

of the people, and they are already acquainted with the manners and customs of the country, so that there is nothing to hinder them in carrying the message of peace and salvation, unless it be the opposition of officials.

It may seem strange that there should be any prospect of British opposition, but past experience has shown that our administration is not without men who suppose that the presence of the missionary must necessarily mean disturbance. If the official does not himself understand the power and purpose of the Gospel, he naturally thinks that it will only raise resentment among the natives.

This is a time for earnest believing prayer that the Lord of the whole earth may disarm every opposition to the peaceful conquests of the Gospel in Tibet and Bhotan.—*The Christian*.

THE FIRST TELUGU BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

OUR readers can refer to the May and September LINKS for an account of the commencement of our Telugu mission in Africa, and will be glad to read these extracts of a letter from John Rangia, to Mrs. Cole, of Montreal.

"Some of my Telugu Baptist Christians immigrated to this colony about three years ago to earn their livelihood instead of suffering with hunger, during the past great famine in India. Since then they were asking for a pastor for themselves, saying that they have abundance for their body, but their souls were starving. The Lord has very wonderfully led me to accept His call to go to Natal. It is perhaps a common thing for an English or American man to leave his country and go to a foreign land. But it is quite difficult with a Telugu. Yet the Lord has wonderfully gave me encouragement to leave my country, and much more so dealt with my wife whom he gave free willingness to follow me, after her objection to do so, for more than one-and-a-half year.

"At present we are at Kearsy where most of the Christian people are residing. They are working on the tea estates of Sir Liege Hulett. This gentleman is one of the richest farmers in this colony. He is, as well, a member of parliament, yet a great God-fearing man, humble like

a child, having a sympathetic spirit even toward the lowest of his servants.

"Every Sunday from sixty to eighty church members are attending to the service. We have not yet formed our church, but intend to do so on the coming Christmas Sunday. Perhaps fifteen candidates will receive baptism on that day, and then we hope to have communion service, the first one we are going to have in the Telugu Baptist church.

"The greatest joy up to this time the Lord has given me to go happily in the work, is that my wife is so much happier here, and rejoicing very much in the ministry, having forgotten her home land.

"Early in July when I first arrived in this country the Lord had given me a condemned man to be led to the Lord Jesus Christ. I had never before met a condemned man in my life, but the Lord had given me courage, and words, and wisdom, to speak to the man about the blessed Saviour. At last while I was holding his shoulders on the gallows he uttered, to the admiration of all the people around, 'I am going to Lord Jesus Christ. I am going to the refuge at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ,' and then he breathed for the last time. Dear Madam there is a great deal for you in this letter to take up in prayer to our Saviour."—*Canadian Baptist*.

WHAT A TRACT DID.

Early in 1819, while waiting to see a patient, a young physician in New York took up and read a tract on missions, which lay in the room where he sat. On reaching home he spoke to his wife of the question that had arisen in his mind. As a result they set out for Ceylon, and later India, as foreign missionaries. For thirty years the wife, and for thirty-six years the husband, labored among the heathen; and then went to their reward. Apart from what they did directly as missionaries, they left behind them seven sons and two daughters. Each of these sons married, and with their wives, and both sisters, gave themselves to the same mission work. Already have several grandchildren of the first missionary become missionaries in India. And thus far thirty of that family, the Scudders, have given five hundred and twenty-nine years to India missions.—*The Indian Witness*.