

LETTER FROM MISS JONES.

The following letter was written to the Steadfast Builders' Class of Dovercourt Road Baptist Church, Toronto, who partially support the work, and Miss Jones speaks about it as follows:—

"Just before the Caste Girls' Schools in Ramachandrapuram closed for the hot season, the head-mistress of the larger one, the Rajah-Cockshutt Girls' School, wrote the letter which I enclose. The schools re-open on June 18th.

"Your gift of \$80 (Rupees 240) pays the salary of the head-mistress, which is Rs. 15 monthly, also her travelling fare to and from her home, Ongole, and leaves a balance of a little more than Rs. 3 a month extra. This I am using towards the salary of our newest teacher, Bona Martha. Martha is one of our own girls, who was educated in the Cocanada Boarding School. From there she was sent to the American Baptist Training School at Nellore, where she studied two years, taking her examination in February. She is a bright little teacher, and should do good work.

"Veda Manikyam (excuse her for signing herself 'Miss.') She does not know English customs very well) is not a trained teacher. She wants to go for training next year. She is as quick and alert as any Canadian girl, and the little caste girls are very fond of her. She is very quick to take suggestions, and does not become offended over a reproof. She went home a trifle discouraged because her classes had not done as well as she expected at the examinations. She had been teaching very much by rote, and I was examining for thought-power. If her courage returns, and she comes back, she will do better work next year.

"If you enjoy Vedamma's letter, and think others might do so, I shall be glad to have you pass it on for publication in the 'Link.'"

PRIZE DAY—KOTARAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Dear Friends,—I am very glad to inform you about our school and its prize-giving day. There are nearly eighty girls in our school, and the fourth class is the highest one. We are very glad to say that there will be a fifth class in our school from July, 1913. We find much progress in the school as the years go by. The girls can sing Telugu hymns very nicely. In drawing, sewing and kolatam (some Indian play), etc., they are good. Though the girls are not regular in their attendance, owing to their festivals and ceremonies, they are very intelligent and quick in grasping and paying attention to what they are taught.

Our prize-giving meeting was held on the 22nd of April, and the mothers and many women of high rank and caste were cordially invited to it. Nearly fifty women attended the meeting. Though our caste women are not accustomed to go to public meetings, this time they dared to come. By this we think that the darkness of ignorance in India is gradually disappearing.

Two higher class girls took part in dialogue about the education of women. Miss Archibald, who is in charge of the Vivekavati, a Telugu paper for women, was present at this time, and she gave an address about her work, inducing our women to help the school as her women in Chicago do. Some higher class girls gave the drama of Esther in songs, and it was very nice. Infant class girls sang a praise hymn with actions. Marching was done by first class, and it was splendid. Our higher girls now learn English a little, so they sang the National Anthem. Kolatam, recitation, etc., were done by others. On the whole it was very nice to see.

Our Tahsildars and Magistrate's wives spoke in the meeting, and agreed to help the school as much as they can. M. Surammah Garu, who was converted