

to hear the Word of God in their own language, and with more than eighty out of this number I had the unspeakable pleasure of sitting down at the Lord's table.

"What surprised and cheered me particularly was an assembly of more than 170 heathen in a Zayat, or preaching place, near Mr Drew's house in Vepery. When we went into the place, I expected to hear, as I did on former occasions at Madras, much of arguing, disputing, and objecting on the part of our heathen audience. But there was nothing of this kind. Some thirty or forty men, who had come from a distant village, and who, I was told, are stated hearers, seated themselves in front, and as many as could find seats followed them; the rest stood listening with deepest attention to a regular discourse from Mr. Drew; and, after hearing him for nearly an hour, they remained as quiet and orderly to hear a few words from the white stranger that had come down from Salem. Not a sign of impatience or disagreement was observed throughout; and, if I had not been told before that I was in an assembly of heathen, and had seen some of the marks in their foreheads, I might have imagined that I was in a congregation of Christians. These wonderful changes are observed not only at Madras, but all over the country. Are we really aware of what God is doing in India.

"I was also not a little astonished to find that in Madras there are now five native girls' schools *set on foot, and entirely conducted by natives*. At the examination of one of these I was present. If such an event as this, had been foretold fifteen or twenty years ago, I do not think that even a missionary would have believed it; but here is the fact before our eyes. The very people who used to tell us so gravely that they could not think of having their girls educated—such practices being contrary to the Shasters, custom, and the well-being of their families—send now their girls to school to have them taught reading, writing, ciphering, needlework, geography, history, and Christian morals. At the examination, the fathers and relations of these girls were present, crowding the place, and watching most intensely the progress their daughters had made."

NO REFUGE BUT CHRIST.

If the change be only from self-indulgence to self-righteousness, an alarmed conscience taking refuge in a formal devotion, the convert is no safer than he was before.—
Caroline Fry.