

The native work has been most encouraging. "We started with a strong desire to give every woman in the five villages in which we teach a knowledge of the Gospel." With a larger staff of workers than usual, every part of the villages has been reached, regular weekly teaching having been given to those who desired it. About four hundred children are regularly taught in nine evangelistic schools. Early in the year the opposition in the "Fish Village" gave way completely, strengthening the faith of our workers. Where once there was violent opposition to the Gospel teaching, "now these same men gather with the women and beg us to tell them more and yet more of the love of God in Christ. Our God is mighty to overcome the strongholds of Satan."

#### RAMACHANDRUPURAM.

MISS JONES bears testimony to the power of prayer in her behalf, and sends us as an appropriate message II. Cor. I. 10, 11. "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver, in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us; ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." She rejoices in having been brought to a "city of habitation," i. e., Ramachandrapuram, where she has Miss Hatch's fellowship and counsel. Helping with the Sunday School work and studying Telugu fill the time chiefly for Miss Jones. "As I think of the missionary work on our field, I am impressed with both its possibilities and impossibilities." Cheered by the possibilities of work among the children, saddened by the self-satisfaction of the caste people, Miss Jones rests on these words: "The things that are impossible with men are possible with God."

MISS HATCH feels moved in her report to write of some of the discouragements and encouragements of the year's work.

Under the first heading comes loss of workers. Two hopeful Bible women have fallen into temptation and are so far lost to the work, some have moved away, others have died, so in many ways the work has lost helpers.

Miss Hatch's health also has not been good, so that she has been able to report only 500 visits, meetings, etc., whereas two years ago she reported 900. This is partly accounted for by the fact that she took no vacation trip that year, while she took two this year.

Lack of apparent fruit.—"We want to see a

more general movement among our many hearers in the way of accepting and confessing Christ, and we have not seen it." Some of the best hearers have made a pilgrimage to Benares, some have been too busy to hear, once Miss Hatch was ordered peremptorily to cease talking to some Brahman women.

But the encouragements outnumber the discouragements. New interest has been awakened in new villages, and in two of them the reception was almost overwhelming. "Our reputation had gone beforehand on account of the leper-work. In one of these, Yellinge, there were several who had visited us, though we had not been there before, and they received us with open arms and open hearts . . . We had to tell or sing the story over and over again, and when we came away the three of us had scarcely any voice left. Some of these who received us so heartily were near relatives of the blind woman convert, Mavolamma, who was baptized the year before, and they had only good to speak of her."

"In still another village a woman who had been on many pilgrimages, but had not found peace, listened with intense interest, and having taken special delight in a hymn we sang . . . would not be satisfied till she had a copy. In three or four villages we had specially kind receptions at the Munsiff's houses which we had not visited before. Among these we found many who had been attending Girls' Schools and who were glad to learn some hymns from us. In a distant village we were very graciously received by some Brahmans whose relatives had been helped at our Hospital."

"The addition of some honorary workers has also encouraged our missionary. "In July, 1907, Grace, the beloved wife of our good doctor, who was formerly a member of the Episcopal Church, united herself by baptism with the little church here. She is the first Indian woman matriculant of Madras University, to join our mission, and we feel very proud of her. She has helped largely in the superintendence of the Untainted Home and of the Cook-shutt Girls' School, and Savaram School. Of the two latter, Miss Hunter, the Inspector, gave a better report this year than for some time back."

The converts are showing their interest and helpfulness in many ways.

One more cause for thanksgiving has been the opening of the Albert Boulter Memorial Home for Women Lepers.