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From Miss Pennings

2 Missionary from Boston to
India

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thanksgiving. I am doing medical work, and trying to make it a key to the hearts of these poor suffering women, and so win them to the Great Physician. Then I have Bible-women under my care, and go out into the streets with them for preaching as often as I can. I am also giving daily Bible lessons, and leading two or three prayer-meetings a week, besides teaching hygiene and physiology. You will see that my time is fully occupied, but I am only healthily tired at night, and lie down with no fear or dread upon me, sleep well, and get up refreshed and ready to start again.

Has any one so much cause for thanksgiving as I have?

However, I did not mean to write

From Mrs. [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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so much about myself, though I thought you would be glad to know what complete deliverance God has given me, and that I see at last how very foolish I was not to let Him do it long ago: but my present object in writing is to make a request.

One of our Telugu women, who has studied in America, is anxious to translate your "Secret of a Happy Life" into Telugu. She said to me, "It did me so much good, and our women need ~~it~~ ^{help} it much, and there is so little for them, that I want them to have that book in their own language."

I want them to have it too, but know nothing of the laws of copyright, etc., so am writing to ask your permission for her to pass the messages that have been help-

ful to so many on to these poor, ignorant, unspiritual Telugus.

I feel quite sure that you will grant any request, but will wait to hear from you. I know how exceedingly busy you always are, and I do not want to be selfish, but a line from you would be exceedingly welcome.

Oh, may I ask another question: are you still publishing Bible readings regularly, and if so where can I get them? We are so cut off from religious privileges for ourselves here, that we need all such helps that we can get, and besides, I am preparing Bible-readings in Telugu monthly for our magazine, & want all the help I can get. I think of you often, and always with love, and the prayer that you may be as rich a blessing to others as you have been to me. I trust that

if you ever think of me it will be with
the prayer that I may be used for the
redemption of many of these poor, hopeless
women.

I am, with sincere love,

Emma J. Cummings,

Ramapatnam,

Nellore District,

Madras Presidency.

India.

Mrs. Baggs, the wife of the mission-
ary here wishes me to thank you in
her name for your "Secret of a Happy
Life." She says, "I have read it
and enjoyed it, and been greatly
helped by it. She fully endorses
my request for it in Telugu.