

The tour we made to Anakapalle in October was somewhat hindered by rains, but we found the people in all of the Malla Hamlets particularly eager to listen. On one occasion we spent the whole of the afternoon in one. In Kasimkota we found a caste woman ready for baptism, and others thinking of it. We realized that Anakapalle's great need in connection with the Christian work was a chapel. We are praying, and the Christians also, are praying, for one, as now they have only the little varandah of the pastor's house to meet on.

In Yellamanchilli also we have had encouragements among the caste people. Two caste people, one of whom was a former Caste Girls' School pupil, are very near the kingdom. One has requested baptism. We have met with two men also who claimed to have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, but who have not come any farther yet.

Our prayer is that God will bring to fruition all that looks promising now.

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ANOTHER YEAR AT SCHOOL—SAMALKOT.

We have had during the term, July to December, one hundred and twenty-seven boys entered as boarders. The discipline proved too much for a number of them, and they one by one followed the prompting of their own desires and went off home, wasting no time either in asking leave or saying good-bye. A few left because of sickness. So, gradually, the number decreased until in December we closed school with an even hundred boarders.

There was a falling off in the number of our day pupils also. In July about forty entered, but little by little they dropped out, until in December only twenty were left. This was due to a number of causes, one being the distance of our school from the centre of the town, but the principal one (found everywhere in this country) being the lack of appreciation of education on the part of the parents and the consequent want of energy and application in sending the children. A number of the day pupils who persevered throughout the term were boys from caste families, two of them Brahman lads, walking every day from a village three miles distant.

The attendance in the new Fifth Standard kept up to twenty-four to the end of the term. Five of this number were day pupils, all caste boys. During the quarter this class was supplied with double seats having backs and desks. The boys were highly pleased, as they had never used anything previously but ordinary long benches with no desks.

We were visited in November by the Assistant Inspector of Schools, who promised to return in January and examine the work more thoroughly. However, through his report, our school has been recognized by the Government as an "Elementary School teaching up to the Fifth Standard."

During the 'six months' term we had one case of typhoid fever, and one of general debility, both the patients being new boarders, and very young boys. Both went from us to the Pithapuram Hospital, and thence to their homes for the remainder of the term. In September an epidemic of influenza took nearly thirty of our boys at once. We had a busy week, but Dr. Wolverton came to our assistance, and soon all were well again. Aside from the above disturbances, the health of the school was unusually good, even the ever-present enemy, the itch, being fairly well subdued.