

again disappointed about procuring land for a caste girls' school. A site was offered by Mohammedans, and the necessary papers made out. Out of the three brothers owning the land, one was in debt to some of the Hindu merchants. The caste people, although they want a school for their children, really seemed terrified at the idea of our owning land in their midst, and succeeded in so frightening their brother, that he did not dare consent to the sale. We know from experience in other places, that a caste girls' school, and reading room, which we plan to have connected with it, will go a long way towards breaking down the superstition of caste which still holds the Akidu people. Will you pray that a suitable site may be soon procured and this work started.

"The Mala village school, carried on very faithfully by Estheramma, the wife of my head master, has received Government recognition. This school has been the source of great encouragement. My visits for inspection and examination are always unexpected, but no matter when I appear, I always find a large number of children present and the work being well done. I do thank God for the faithful helpers He has given me from among our Indian Christians in my work in the schools, as well as in the Zenanas."

RAMACHANDRAPURAM

Ramachandrapuram remains. We return to Cocanada and go part way by boat and train; finish up with cart or rickshaw. Here Miss Jones will give us her report. It is almost as long as the name of her station, but too good to be cut down. She begins with:—

Special Events.—"First of all, I must mention Miss Philpott's coming. It has been a great joy to have her in the home with me. In numberless little ways she has been a great help. For some time she has taken the whole responsibility of the compound Sunday School; has frequently visited the Loper Home, and for some months taught the Bible lessons to the senior caste girls.

"Another pleasure was the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Gunn, and now little Carey has more than doubled our company of missionaries.

"We were sorry for ourselves in seeing Mr. Stillwell go, but it was im-

possible not to rejoice with him in the joy of going home.

"The celebration of the King's Coronation was a great event in Ramachandrapuram, and your missionaries were given places of honor, and joined heartily in this expression of loyalty to King George. The lepers were feasted, and Coronation medals were given to a number of our caste girls and boarding school boys."

Caste Girls' Schools.—In March our combined roll numbered 117. This is a falling off from last year, we think due to the loss of Susie, who was specially adapted for work among the junior classes. The older pupils are attending quite regularly. I have found the caste girls' schools, not only a great joy, but also a constant anxiety during the year. After much difficulty, we have secured three new teachers whom we believe will be competent. On an average two mornings have been spent in the schools.

"We had a specially good time at the prize distribution. We invited only mothers and elder sisters, and were rewarded by having eighteen come to the bungalow. The children gave a very interesting programme. We hope to give our Brahmin teacher leave, and with our new teachers, we will at last have what we have aimed for, only women Christian teachers.

"The Rajah continues to take a real interest in the school. Two of his daughters are among our most regular pupils. He anticipates building for us. Pray that the Lord may definitely guide in this matter.

"We have been repairing the Cockshutt school, so that it is now much improved in appearance and utility. In the meantime, both the Rajah's school and Cockshutt school have been meeting in one building, and we hope if possible to continue the union. This is a real forward step, as it means that the Brahmins are not giving so much place to caste as they did two years ago, when the Rajah's school came under my management."

Zenana Work in Ramachandrapuram.—"This work is closely allied with our caste girls' schools. Through the schools many of the higher caste homes have opened to us. M. Manikyam continues to do faithful, efficient work in