

## Our Work Abroad.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Miss Sara A. Simpson—An Appreciation by one who loved her.

"We saw her dear face, so still and white and thin, and the wasted, tired hands, folded—having finished their task—because God had said she must rest from her labors; but truly her works do follow her.

I recall how the Zenana House in Cocanada, India, was made the house of refuge and the home of rest for all the single ladies in the mission, how for many years they regarded it as a home, and Miss Simpson much in the light of a mother, strong, faithful and true.



Were any of them sick or in trouble or sorrow they would get a message from Miss Simpson to come to Cocanada, and come they did and were always refreshed. I recall the time I was in her home and under her care, and how wondrous kind and capable she was.

Oh yes! There are many to mourn. I can hear the wail that will go up from many hearts when the news reaches India where she has many, so many, who love her, the women in the Zenanas and the children in the schools, the members in the Telugu Church, and all the missionaries. God help us. We are poorer, but she is richer." "To be with Christ is great gain."

The above is a quotation from Mrs. La-

flamme's letter to me about our dearly loved Miss Simpson.

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The W. F. M. Societies of Ontario and Quebec, have much cause for gratitude that the lives of their missionaries have been spared ever since they sent their first one to India. Now, however, one has been called home, in the person of Miss Sarah A. Simpson, who passed away in the Toronto General Hospital, on Thursday, Nov. 21st, about two weeks after an ineffective operation.

Born and nurtured on a farm, years of earnest study and teaching, hospital training and experience in nursing admirably fitted her for her strenuous and useful life.

In 1888 she went out as a missionary with Misses Baskerville and Stovel to India. A farewell meeting was held for them in Miss Buchan's home in Toronto, on the evening of Aug. 27th. They reached Cocanada Oct. 26th. Her first few weeks in India were at Akidu, then settling in Cocanada. To acquire the Telugu was the first pressing work of herself and her companions, but not to the exclusion of any present christian work for which they were eager. This came with some Brahman boys, whom Miss Frith had instructed in the Bible, and whom Miss Simpson gladly undertook to teach further. In July, 1889, she began "in broken Telugu" two Bible lessons a week to the Bible women. In November she began a Sunday School, for caste boys' in the morning, and for little caste girls in the afternoon. In July, 1890, she began visiting the Zenanas; and in March and April of '91, she spent seven weeks at the Government Lying-In Hospital, Madras, to fit herself more thoroughly for her work.

Though occupied chiefly with the caste women and children, she also did what she could for the low castes, especially by Sunday and day schools, increasing them as she could in number and efficiency. It was her joy to have in charge of one of these her "own little boy, Josiah Burder," whose support and education she had undertaken. On coming to Canada in '37, she had six Sunday schools. Referring to her first year's work after her return to India Mr. Laflamme reported: "Miss Simpson, aided by Mr. Kesvarao, has established Sunday schools in every part of the town," and again