

ing a good comfortable boat for touring. I shall part with the old boat with some regret, for I have spent many very happy days while working with it.

Continue to pray for the Lord's blessing, and for me, that I may have wisdom to guide aright the wandering ones.

Miss Corning.—My new term has brought new work and new experiences along almost every line. Directly after the January Conference, I came to Akidu, that I might become somewhat acquainted with Miss Robinson's work before taking it over when she left for furlough.

Living in Akidu is very different from Cocanada. 34 miles from a railway station, 10 miles from a telegraph office, no possibility of buying anything European here, one has to learn, sometimes by trying experiences, how to plan concerning necessary food, clothing, school supplies, etc. I found the school here much larger than I had expected. We had on the roll last term 105 names, with an average attendance of 73. One very hot afternoon in May, Miss Selman and I decided to give the children a surprise, so we purchased 100 mangos. We expected to find about 75 children present, and planned to have the remainder for ourselves. Instead of that we found 88 children, 4 teachers and 4 visitors present, so our remainder was small. As I did not find it necessary to go to the Hills, the school was kept open until June 15th. Although teaching and the care of the children during the extreme heat is rather trying for us, it is much better for the children to be kept here during May and June, away from the influences of their heathen villages, as the transplanting season, during which they must have vacation in order that they may earn their clothing and school fees, does not begin until July.

The results of the final examinations were most gratifying, every child in the 3rd and 4th classes being promoted. Eleven boys have been sent to Samal-kot, and two girls to Cocanada for further study. The Brahmin Inspector, who visited us in June, was heard to remark to his assistant: "I cannot understand why so much better work is

being done in this school than in our Government schools. We pay our teachers higher salaries, and yet our Government schools cannot be compared to this in any way." Three of our boarding girls were baptized during the term, and fourteen boys asked for baptism, but we are having them wait awhile.

We have opened school this term with 90 boarders—54 boys and 36 girls—and about 30 day pupils. Perhaps some would criticize our receiving into our boarding department 25 more children than we have ever felt it possible to receive before, when we have no more money in sight and "the cry of famine is being heard in the land;" so that food stuff is already increasing alarmingly in price. But at all our stations the cry is the same, for more native helpers, and if we do not take in larger numbers of children now into these training schools and train them for Christian work, we shall be crying for more workers for years to come. Another reason is, our village Christians are pleading for education for their children, and we find it impossible in the face of the great need to refuse them. I often wish our people at home could see the building we call "church" and "school." It is so small that we are simply packed into it, and the noise and heat are indescribable. I counted one day 37 holes in the roof, through which the sun was shining. It is not a safe place for a European to sit in, and yet your missionary teaches there four hours every day. I think great credit is due Miss Robinson for the way in which she has worked this school up. I found both pupils and teachers under almost perfect discipline, and that alone makes good work possible in any school. I do hope a suitable building may be provided for this work before her return, that she may not in a few months lose all she has gained physically from her furlough, by exposure to the sun and the wear and tear on the nerves of teaching in such crowded quarters.

Village Work.—Until May 1st I was able to give three or four hours every afternoon to village work with my Bible-women, T. Mary and Veeramma. Here again in many ways the experiences are new. I find that during