

Annie Sanford's 3rd Journal, of 2nd term in India.

GUNTUR, INDIA, Nov. 10, 1904.

Dear Friends:-

I have three invitations on my table. Let me tell you about them and you will realize we are quite advanced in Guntur.

Sir,

You are cordially invited to be present at the opening of Rao Bahadur Krishnayya Market and the Upper Storey of the Municipal Office building, which is fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 1st of November, 1904 at 5-30 P. M. in the maidan opposite to the new market.

H. S. Brodie Esq. M. A. I. C. S., Collector, Guntur District, has kindly consented to undertake the opening ceremony.

Yours truly,

K. Pundarikakshudu,
Chairman M. C.

Guntur,
30 - 10 - 04.

We are very proud of the new market. It was named after the former municipal chairman - the Head Master of the College.

Before, the meal and vegetable market was together, and very much crowded. This is a milestone in the progress of our town.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the College Debating Society for the year will take place on Saturday the 5th instant at 6 P. M.

There will be a debate by the members on "Which renders an orator more effective - Nature or Art?"

Rev. I. Cannaday B. D. will read a paper on "A Great Debater".

H. S. Brodie Esq., M. A. I. C. S., Our Collector, has kindly consented to preside on the occasion.

Y. L. Narasimham,

Secretary.

A. E. L. M. College
Debating Society,
Guntur, 4th November 1904.

It seemed very good to listen to a debate such as we enjoyed in College. It makes one young once more, and I wish for the old school days again. The boys did very well. Nature had the advantage as the boys were so natural and Hindu in debating.

Sir or Madam,

May I solicit the honor of your presence this evening at 5.30 p. m. at the Bridal Party to be held at my house near the Black Tank in honour of the marriage of B. Venkata Row with A. Hanumayamma, a virgin widow?

Yours respectfully,

V. Lakshminarayana,
Secretary, Widow Marriage Asso.
Guntur.

Thursday,
10 - 11 - 04.

This was an invitation to a bridal party of a girl only about twenty, who was married the first time at two years of age and who was a widow at three. She has just married a young man who has a position in Burmah, so besides leaving her family she leaves her country also.

A leader in the Association read a report of their work. They organized in Guntur only two years ago and this is the tenth wedding already. In a number of cases the parents have approved of re-marrying their daughters, but are not brave enough to go through it at home, so have sent them to this Widows' Home. Mr. Lakshiminarayana, Secretary of the Association, at one time opposed those who advocated re-marriage. He has such a nice, intelligent wife, who helps him in the Home. Before many years they will have a suitable building for their work. Many belonging to this Association are reformers in other lines. They have given up idol worship. The trouble however is that they have no Savior. We are teaching English to the Secretary's wife and with it the Bible. But she does not like the verses and lessons about Christ as the Son of God.

I want to impose another invitation on you, if you are not too weary of hearing of our entertainments. I hope you will not think that we spend all our time at such things either. This last invitation is so closely associated with my work - our annual prize giving.

You are cordially invited to be present at the Annual Prize Giving of the A. E. L. M. Hindu Girls' Schools of Guntur to be held Saturday, Nov. 19th at 3 P. M. at College Hall.

Mrs. A. S. Aberly will take the chair.

Mrs. M. H. Gill will give away the prizes.

A. E. Sanford, Manager
A. E. L. M. G. S.

This is the first time the general public has attended a prize giving of the girls schools in Guntur since Miss Dryden's time. We held it in the College Chapel and on the third Saturday of the month - a public holiday - so as to have the officials present. The former Municipal Chairman spoke to them about "The Peoples' Part in Female Education".

One of the unique features of the program was an English dialogue by a class of girls who have studied English only three months. At the close of their dialogue they sang "Jesus Loves me this I know" in English. I felt very proud of my girls.

Jan. 20. 1905. I have thought of you during the last two months, but with examinations and Christmas tamasha (entertainments) little time or strength was left for writing. My schools did very well during their examinations and Government inspections.

We had a very large crowd of high caste women out to their Christmas entertainments. The people of this country have a very great many holiday festivities in connection with their religion. That is the reason they like entertainments. Nearly all they know - and that is precious little - of their religion, is what they learn at such entertainments, so it is policy to adopt their methods, but teach them something pure. Many of you may remember my real old Zenana pupil. She came out Christmas and I doubt if any went home happier than she was. Too old to walk, see or hear well, but happy, so happy that she got to come to the Christmas tree. It is very impressive to hear her tell the story of the Savior.

The latest event was the laying of the corner-stone of our new church in Guntur. A large sum of the money for its erection was given by a dear old lady in Philadelphia, 88 years old, a suffering "shut-in". She hopes to be spared till its completion.

We have two new babies in our missionary circle, which just doubled our cradle roll. Margery Harris is very happy over her little sister. I have spent six hours in the school room today and am so thankful it is bed-time. Every morning I resolve to take things easier, but night usually finds me with some work still on hand. I keep real well and never enjoyed my work so much in my life. It is so nice in returning to ones work not to have to sit down to learn the language. I hope you all have begun the new year in a happy frame of mind and that joy and gladness will follow you through the year. I often wonder what you are all doing. With good wishes for the new year. Yours in Christ,

Annie E. Sanford.

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