

A VISIT TO RANGOON.

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To-day I promised to show you some of the Mission work that is being carried on in Rangoon, but as our school does not open until nine o'clock, I think we shall have time to visit the Shwe Dagon Pagoda first. This is the Burmans' greatest shrine, and it would never do for you to leave Rangoon without visiting this spot. Pilgrims come from all parts of the country to worship here. In structure it is like the Soolay Pagoda, which we saw yesterday, but it is more beautifully ornamented. Notice the two huge dragons that guard the entrance. On either side of the long stairway leading up to the shrine, the poor lepers, with a leg or an arm eaten away in some cases, beg from morning till night. Poor creatures! they are turned away from place to place and receive nothing but harsh words. What a blessing it would be to their lives if someone would take the trouble to tell them of that One, who was a friend to lepers when here on earth, never turning them away, and who is willing to be a friend to them too, if they will accept His love. Is not the carving exquisite which ornaments the idol houses surrounding the pagoda? See this Purman mother placing a flower in the hand of her infant as she teaches it to *sheeu* (bow down) to the idol and present its gift. How different this cold reception on the part of the idol, from the days when Jesus took the little ones in His arms and blessed them.

But we must hasten for I want to show you the Post Office on the way to the school. It is a massive structure and one of which we in Rangoon are proud. Those men squatting down near the entrance are writers, who are paid by the poorer class to do their correspondence for them, as they cannot write themselves. A great crowd congregates to listen while the man tells the writer what he wishes him to put in his letter. To the right is our Baptist Church for the English and Eurasian people, of whom we have a goodly number.

But now we have reached our Telugu and Tamil school. Quite a nice building, is it not? Let us enter. We have over 450 pupils altogether. You see that they are divided into their