

As yet I have seen but a small part of this large field. From January to first of April, spent 46 days on tour and visited 59 different villages.

In Gannapaveram, among the caste women we visited some of the Rajus and Shepherds. One old Shepherd woman, tottering, shaking and almost blind, gave a good witness of faith in Jesus Christ. "I am waiting every day, Amma, for Him to call me away, I know Jesus will take me to heaven with Him."

Another woman, a Raju, remembered very clearly the teaching she had heard before and fearlessly, before a large number, she confessed her faith in Jesus Christ. Wherever I find such women I am encouraged in the work, it reveals that God is blessing His truth to these women although there are so many hindrances to its acceptance.

Early in April the days began to get hot, and touring was discontinued for work nearer at hand. Until the middle of May work in Akidu Village claimed our attention, and some 37 childrens' services were held and caste homes visited. Some of the Kapu boys can recite very nicely the Ten Commandments and sing Christian hymns.

We find the picture cards and Bible pictures a great help in the childrens' work, and feel very grateful to those who have sent them out.

When the heat was too great to go even to the village, work came to us. For about ten days we had two very sick women in the hospital. Dr. Chute was away on the hills and humanly speaking the responsibility of their lives rested upon us. God answered prayer and restored both.

Another more pleasant task was a daily class with the Bible-women in the study of Romans.

The Christian women have met three times a week all through the hot season, to pray for a revival, during these meetings several experienced a special blessing.

And now I want to tell all the Home sisters, what a blessing it is to have two lady missionaries in a station together. Miss Robinson and I have been so thankful that there were two, and not one to spend the hot season in this lonely place. The heat was very intense this year. After ten days of almost unbearable heat, we began to question if we could bear it much longer. God knows just how much His children can bear and sent cooler days.

Cholera raged in all the surrounding villages. Through it we have lost several workers.

After the first rains scorpions came into the bungalow by the dozens, one was found resting nicely under the head of my mattress, and a snake, a very poisonous one, was killed under the bed, but in spite of heat, and pestilence, and dangers seen and unseen, we were kept safe from harm, and had a very happy hot season. We now look forward to spending our next hot season in our own new home "McArthur/Bungalow."

Special requests for prayer is made for more Bible-women, for this large field. God gave us one this year. A widow whose husband died three years ago had been praying ever since, that the Lord would show her what to do, and help her to secure good Christian teaching for her two children. A timid woman, she made no request to the missionary. When we were led by the Spirit to speak to her about the possibility of becoming a Bible-woman, her face lighted up with joy. We had no estimate for her support, but God gave us courage to call her to the station to begin preparation and God has blessed her and us together. She attends the school in the mornings and has the advantage of Miss Robinson's Bible teaching, and in the afternoons goes to the village to gain practical experience.

God has been pouring out great blessings upon this needy people, and we firmly believe we shall soon experience much blessing in our mission.

#### PEDDAPURAM, MISS McLEOD.

Early in December, 1905, I began to take up the threads of work in Paddapuram again. During the month of December that was my only work. Miss Selman had started at seven centres classes for Caste girls, (we call them Sunday Schools, although in reality only two are held on Sunday,) and in this work I found great delight and encouragement. The Government has a large caste Girls' School in a central situation in the town, and so I had never felt any call to enter on this work. However in conducting these classes we are able to take advantage of the education received in that school in some cases at least, and use it in giving them a knowledge of God's laws, our failure to keep those laws, and his provision for our need. They are very fond of learning hymns and in one class nearly all of the girls can read and have asked for hymn books, which, as we have sometimes done, we gave them as a reward for regular attendance