

of mind, quickness of intellect and spiritual power that they may be speedily equipped for the work which is waiting and has been waiting for them so long.

That God will especially bless the women among our Christians Rescued from the depths of heathenism whose virtue is a stranger, brought up as their ancestors before them in degradation and sin, and still, though separate, surrounded by vice in all its forms they need your prayers. Pray not only that they may be kept pure, steadfast, and immovable, (I should like to underline these three words making them emphatic), but always abounding in love and in good works.

That the gift of the Holy Ghost may be given to the women workers.

There are seven in Cocanada four only of whom are natives, and about as many more in other different villages. They have so much superstition to fight against as they talk to the women, and so much indifference, and even seem to receive, and withal are permitted to see, but little of their labors, that they need special prayers.

That the women who hear the Gospel in their homes may be converted. In Cocanada from 90 to 100 homes are visited. Within three months about 600 visits have been made where there has been an aggregate of about 2000 hearers. Though at times they scorn and reject the Word, they more often hear it with joy and gladness, but they are yet far from learning the lesson that the kingdom of God consists not in meat and drink, but in joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. Some can read, and others are expressing a great desire to learn that they may read the word of God for themselves. A few we believe have found the Word of Life.

That the girls in our boarding school may learn much that may profit them not only for this life but for the life which is to come, and that wherever their lot may be cast they may be found faithful, becoming a source of blessing to those around them.

That the precious seed of the Gospel as it is being taken by these girls and by the Bible women once or twice a week to the near villages where the women are spoken to in the lanes and in the alleys may bear fruit abundantly. In one village, notorious for its wickedness, where the women on first going thought they would meet much abuse, and perhaps have stones cast or missiles thrown at them, the people now treat them with much respect, listening attentively and earnestly to the Gospel of Truth. Pray for a harvest of souls.

There are many many other things to pray for, but these seven special requests I have had it on my heart to ask our sisters to remember. How many of you my dear sisters are ready to take up one by one for each day in the week a special prayer for the prosperity of the work in this dark land?

"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

S I HANN,

Cocanada, November 10, 1887.

### Bobbli.

MY DEAR LINK, We have had a very pleasant change lately by spending a week at Bimlipatam. Mr. Sanford had finished the chapel he was building and invited us to be present at the dedicatory exercises, and take part in them. The chapel is a very pretty, neat building, and was opened September 14th, by a Telugu service in the morning, and English in the evening, and a temperance

meeting was held the following evening. All the exercises were very interesting and enjoyable, and we earnestly pray that the house built for and dedicated to the Lord, may be the birth-place of many, many souls.

At Bobbli all of our helpers and some of our boarders have been sick the past month, so that our work has been hindered. But most of them are up again now, and we are looking forward to the cool season with hope and earnest prayer that much work may be done, and that the Lord will give us some visible tokens of His presence to bless and convert.

My heart was much encouraged last week by my visit to my zenana women. They had each been very ill, so that they could not read for some weeks.

When we called at the first house, my woman took us first to see her little girl not a month old, and then asked us to go into the room where we read, etc. She immediately brought her "Luke," but before beginning to read she said she had had two answers to prayer since we last visited her. At that time she was quite ill with dysentery and feared she would die, but she prayed to Jesus and asked Him to make her well, and He did. Then after her babe was born, there were bad symptoms and they all thought she was taking a disease that might end her life. Again she prayed to Jesus and again He heard and cured her. She told this with such a radiant face, that I could only sit still and with an overflowing heart thank the Lord. She then read the lesson in Luke, readily taking in almost every word, and asking questions where she did not understand. The two sisters in the other house I visit, seem much more interested in the Bible lesson than formerly. Will not the readers of the LINK offer special prayer for these three zenana women, that they may each come out speedily into the true light and liberty of the Gospel?

My school continues about the same, the only trouble being to get the children to come regularly. I have been much grieved during the past two months, because the parents of the two Hindoo girls in my highest class, have persistently kept them at home, after promising again and again, when I visited them, to send the girls to school. One of these girls, Chinnimuh, I must tell you something more about, as I want to request special believing prayer for her too. She is about eleven years old, a very modest, pretty girl, my best scholar, and in every way her conduct is most exemplary. In speaking to her personally one day in my Bible class, she said she believed in Jesus and would like to be baptized, but with such a sad look in her eyes, she said she knew her parents would not allow her to be. Very soon after this she was kept from school, first with one excuse and then another. One day as we visited her home, in talking of her, her mother said she was a disobedient child and would not do her work at home, and people would say that was what she learned at my school. I called Chinnimuh and asked her to repeat the fifth commandment, which she did. "That is what we teach them in school," I said, "and I cannot imagine Chinnimuh being disobedient, for she always does what I tell her." "Oh, yes, she minds you," the mother said, "but she won't mind me, when I tell her to sweep the floor she goes away and cries." Sianna, who knew the mother better than I, said, "If you speak kindly to her she will do anything you tell her, but when you say hard, bad words to her, she can only go and cry." The mother laughed and said no more. So I saw how it was, this was only another excuse to keep the child away from us, and I thought how hard for her to live a Christian life in such a home and with a mother who would rather her child would be bad than good. And yet this