

trust many women at this Convention will realize how important it is to secure this little messenger with news from far-off India which will come to you once a month, and only cost you 25 cents a year.

In closing this report, I desire to thank the Directors for all they have done in trying to get statistics and interesting items for your Secretary. The last report to come in, after mentioning a Circle and Band in a certain

church, whose zeal never lessened says: "I should not mention them particularly, for we have some dear, noble women in our smallest Circles who cannot do so much, but do what they can year in and year out in such a steady, faithful way that we can all learn a lesson from them. Have I done all I might have done? Have you?"

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LLOYD.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."

What cause we have as a Society, to give thanks for the mercies of the past year. God has been pleased to bring home in peace and safety our missionaries, Misses Simpson and Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, and we are glad to welcome them among us again; He has restored to comparative health some of our missionaries who were ill and has kept others from sickness and pestilences during one of the hottest summers in India; He put it into the heart of one to offer herself for work in India, and has enabled us to send her out as our new representative on the field, Dr. Jessie Allyn; He heard and abundantly answered our prayer for money to buy the land in Ramachandrapuram on which to erect the next bungalow, and our treasury has been able to meet the estimated expenditures for the year. Above all has come the good news that God, by His Holy Spirit, is doing a wonderful work in the hearts and lives of the people to whom the Gospel has been given in India. "O give thanks unto the Lord."

Our missionaries speak for themselves in the following reports, and the fact that hearts and time were so taken up with the wonderful work going on, is sufficient excuse if they seem somewhat short.

There are about forty Bible-women and assistants working with our lady missionaries, this number varying from time to time, as for different causes some leave the work, and their places cannot always be filled. Miss Simpson's report only covers about eight months as she left for home about the end of March.

ZENANA WORK REPORTS.

Cocanada, Miss Sarah Simpson.

The work has been carried on along the same lines as other years and though the work increases and the interest increases year by year, still there

are no conversions to report, no numbers of those "added to the church" to chronicle. There are many of the women who are deeply interested and some of our old school girls, who are now wives and mothers in homes of their own, seem much in earnest. There have been changes in the staff perhaps more than usual this last year, Miss Gibson has been obliged to take a year off on account of poor health, but her sister Mrs. Debeaux has taken up her work. Our Head Master in the Castle Girls' School resigned and left us the end of the year, and, as a Christian man suitable for that post, was not forthcoming a Brahmin teacher was employed. We succeeded, in October, last year, in securing a much more commodious building for the school and one more suitable in every way, and almost immediately after we commenced work in the new quarters the staff had to be increased and a second assistant teacher was employed, but in February she married and left Cocanada so that another change had to be made there. We are hoping that some day we may have a competent staff of trained, permanent teachers for that work.

Sunday School work has been carried on, but perhaps the enthusiasm has not been as great as in some years past, as some of the workers were very young. There are encouragements and discouragements all along the line. We hope much from the work among the children.

Cocanada, Miss Pratt.

In presenting the report for this department of the work I can give very little except statistics as I have only been in charge since Miss Simpson left in March, and then the time was divided between this and the Girls' Boarding School.

M. Mary has been doing whole day work since February and Minnie's health is so much improved that she too has been able to again take up full work.