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Extracts from an Address on that Subject by an Indian Christian Layman.

"For what Christianity has done in regard to the education of women and the recognition of their lawful place in the home and society, India owes a debt that can never be repaid save by undying gratitude. In the matter of medical relief to suffering womanhood, Christian charity again led the way. . . . Christianity has held out the right hand of fellowship to the outcastes, the untouchables, the Pariahs; and to-day their children sit in high places and move as equals amongst their fellow-men. See what Christianity has done in the Telugu country for the degraded and despised Mala and Madiga. Their transformation has been nothing short of a miracle. I wish you knew a certain Telugu pastor I know. Looking at his refined and thoughtful face, watching his easy grace, and hearing him pray or preach in polished Telugu, you would scarcely believe that his people are mostly coolies, domestic servants or village serfs. Scores of men from these sections have had a university course. They are pursuing honorable careers, as pastors, teachers, medical men, and in Government service. Not long ago a young girl of this class took the B.A. degree, and has consecrated her gifts to the service of her country-women as a teacher in a high school. I was privileged to witness the ovation she received from an assemblage of Brahmans, Sudras, Mahomedans and other classes, at a public meeting convened to congratulate her. It was a scene I cannot easily forget. The health of a Madiga girl proposed and seconded by two leading Brahman gentlemen; Telugu verses specially composed in her honor and recited with feeling by a wealthy Reddi gentleman; and then the girl-graduate's modest reply in chaste and well-chosen English. Another scene I recall with praise and thankfulness—a scene in a crowded court of justice. A Madiga Chris-