

be trusted with money, which they deposit and withdraw from the post office. Two of them have been to the late war as recruits, and have some money for themselves in the bank, and one has a piece of land awarded.

These children compose songs and sing them in big meetings. They act dialogues and give entertainments. They do all the decorations of the Church and leper chapel, hospital and other places at great functions. Some of the boys are scouts. The girls do nice lace work during the holidays. Such is the happy life of the untainted children in the "Phillips Home."

Now, let me go back to the life of the older ones at the "Albert Boulter Memorial Home" for the women and the "Dr. Kellock Home" for the men. As soon as they are admitted into the Home they are washed well with soap, lotions, and hot water, and are given new clothes. Their life is quite different from what it was outside. They worship the true God and get baptized when they come to know Him. They have Bible lessons, verses and hymns. They have classes in the week days and learn songs, dances, and the Indian way of dancing with musical instruments, songs, and small short sticks in their hands to beat upon each other, to produce musical beats. The boys and men have funny caps made of all sorts of colours, on their heads, when they dance. The women have such sweet voices and make the passers-by on the road stop to hear them and fill the whole compound and chapel with a wondering audience. Oh! I should not forget to tell you about the solemn prayer meetings and communion service they have. They are so quiet and attentive in the chapel, that people wonder at times from where these people get this knowledge and piety. Their prayers are such a help to us. The visitors who go over to see them cannot help admiring their true devotion.

Both men and women have rooms for four or five to live in together. They cook for themselves. There is a dhoby among them to wash their clothes. They are given baths, pocket money, and clothes. The kind friends of Canada are supporting them and send them Christmas gifts yearly, which give such a pleasure to them. The girls play with

the dolls. They have gardens. Both the boys and girls have mango, cocoanut, plantain, palm and date trees in their compounds. The soil here is clayey. So sand has to be brought from the banks of the Godaveri, for building. These children have some of those sand hills to play on. The boys have football and some other Indian games to play in the compound.

There are three new boys now in the Asylum who are treacherously and constantly being eaten up by the disease germs. Father is giving them the best treatment and injects, very often, the best possible medicine that can be obtained in the whole world, into them. He is still trying for various kinds of injections. But there is no improvement found in them, with all those treatments, diets and pleasures. The disease germs are so acting on them that they give them a very sad and pitiful expression. It is such a pity to see such young and active boys suffering from the dreadful disease. They are not growing. They are so thin, short and ugly, as they were when they first came. But father thinks it is too soon to expect anything and that it will take some time for the medicine to act upon the germs. It would have been much better if they had been brought in earlier. But the main reason is that the parents are also lepers.

It is such a joy to see some of those boys getting better and working as teachers and carpenters. The boys and girls, during their stay at the Home, study lessons, compose songs and sing them. Some of the girls also have become better.

The untainted children are at a distance of one mile from the lepers. They go there for any big meetings, and sometimes to see their parents and relatives there.

There is a girl here, from a high caste, forcibly sent here. Her parents are afraid of their caste people not marrying anyone from their family. They are cast out. So, fearing the world, some are sent here. They may feel badly at first, but after enjoying it, they cannot leave such a happy home.

The lepers always pray for their supporters, missionaries, and all who take care of them and think of them.