

end of Vizianagram town, was opened five years ago with nine girls; we now have one hundred and five. A proper building for this school is an urgent need. Land has been obtained, and we hope to have a good building in the near future. The school has made a splendid record and enabled us to get in touch with many in that part of the town.

The Cantonment school, opened four years ago, has advanced and has higher elementary recognition. It is the only girls' school or mission school of any kind in the Cantonment. Besides the Christian, a number of Hindoo children are in attendance. The building has recently been improved by the addition of Cuddapa slab flooring and Mangalore tiled roof, and is now in fairly good condition. The head master of this school is a Brahmin. We ask your prayers that he may be won for Christ.

About three miles from the Cantonment is our leper home. A grant of one hundred acres was given by the Maharajah and Maharanie. Five substantial wards have been erected, as well as houses for the compounders and the evangelist. At present there are sixty-six lepers in the home. This is as many as we can well accommodate until we have more buildings. We cannot heal the poor diseased bodies, but we gladly do all in our power to make life more enjoyable for the lepers.

Many of them have been led to the Saviour, and rejoice in the hope of a Home not made with hands, where there is no leprosy or suffering of any kind, and no sin. We deem it a great privilege to have been permitted to minister to these needy ones, and rejoice with joy unspeakable over the transformed lives and the hope that the lepers have in Christ the Saviour.

A NEW GIRLS' SCHOOL.

From Madras Mail.

Vizianagram, 7th June. The formal opening of the Canadian Baptist Mission's New Girls' School in Main Street, Vizianagram, took place recently, the

ceremony being performed by Miss H. Blackadar, of Waltair. In the name of the Mission she declared the building open for the education of the women and girls of the town, after which the gathered friends repaired to the large upper assembly hall, where Mr. R. A. Gray, of the Bank of Madras, presided, and a very interesting program was enjoyed by all.

The report by the head master showed the development of the school during the past years, and its present flourishing condition.

Miss Blackadar described how she had started the school twenty years ago and the indifference then evinced in the matter of the education of girls. She also pointed out how eagerly the women and children of Canada had contributed towards the erection of the building.

Mr. M. V. Runadas, the Municipal Secretary, praised the work of the school, referring especially to the physical exercises and the benefits derived from them. He emphasized the need of reform in Indian marriage customs in order that the girls might be able to remain at school for a longer time than they now did.

The Cashier of the Bank of Madras reviewed briefly the history of the education of Indian women, and spoke in high terms of the educational work now being carried on by the Canadian Baptist Mission at various stations for the uplift of India's girls and boys.

Mr. G. Paul, of Bimlipatam, in an elegant Telugu address, gave notable historical instances of educated Indian women, and pleaded that an opportunity be given to the girls of to-day. Their education was necessary for the uplift of the home and the fuller fellowship of family life.

Mrs. Archibald, of Chicacole, said that schools gave a truer idea of the value of men and women. Their present need was for strong men who, like immovable rocks, would stand firm and unwavering against all the impacts of the waves of customs and ignorance, and who would