

the harder for her to bear because she has not been in good health for some time past.

Ramachandrapuram.—Have we forgotten that one of the dangers of life in India is the ever-present possibility of a poisonous snake? Miss McGill not long ago had a visit from a cobra, whose nearness she did not discover until it was within two feet of her chair. One trembles to think of the close approach of great danger.

THE CONVERSION OF PIADAMMA, A DEVIL WORSHIPPER.

Piadamma lives in M——, one of our church centres. She is of the Malla caste, and has for years been quite renowned as a devotee of many goddesses. On many occasions, and especially at feast times, she has professed to be a medium of evil spirits. At such times, no matter what her demands were, they were quickly supplied, and those who worshipped in fear and trembling would bring new cloths, rice, coconuts, saffron, etc., and place them at her feet.

One day two of my helpers were preaching to a number of women not far from Piadamma's house, where she stood in a threatening and defiant attitude. One speaker turned to her and addressing her personally, besought her to turn from her idolatry, and worship the One True God; her attention was arrested, she came nearer, and soon she was sitting at the feet of the speaker, drinking in every word. When another personal appeal was made to her to remove from her body the many charms she wore, to the great surprise of all present, she began to take off and throw aside the charms that she had worn and trusted in so long. When the women came away she left them reluctantly, but was told at attend the services

where she would hear more about this Jesus. The next Sabbath she appeared, bringing a coconut, some rice and a little saffron, to appease this new goddess, as she then understood Jesus to be. When others bowed in prayer she bowed, but together with many other names she called upon the name of Jesus.

When the service was over, the teacher called her aside and explained to her very carefully that Jesus is not one of many, but that He is the only God and Saviour of mankind. From that day she has attended the services, has torn from her heart all other names and enthroned Jesus!

Her two little girls are sent to the Mission School, and in her home she witnesses before her husband. She is ever hungry for knowledge, she sings the hymns with a radiant face, and is growing in grace and knowledge. She has not yet been baptized, but is under instruction, and has been given the new name of Lydia. Truly her heart the Lord opened.

Let every reader's prayer be that her husband too may manifest the power of God to save those who call upon Him.

Yours very sincerely,

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MRS. FREELAND.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario West has lost its two Honorary Presidents within a few months. Mrs. Yule and now Mrs. Freeland. Very few, if any, have done more for India and for the enlargement of the vision of Ontario women regarding their responsibilities there than Mrs. Freeland. Next month we hope to say something more fully of the part she has played in our work for 35 years or more.