

a middle room, the front part of which we used as our dispensary, and the back part for our operations. A verandah extends along the front.

This was certainly a great improvement on the little mud-walled and mud-floored room which we had been using up until this time, but it wasn't long before we realized that much larger quarters, and better equipment were necessary for the carrying on of the growing work. We laid aside all that we could spare from the money that came in, over and above that which was needed to buy medicines and appliances, and when I returned from furlough, Dr. Allyn had added 500 Rs. more to the

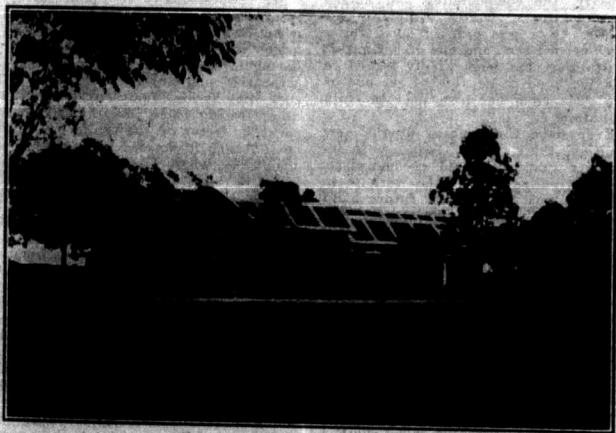
men, the building was not finished until April of this year.

Had we known beforehand the difficulties, that the cost of materials would be so much increased because of increased cost of living, we would never have had the courage to begin with the sum of money which we had in hand. And as we built some additions and alterations had to be made, which involved us in such straits that, had not help come from a friend through Miss Alexander, and from the Pithapuram hospital medicine fund through Dr. Allyn, and from other friends, we would surely have never been able to complete the building.

Front View.

Top of Old Building.

Office Room.



Row of Wardrooms.

Verandah.

Road.

### The New Vuyyuru Hospital

fund. So we began planning an extension, and when we got consent from Conference, we commenced gathering the material together for the building. In April last year, the day Mrs. Bensen and Miss Zimmerman left Vuyurru, for the Hills, a meeting was held to ask God's guidance and blessing, and Mrs. Bensen kindly consented to turn the first sod. The work was begun, and would have been completed in two or three months' time, but because of continued rain and harvest intervening, when it was impossible to secure cooly

We were disappointed in the promises made by our Indian friends. They are so ready to promise, but not so ready to fulfil. However, when one takes into consideration that the people pay for their medicines and money somewhat proportionate to their means is given for special cases, so that the work, if no building were undertaken, could be self-supporting, perhaps one should not feel too much discouraged. Now, first, a word about our hospital equipment. That necessary for the operating room is very meagre indeed, but our other rooms are