

our "assembly hall." The walls were made of straw, and the roof of palm leaves. Inside there were many decorations, such as Chinese lanterns, bunting, etc. The inside walls were adorned with texts from the Bible (written in Telugu, of course), viz., "The Lord is my shepherd," "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," etc. The ground was covered with straw for the Telugu people to sit on. There was also a platform and what do you think it was made of? just mud! I think the building would have held about five hundred people, and it was almost filled with preachers, teachers, Biblewomen and other Christians from the different fields of Vuyyuru, Avanigadda and Akidu. My, it was a great sight to see all these people gather together in the name of Jesus Christ and discuss their problems and tell the joys which had been theirs during the past year. Mind you! I couldn't understand all that was being said, so now and again I would give Miss McLaurin or Miss Selman a nudge and ask, "What are they talking about?" and it would be something altogether different from what I had thought.

There were many interesting problems and discussions, such as Consanguinity of Marriages—in connection with which there is need of great reformation in this country: it is nothing unusual for the children of two sisters to marry; in consequence of which there is much insanity and other evil results. Then they dealt with Home Missions; this is a work which the Telugu people carry on entirely on their own initiative. In the discussion of this they showed much enthusiasm, and raised for that work rupees 80. Other discussions were "Causes of the Poverty of the Christians" and "Temperance," etc., and it all showed how our Christian leaders are developing

towards self-support and control of the Indian church.

Not the least interesting item on the programme was the women's meeting. Three Biblewomen had charge of the meeting, and as Miss McLaurin says, it was a great success. The women, apart from the regular church contributions, contributed rupees 250 (over \$86), and, as in past years, these contributions are used for the support of two Biblewomen on the Vuyyuru field and partial support of two churches on the Akidu field.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. McLaurin preached in Telugu to a large congregation. His text was "Simon Peter, I love thee!"

Sunday our meetings closed, and I'm sure all of us were strengthened and inspired for the work which God has for each one of us to do this year. Pray hard for our work in India, that we may never falter, but run the race that is set before us, "Looking unto Jesus."

We started for home on Monday morning, and arrived in Pamaru Monday evening about 9 o'clock. As we were gliding along on the canal, just at sunset we all went up to the top of the boat. There, enjoying the lovely scenery,—for it is beautiful,—we sat and sang songs and hymns together. These little gatherings of the missionaries are fine—when in an outstation like Vuyyuru and Akidu we don't see one another very often, and sometimes we get lonely.

Mr. Gordon is out on tour now, and will be until the end of March. His last tour, and he is as happy and proud over it as he was over his first pair of pants, I suppose. Personally, I am busy with my 60-70 boarding boys and girls, my classes in English conversation, my Sunday School class, household duties, etc. Pray without ceasing for

Your missionary in India,

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