

the morning service perfectly radiant with this message from the Lord: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous runneth into it and is safe."

Pastor Gabriel is a man of many gifts and God is teaching him.

Following this sad event and in spite of unfavorable weather and the physical infirmities of our helpers, we went and spent seven and a half days on the Home Mission Field. Making our headquarters in Madugula, we visited as many as possible of the surrounding villages, Miss Mason's burden being specially "the scattered sheep" of the old London Mission days. We came away impressed and oppressed and determined to do all in our power to increase confidence in the Home Mission Board and interest in the field which is most attractive and most needy and also threatened with Roman Catholic invasion. The Roman Catholics have purchased a property in Madugula and propose opening an industrial work there. This means a closed Bible and the people in the market fairly clamored for the gospel portions our people were selling.

Christmas in Vizianagram was restful and full of interest and preparation for the busy days of Conference. Since then the event that has filled our horizon has been the Godavery Association which met here from Feb. 6th-9th. Only once before has the Association met here, Narsapatnam being considered too inaccessible and the church too weak to attempt the entertainment. To these doubts were added this year the fear of infection from malaria and the dreadful fevers contracted in the Agency and brought here for treatment during the Rebellion. These doubts and fears, however, served the good purpose of thinning the attendance to our capacity for entertainment and bringing to us very largely those prepared to impart or receive a blessing.

Through the kindness of the Police Department we were granted for the use of our delegates a large bungalow with wide verandahs in the adjoining compound and used during the Rebellion as a ward for British Officers, so that in this and in our Christian homes they were comfortably housed. Dr.

and Mrs. Joshee occupied a tent in the Mission Compound and dined with us.

The changing season from the damp and chill to the warm, the bright moonlit nights, the proximity of the chapel, the well and the bazaar also contributed to the comfort and happiness of the visitors. According to custom the fuel, cooking-pots, lights and mats to lie upon, were provided from church funds, so that really the only discomfort was a little experience in getting in from the station.

The delegates numbered about one hundred with about twenty visitors. Fourteen missionaries dined together on Sunday evening, the largest number of missionaries ever gathered in Narsapatnam at one time.

Cars, bus, and country carts, all were in requisition.

The motto chosen for the Association was the text "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark." That the Holy Spirit was in control was evident from the number of addresses and testimonies based on this text. Its applications were various. In fitting it to herself, one mother bereaved of many children said "Behind me all is sorrow and loss but I am going to look only at the glorious future."

To others the appeal was conveyed through the word "press", translated "running" in Telugu—"I am running". One energetic sister recalled the fact that in Government service the runners are those who carry the mail or the "news" (that is the way it reaches Narsapatnam) so we should run with the good news of salvation. Another speaker rejoiced that a bitter contention between himself and a fellow-worker had been left "behind" and we all rejoiced with him. One missionary has written since returning home, "I found the Spirit present leading into truer deeper fellowship with God and with one another." The various topics were, as a rule, helpfully treated.

A very searching and timely talk on temperance, illustrated by charts, and enlivened by the singing of temperance songs of local composition was given by our temperance advocate, Miss Priest. Considerable en-