

Our Work Abroad.

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Mr. Smith, who in addition to the study of Telugu is pastor of the little Eurasian Baptist Church, Cocanada, writes :—"There have been three conversions in the Eurasian Church



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recently, and I hope there will be baptisms soon, two have already applied and others are only hindered by relatives from applying.

I believe the Spirit of God is with us there. I am teaching Matriculation Latin at the Timpany Memorial School twice a week.

This takes me down there often, and I have become greatly interested in work amongst those people, and in the school. Our prayer-meetings have become seasons of great blessing. The revival spirit is abroad. Special meetings are being held in the Telugu Church, and a large number have already professed a saving faith in Christ, and twenty-four have been baptized. I have also a class of young Hindu students from the college here, whom I meet on Sunday mornings. They are an interesting and interested set. They know almost nothing of the Bible, but speak good English, and I get along with them very well. They are keen upon having me take the class into the college, but I am afraid that is impossible. Another young fellow, a lawyer here, who has passed his F. A., comes in to read the Bible with me three nights in the week. I have become greatly interested in him, and trust the Lord will lay hold of him. He is but 23 years of age, quick, intelligent, progressive and eager to learn. I cannot get at his heart. It may be a desire to get English or something of the kind, but I rather think it is more than that. At any rate, I trust that the glorious old word of God will be the instrument in the Spirit's hands to bring him to the foot of the Cross. Do not forget to pray for him.

I am hard at Telugu all right, but it ought to be coming a little faster than it is, although the Munshi (native teacher), and I use as much Telugu as English now in our conversation, perhaps a little more."—*F. M. Bulletin*.

In my study of the Telugu language I have made three discoveries which are very significant.

1. There is no word for home. They have a word for house but no word for home. And the absence of the word indicates the absence of the idea.

2. There is no word for thanks, and evidently they have not felt the need of one.

3. The same pronoun is used in speaking of a woman, except when terms of respect are used, and of a thing.

From these things it would appear that heathenism has not given men homes in the full sense of that term, nor the spirit of gratitude, nor a proper conception of the world, and these things the Gospel of Christ is bringing to them now.

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Miss Robinson, whom everybody in India seems to account a splendid addition to our missionary staff there, writes with her accustomed modesty: "My Telugu is certainly coming slowly. I can say a few words after a long period of waiting between every two and then a sudden jerk when the bright idea comes. They say Mr. Scott is doing famously at it. But I suppose 'slow and steady wins the day.' And always I know that above all is the sure, strong, controlling power of our Father."—*F. M. Bulletin*.