

to get a little food to keep alive. When a man here in India loses his settled way of getting a living, or any considerable part of it, he is not able in a day to put some other employment in its place. What wonder, then, if these Christians for a time do not (if it is true they do not) give as much for Christianity as they did for heathenism?

Again, the wants of the people are increased after they become Christians. I would think the man or woman had not been converted if such were not the case. They are no longer as willing to go *dirty* and as naked as before. They are not willing to have their houses quite as they were before. They have looked into heaven, and they have become the temples of the Holy Ghost. What wonder if they try to rise from the sottishness of idolatry? The thousands who ate carrion must put in its place other food. They must stop stealing from the fields they reap, and the stacks threshed, and the grain-heaps they guard.

To sum up, these Christians about whom I am speaking have less means to do with, after they become Christians, than they had before; they have more wants; and yet they do more for their teachers and preachers, as a rule, than they did for their heathen priests.—*Missionary Magazine*.

OUR INDIAN STATIONS.

Samulcotta.

A postal card, dated January 18th, from Mrs. McLaurin says: "On the 12th fifteen Canadian missionaries met in Cocanada in general conference. Every one of our number but Mrs. Sanford was present. The meetings were most interesting and harmonious. Two native preachers were ordained, Jonathan and a new man from Ongole. The past year has, on the whole, been the most successful in our history, I think. On the 16th broke up. All came here on their way to the Telugu Association in Mr. Craig's field—all but the Curries, who are preparing to sail next month. We are all well."

Akidu.

BAPTISM OF FIVE SCHOOL-GIRLS.

In my little boarding school at Akidu there are only ten girls. Some of these were in attendance before the vacation in July and August; but the others have entered the school at various times since we opened the school in September. One came as recently as the 4th Nov., and another just a month before that. Five of the ten had been baptised in their own villages; the other five did not profess to be Christians, until lately, so far as I knew.

I had often thought about them, and wished they were safe in Christ's fold, and I had decided to speak to Deborah, who had charge of them, and ask her, if any of them were anxious. Before I had an opportunity to do so, Joseph, the teacher of the school, came to me, and told me that they all wanted to be baptised, this was last Sunday after the morning service. I told him to bring the girls over to my study, and when they came I examined them about their belief in Christ. Their answers were quite satisfactory. Some of them had believed, while still in their own villages, and had asked to be baptised, but I had not been informed of this. When the church met in the afternoon, these five were received for baptism, and on Monday morning, the 17th Dec., I baptised them in the canal.

I am happy to say that all these ten girls seem to be behaving well, and walking in love. Lakshmomma, of whom Miss Muir wrote, is well and happy.

As I have intimated above, the school is now under the care of Joseph and Deborah, who were at Asaram for a year. Mary, who was in charge of the girls, is still living at Akidu, but her husband is not teaching now. He preaches in Akidu and the neighboring villages. Besides this she has a little one of her own to take care of. The girls are comfortable in their new home—the Memorial House, and Deborah seems to be doing well as matron, although she is young for the work. I do not mean that she is younger than Mary, but young to have the care of a number of girls. Please remember the girls and their matron in your prayers.

JOHN CRAIG.

INDIA, 20th December, 1883.

[Mr. Wm. Craig, Jr., of Port Hope, Ont., has kindly furnished the following translation of a letter lately received by him.]

GUMANAPADY, '83, October 19th.

To Maharajah Mr. Wm. Craig.

MY VERY DEAR SIR,—Having learnt my name through the letters of your brother, Mr. John Craig, remembering the name of poor me, you have written me a letter, on account of which I am very glad. I shall never forget you. You have desired to hear about our affairs, therefore I am writing a few words.

Sir, a few years ago we did not know the name of the true God. We wandered about like lost sheep in the false paths in which our fathers had walked; we worshipped many idols. In the year 1864 or 1865 we learnt the name of the Saviour Jesus Christ, through our relative Mr. Gabriel.

As it is said in the 12th verse of the 4th of the Acts of the Apostles: "There is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," we having learnt this we broke to pieces with crowbars the idols we had been worshipping and threw them away.

In 1872 our family and a few others (14) were baptized by Mr. Gabriel. By the Lord's favor there are now some hundreds of Christians. Among the Christians many have given up cigar-smoking, arrack-drinking and other bad habits. If it be the Lord's will in a few years the people will become Christians by thousands. The Lord Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness, has risen on many. Sir, your brother, Mr. John Craig, is conducting the Lord's work well, because the love of Christ is strengthening him, as it is said in 2 Cor. 5, 14, he is laboring much for the Lord's work. From the time that he came to Akidu, the Lord's work is prospering. As it is written in the 18th verse of the 8th chapter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans, Mr. John Craig may say of his toil. Like the Apostle Paul, living without a family he is prosecuting the Lord's work with care. Sir, when I think of your brother's hardships my mind is very sad. We should all pray for him.

My very dear sir, I send many salutations to you and Mrs. Craig. My wife Susanna, my elder brother Samuel, and my younger brother Andrew say salaams to you and Mrs. Craig. Accept the salaams of all in our family. Give my salaams to all in your family.

(Signed)

KARRE PETER.

Letters lately received state that Mr. Craig expected to sail from Madras for home about the middle of March.