

The Brahmin widow of whom I wrote in my last report, I regret to say, has left the place, but trust and pray that the good seed which has fallen in her heart will bring forth much fruit to our Master's honor and glory,

One of my pupils, who was also mentioned, has become very much endeared to me. Her grasp of, and growth in spiritual matters is marvellous. I never knew anyone take up the deeper teaching of the Bible with more intelligence, and love than she does. One cannot doubt the Spirit's work in her. I have had many interesting talks with her.

I am deeply interested in another young woman with whom I have lately become acquainted, she seems so anxious to know the truth, and listens with much attention when I speak to her of a Saviour's love, and what He has done to save us from eternal death.

Another old woman in whom I am interested, seems to drink in all I say. She has learned a short prayer "Lord be merciful to me a sinner," which she never forgets and says she prays every day. One day she asked us to pray. She bowed her head with us and listened to all we said, when I asked her if she paid attention to the prayer, she said, "Oh yes, you prayed that the Lord may open my darkened mind, and lead me into the right path."

Another dear young woman said that she has given up every kind of idol worship, and is praying that the Lord may lead the others of the family into the right path, and let His light shine into their hearts, so that they may see their folly in this idol worship.

There are many such cases, who say that they have given up all and are trusting in the Lord.

I would in conclusion, thank all kind friends for their prayers. I have often felt certain in the midst of work that I have been upheld by prayer; who can tell the mighty power prayer is, what it has done, and what it shall do.

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The last few months of visiting showed that during the heathen feasts it is very difficult to get the attention of the women, for every time a procession of any kind came down the street all the women would leave me and hasten to the door to see it, and it is no wonder for they have so little to see in their shut-in houses, that any

kind of noise is a welcome pastime and good excuse to stand at their door. They are also much occupied on certain days cleaning, washing and painting their doors with saffron and a red powder besides whitewashing. In some large houses there are more than a dozen doors and yet the woman of the house, even if they have a servant, will do it herself, for the lines must be made nicely, and the dots in the right place. At the house of Marnicum I had a very encouraging talk, (she is the young woman who was so sick and with whom I had prayed several times), she remarked "Now I believe in Jesus, next I must be baptized and how can that be brought about, for my people are sure to oppose it. I do want to know better how to address God, and make my prayer to Him. My sister-in-law makes fun of me because I am anxious about these things, but I do not care, I do want to know more." This young woman attended the Caste Girl's School, her sister-in-law the Government School.

On visiting a comely house (high caste), for the second time and while the young woman was reading to me, her father-in-law burst in upon us and ordered her to stop, and gave me back the paper she was reading, he said, "I won't have any such thing, these people are going into every house teaching." Of course the girl had to obey, looking very disappointed over it. Another man who was present rebuked him for being so rude. He answered, I was addressing the girl and not the lady. Promising to discontinue my visits, he calmed down and went away; after he left the woman told me the reason he was so vexed was due to a man of their caste having joined the Christians and it had been published in the papers. It is seldom we are met with such a rebuff.

I heard of a sad case of a young girl (who when a little thing attended our Caste Girls' School), now possessed by an evil spirit. I was told she is suddenly taken by it, and thrown down, and for 12 hours at a time she is tormented by it; when spoken to, she would say "I am the spirit of her husband's first wife and because he did not marry my own sister instead of her I will prevent her from being happy with him, have not done with her as yet." They went on to relate, how the husband, who is a Government servant, asked to be transferred from place to place and promised the evil spirit all sorts of good things to leave her alone. Hearing what