

Hindus and Mohammedans hate one another just as fervently as they ever did, and though they might for a time join their forces to drive out the English, they would very soon turn and rend one-another.

I have been spending a while with Miss Blackadar, who was alone. There we had pretty views of hill, valley and sea (Bay of Bengal); could look out over the blue waters from her verandah by day and be lulled to sleep by its murmurs by night. We had good talks together, some lovely drives along the moonlit beach when the day's work was over, and we were rested by choice records on her Victrola. But Miss Blackadar was in a distressed state of mind about the work and workers, or rather the lack of workers. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were at the sanatorium, also Miss Baker, and Mr. Davis so ill they were preparing to go home. Two hitherto trustworthy Indian helpers were giving pain and disappointment and the beloved Pastor J. was very ill in hospital. She was tempted to say, like Jacob, "all these things are against me" but the pastor was spared, to our great joy, and it was a cheer when two caste girls came to be enrolled as pupils in the school at close of holidays. Many had been withdrawn during the non-co-operation excitement.

The devotional sessions each day at Conference were a rich treat, and exerted a wonderful influence over the whole proceedings. A fine spirit prevailed and through prayer, those of divergent opinions were brought to see eye to eye.

In a private letter Miss Selman writes: We had a very happy time on the hills, and I gained ever so much, felt like a different person when I came down. Even yet the heat is very trying, though, but we are better able to bear it. I am now on tour and the reception we are having in the villages is so different from last year. It is such a pleasure to go into

the villages without being insulted. At present the non-co-operation workers have subsided. In this place the caste people are receiving us very well. I was glad to send two women to our new Bible training school. Am always looking out for women suitable to train as workers, but Bible women's work has never been very popular on this field. Our Pastor's daughter is a very nice, godly girl but failed at examinations in High School. I tried to get her to go as a student to the Bible Training School, but no, the idea seems to be that that work is for a certain class of widows! However, this idea will pass as standards are raised. Miss Lockhart has sent up three women for Bible training and from other fields they are gathering in. To know that so many are praying for the work here helps ever so much, for truly there are many serious problems.

#### FROM MISS SELMAN.

I am sure that you would like to hear about some of your answered prayers. It is truly wonderful, isn't it, that you who are so many thousands miles away are actually on the battle field right here in India, and are helping to extend the Kingdom of our King Jesus!

Many, many times I asked you to pray for more Bible women for this large field. Three years ago a poor widow, who didn't know a letter, came to Akidu with her three children, determined to learn to read, and to study the Bible; then to go out and tell all the good things she had learned to those in the villages who had never heard. Six months afterwards, another widow came with her one child, after another six months a young widow without any children came. These three women have learned to read. The oldest one, who has had real spiritual experiences, is one of my touring helpers. The other two have passed this year into the IV standard