

the other the customs of the country are against it. The boys are much more ready to come to school as they hope to make use of their education to earn a living and there is not the objection to their going so far away from home.

"Mr. Stillwell was sorry to part with his boys, but he felt it was a very urgent need to have more educated women to make good wives for his men, so it was decided to send the boys here and keep the girls there, hoping some day, they could get another building. I feel sure it will be a blessing to the women's work, to have two girls' schools."

"We have a trained teacher at last, one of our own boys, Palavarti Samuel, and hope to have our school re-organize in time for the next government examination. This means that we shall not have to send our pupils to other schools in order to pass their exams."

"At present we have 26 girl boarders and 20 boys, besides a number of day scholars."

"Only a very few of them are Christians and it has been much laid upon our hearts to seek to lead them to Christ. For the last two weeks special prayer meetings have been held every day, and yesterday, five of the girls came and asked for baptism and I believe there are others."

Work in Vuyyuru.—Miss McLaurin has asked us to furnish her with the sum of \$160 to build a store-room or godown, in which to keep her tent, saddle, harness, grain for her pony, etc. A very necessary building, as such accommodation is very scarce at Vuyyuru. When not on tour the lady missionary has no place to put the aforementioned articles and as the tent was provided when Miss Murray was at Vuyyuru, by this Society, the store room is really for the protection of our own property.

The estimate was fully endorsed by Conference in India and the General Board here, so it was decided by your Executive, that in view of the advance expected from the "Forward Movement," we were justified in undertaking this "special."

Miss McLaurin's Report reads as follows :

"And this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us."

"Women's work for women, has gone steadily on this year, in and about Vuyyuru. As time goes on and there is very little apparent fruit of one's labors, especially among the heathen women, one realizes how much of the results must remain in obscurity; and one might be tempted to endure sorrow were it not for the conviction that it is God's own work, and must sometime, somewhere, bear fruit at His command.

"We have been much hindered this year by sickness. Each one of the three Bible-women has been quite incapacitated for work at one time or another, for a longer or shorter period. And I have been much touched by their endeavors to work even while they were suffering pain and weakness. I am glad to

report that they are all better and in working order again, though it is apparent that Jane of Bowagunta has failed considerably and will hardly regain full strength.

"In Vuyyuru itself the work has gone on as usual. The Christian women have learned a new Scripture portion, and have attended the weekly prayer meeting at the mission house. This meeting has to be given up when I am on tour, but is held regularly at other times. In one or two of the women there is very apparent growth in grace, at which we greatly rejoice, and many take a great deal of pleasure in the Scripture portions they learn, finding it a comfort to repeat the verses over and over to themselves quietly. One Christian sister whose husband had been ill for over a year and finally died last month, has been drawn much nearer to the Lord by this great trial, has been most regular in her attendance at the meeting; and her calm, even happy face and quiet, brave demeanor all through the anxious months, have excited my admiration and respect, and made me thank God. Among the caste women we have worked whenever we could. We have visited as many Brahmin houses as we could but still cannot say we are established among them. The middle castes still receive us gladly, and not a few women have privately told me they believed Jesus Christ was the one true God, but I doubt whether the conduct of their lives would show that they were following Him. But they take great comfort in learning of Him and some even say they pray to Him.

"*Touring.*—This year we have revisited many old villages and have entered some new ones. In the month of March we camped at three new places. Two of these were large towns where we had never done work among the caste women, and we had delightful times in each place and were obliged to 'move on' before our work was really done. We went further away from home this year, too, than ever before and roughly speaking, reached a village 28 miles from Vuyyuru. In this village the low-caste, or really out-cast, women listened splendidly, but the caste women were so frightened and suspicious that we could do nothing at all. We hope that if we are permitted to go there next year we shall be more favorably received.

"The work among the Christian women on the field is forming and increasing. There are now eight Women's Helpmeet Circles on the field, which meet every month to study a course of the life of Christ and who give a small collection to the Lord's work. Wherever practicable the women are learning Scripture portions. On visiting Jane's village I held a meeting with the women which lasted nearly all the afternoon for there was a full attendance and they all wanted me to hear them recite their portions—some had learned a great many verses—and they had also learned at least three new hymns which I must hear.