

*Mr. Brown* reports for Vuyyuru:—

"The two Bible-women have done faithful work. The fruit of their labors has been very apparent, for a large number have been baptized in the region in which they work—thirty-five in all. These converts are very largely the fruit of their earnest effort. Besides those already baptized a large number are near the kingdom, and several are asking for baptism. The Bible-women are full of hope and zeal. For years their labors seemed apparently fruitless, but now the work is in a very hopeful condition. Everywhere they are respected, and people who formerly violently opposed the truth are now respectful listeners. From the end of this month Miss Murray proposes to have Veeruna come to Vuyyuru to be her assistant and companion; Jane will then be left largely to work alone.

Miss Murray is about to build a house in Vuyyuru, for the accommodation of the Bible-women. Several very zealous and promising women are anxious to enter the work.

*Ramachandrapuram.*—Mr. McLeod writes:—

"We have only three Bible-women on this field, Sarah, Marthama and Annama; Sarah and Marthama give all their time during the year to Gospel work. Annama was laid aside by sickness for four months. She is regaining her health again, but is not yet strong enough to travel round and visit the villages, she therefore teaches a school in the village in which she lives. Their monthly reports show 885 visits to different villages during the year. Their work has been largely among the Christians, because that seemed to be the most pressing need for the time being. They have no conversions to report, but their work has been faithfully done, and will show result in conversions in the near future, through the increased efficiency of the Christians taught and strengthened by them."

#### SAMULCOTTA SEMINARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are in charge of the seminary during Mr. Stillwell's absence. Mr. Davis speaks feelingly of the warm spiritual life manifested by the students in the prayer-meetings, and of their general good conduct throughout the term. He tells of their efforts to assist the widow and children of their number who were left unprotected for, and writes:—"I cannot express my gratitude for this act of benevolence on the part of the students. It shows that they can be changed from beggars into givers, and from dependents into men and women of thrift and independence."

*The Manual Training Department* has been carried on with diligence, "no student, except in cases of sickness, has been allowed to escape the work hour. They are being taught to do everything that will be a help to them in their future life-work, and to earn by hard labor, the money required to purchase books, slates, pencils and note-books." The teachers have, for the most part, been faithful.

*Results of Examinations.*—"In the secular school we sent up 4 Christian boys and 1 Hindu boy for Lower Secondary examination. The Christian boys all passed. We also sent up 21 pupils for Primary examination, and 17 passed. The 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th classes were inspected for promotion and 27 out of 31 were promoted. So we feel our school has made a good record.

In the Theological or Bible School we had three classes; 1st, 2nd and 4th years were represented. We graduated 4 men who will render good service in the field. The women's class.—This class consists of the wives and chil-

dren of the married students. Mrs. Davis has had full charge of this school, and has conducted prayer-meetings and Bible-classes, and accompanied the women once a week to do Bible-work among the women in the town. So the wives are being educated along with their husbands, and we trust they will be a great help to them in their future work.

*Village Preaching.*—The students are organized into companies and go out preaching by turns. They are generally led by their teachers. I have had the pleasure of going out once a week with the graduating class and preaching in the town. In this way the Gospel has been preached in seven different villages by the students in the seminary. They have also carried on three Sunday schools each Lord's day in different parts of the town. The Samulcotta village church has also been largely cared for by the teachers and students of the seminary. This whole programme of work was started by Mr. Stillwell, and we are trying to carry it on till he returns.

Our great defect in church work is a lack of men who are fit to be pastors. May the Lord raise up shepherds to care for the straying sheep.

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Davis reports 4 village schools on the Cocanada field, with 66 pupils; also an evening class attended by young men, which is taught by K. Lydia. He says: "The Bible, or portions of the Bible, is taught in all of these schools, and the children can all sing some of the Gospel hymns. Certainly we are sowing the seed in good soil, when we teach the young to read, recite and sing the word of the Lord. These children often become teachers to their parents and relatives. I find that a large number of those baptized around Cocanada first learned the way in our schools."

*Vuyyuru.*—Mr. Brown reports 13 schools, with 165 pupils, on this field, including the Station Boarding and day school; nearly all of them are in a highly satisfactory condition. A number of the scholars have recently been baptized; one recent convert, a young man, is diligently learning to read. On this field, also, grown-up men are attending night school. Mr. Brown says: "One of the most pleasing features of the work is the fact that, during the past year, many of the schools have become in a very large measure self-supporting, the Christians undertaking to board and pay part of the incidental expenses of their teachers. I expect to be able to hand back a considerable portion of this year's estimate for schools, to the Treasurer in India on this account. You will all rejoice with us in this new advance on the part of our Christians."

*Ramachandrapuram.*—Mr. McLeod reports 14 schools on this field, and says: "The number of pupils in attendance varies from month to month, no two months giving the same average, excepting three villages which are Christian centres. Christians as a general thing send their children regularly. From these village schools we have selected twenty-four boys for our Boarding school at the Station. These, the best and brightest, are being taught under Mrs. McLeod's immediate supervision in the Compound. The most promising of these will, after being taught and tested here, be sent on to Samulcotta for further instruction."

Sixteen students and three students' wives have been sent to the Seminary. One man graduated from the Theological Department in December and is now settled as pastor over one of the churches and gives promise of