

prayers for him brought us nearer to God. While we were interceding for this convert eight miles away, we were witnessing with more than usual power to the heathen at our door. I have seldom seen the unruly Telugus hushed into more breathless attention, than they were on this tour. The only explanation we could find, was that we were so driven to the Throne of Grace as our only hope for this young man, that waking or sleeping, we lived our days and nights beneath the mercy seat, and it was thence that we went out to preach. We learned again to explain, "How foolish and wicked we are when we try to work for Jesus, without His inspiring presence!"

On Friday, Sept. 18th, we came home. It is our custom to baptize at the seashore in the mouth of the Chittavalasa river. But the river is nearly dry now and the waves have filled its mouth with a long bank of sand, although there is still a large sheet of water, it is stagnant and impure, hardly a fit element in which to symbolize "the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." The Bay of Bengal indeed is blue and pure, but its billows are ever rolling high and thundering on the beach. Therefore we conclude to perform the ordinance in the garden baptistery.

We walked the top verandah in the cool of the day, looked at Polepilly hill and prayed for two hearts that were beating beneath it. When the night fell on the sea and the fields, and a haze in the atmosphere made the hill invisible by moonlight, we knew that the darkness and the light were both alike to God, and that He had not yet forgotten how to bring His children out of Egypt. We committed their case into the never failing hands of Jehovah, and the last thing I remember that night, I was humming over and over again:

"The servants of the Lord go forth  
To seek a foreign shore,  
And whoso'er their footsteps move,  
That hope makes sweet the air;  
And all the path is paved with love  
And coupled with prayer."

Then the hymn seemed condensed to two lines:

"And whoso'er their footsteps move,  
That hope makes sweet the air."

At length it was only one line:

"That hope makes sweet the air,  
— makes sweet the air."

And I thought I was falling to sleep with my head upon the Saviour's breast. Such is the missionary's joy "over one sinner that repenteth!"

Before daylight Sunday morning, I was awakened by somebody rattling at the door. When I got out there was the man with his wife and K. Appalawamy. The moon was just peering over the top of the hill, before going down. There beneath his setting silvery beams, we knelt and one after another returned thanks to God.

Soorynarayana took off his sacred string and permitted me to take the scissors and shear off his "jutta," and was thus stripped of the last outward sign of Hinduism. As the sun was rising out of the Bay of Bengal, he was baptized in the garden, beneath the margosa tree, "into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," and at nine o'clock sat down with us at the Lord's supper. The plant which our heavenly Father planted in Polepilly, has become a tree and is bearing fruit. This fruit is the first, but not the last.

Yours sincerely,

L. D. MORSE.

Bimlipatam, India, Sept. 21.

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