

Cocanada.

Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to thank, in behalf of the "Timpany Memorial School," all those who helped to fill the Christmas box for Cocanada! The school children were promised a tree whenever the box should arrive, and from December to March scarcely a day passed that the matter was not discussed, and the contents of the coming box speculated upon. I was not a little alarmed lest there should be disappointment after such long and happy expectancy; but, though it proved to be an *Easter* tree, all were more than satisfied with their presents. On the day appointed, two large branches of laurel were planted in a barrel in such a way as to resemble a good sized tree; and these, when hung with presents from the box, to which had been added some small story-books, and bags of sweets and marbles, presented a fair and tempting sight, when the room was lighted. Rev. John Craig very kindly took charge of the exercises, and, assisted by Deacon Ronchetti, and young men of our English congregation, distributed the presents. The tree stood in the large central room of "Timpany Memorial Hall," which had been decorated for the occasion; and the kind donors would have felt well repaid could they have seen the delighted faces of the recipients as they became the proud and happy possessors of scrap-books, dolls, pin cushions, balls, knives, etc. Of course, everything underwent a thorough examination by the little folks, and when they began to realize how much time and patience had been expended in making up so tastefully so many things for their pleasure and convenience, their gratitude to the kind friends in Canada was not a little increased. It will be many a long day before the contents of that wonderful box will cease to do their work of love, or to occupy a very important place in the lives of our school children.

May He who has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," cause just as sweet and lasting memories to dwell in the hearts of the children, and all others who had a part in sending so much joy out to India. I will take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Alexander for her beautiful gift to me. Such thoughtfulness is fully appreciated by one so far from home.

Within the past two months, four or five of our school children have found Jesus, and others are enquiring the way. The most of our young people can speak Telugu more or less fluently, and we have tried to show them what a blessed work they might easily do for the heathen by whom they are surrounded. They seem to be waking up to it now, and we have been pleased latterly to see their efforts in this direction.

We desire the prayers of the readers of the Link for the young Christians of our English Baptist Church.

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[This letter was received when we were away for the summer holidays, was mislaid and not found till now. It is of such a nature, however, that it is still interesting. We wish that another such box was on its way to India now. Shall we not begin at once to make articles for filling a Christmas box to be sent next year?—Ed.]

Junior Theological Class

We have no Senior Theological Class, but must wait until next year when we hope the present Juniors will become Seniors. We have nine students in this class

whom, with your permission, I shall re-introduce to your readers, as I suppose a great many are acquainted with the names, for none of those students are new. I shall, therefore, merely call up old memories. I may premise just here that I pretend to no exact knowledge as to what Circles are looking after the boys I may write about. I believe that it is Mrs. Dadson's part to have and give such information to any desirous of such. I confess to being furnished with a list of nineteen names, which list I imagine needs revision.

In this letter, however, I merely want to briefly characterize the students in Theology.

1. Dukka Jo Pal Das, a Tuni boy, and cared for by no one as far as I know, for his name is not in my list. He is one of the best and steadiest students that we have. During the long vacation he worked at Ellavaram, where he caught jungle fever, which still troubles him. Mr. Auvache and I, while on a tour a year ago, found him burning with fever and half out of his mind. We sent him home, but the fever clung to him for months, and he will scarcely get over it altogether. He told his experience one prayer-meeting evening, and it was rather a moving one.

2. Dukka Amrutalal, a younger brother of Jo Pal Das, cared for by West Winchester. He is our preceptor, secretary of the Sunday School, and also secretary of our fortnightly society. He is bright and active, a good student, and doubtless destined to become something above the average.

3. Nitta Philip, an Akidu student, is interesting and bright, but rather impetuous. He has good material in him, and if he manages to learn self-control, he is the making of a good worker. He seems to possess a few shades more of honesty than the ordinary Telugu Christian, which is a most desirable trait of character. He is not one of the nineteen, and therefore my knowledge is nil in that line.

4. Panthakani Samuel, an Akidu student and a married man. He has a nice disposition and a kind affectionate nature. He is verily one of the "old boys," entering the Seminary, I think, when it first opened, but, owing to his being out a year or so, he is still here. His name is one of the nineteen, and has "Ormond Church" written opposite.

5. Chinna Panthakani Samuel is an Akidu boy, and is of slight build and a little lame. He is doing fair work. "Chinna" means "small," and is prefixed to distinguish him from No. 4, and unless he really is No. 4, his name is not one of the said nineteen.

6. Pasala Samuel, an Akidu boy, and by all odds the most promising student in the class. If he continues promising, we may perhaps, with Bro. Craig's leave, send him elsewhere when he finishes here, and try to make a Seminary teacher out of him. We have two heathen men at present, but these we shall replace by Christian teachers as soon as we can secure the right kind. "Goble's Corners" is written opposite Pasala Samuel's name.

7. Silla Measha, an Akidu boy, cared for by West Winchester. He shows fair ability and will make a good average worker.

8. Karuturi Solomon hails from Akidu, and is rather an amusing character, full of laughter, rather bright and for some ailments the doctor of the compound. If he shows decided taste in that line, a Christian doctor would be an acquisition.

9. Marni Venkayya is a Cocanada man and a Shudra, and generally well-liked by all who know him. He is a good character and will make a good worker, and should contribute something to the destruction of caste.