

they come to be treated, and every day a number have to go away disappointed, because their diseases are of too serious a nature for unskilled treatment.

We are happy, however, to say that Miss May Macdonald, who has been for two years attending the Women's Medical College of Toronto, and who is highly spoken of—not only as a student of more than ordinary ability—but as a devoted Christian, is now continuing her studies at the Women's Medical College of Chicago, and will, we hope, be ready to go to India as medical missionary of our Society in about two years.

Since her acceptance by the Board, many generous gifts towards her support while preparing for the work, have been received.

Last January, the missionaries in conference in Cocanada sent the following request: “Resolved,—That in view of the uncertainty of Miss Folsom's early return, we request the Women's Board of Ontario, Canada, to secure and send out to Cocanada a lady teacher, competent to fill the office of Lady Principal of the Timpany Memorial School, on the understanding that we engage to pay a monthly salary of Rs. 100, and provide suitable accommodation. In the event of Miss Folsom's return, the lady sent by the Women's Board would be employed in mission work under the direction of the Board.”

Because of the extra work taken up for the year, the Board was afraid to accede to this request, although the Timpany school is a great blessing, is necessary, and was suffering on account of Miss Folsom's absence.

As the reports from our lady missionaries will be given in full, it is only necessary very briefly to refer to them.

Thank God for such a noble band of workers. As word comes to us from time to time of all that they accomplish, we can only wonder and take shame to ourselves, that we who are surrounded by our own loved ones, who have so few things to discourage us, do so little. Lord's Day and week day, from dawn to dark, they labor, teaching, touring, going from house to house, and also in their homes, telling heathen women and children of Jesus, the Son of God, the Light of the world, the Resurrection and the Life. Hundreds have heard this message for the first time, and it is hoped that many have accepted this salvation.

Under Miss Baskerville's principalship the Cocanada (Girl's) school, which is a sort of advanced school for all the fields, is becoming a power in the mission. The training department for Bible women has already proved itself very valuable.

To Miss Simpson and her workers, Mrs. De Beaux and Miss Gibson, the zenanas are opening. The women are learning to repeat passages of Scripture and Bible stories.

The close of last year was a time of deep heart-searching among the native Christian workers in Cocanada, and was followed by humble confession of sin—sin, so vile, that discipline had to follow, and the staff of Bible women was very much reduced, but the faithful few have been blessed. Mahalutchni who has long been doing good work as a Bible woman, has removed to Vizianagram, in the field of the Maritime Provinces; her place has been filled by Lydia, from Miss Baskerville's training department, who has already proved herself “a gem on tour as well as in houses in Cocanada.”

The reports of Mrs. De Beaux and Miss Gibson, are on the whole encouraging. They seem to have been more gladly received by the women, whose confidence in their idols is weakened, but, having been taught to expect another

birth into this world, makes some of the women very indifferent about anything greater. Others not only gladly listen to the word, but it sinks deeply into their hearts, and it is confidently hoped that very many are true believers in Jesus, the Christ. Two or three who have heard the Gospel for a long time, have, on their deathbeds, had courage to confess their faith in the Son of God.

The Sunday school for caste girls is opening the doors to the zenana visitor. The children tell at home the Bible lessons they have heard, and one little girl sings to her blind grandmother the hymns she has learned there.

In Jagannathpuram, Miss Beggs has gained the confidence and love of the women, and is looked upon as their dearest friend. She has also visited the Pattas, and the singing of hymns and Bible reading have been listened to with interest.

Miss Rogers' report will show that while giving all attention to her study of Telugu, she has also been able to do considerable direct mission work.

Miss Hatch has not only proved herself invaluable in her work in the Seminary, leading her classes in a course of Bible study, that few here would be able to master, but she has beside found time for much other work. It is pleasing to learn that Ramayamma, the story of whose baptism was sent to every Circle, is a faithful worker; constantly bringing other women to hear from Miss Hatch's lips the “old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

Miss Stovel's work in Akidu is in some respects different from that on any other field. She has carried the glad tidings to many villages and towns. Nothing seems to hinder her in her determination to give the Gospel to all whom she can reach. Christians have been instructed; to the heathen the story of the Cross has been repeated; children at home, and in schools have been told of Jesus; and much time given to the sick ones.

Mr. Craig repeats to us what he has written to the General Board about a lady helper at Akidu, he says: “Miss Stovel has spent a great deal of time and strength over the Christians in various churches, but especially over the members of the Akidu church, who live in the surrounding villages, great good has resulted. We are still looking for, and praying for the medical lady, who is, we trust, to join Miss Stovel, in her labors for the women and children in particular, and for all classes to a greater or less extent.”

The wonderful health of our missionaries is a cause for deep thankfulness. With the exception of Miss Hatch, who was considerable run down in the early part of the year, all have been quite well.

Work among the children has been diligently prosecuted. This is the great hope of India. Our ladies have now about twenty Sunday schools in which some five or six hundred children are being taught God's word. In some cases the parents also attend.

The Bible Women have steadfastly continued their work. Several new ones have taken the places of those who have been removed. Two or three of these have been trained in the Cocanada school, and show in their work the great benefit of Miss Baskerville's careful tuition. Mr. Craig reports the two at Bodagunta, near the Kistna River, have continued to do good work. One of them, Veeramma, was very ill for some time but is recovering. The others are referred to in the reports from the field. In Cocanada, Samalcootta, Akidu, Tuni and Vuyyuru, they have been supported by our Society.

Samulcootta Seminary.—The wish was expressed last year that we might some day be able to take the whole