

(which promise to be a great feature in our foreign field, as well as at home). have been successfully started in the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell's work is so harmoniously blended with that of Miss Hatch, that in much I have said it is impossible for us to divide rewards and say, "This is the fruit of this or that effort!" but they are laborers together with Christ, without whose blessing the most faithful toil would be in vain, to whom the glory is due.

Miss Baskerville is the Principal of the Cocanada Girls' school, for which position her natural abilities and her training as a teacher in Canada have well fitted her. With the charge of 35 boarders and 46 day-scholars, she has her time filled, but tries to find a corner for the further study of the language, in which we are told she is proficient; this is desirable in one who is training others.

Of the 35 boarders, four form what may be termed a Normal class for advanced pupils, sent from different parts of the field for further training, as they show ability adapted for use in the work, as Bible women and teachers. They have no secular classes to attend, but have a daily lesson in the Bible in a separate class and also one with the higher class. They teach the junior Bible classes under Miss Baskerville's supervision, visit the zenanas with Miss Simpson, and also go out with the Bible women to work in the non-caste quarters of the town. This department is an important one and must grow to be more and more useful, as the demand for trained female workers is always in excess of the supply.

Miss Simpson has charge of the zenana work in Cocanada and finds abundant opportunities to use her knowledge of nursing, gained at the Sick Children's Hospital here. She feels the need of further study, as almost always she is not called upon unless the case be very serious, and accordingly she has applied for a short term in the Government Hospital at Madras, during the time usually taken for rest. I sincerely hope she may have had her wish fulfilled, though I have not yet heard whether the special plea for speedy admittance has been granted. Miss Simpson's work is one that does not show many results in the way of additions to the church, but many of these prisoners are firm believers in Christ and witness a good confession in their homes; others have forsaken the idol-worship, but do not give continued evidence of a living faith in Jesus.

But when we think how some of our number, even in this land of Gospel privileges, let opportunity after opportunity slip, without confessing their Saviour, shall we condemn these women, to whom confession means loss of everything they hold dear, and active persecution! Let us rather pray for them and for ourselves that God will grant to each of us faith to trust His promise of abounding strength in our weakness.

Miss Rogers' home for the present is Cocanada, and several Sunday schools witness that she has worked, even though still principally engaged in acquiring the language. (One of these schools is exclusively for caste girls, and has been very successful; the Bible women already find doors which were shut to them thrown open, as the girls carry home the news they have heard in Sunday school, and an intelligent interest is aroused in the minds of some who previously would have nothing to do with this "foreign religion.")

Should nothing contrary intervene, after Miss Rogers has completed her course in Telugu, she will go to assist Mr. and Mrs. Garnde at their lonely and difficult station, Tum. And the missionaries there do need encourage-

ment and support; it seems as if the tares had been sown broadcast in that field, and are bringing forth a plentiful harvest after their kind.

On the Akidu field Miss Stovel is doing grand work, as everyone who heard here, or who has read her fervent letters must expect of her. She has gone out on independent tours, accompanied by one or more of the seven Bible women under her direction, and has visited 74 villages this last year, including 1140 houses. There has been encouragement in her work, through the joyous testimony of several of those whom she visits, to having laid their sins on Jesus. One, a widow of Kapu caste, has been suffering persecution with unflinching loyalty to her Saviour. She declared her intention of joining the Christians, and was determinedly opposed by her relatives; they threatened to take away her three little daughters (those of you who are mothers can realize somewhat of the pain and suspense that threat would bring to her heart) and at length, fearful lest she should escape to the missionaries for baptism, they have removed her to a distant town and keep her chained to a post, and have burnt all her Christian books, so that she has only the memory of the teachings of God's Word to sustain her faith. May these trials only drive her closer to the God of all consolation, the Father of mercies!

Miss Stovel is also often called upon to attend, medically, cases which she feels she cannot understand. They have medical works at the station, but even reading a description is not the surest way of making a diagnosis. Miss Stovel is thankful for the year's practical work in the Chicago Training School, as the instruction given there helps her greatly in simple diseases, but the united cry continually is—A medical lady for Akidu, first, and afterwards for other fields! We have heard this reiterated so often, that we are in danger of becoming deaf to the appeal, but the need is real; imagine yourself in the place of these imprisoned women, without any attention in times of sickness, but the most cruel, and your sympathies will be wonderfully quickened. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

So though we rejoice in the work accomplished, let us not sit at ease and feel that we have excellent representatives who are able to do everything that is needful for this people, but let us pay earnest heed to the cries for further help, and this urgent call for a physician to follow in the way of the Master, to heal their bodily infirmities and to point them to the Great Physician, who is able and willing to cure all who come unto Him for their soul's health.

May such an one speedily hear God's voice speaking to her, and answer gladly, "Here am I, send me!"

The Mission of the Churches.

[At the Midland Counties Association in connection with the question box, which formed an interesting item of the programme, a question somewhat to this effect was sent in, "Is there not a danger that we may be doing so much for Foreign Missions as to cripple the work at home, and especially our own church?" It may be helpful to any who have such fears to consider the following.—Ed.]

What is the mission of the organized local bodies of Christians? The great commission given by the departing Head of the Church militant: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is as imperative as when uttered. Until there is a nowhere inhabited by nobody, the fulfilment of this command is the indisputable but lamentably disregarded mission of the churches. Let us seek the cause of, and remedy for,