

When once this fever attacks a person it seems very difficult to cure. In some of the cases brought under my notice the patient has been sick and almost helpless for five months; the hair would fall out, and they would be wasted almost to a skeleton. I attribute our immunity from fever, under the blessing of God, to the fact that we live after the European plan—have a good house, warm clothing, nourishing diet, and are careful about the water we drink.

The hot weather that has just come brings dysentery, cholera and kindred diseases, which are liable to attack anyone, but especially those whose systems are reduced by hard work or insufficient food. There is small-pox now in some of the villages, but it does not seem to be very fatal as but two per cent. of those attacked die, and the natives take no care of themselves nor of the missionary either, for we ordered one poor fellow away who had the disease, and was clinging to one of the veranda posts.

Just now we are busy repairing our church by making the walls higher and putting a new roof on and so making it into a suitable house for a lady worker who may come here. Part of the brick for the boarding girls' new house is on the ground, so that we expect to have additional labor in overseeing building operations during the hot season.

R. GARNIDE.

Tuni, March 21, 1890.

Cocanada Women's Foreign Mission Circle.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1890.

With March, 1889, began the second year of the Circle's existence. Though we commenced the year with thirty members, and had on the roll at the end of the year thirty-two names, yet we begin our third year with twenty-seven members only. This reduction in numbers is owing to the removal from town, in almost every case, of those persons whose names have been withdrawn.

Twice during the year we have been called upon to part with our President Miss Stoval, who was elected at the beginning of the year, resigned in July on removal to Samalkota. For two months our Vice-President, Mrs. De Beaux, ably filled her place; then Miss Folsom was elected, and after presiding only twice at our meetings, left for her home in America, having received a pressing message to hasten her intended visit on account of the serious illness of her mother. Mrs. De Beaux was again called upon to occupy the chair, and was elected President at the beginning of the third year.

The Circle has met in the Timpany Memorial Hall on the second Saturday in every month. The meetings have been interesting and profitable; the various subjects brought up for consideration or discussion were of vital importance.

At the different meetings we have had the following subjects brought before us, by interesting facts from various sources, as well as by original papers written by members of the Circle:—"Village Schools;" "Medical Missions in Zenanas;" "The Mohammedans;" "Bible Women;" "Zenana Work;" "Hinduism," under the different heads of Brahma; "Vishnu and Siva." At times the meetings were given up to special prayer for special branches of work, and at one time our hearts were encouraged by the glorious promises concerning the kingdom of Christ.

We can report progress, an increase of interest, a

greater concentration of purpose in undertaking specific work, and a wider knowledge of the needs of the field in which we are working. New work has been taken up; the Circle, at its second meeting in the year, undertook the support of a Bible woman, and later on a Caste Girl's Sunday School was opened up under Miss Simpson's superintendence, the Circle paying current expenses. The school opened with an attendance of twenty-four, and it is hoped that this school may be developed into the longed-for caste girls' day school.

The average attendance at the Circle meetings was fourteen; six of the members are permanently non-resident, and a number of others became so before the close of the year, so that the attendance may be considered fairly good.

The year began with a balance of r-27, a-8 in the treasury, the money raised during the year amounted to r.82. For the support of our Bible women r-36, and for rent of Caste Girl's School room r-6 have been paid. The Home Mission Society received help to the extent of r.10, and to the houses for Christian teachers in Samalkota Seminary r. 40 were donated. Balance in the Treasury at the close of the year, r. 21, a. 8.

There is a Mission Band in connection with the Circle, which met for the first time Oct. 27, 1888. The then membership of seven has since increased to twenty-four. The children have held seven meetings, and collected r. 4., a. 0., p. 6, which they expressly wished might be used for paying the first month's rent of the Caste Girls' Sunday School. They have taken the name of "Little Helpers in Heathen Lands."

Many of our members are working daily among the women. Surely the door of usefulness is wide open. With the darkness all about us, with the need ever before us, with our Master's command to stimulate, and His precious promises upon which to lean, may we make the year upon which we have entered better than the one that has gone from us, and may He be able to say of every one of us, "*She hath done what she could.*"

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DEAR LINK,—Since last writing you, we have entered upon the work of a new year, have attended the Telugu Association at Bobbili; and Conference at Cocanada, have met a number of new missionaries; and have had the great joy of welcoming three, to our own mission. We thank the Lord of the harvest, for these earnest works. He has heard our prayers; and thus encouraged us to hope for greater things in the future. The need is great—greater than words can tell. This vast field of perishing souls is white, ready for the sickle, and yet, so few reapers. But we must not stand idly by, "for reapers more to come. The Master calls, and shall He call in vain?"

At our Conference, another appeal was drawn up; and the 4th of April set apart, as a day for fasting and prayer. We believe the appeal sent home last year, was blessed of God, in awakening a new interest in missions; and we send this one forth, praying, that a still greater blessing will follow. We want more helpers, both from home, and from among the native people; but the greatest need is, I believe, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon those who have already learned the way of life; but who have not the courage to come out, and make a public profession of their faith. I have in mind three