

the sea, the fisherman may be noticed clasping his hands and imploring his god that he may be successful. During the hot season, if the crops have been good and rice is cheap, this toiler of the sea is careful to marry all his little girls who have reached the suitable ages of six or eight, and the sound of drums and trumpets may be heard by day and night.

As a division of labor, the men fish in boats or on land; the women do the housework and cooking. When the toddy or liquor from the palmyra palm is to be sold, the women carry and sell it; but they do not appear to drink it, for very rarely is one seen intoxicated.

Xavier seemed quite successful in his efforts to convert the fishermen of Ceylon and Southern India, but his converts did not give up their idols, though their descendants bear the name Christian. We have yet to gain our first convert from these men, who have listened to hundreds of Gospel sermons. By the grace of God this can be done.

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THE SEA UNDINE.

Exquisite thing soft cradled by the tide,
Sprung not from lathe or wheel or human wit,
Wonder of whorls which touch the infinite,
Frail shallop of some brave undine's white bride!
Within the smooth and sheeny walls are dyed
With the pure pink of autumn dawns alit,
Without, with stories of the deep o'erwrit,—
How fairy slight the thunderous seas to ride!

The massy tides gride over reef and ledge,
And sudden waves from fell Euroclydon
Dash to swift death the sailor in the Bay;
But this, all lipt with pearl, and on the edge
Of doom—the fingers of a babe might slay,—
Sleeps in the stressful surge at Blomidon.

T. H. R.

Minas Basin.