around her head.—The chief hair ornament is a string of white shells (cowries) encircling the head from this hangs a sort of bead fringe about two and a half inches deep, and reaching almost to the eye brows, The earrings are enormous. They