

we reached her, so that we could not have any conversation; but we trust, from our knowledge of her character, that she has entered into the Master's joy.

"We return to town to-day, and begin life in our new house. It is not completed as the heavy rains have retarded the work: but we think we can manage to live in it while the men are finishing it off. There is a broad verandah, which will serve for a time for school and chapel purposes."

This letter is dated "Chalcathumpra, Oct. 18, 1876."

From Rev. W. F. George.

The following extracts from a letter received by Rev. D. A. Steele from Rev. W. F. George, dated Telugu, Sept. 8, 1876, will be interesting to many of our readers.

"Just now when the rains ought to be nearly over we are having very heavy rains—the heaviest of the season—and as our roads are yet unfinished, we 'make mortar' wherever we go. Our house is yet unfinished, having only 'rush mat' walls, and the thieves have got in sometimes; the wind gets in always; yet we are quite comfortable."

"Our coming here was a wise move. We were especially needed to guide these poor weak disciples. They are just great children, without the first idea of what a Christian life means. Many of them are evidently trying to 'kiss' and some strive hard to practise the duties of a Christian life, but you know how difficult it is even for those who have known the truth from their earliest recollections, and are surrounded by Christians to live and act right. Think of a man, then, of 30 or 40 without any knowledge of God. How can he be expected to conform to the Bible, more especially when his wife and all his relations and neighbors are doing their utmost to lead him astray? Then again, all the petty Burmese officials in my district are Buddhists, who hate the very name of Christianity, and annoy the disciples in all sorts of ways. Recently four disciples were taken up, and put to great inconvenience, and liberated only after giving bonds for their good behavior, for no other reason than because they were disciples."

An incident occurred in this district which I will relate, to give you an idea of what our people have to endure under very favorable circumstances. A little daughter of one of our preachers took sick. He and his wife, who is also a good Christian, did all they could, but it grew worse. The heathen neighbors were sure the child was dying for want of proper doctoring, and brought a 'devil doctor' to drive away the 'Nat' that was killing the child. The father firmly resisted, and next day the child died. Then everybody said, 'I told you how it would be,' but according to the customs of the country they assembled at the funeral. Among the few feeble disciples in the village none were able to take the lead in the public service, and the poor father sat beside his daughter for six hours trying to prove his freedom from guilt in not having her cured by the 'devil doctor,' then went to the grave, and conducted the service amid the jeers of his heathen friends. In relating the affair to me he said he had great reason to thank God for such an opportunity to exhibit the exceeding richness of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Almost every one at home writes as if Buddhism were the great opposing principle to the gospel. I do not believe it. It is a sin that keeps these people bound in Satan's chain. They are lecherous, cheating, gambling, degraded and do not trust in Buddhism. No one ever prays to Gaudama. When in trouble they always pray to Nats. There is not a promise in the Buddhist scriptures enjoining them to pray. The doctrine is—do and live, and no one ever has or ever can fulfill their law. The worship of the Nats is vile heresy, meriting the deepest hell, yet nearly without exception they are worshipped. Dreams, signs, and omens control the most learned of the people."

I generally preach at 11 on Sunday and have a bible class at 2. Mrs. George has a woman's meeting at 1. Our congregation has been very good though many have to walk 2 or 3 miles through mud nearly to the knees, the number averaging 25 to 30. We hope the road from Rangoon will be open for traffic in March, when we will no longer be shut up in the jungle."

I have two schools under my personal direction, and two more are taught in the district on Christian principles—

one by a former student with me, and the other by a converted Buddhist priest. About 100 children are thus under Christian influence, where the bible is taught and God is worshiped daily."

Our location seems to be a healthy one. Mrs. George never looked better since I knew her. She is now talking to 8 or 10 women who have called to see the 'white book mamma.'"

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