

## THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

### LETTER FROM MISS HATCH.

Dear Readers of the LINK:

Many of you will remember having read an account some time ago of the marriage of the adopted daughter of M. R. By. Rao Bahadur, R. Venkataratnam, Naidu, M.A.L.T., Principal of the Rajah's College, Cocanada, to a Christian postmaster. He is a high-caste Hindu, but belongs to the Brahmo-Somaj, a sect corresponding somewhat to the Unitarians. Missionaries and Christians were invited to that wedding, and it was certainly an event of great note in Cocanada.

This daughter now lives in Vuyyuru, so the missionaries there are pleased to know her. Her husband has been transferred there.

Recently Mr. Anderson, Secretary for Mission to Lepers in India, held some public meetings in Cocanada, and this Principal, a man of great influence, especially with the Rajah of Pithapur, who is of the same faith, was present.

The above is an introduction to the kind letter I received from Mr. Smith a few days after the meeting:—

"Cocanada, India, Aug. 7, 1915.

"Dear Miss Hatch:

"I conducted a most interesting ceremony in the house of Mr. Venkataratnam Naidu this morning. You know about his adopting a number of orphans some years ago, and putting them into the Wesleyan School in Secunderabad, where they became Christians. And I think you heard of their marriages here a year or so ago. One of them married Gollu Sampson, of Nellore. Well, they have now a little son. And this morning I conducted a little service for the naming of the baby in Mr. V.'s house.

"It was a most pleasant occasion, and at its close Mr. Venkataratnam brought an envelope and put it into the little child's hand, and told him to give it to me. He was determined to put it into his mouth instead, but was finally prevailed upon to part with it to me. When I opened it I found the

enclosed Rs. 30 (\$10.00) and the note for the Leper Asylum. So I am sending it on to you.

"Yours very truly,  
"RALPH E. SMITH."

The note had these few words only:

"God is Love."

A humble thank-offering to the Ramachandrapuram L. Asylum."

Thinking you would be interested in the presentation of this gift, I have copied and am sending on to you.

S. ISABEL HATCH.

### NOW ABOUT VALLURU SCHOOL.

An Extract from a letter of Miss Zimmerman.

Now about Valluru. I did not write you, did I, since the opening? It was a great success, so we thought.

There was still some work to be done on the building, but we opened it on the 5th July. The inside, I tell you, looked nice, all festooned and decked with mottoes. The motto we gave the school, and which now hangs in the front of the building inside, is "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

I sent out invitation cards, gilt edged, and the invitation was printed on by John, to all the families. The clerk, Mr. Venkota Sukayya, wrote the addresses on the cards and sent them out for me. Mr. Bensen and Samuel Garu (the pastor) went over the day before, as did the two girls and Amelia, and we, Misses Murray, McLeish and myself, went on Tuesday. I took Lydiamma, M. Mary Padmakshamma and Santoshamma over to the opening.

Forty-one caste women were present, among them a large number of the old pupils; 55 children, of whom 38 were members of the school, and last, but not least, 15 babies. The programme was as follows: I acted as chair-lady.