

these and other homes. This year she has been hoping for definite results, and is somewhat disappointed. Mainly through her work, however, Suramma, one of her former pupils, was able to testify to Jesus, her Saviour, before He called her into His presence.

"Another old pupil still continues interested, but does not seem to advance. Her husband is also interested. Both have given up idol-worship. Pray that they may both be led to Christ and confession. The sub-magistrate's wife is an earnest learner, but fears her relatives. Her husband is our friend, and I think allows his wife to think for herself. Their niece, who has passed the fourth class and left school, knows Christ's life and teaching well, and we hope will really trust in Him.

"I have been welcome at the sick bed of another girl's father, a goldsmith. His wife has for a long time been much interested. The Rajah and Ranees welcome us gladly. I expect to teach the eldest daughter, who is now married. For two months, our servant's wife did earnest, faithful work in the town, seeing also with S. Sydin, a voluntary worker, the town of Pasalapudi once a week. We saw much service for her here, but to our surprise, consumption appeared, and after lingering two months, she passed away, leaving a joyful testimony to her Saviour.

"Personally, I made 75 visits in the town. One day when alone in Pasalapudi, little six-year-old Rajamma, one of Veeramma's pupils, did the singing for me. How the women there listened and wondered. We have everywhere open doors. Oh! for time and strength to enter them and open them so widely that the King of Glory may come in."

Bible-women.—"Through our eleven Bible-women, about 25 villages are seen fairly regularly. Taken as a whole they are a noble band of women. M. Sarah, though growing quite old, is always eager to go with me on tour. Deborah has removed to the Cocanada field. M. Mary, though rough in appearance and not very well educated, is doing a good work. She is zealous—so much so, that now, while out transplanting in the rice-fields, she sings and explains Gospel songs to her companions. K. Ruth has just been taken on to the work, and promises well. At

our monthly meetings, requests for prayers have been made, and frequently the answers have come. S. Mary, a good teacher, but married to a man of not much character, has been given work in the large town of Kutukuluru, where different missionaries have vainly tried to secure land. In answer to prayer, we have been able to secure for Rs. 50, a well-situated piece of land large enough for teachers' home and small school.

"Our two young women, who have been training in Cocanada, are making good progress."

Work Among Christians—Compound Sunday School.—P. John still has charge of this school. I have visited it about once a month. The scholars and teachers competed in the all-India Sunday School examination, and acquitted themselves very well. The boarding boys continued to take their Sunday morning evangelistic schools with such good results that over 400 gathered in church on rally Sunday. These included pupils of Christian Sunday Schools in near-by villages, some of whom sang unusually well. One Sunday School sang a Telugu version of 'Jesus Lover of My Soul,' in splendid tune. Another school sang with such vim, that a visiting caste man presented the school with a rupee. These results come only by steady, earnest work.

"Now our boarding school here is closed. We wish to continue our evangelistic schools, but as yet see no way to do so."

Church Services.—"I have addressed 15 services in the churches out on the field. At these times the attention and responsiveness of the Christians has been gratifying. Before Christmas, I examined the Christian women all over the field in hymn-singing, Bible-stories and recitations. Many churches did unusually well. Surely these Bible truths must bear fruit in holy living. While we have rejoiced because of the earnestness of some of our Christians, we find in many, and in some churches in a general way, an increasing disregard of Sunday observance, and therefore a general weakening of their and our testimony. This condition has become to us a special burden these last few months. We hope to see a change for the better.