

with the students. It is a joy to teach them. Oh for grace and wisdom to assimilate and convey divine truth! How I long, to some extent at least, to comprehend the character and teaching of the Lord Jesus—to realize His divine majesty—His matchless grace—His boundless love—His gracious compassion. I feel very insignificant before such themes as these—before such a life and character as His. Remember us at a throne of grace.

We expect a second teacher in a few days to teach the higher Telugu branches. This will not add materially to the cost of the school—perhaps \$50 per annum.

Here is a work ready to the hands of the Sabbath Schools of Western Canada. A Theological Seminary with three teachers and twenty pupils, as many as Woodstock Theological Department had when it began, as many as McMaster Hall had to begin with, and who shall say that this will not prove as great a blessing to the Telugus as these to the Canadians? And all we want is \$2,100 a year.

Come, Brethren, Superintendents, Teachers, Boys and Girls, I am longing to see the success of this plan to support the Seminary by the Sabbath Schools. For the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the poor perishing heathen, please hurry up this scheme.

JOHN MCLAURIN.

Akidu.

HOW SUNDAY THE 6TH OF OCTOBER WAS SPENT.

[Extract from a private letter.]

It is not my custom to write letters on Sunday, but I want to tell you about to-day's events while they are really fresh in my mind. I rose at 5.45 this morning; had tea about 7. At 8 we went to study our lesson. I have not divided the people into classes. The Sunday School is one large class. Before long I hope to have two or three. Quite a number repeated the verses, Matt. xiii: 10, 15, "To him that hath shall be given, etc." furnished an interesting topic. Our collection was taken before we closed. After a few minutes rest or intermission we began our regular service at 9. I read the first part of I Cor. xv, and spoke chiefly about the words "By the grace of God I am what I am." That is the text for to-day in my Birthday Scripture Text-book. I spoke about my own conversion fifteen years ago to-day, and about the way in which the Lord's grace had been bestowed upon me during all these years. At 10 the meeting was dismissed. Beside our own people a number who came from two villages twenty miles north-west of here were present, having arrived about 7.30 o'clock.

This afternoon we met at 2 o'clock, a good many having arrived in the meantime from the various villages. The collection boxes ought all to have been very heavy, seeing they had not been opened since the 4th of June. Those from the two north-west villages were about full, one having five rupees and seven annas, and the other six rupees and one anna, and yet these two are very new villages. Some of the old ones are in a bad way. The Lord have mercy on them. We received in all about Rs. 24. I give a rupee a week, so I owed Rs. 17, making a total of Rs. 41. We are in funds for the present. In the service at 2 o'clock I read Isaiah 60th chapter, and expounded as I went along. Whenever you get blue over the mission work, read that chapter. I believe the time of fulfilment is very near.

While I was preaching this forenoon the children and women rose up suddenly, crying "Snake." One of the men took my stick and killed it. It was a bad kind of

viper, and was coming in from outside when the children saw it.

After a short recess we met again at 3.30, and proceeded to business. Some widows asked help, and were voted one rupee each a month. After this some asked forgiveness for faults that they had committed. Two young fellows confessed that they had falsely accused the clerk of their village of having beaten them. The clerk is a Brahmin. I told them they must go and confess their fault to the clerk and then we would receive their confession. After this I had up some Christians from Gummularu, four miles north of this. There are two parties in the village among twenty Christians. I had a man from each side get up and tell his story about the divisions, etc., and then I had their teacher, who belongs to another village, tell what he knew about it. I told them they must all assemble in one place for prayers in future, and that whoever came to me with complaints about the others would be turned out of the church. But if any one came to confess his own faults I would gladly listen to him and pray with him.

Finally, we had the Lord's Supper; but before that I had a change in the deaconship brought about. One of the deacons was in the quarrel at Gummularu, so I suggested that the office be taken from him and conferred on some one more worthy. This was gladly done. The new deacon is called Daniel. He was one of my bearers but has become a preacher. He is a fine fellow, there is no man I like better. He has charge of the new villages that brought the Rs. 5 and Rs. 6. I forgot to say that before 2 o'clock I examined two candidates, women. They were both received. After the Supper was over, we adjourned to the canal bank and I baptized them. How I wish you could spend a Sunday with us here!

J. CRAIG.

Tuni.

Mrs. Currie wrote on the 8th October:—"There has been a good deal of sickness among our people. Our new colporteur has been obliged to take his wife away from here and she has only grown worse since going to hospital. Abel's wife, Susanna, has been very low; last Saturday we feared she was dying, but is now somewhat better and we have hope of her recovery. Our own little baby was very ill for a time, but, thank God, we are all now in good health.

Four have been baptized since I last wrote you. We have secured a Bible woman for Tuni who is doing good work.

Bobbili.

MISSION LIFE AND WORK.

It is long since I wrote anything for the LINK, but the past months have been those of weakness, and every day brought with it more duties than my strength was equal to.

You may be surprised to see this letter dated from Chicacole, but it is from no choice of ours, that I am away from our own station. On the 30th September, the Lord permitted our little Bessie to be severely scalded, so severely that we thought she must sink under the great shock to her nervous system, and the dreadful pain she endured. Medical advice must be sought, so everything was dropped, and the next afternoon just before sunset