

these children come out and put on Christ by baptism. But how many from the zenanas visited, or how many women whom we have visited in their streets, and told them again and again of the love of Christ, from hearts full of desire for their conversion, or how many from the non-caste streets either, or how many from among the thousands and thousands of caste men, to whom the missionaries have preached the *Word*, in all these years, have come out publicly and acknowledged Christ in baptism? I do not think we need to be more discouraged in the one work than in the other.

It is not my idea that a missionary's wife or lady missionary should give all her time to caste girls' schools. With this she can do a great deal of other work, in zenanas, in visiting and teaching women in their streets. A school gives a good opportunity for morning work, and the other for afternoons, as I have proved it for many years, when I was strong and had not too many home duties, to go out twice a day.

In two of our schools, pupils have become teachers, and are now teaching the infant standards. In the Kotapatam school a Brahmin widow having passed the 4th standard, was put to teaching by Dr. Clough, and continues at it notwithstanding the opposition of her people. In Bobbili, the girl is Telugu caste and passed the 5th standard last February. Her mother being poor and a widow consented to her teaching, and she too perseveres in it, amid the abuse of her relatives and caste people. She I believe is truly converted. Every Friday evening at our prayer meeting, she is the first to respond when I ask two to pray after opening the meeting. She has told me twice that she desires to be baptized, but the Lord has not opened the way for it yet, we believe He will. We have reason to hope that her father was brought to trust in Christ by her example, and by hearing her read the *Word* of God in her home. When he was dying he confessed before them all that he believed in Jesus, and wished his wife and the other members of his family to be taught as this girl had been. Her mother, too, now seems greatly changed and listens very attentively to us, when we read and pray with her. We are earnestly asking God that she may be truly converted and have strength to give up caste, and follow Christ with her daughter.

I believe we have now some children before the throne from our school at Bobbili. These died saying they believed in the Lord Jesus, whom they would never have known as the children's Saviour, but for our Caste Girls' School.

One day when our little boy was tenting with us, he asked me for some rice to plant in the garden he was making in the sand just inside the tent door. I said, we are going away to-morrow, then who will take care of your garden? "O," he said, "God will look after the seeds I sow, and make them grow." These words of my darling boy come to me often in connection with my sowing the seed of the *Word*, whether in talking to the women who visit my home "to see," or in street work among caste or non-caste women, whether in zenana work or in my Caste Girls' School. "God will look after the seeds I sow, and make them grow." For our promise (in Isaiah lv. 11) is sure: My *Word* shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.

A card from Miss Gray is dated Chicocole, where she was helping Miss Wright prepare for the home coming. She says, "What a shock it was when I heard the doctor's decision. Miss Wright feels very badly about it, but

hopes, as we all do, that a year at home will restore her so that she will be able to return."

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have as far as possible a secretary for each county, whose work it is to look after the interests of the Aid Societies: visit them, and organize new ones. She reports the work to the Provincial Secretary of her province, and thus the work is carried on more systematically than it otherwise would be. We give below a list of our County Secretaries. If this catches the eye of some sister whose county is not represented, perhaps she will be led to give herself to the work.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Westmoreland—Mrs. W. Estabrooks.
 Albert—Mrs. John Lewis.
 Kings—Mrs. T. A. Blackadar.
 Carleton—Miss Fisher.
 Victoria—Miss A. L. Manzer
 St. John—Mrs. John March and Mrs. Murtell.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Annapolis Co.—Mrs. J. Eaton.
 Cumberland—Mrs. Christie and Mrs. J. Hatfield.
 Queen's—Mrs. Burnaby
 Hants—Mrs. Nalder.
 Lunenburg—Miss Vienotte
 Shelburne—Mrs. Harlowe
 Colchester—Mrs. P. R. Foster
 King's—Mrs. David Freeman.
 Digby—Mrs. C. C. Burgess

We are grieved that Mrs. Freeman has felt it necessary, on account of Mr. Freeman's illness, to resign. She has done grand work. Who will take her place?

FROM THE AID SOCIETIES.

Bridgetown writes. Our year ends this month with a membership of thirty-five. Our meetings are very interesting, though so many of our members, living out of town, are unable to be always present. Our President being absent, Mrs. T. M. Young presided, who, after the opening exercises, spoke encouragingly of our mission work, and the great necessity for earnest workers. A paper was circulated in the Society for the Spring Hill sufferers, and the sum of \$10 raised. We were cheered by two new members.

MRS. B. D. NEILY, Sec'y.

Mrs. Steadman says. We organized here at Mill Village, Queen's Co., a year ago last June. Since then we have met nearly every month. Our Society is composed largely of young girls and boys, and we find it difficult to raise a large sum. Last year we raised \$36. I feel very anxious to keep up the interest. We have in these meetings a missionary school for the young of our denomination. The interest manifested is surprising; with some it has never flagged since the beginning. As I see them bearing their part in these meetings, I ask myself: What are they fitting themselves for? Perhaps God is preparing some of them to carry His message to the heathen.

A new Society was organized in Oxford, Cum. Co., Feb. 19th, with nine members, and a good outlook for the future. President, Mrs. E. C. Corey. Mrs. J. C. McCormick, Secretary.