

had time and could remember all the things which have happened so as to write you. I will first tell you of Lakshmi Devi and Subbamma. They came here Saturday morning, each with a particular verse to justify their action; Lakshmi Devi's was Matt 16: 24-26; Subbamma's Luke 18: 29-30, with many others. They say now they have believed in God's word and want to act according to it. They want to be baptized. I asked them if they had told their parents. They said, no, for should they tell, they would at once take them from the school and marry them. They are fearing that some marriage will be made for them soon, so that they will be taken away and not have even the freedom they have here. You know just how it is. I could not tell them anything, but that at present they must obey their parents and we would earnestly pray God to make it possible for them to serve Him. I gave them the verse, 'If ye ask anything in my name, I will give it.' It was such a joy to hear them talk and I could not help thinking how glad you would be."

These two are caste girls in the Cockshutt Girls' School, and are the first who have really professed conversion. By the same mail, they each wrote me a letter in Telugu, which in English read about as follows: "To the mother who loves me much the school-girl Lakshmi Devi and Subbamma writes: 'By the favor of God we are all well and hope you are the same. We are going to school. All the girls are coming. Dear mother, please pray that we may all be good and study God's word well. Dear mother, please pray that in some way or another I may receive baptism. Accept my salaam. Please write as soon as you receive this.'"

Dr. Hulet also mentions Joshee who has now medical charge of the Lepers' Home and who also finds time for private practise and Christian work among his patients, many of whom are Brahmans and other high caste people. She says "Joshee seems to know just how to deal with them and I think is very popular with them. . . . Joshee is so truthful and good, I have a great deal of comfort in him." He himself writes: "There came a Kamma man of a high caste family from Chellurn, the place where you preached hundreds of times. . . . They came around where we found some mud to carry me, but I did not allow them to do so. The patient had a big abscess in his throat and was not able to eat anything for 7 days. The people, especially the women in the house, did not allow me

in for a while, saying that I have come to cut his throat. I exercised great patience and at last got in and spoke to the patient as tenderly as possible. I did the operation (after praying a minute in my heart), the patient felt quite relieved and thanked me very much. . . . There are two more cases in town under my treatment and they are getting better. . . . I have given Rs 5 to Mr. Davis for self-support (that is support of pastor); I am so glad to give the blessed message of Jesus to my patients. I just take the Bible and read to them.

. . . I feel so happy in doing so." And again, "The women lepers have occupied their new quarters and are all happy, and their general health is exceptionally good now-a-days."

So my dear friends and readers of the LINK. Let us rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep, and let us pray more fervently that the Kingdom of God may come.

Yours in His service,

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#### ON TOUR "GLAD TIDINGS."

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*Dear Readers of the Link:—*

Two nights ago as we were sitting out on the deck of this little boat reading after our day's work was done, we heard sounds of music and mirth from both sides of the canal telling us there were villages near in which we must tell the glad tidings on the morrow if God would grant us the privilege. We had seen villages further down the canal that day. We did not know, except for the sounds of music, that there were villages so near. I wished then that some of you might come and sit with us and listen. The music would not have brought you any joy, it made me very sad, for I heard only praises to Rama, and I felt a sad longing for those voices to be used in praising Jesus. I knew that they were dancing around an idol temple and the petition went up to our Father, that these, who were now giving the glory due to Him unto another, might soon find the true light. Oh, how dark their minds are!

I want to tell you what I saw the other day. We had been having a service with Christians on Sunday morning in a village where there is cholera. As we left the Malapilly where the Christians are, we had to pass by a tank and through the village on our way to the boat. As we were