



## CHAPTER II.

### THE ARRIVAL.

**I**T is now the first week in October, about two months later than the time described in our opening chapter. Clifton—we shall call him by his Christian name, after the manner of his acquaintances—had, after experiencing the usual comforts and discomforts of voyaging, reached India in due course of time, and landed at Seripatnam, a town on the Eastern coast between Madras and Calcutta. Here Mr. Willoughby, his wife and wife's sister, Miss Wylie, were stationed, having been sent out previously by the Society. Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby had been in the country fourteen years, having been home once on furlough, whereas Miss Wylie was a late arrival having been now about two years in the country, and was just beginning Zenana work in the town where her brother-in-law was stationed. Being a ready student, she had by this time acquired a fair working use of the language. There are many degrees of acquisition and it must not be supposed that Miss Wylie had in so short a time acquired a foreign tongue perfectly, for such acquisition is the result of years of labor. She was able to converse freely, express her ideas fairly well, and make herself generally understood. More than this comes later. Mr. Willoughby, however, spoke Telugu with the same ease, though not with the same finish, as he spoke English. His work was preaching the gospel in the town and surrounding districts. His field was very large, comprising about 500 villages, with a population bordering on half a