

caste women treat me; when I go among the Malas, they are respectful and polite. I am ashamed of women when they act so badly and will go away," and away I went to a house across the street, where we had an attentive audience; but the old woman did not come over. A day or two later as evening drew on, I said to Sianuna, "We will go among the Killy people a little while." The day had been a busy one, and all were tired and inclined to rest, while Mrs. A. was still engaged in the house with some men. I went around and talked to Nursiah a few minutes, and came back to find more than a dozen farmer women in the yard, who said they had come to see me. We talked a long time, but they did the most of the listening, and just as I was thinking that some one must come and relieve me, my eyes fell upon my old lady with the gray hair. She was standing in the crowd with one elbow resting in one hand, and her cheek in the other; her water pot was on the ground beside her. She smiled as her eyes met mine, and came through the crowd; turned her brass pot bottom upwards, seated herself thereon and taking up several of the points which had been engaging our attention, she asked as many and as pertinent questions about the Christian religion as any ordinarily intelligent woman would. Added to that, she was very earnest, and I remember it as one of the best talks of that trip. Finally dropping her face in her hands she said, "I do not know, we women do according to our customs, and we worship our husbands, now you say this is not right, and will not save us; I am afraid to die, and what will I do?" She went away in the gathering darkness and I have not seen her since. We may go that way next week, but this work among the common country women pleases me exceedingly.

After spending nearly a month here, and about three weeks in the mission house at Bimlipatam, we went out on that field, where to us the ground was principally new. Though not so interesting as the other, we called it a good one though rather hard.

The weather was too rainy to tent, so we stopped where we could find shelter from sun and shower. Miss Gray was with us, and though her Telugu does not come very readily yet, she did her best in that line, was friendly with the people, and made herself useful and pleasant wherever she could. Time and space fail to tell of the interesting and amusing incidents; or how we ruthlessly tore down the spider web tapestry of a native cheetheem and swept up the ash carpet, or of how we enjoyed living in a native house, or of what a luxury a real house at Konada seemed, which friendly hands opened to tired missionaries.

Late one evening, Miss Wright gave us the warmest of warm welcomes home, and tried to console us by saying we looked thin and warm; just as if such a trip would not have that effect upon any ordinary mortals.

Two more weeks again at Bimbi, and you come to Bobbili with us, where we have been nearly a month. We wanted to get away out on the field, but the weather has been disagreeable and made us sick beside. We are better now, and the heavy rains were much needed all around us. We hope to get out next week if the rain ceases, and spend the remainder of this month on the field.

The year is drawing to a close; it has been a hard one and I do not know that I ever felt more like resting, still am very thankful to be so well. Poor health would not permit me to spend the first half of the year here, and we hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Churchill would be out early in the second half; perhaps return with Mr. Craig as they once talked of doing. But God permits us to

see his plans only as fast as we really need to; and it is ours to attend faithfully to the duties of to-day, believing that as the future becomes the present, He will direct those who trust Him, and not fail in any of His good promises towards us.

With kind wishes for the prosperity of the 'LINK' during the coming year,

Very truly yours,

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## THE WORK AT HOME

### To the Circles of the Western Convention

*My Dear Sisters.*—I take advantage of the columns of the LINK to say a few words to you and more especially to those Circles that have been recently formed. Had time permitted I would like to have written to each one separately. I have just mailed to all those organized during the past year, viz.: Waterford, Poplar Hill, Burgessville, Teeswater, Fullarton, Park Church, Brantford, Dutton, Fingal, Walkerton, and Lobo Church, Etobicoke, Port Perry, Whitby, Port Colborne, Paisley, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Forest, Scotland, Edmund, Norwich, Iona, and Belfountain, also to Oil City, and Dundas, organized since the Annual Meeting, copies of a number of leaflets, which you will find helpful in your meetings, and useful for distribution. If any of these Circles fails to receive them, it will be most probably because of their being imperfectly addressed, so I hope that you will let me know and send me the correct address, both of President and Secretary. No charge is made for any of these leaflets except the one entitled "God's Purpose and our Privilege," which is sold at 25cts. a dozen. There are still a number of these left, which might be mailed to Montreal or to the Maritime Provinces if desired. There are also a number of copies of Mrs. Freeland's paper, "Our Foreign Mission Work" which although written some months ago is still an accurate account of the work which our Society has undertaken to support in India. Some additions have been made to the staff of zemana workers in Cocanada, Miss Frith has now two assistants as well as Ellen the Bible woman, and Miss Folsom, a young Canadian lady, who has charge of the English school in Cocanada, devotes a great deal of her time to this important work in one of the suburbs of Cocanada. She has for an assistant Miss Rachel Beggs. Neither of these ladies is supported by us. Allow me again to remind you of the notice published in last month's LINK that arrangements have been made to supply every Circle at half price with a copy monthly, of one of the best missionary magazines that is published, the "Gospel in All Lands."

Each Circle is requested to raise one dollar by special subscription, and forward it to Mrs. Newman, the Editor of the LINK. The January number should be received by the Circles, as a complete list of all those then known to the Secretary, was forwarded to the Editor some time ago. I do not know what arrangement (if any) can be made about supplying the magazine to new Circles. Through the kindness of Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, of Hamilton a copy of what we may call the Foreign Mission Year Book has also been sent to all the Circles. This contains a full report of the work among the Telugus during the past year, up to Oct. 17th. The statistics of the different stations are given, the number of baptisms during the year, the number of preachers, teachers, colporteurs and workers of all kinds, also a report of Samulcottia Seminary. I hope each Circle will study it carefully.