of the cruel sun and heat and various other unwholesome perils of our India. Therefore, I am praying God that he may return to India, full of enthusiasm, to work amongst us Telugus with greater physical

strength and spiritual force than ever.

Both in material and spiritual things we are still mere children. We are not men grown. That through you many more evangelists may be sent to shepherd and train such new converts as we are in the way of the Lord, and to show the way of salvation to the exceeding many multitudes of our Telugu countrymen who are on the road to destruction, and that for this purpose abundance of means may be gathered I am praying God.

Moreover, the other preachers of the gospel sent through you, the Board, to our Telugu fields, are preaching away according to their strength, in toil and affliction, and their travail has not been in vain. They, having beheld converts to the faith of Jesus, are rejoicing and forgetting their own afflictions in India. Such long suffering teachers may the Lord

send in great numbers to our country!

I humbly pray you, most honored members of our Board, and the churches which you represent, that you make known your requests unto God through Christ Jesus, in your unceasing prayers, that from our own midst, preachers like Paul may arise and also men able to give such financial aid that the day may come speedily when it shall be no longer necessary for missionaries to come, with great price and pain from a far country; and that (to this end) the hard hearts of the Telugu people may melt and that they may be saved of the Lord.

Thus (writes) Your Humble Telugu Brother. P. SOMALINGAM. Polepilly, March 1st, 1900. The above letter written in Telugu which was translated by Rev. L. D. Morse. Does it pay to save a man who can write such a letter?

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