

naturally afraid of them. But some are learning that we are not so bad after all, and I know I am gaining the confidence of some. Two boys who attend my Sunday School, were talking some days ago about religion, and said that if the priests taught like the Protestant missionary there would be a great many more people believe in religion.

I arrived here April 20th, and started my Sunday School June 19th. I began with only three boys, and the average attendance for the first seven Sundays was not quite four. But each of the last two Sundays I had ten, and each of the two preceding I had eight. They never heard gospel hymns, nor prayers offered in the name of Jesus before, and are very much pleased with both. I did not have prayer for the first few Sundays, as I did not feel that I had a free enough use of Spanish, but after I began to have prayer the boys never wanted it omitted. Once or twice they thought I was going to forget it, and they asked if we weren't going to pray. It was six or seven weeks before they would attempt to join in the singing, but it would have done your heart good if you had been hear last Sunday to hear them singing alone, "When He Cometh" in Spanish, and another hymn with beautiful gospel words to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me, This I know." My heart is full of gratitude to God for the way the work is opening up, and I hope it may not be long before some of these boys will know the Saviour.

Besides the Sunday School I have had men in every Sunday for the last three months for religious conversation. Last Sunday there were four in, and five the week before. One of them is a lawyer who has come quite regularly from the first. A few weeks ago he seemed under conviction of sin, and last Sunday he said he was trusting Jesus, and looking to Him alone for salvation. So far as I can see he seems to have fairly clear ideas of the plan of salvation, and I am rather inclined to think he is saved, but I have not yet encouraged him to say that he is.

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Miss Murray writes :

Another hindrance that is met with in Cocanada and other large towns is the ungodliness of many of the English residents. Even the women in the zenanas often remark as we speak to them of sin and its punishment :— "But Doralu (meaning English people) do so."

I presume you are familiar with the term "nautch girls," or "dancing girls." They are the prostitutes of the land. One day in visiting one of these houses of ill-fame I was speaking with the inmates about the immodest way in which they perform in the streets (they are engaged by the Hindoos to sing and dance at weddings, etc.), whereupon one of them, a pretty woman bedecked

with jewels, replied to the effect that she did not consider herself or the women of her caste more immodest than English women who dance with men. She had heard of "balls" and of how men and women dance together, but would not believe it until she went one night and saw for herself. This familiarity was to her shocking to say the least.

The Lord's day is spent by many of the English people at the Club in playing tennis or other pastimes, and on the whole their influence is not good.

We are having indications of the presence of God in our midst. Four were baptized yesterday. Chinnamma's brother and sister-in-law were of the four. There is a general awakening among the Madigas living near Chinnamma's home and we hope many will come out.

Chinnamma has gone to help Miss MacLaurin in Vuyuru. Mahalakshmi has removed to Peddapuram. Casie has not yet returned to the work.

Minnie is doing good, faithful work. Miriam also is in the work.

## Work at Home.

### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

GUELPH, TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH.—Our Circle held a very successful Thank-offering meeting on Thursday November 3rd. A large proportion of the Circle members and a goodly number of visitors were present. The programme consisted of the roll-call, each one present reciting a verse expressive of thanksgiving; the opening of the envelopes containing the offering and the reading of the enclosed quotations; a duet by Miss Couch and Miss Evans; an address by the Rev. W. C. Weir, late of Everett, Washington. Mr. Weir has lived and worked for eight years in the West, and so was able to give us many interesting facts relating to his theme, which was church work in the West, its difficulties, its necessity and its prospects. Among the difficulties he mentioned the unrest of the population or rather populations, the heterogeneous elements in those populations, their lack of trust in each other, their worldliness, their moral condition, their lawlessness, the desecration of the Sabbath, the newness of the field, and the great variety of "isms" to be met there. The necessity of the work consisted in its largeness, in the destitution of the people religiously, and in the fact that it is the only work that can save the people. As to the prospects, Mr. Weir declared himself to be no pessimist, and that he thought the prospects were very bright and very encouraging for Baptists. The meeting was closed with prayer by our pastor, Rev. J. W. Weeks. The amount raised was about fifteen dollars, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

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