

'Scripture words, phrases, similes, and illustrations, which I had considered only a Christian congregation of considerable experience could properly understand and appreciate, and which, if my opinion before this had been asked, I should have pronounced as so foreign in the Telugu Bible, to purely Telugu people, that very few, if any, would be able to understand without considerable help from some Christian teacher who had been much instructed therein,—such, the members of this congregation not only appreciated when they heard them, but themselves freely used with great aptness and force, proving beyond the possibility of a doubt that the Bible in Telugu was not to them a 'sealed book.' but the plain word of God.

"The unaffected way in which every one of them spoke of God as 'Our Father in Heaven,' of Jesus as 'Our Saviour,' and of the Holy Ghost as 'the Comforter and Teacher,' showed that flesh and blood had not revealed these things unto them.

'This much may be said of the small congregation which Seeta Ram had collected to hear the Word of God read and explained by him. Although they have so accurate a knowledge of the Bible, not one of the female members of this congregation can read a single letter of the alphabet. On discovering this fact, we expressed our surprise that they knew so much of Scripture language, and that they also knew so well in what part of the Bible the different passages they quoted were found, and asked to know the reason. The answer given was—"He taught us so thoroughly, with so much love and earnestness, that we could not but remember his words, and well we remember, too, his manner when teaching us.'

'This fact speaks for itself, and bears testimony to the extraordinary ability of Seeta Ram to teach the Word of God, notwithstanding that he himself had never learned from the mouth of any earthly Christian teacher.

'His efforts and influence were not confined to the few persons now noticed. Old neighbours of his came to us seeking for the book that their friend had himself loved and taught them; and when going to the lanes and corners of the town, speaking to all whom we saw of the Great King who had given command to His servants to go into the highways and hedges, into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in all to the marriage of His son, we entered the house of a carpenter who was busy at work, and called him to hear something of our message. He immediately responded, and informed us that he had heard the same good news from Seeta Ram, and that he had a book which that good friend had given him; whereupon he showed us a copy of the Gospel of Luke in Telugu, and took from us the Gospels of Matthew and Mark in addition.

'Seeta Ram's mother shed tears of joy mingled with sorrow as she told us of her son, 'her beloved, pious son.' 'He used to tell me many sweet stories,' she said, 'and begged me always to pray to the one true God; he has gone before to the beautiful city; blessed be his memory.' The old Bible her son had used so much, and which was needing to be rebound, we prevailed upon her to give us in exchange for a new one, after convincing her that the contents were the same.

'How great would have been our joy if we had come upon this young Christian worker in the midst of his labours, and had been privileged to hear from his own lips of his knowledge and experience of the truth, and to answer the few questions he wished to have had answered! But he has gone before us into the everlasting kingdom. He rests from his labours and his works do follow him. He being dead yet speaketh—speaketh loudly and with no uncertain sound in his native town; speaketh to us to work, while it is day, in spreading the Word of Life far and wide, never doubting that the Gospel is 'the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.' He speaketh words that may well shame those who, whilst holding the Bible in their hands and professing to be guided by its Divine light, yet dare to doubt whether its light is strong, and clear, and steady enough to lead a Hindu into the pure knowledge of God and a holy life. He speaketh words that will si-