

ed, and the missionaries take time to wait on God. Ten times during the six business sittings the missionaries betook themselves to listening to the reading of the Word and to prayer.

The three minute reports from the missionaries add spice. These were scattered through the entire program, about five in a bunch. The longer station reports are necessary to inform the constituency at home what we are doing out here on the field. These snappy little rapid-fire reports help to keep us up to our work during the Conference, and give us something to think, talk and ask each other questions about, after meeting.

On the evening of the second day Mr. Betham Benjamin, one of the Telugu members of the Seminary faculty, read a carefully prepared paper giving very clearly the views of a Telugu on the work and needs of the institution. The Conference had present, by invitation, Miss Mary J. Campbell, author of "The Powerhouse at Pathancot." For several years she has been the Travelling Representative of the W.C.T.U. in India. Her address on "India and Temperance" was informing and gave to some of us, at least, an enlarged view of temperance work in India, in which missionaries are acting an important part.

Dr. W. L. Ferguson, of Madras, presented a "Survey of our Field and its Needs." The Telugu Mission is one of the most fruitful fields that our Society supports. It offers opportunities for spreading abroad the work of the Redeemer's Kingdom which even we on the field do not completely comprehend. The results in conversions are very encouraging. The caste barrier, which has so strongly opposed the progress of the Kingdom, is losing its power over the people. Mohammedanism is undergoing fundamental and widespread changes, originating from causes within itself. These changing conditions within Hinduism and Mohammedanism affect both communities vitally. The unrest agitating both bodies renders the members peculiarly open to the claims of Jesus Christ. The opinion that our mission ought to cease to confine its evangelizing efforts to the Telugus is gaining ground among the missionaries.

The pressing need is reinforcements. Both missionary families and single ladies should come speedily. The proportion of elderly people to the middle-aged and young among us is alarmingly high. Two families, still on the field, have given over charge of station work. Others are working beyond the retiring age, and others will soon reach it. Others no longer young must go home in broken health, with the possibility that they may not return.

Mr. L. E. Martin, so long the principal of our Mission High School at Ongole, spoke on the High School work of the Mission; Rev. J. M. Baker dealt with our work with village schools; and Miss Frances Tencate, out of wide experience in Nellore, told about women's work.

The women held one or two separate sessions in which they discussed topics peculiar to their special work. Rev. Wheeler Bogges, General Evangelist, reported an improved condition along spiritual lines during 1924. He had spent 245 days on tour among 12 of the 27 fields. His tours disclosed that more and more the lay members of the churches are attending the associational gatherings and taking a personal interest in the Mission's work. There is less disposition to lay the burden of the work on the shoulders of the paid agents. These lay members are becoming more and more active in testifying to their non-Christian neighbors and friends about the blessings they have received from Jesus Christ. Again we have had a record year in the number of conversions and baptisms. In 1923 we reported 5,086 and in 1924 there is a slight increase, 5,286. The present total membership of the churches closely approximates 85,000.

The program announced a farewell service by Dr. Downie. He sent instead a closing message. Hearty thanks were given to the hosts. The arrangement was that the Seminary at Ramapatnam should be used as the meeting place, but that Mr. and Mrs. Bawden, Miss Morrow and Miss Ballard, the missionaries at Kavali, should do the entertaining. This was thoroughly well done, but Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boggs and Mr. and Mrs. Longley of Ramapatnam gave much help.