

The baptism of a caste widow of Samalcootta, has been the cause of great rejoicing; her story will soon be sent to all the Circles.

As several of the students at *Samalcootta Seminary* are supported by our Circles and Bands; it may be well to make a few quotations from Mr. Stillwell's report to the General Board. He says: "We must say a word in passing about the students, for they are the occasion of everything here, and the hope of our work. During the past year we had an attendance of about 70 students, beginning with an excess of the number, and falling slightly as the year grew older; their conduct has been generally very good, and we are thankful for a year's record with so few occasions for grief."

"The adoption of a more liberal rate in giving on the part of our students, has swollen our church funds nearly threefold, so that our ability to help in Christian work is likewise greater. At the close of last year we sent out the first graduates under the present management—six good men. We opened this year with the largest number of students yet enrolled, about 85 students in all."

"The knowledge that God has blessed our work in the past should encourage us to greater effort in the future. Let our motto be, 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?'"

"The past is only a foretaste of what our Lord will accomplish through our Society, if we are faithful. He has said, 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'"

"Let us be diligent; while we linger, thousands and tens of thousands of our sisters are going down to eternal death—passing away without a glimmer of hope. Does the Lord hold us responsible for these people? Is not this Telugu land a vineyard given to us to cultivate? Is not the sending of the Gospel to these people, a precious talent given to us that we may use it for our Lord? Shall the 'Well done, good and faithful servant,' be ours? or shall it be 'Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness?' The opportunity is ours, let us use it. Let our prayer be—

"Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold,
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee."

JANE BUCHAN.

Cocanada Zenana Work.

1880-1890.

As intimated last year, Miss Simpson now takes the reins of government in Cocanada, and as I hand them to her, it becomes me to say my farewell word to the Board concerning that part of the Lord's work.

We began the work there in 1887 with three Zenana assistants and two Bible women. Eighty-seven houses were visited and during the first year nine hundred visits were made. Three years have passed and now we have the same three assistants; one of the Bible-women has taken up another part of the work, but five others have been added, two of whom work in distant villages. The number of visits made in one year has been more than doubled and the number of houses visited nearly so, while eight or ten villages are hearing the Gospel from these two women. The Lord has been good to us in thus opening up the work and we shall look for still greater things in the future. None have openly professed Christ, but we know that He has some of His own in those heretofore darkened homes. Some have gone to their reward, professing a hope in the blessed Saviour; some are press-

ing on now though trials and difficulties innumerable surround their pathway; some take great consolation out of the precious truth which they have learnt to read, and are reading regularly themselves to members of their own household; while some, oh, so many, are still in ignorance deep as night which has no brightness, where no gleam of faintest starlight even has ever yet been seen,—ignorant, without hope, and without God in the world. May God have mercy upon such, and as the Saviour came to proclaim release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind and liberty to them that were bruised, so may He come to these poor benighted ones who are too deep down in sin to know their own soul-wretchedness!

During the first six months of the year being reported, we met with all the women monthly, receiving from them their reports, hearing lessons assigned, and encouraging them by words of exhortation and prayer.

Besides this, we were glad to be free to spend one week in October and one week in December, overseeing the work and visiting the Zenanas. During those two weeks 33 houses were visited and over 100 women were reached.

Since January our meetings have been less regular, but Miss Simpson has been accomplishing much by meeting with the women every day or twice a day. We rejoice to know that she has been called to this work to which she is so peculiarly adapted. May the Lord Jesus pour out His spirit upon her and may the Divine consolations be hers! Zenana work is peculiarly trying, as it is that of seed-sowing without any prospect of immediate harvests. May bodies healed and suffering appeased be only preludes to the soul-healing which our hearts desire and our souls long for! God be with you all! Amen.

S. I. HATH.

My Dear Miss Buchanan:—You will hardly complain about the length of my "Report," as since writing the last my work has been almost entirely studying Telugu, there is very little for me to write about.

I have endeavored to give the Bible Women Bible lessons twice a week, but as they all, except one, live some little distance from the house they have not been able to attend regularly. Then too, there has been sickness amongst them, which also has kept them at home. For a short time before vacation I taught one of the Bible classes from the school, daily.

On the 1st Sunday in November we opened a Sunday school for cast girls, in the morning, in a room secured for that purpose, in a central part of the town, and continued until the 2nd Sunday of March, with an average attendance of 23 scholars. We were then obliged to close because of small-pox raging in that vicinity. It had already carried off one of our little girls, several others were ill with it, and it was in the house the very next door to our school. Also on the first Sunday in November, in the afternoon, we opened a Sunday School for little caste boys, which continued with an average attendance of 12 boys, until we closed the last Sunday in February, because of small-pox. As the people believe that such diseases as small-pox, cholera, etc., are an expression of the wrath of the goddess upon them, they take no precautions whatever to prevent it spreading, so that although the boys who attended the class had not small-pox, they might all of them have come directly from houses in which some one was ill with the disease, and as in our Mission Compound there are so many others dwelling beside ourselves, we thought the risk too great to continue our school. We have again opened both schools. The attendance, in the girls school being about