

best, cleverest pupil and could make the others do anything she wished—fortunately for us it was usually the right thing! Her father put off the older sister's marriage a whole year so that Tayaramma could have another year at school. But the sister was married this hot season, and so Tayaramma will have to stay at home and keep house, as there is no mother in the home. We will miss her from the Bible class for she was easily leader there too, and had the understanding heart. We just hate to lose her from school, but she has her own Bible and hymn book, won as prizes for attendance, and we shall just put her on our Zenana list and continue to visit her and teach her at home. Her father and old blind grandmother like to hear her read and sing.

Ammanibai, of the dancing-girls' caste, of whom you read in the Baptist some time ago, in extracts from my report, is to be married soon. But as she is still quite a little girl and lives very close by, she will be allowed to attend school another year. She is the one we had such a time over last year, begging the father (apparently in vain) to stop the dancing lessons and training for a life of prostitution as a temple girl, and let her get a little sensible education and be honorably married. Our hearts, and Levi's, were very sad when he refused to listen to our appeals but something caused him to change his mind last summer, the dancing lessons stopped and she came regularly to school. Now she is to be married, which, though dreadful enough for one who is a mere child is far, far better than the other. And she will be with us another year. We are so glad. She is a dear girl, and seems to realize what she has escaped.

The confidence and affection of these dear children is a very precious thing to me. And it seems to me it must be our most valuable asset in our endeavor to bring them to faith and confidence in Christ. Each class has its Bible lesson, every day, (as some people at home seem never to have realized or else have forgotten) and it is a great delight and privilege to meet them there. Often have I been surprised at the spiritual understanding of the girls in the higher classes who study

the Gospels. They are thoroughly well-acquainted with the incidents of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and know the way of salvation. Even in the lower classes the quick response of love and almost instinctive faith in Jesus on the part of many of the wee ones has been a lesson to me. They are so sure that Jesus answers prayer. They are so sure that He is near, and loves, and cares, and is the Giver of all their good gifts—in the class-room. But what about at home?

I am so happy now about the work in the girls' homes, for since G. Veeramma, the headmistress's mother is doing all-day Zenana work, instead of half-day as before, she is able to visit them regularly and teach the Bible to the inmates of the homes, thus linking up the work with that done in the school in a way that I trust will be very effective. One day we went, for the first time, to the home of Nirmaladevi, a sweet Brahmin child in one of the lower classes. Her mother had never heard the Gospel before, but she listened appreciatively and took tracts and a scripture portion to read. "You never heard before—what do you think of it?" I said. "Good—it is all good, it must be true," she answered. "I wonder," I said, "why you sent your girl to us—a Christian school, with so many municipal schools in the city." "For this—it must have been for this!" she said, holding out the Scripture I had given her, in her hand. God grant it may be "this"—the Pearl of greatest Price, for her and her household.

You wouldn't believe in how many ways we are able to help others through our contact with the girls! I am sorry to say that Godavari district, along with Assam, Calcutta city, and one province in the Punjab, I believe, is notorious among all the districts, provinces and states of India for its consumption of opium. One wondered how one could help fight it, when it occurred to me to begin in our own Caste Girls' school. So we took an opium "census" of our scholars and found that in about half the homes represented there the opium habit was established, usually some old relative taking it for some of the infirmities of old age. But I was horrified to find that several of our girls were being given