

inscriptions is, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." It is a rule with Ramabai that no debt shall be incurred. What the Lord provides by moving His people to send, that she thankfully receives and expends in the maintenance and enlargement of the work. Among the noticeable features of the place are its happiness, its discipline and order, and its sacredness.

Over the gates are the words in Mahrathi, "Thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise;" and a stranger is at once impressed with the fact that everything here is for the Lord. He is first in all things; it is all His service and all His glory.

And now one of the most noteworthy facts in this remarkable achievement, and one to greatly rejoice over, is this, that the chief agent in it all is a daughter of India. It is not the work of a Missionary Society, or of European Missionaries, but an India widow, moved by the Spirit of God, is the human instrument in this mighty work. Herein is to be found great encouragement. It shows us something of the possibilities of Indian Christians. When hundreds more shall be actuated by the same spirit which moves her, and shall be led into similar undertakings for the welfare of the people, what may we not expect to see!—*Messenger and Visitor*. Ramapatam, India, Dec. 23rd, 1901.

§§§§§ THE WORK ABROAD §§§§§

RAMAPATAM CONFERENCE.

DEAR LINK:—

WE HAVE lately returned from Conference at dear old Ramapatam. It was the largest ever held in this mission, one hundred adults (missionaries) being present, and twenty-seven children. The fine campus of over 100 acres, with its wide spreading banyan trees and graceful bamboos, afforded ample space and shade for the village of tents which had suddenly sprung up to shelter the guests. The boom of the restless surf on the beach at a little distance was ever in our ears, and we felt the breezes from the Bay as cool and refreshing as thirty years ago. The commodious hall of the Seminary furnished a splendid meeting place, while the presence and words of Dr. Barbour, our Foreign Secretary, meant to all more than I can tell of uplift and enrichment. To the missionaries gathered there, some from lonely and some from almost barren fields, spent and hungry, how sweet, in the devotional sessions especially, to feel the Master "in the midst," lifting burdens, revealing Himself afresh as the all sufficient Saviour for even heathen souls, and reminding us again of the "Rest that remaineth."

Most interesting reports from various stations showed that the work is growing. We heard of substantial progress along the line of self-support, of marked faithfulness on the part of Telugu workers left in charge of stations during the absence of missionaries at home on furlough, of the Sudras showing a keener interest in the Gospel message than ever before, and of Christian students doing

credit to our college in university examinations. Some salutary changes along well-studied lines were agreed upon. It was decided to open an Industrial School in Ongole, where the manufacture of aluminum-ware is to be a leading industry, and a Telugu Girls' High School to be opened at Nellore. The Telugus are to meet all expenses of this school, some of the building, and the support of the American lady in charge.

Dr. Barbour gave himself most completely and cordially to the Conference, counseling, admonishing, cheering, as occasion arose. He could scarcely, he said, find words to express his joy at being present, and would have to borrow the phrase of a native brother and say "I'm *immensely* glad to see you!" He appreciated profoundly the difficulty of problems pressing for solution, but more and more, he said, he was impressed with the genuineness of the work and the conviction that God is in it. His hand is on the plow here in this work for India, and He will not leave it until it is shot through with the perfection of His thought and purpose. After listening to the Telugu service on Sunday, Dr. Barbour remarked that there was only one word he recognized, "Yea-su" (Jesus). This word was familiar because he had heard it in Japan, China, Burma, and now on Telugu lips. It is becoming known in every land.

Urging that care be taken to train converts from the first, and the poorest as well as others to give, he said it pained him to hear self-support appealed for on the ground of relieving the church at home. They do not need relief, but it is part of God's