

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX

SOME WOMEN OF COCANADA.

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May I say a few words about some of my dear women in whom I am interested?

Sundhamma, a widow of about 50 years or more, is, I believe, a secret follower of the Lord. She listens very attentively when the Bible is read and explained, and answers the questions so very intelligently that I often have spoken to her and asked her whether she believed these things. She said: "When God loved me and gave His Son to die for me, a sinner, how can I help believing? He is the way to heaven, and I am trusting in Him. When my grandson was ill, I asked the Lord to make him well, and He heard my prayer and restored the child. He alone is my Saviour." She told me that she would like to learn more about Christ, and something new about Him every day.

Chandramma is a rich, dear young widow of about 20 years. She was my pupil for a few years, and then had to leave the place, as she was staying with her sister (who was also my pupil), whose husband, a deputy collector, was transferred to Ramachandrapuram, so Chandramma had to go away. I met her again a few weeks back at another sister's house. She was very glad to see me, and said that she was longing to see me, and that the Lord had granted her desires, and then she said: "Don't you know that I love you much? I have not forgotten to read the book you have given me (meaning the New Testament)." I asked her if she were trusting in the Lord, and that if she loved me so much that she must love my Saviour, too, in Whom I am trusting. She said that she

cared not for riches or anything else, but was trusting in the Lord, who has washed her and made her clean; and then she said: "We may not meet here again; but be sure we will meet in heaven, where there will be no more parting."

The Lord be praised, another soul brought into His fold. Dear friends, pray for her, that she may have the courage to confess the Lord openly.

Bowinhamma, another dear woman, confessed that the Lord He is God in the presence of a number of women, who looked with wonder and astonishment at her words. She said: "How could we call images made of wood and stone gods?" She looked at us, and said: "Since I have heard about the Lord Jesus and His great love to us, I have dropped making puja, because I know there is no truth in it. Believe me or not, I am trusting in the Lord." Praise the Lord for this testimony.

Not long ago one of my women was in great distress about her son, who had been out of his mind for two months or more. I told her to lay this case before the Lord, and said that I would pray earnestly for her son, too. She said, pleadingly: "Oh, do pray for him. I am in great sorrow." I must say that I prayed earnestly that the Lord might restore the boy to his proper mind, that all around may know that the Lord He is God. Praise the Lord for answering my prayer. When I called, a couple of weeks after, to see him, her eyes sparkled as she came towards me and said: "I knew your prayer would be answered. My son is nearly well, and able to take up his work again. I must give a thank-offering to the Lord."