

great extent share the benefit of the travelling too. They are always with me on my boat and have the benefit of the boat almost as much as I have."

Feb. 6th, Miss Hatch again writes: "You say the ladies and your Sunday School class are anxious to support Bible-women whereas the support of nearly all is provided for. Could you not urge on all these and as many more as possible to take a share in sending out more ladies, you speak of *one* coming but we are in very urgent need of four more this year in order that our work may not go back. Do urge upon them this very great need. It is good to think the people here are beginning to take some of the burdens, but we need our home workers to persuade them and encourage them in so doing. There is Akidu field without a lady and all that fine work begun, the body cannot work without a head, and we cannot expect it to. We must not begrudge Miss Stovel leaving Akidu either for the great vast field of Anakapalle without a single woman worker waits for her, besides the direction of the Narsapatnam woman's work. To keep up the Akidu work alone would require two women for I feel sure Miss Stovel did about two women's work. Then there is Miss Folsom's work, for she will have to go on furlough (one sent for her place may begin work at once as it is in English). I may not be able to make a longer term this term than last time. Will you not, and all the members of the Board, join in the Forward Movement and send out the ladies required this year. In only two years more, three of the ladies will have been here eight years, and who are to take all these people's places? Counting Miss Morrow instead of Miss Rogers there has really been no increase since Miss MacLeod came 5 years ago. You ought to feel very encouraged I am sure in sending out workers. In general their health has been so good and they have been able to do so much. I wish I could write all that is in my heart. Couldn't there be special appeal on this matter? Let it be known that so many of the Bible-women have been provided for, and ask those who have been formerly supporting these to give their funds in to the Forward Movement and send new ladies out to us. We have not begun to catch up to the work. On this field alone there are about 200 villages and yet I visit only some 60 of them and many of these only twice a year. I have our Sunday School to a great extent to look after, our Bible Reading Association, our Women's

Circles, the examination of the day schools, the Cockshutt Girls' School, am so very busy and yet I do not seem to catch up to my work at all. What is to be done if these ladies are not sent out? How men and money are pouring in for South Africa! Will not our dear sisters hear the bugle call of our Lord and Master and be ready to do and dare for the glory of his kingdom? Our soldiers are going because they believe victory must in the end be ours tho' they fall by thousands, and will not the victory be our Immanuel's? Yea surely, though thousands must fall on the battle field. O that they would come! I pray you to beseech them to do so."

Later.—"I have just been out and come in from my work, but feel I must say a little more on this subject. I hope you will have an extra lady as a special object. As you say, a great many are desirous of supporting a Bible-woman. If such could get together and support a missionary, how good it would be. Can you not ask for 20 ladies or Sunday School classes or something of that kind to be responsible for \$25 each for this support? If special effort and special prayer were made in this direction, I feel sure many would come forward. Our women had a very enthusiastic women's meeting in Samalkot. They called for a missionary for Anakapalle, but there were none. You see as yet, the women here cannot leave their homes and work like we can. They must *all* be trained and encouraged to work about their own homes as much as possible but they can't leave them very well. I rejoice in my band of volunteer workers, but if I were not here to encourage them, I fear they would not do so very much. I must give you another example of Kaleru enthusiasm.

The place is 30 miles from Samalkot, there is a railway 12 miles of the way only, but the Kaleru people although they built most of their chapel themselves and although they give half of their pastor's salary, could not afford to go by rail even that distance, but walked *all* the way there and *all* the way back, thirteen of them. I asked them if they didn't get tired, "O," Shantamma says, "we didn't know we were tired, we just sang hymns most of the way there and that helped us, we forgot we were tired," "and such a feast of good things we had," she added "we just sat down there and ate the rich golden fruit that was given us and came away full of joy and gladness."