

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper).

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—As winter is fairly over now, mamma will be busily sewing away at your suits and dresses for spring. Perhaps the pattern of a Telugu girl's dress might help her to decide what you shall wear. Mrs. Jewett has a long letter in the Chicago *Standard*, part of which I will copy for you:—

"Have you ever seen a Telugu girl's dress? It is made of some light material, about eight yards in length, and all in one piece. It is passed in folds two or three times around the waist, the first time plain, so as to tie a little knot. The width of the cloth extends to her feet, and having a bordered edge, forms a pretty skirt. The rest is thrown gracefully over one shoulder, then around the waist as a kind of loose binder of the whole. The wide bordered end is left to the last, and tucked in so as to fall over the back of the skirt. It is called a "kwaka." Vedamba's kwaka yesterday was green, plaided with black and orange, and a gilt border. It was so long I could only see her heavy anklets now and then as she walked smiling to me. She is perhaps eleven or twelve years old. Soon she stood by my side with her Gospel of Matthew, another little book, her worsted-work and a slate covered with dictation. She assented to all my instructions as freely as you would."

The little girl described lives in Madras, where Mrs. Jewett is now a missionary. Perhaps some of you would like to know more of Mrs. Jewett. Thirty-five years ago she went with her husband as a missionary to the Telugus at Nellore. She soon began a boarding-school for girls, and continued it for many years. One of her first pupils was Julia, who was soon brought to Jesus, and was much beloved by Mrs. Jewett. She married Kanakiah, a native preacher, and was for fourteen years matron of the school. It has been said that she was better than many a preacher to show an inquirer the way of life. She is still working for Jesus in the mission at Nellore. These verses have been written about her:

"Where her sisters sit in darkness,
And in grossest darkness pine,
Julia goes with heart of gladness
To carry light divine!
Bible-reading—freely telling
The old, old story o'er;
Peace in her face is dwelling
On Julia of Nellore.
"Loving much, and ever willing
The Master's call to meet;
All the precious hours she's filling
With service glad and sweet.
When the Saviour counts with pleasure
His blood-bought jewels o'er,
Brightly polished 'mong His treasures
Shines Julia of Nellore."

I wish I could copy for you a letter written by Julia to Mrs. Jewett, but it is too long. These sentences must be all this month. "Mother dear, my heart is full. We feel deeply your coming to us in our utter helplessness of heathenism; on us rested a cloud of desolation all the year round. A blessing came with you, and spread through all the Telugu country where the mission stations are now planted. You are still ours, and we pray the Lord to spare you long for His glorious work."

Let us pray for these two laborers in that mission field, dear friends, that our Lord may abundantly bless each of them in leading many more souls to the way of life.

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SISTER BELLE.

A Mission Steamer on the Congo.

The Baptist Missionaries on the Congo have had a hard battle to fight. Among their difficulties are an unfavorable climate and an inadequate force of workers; and the distances from station to station are very great, while the only practicable way into the interior of the country lies up the river. To open up the waters of the Upper Congo a little steamer has been built in England. It draws only one foot of water, is protected by a network which will secure it against attack, and has an engine of sufficient power to make pursuit impossible. It is called *The Peace*, a name in perfect keeping with its message of "peace and good-will toward men." But when the ship is built and paid for, the real difficulty in this case really begins. How to get it over the two hundred miles from the coast to the Upper Congo is the problem. This is the plan adopted: The ship will be taken to pieces, packed in seven hundred loads, and carried over the mountains on men's heads, each man carrying a burden of sixty pounds. It seems a precarious mode of transit for so precious a freight; but it is the only one available, and when science fails us at a pinch, we must come back to mother nature. Let us hope that every portion may reach safely, and the little *Peace* will make many a successful voyage.—*Sunday Magazine*.

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