

be fully reported, or cannot be classified and enumerated in a station report—the discouragements, failures, and heaviness of the work—the tears, the prayers and the faith of the missionaries. Baptisms one can report, hopes one cannot tabulate.

And so we had the reports beginning with C. for Chicacole and running down the alphabet to V. for Vuyyuru. The discussions which follow are helpful. An encouraging report is received with joy, a gloomy one with brotherly sympathy and expression of hope in the Master for more next year. New methods are noted, explained, enquired into and commented upon, and hints given and taken as to good methods of work. The two missions report this year 407 baptisms. A song of praise to our Lord for these reclaimed souls! Some fields yield a richer harvest than others. It seems that the further north and east one goes in our missions the less productive does the soil become.

But we firmly believe in faith and works, and that the day shall surely come when "the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Saturday evening was our Mission Prayer Concert meeting, led by Dr. E. G. Smith. Face to face with the millions of this land who are yet without Christ, with our own insufficiency in ourselves to meet the demands of the work, yet, remembering our Lord who has all authority—and who is the giver of every needed gift and strength, and believing in His omnipotence, we laid down our work before Him and prayed earnestly for more faith on our own part, and also for more workers.

Prayer was also made on behalf of those suffering under the dreadful traffic in opium carried on by the British Government with this country and China, and that those who were responsible for this sin and cause of offence, might be awakened and induced to do away with it.

On Sunday we had a Telugu sermon from Mr. Archibald in the morning, an hour's Bible reading on Josh. 1, led by Mr. Walker, and in the evening we went to the English Baptist church and heard the Conference sermon given by Mr. W. V. Higgins on the last verse of the 17th Psalm, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."

Mr. Higgins brought us indeed into the presence of the King, and the earnest consecration meeting which followed, was a fitting conclusion to the service of the Lord's Day.

December 25th is, of course, Christmas Day, just as much in India as in snowy Canada, and we kept it in the good home style. It was almost as good as a home Christmas day. If there had been six inches of snow on the ground it might have added to the "feel" of the day,

but it could not have added any intensity to the joy, and peace and goodwill which we welcomed into our hearts, quite independent of alien climate and tropical surroundings.

In the morning we sang and spoke our praises to Him, whose birth we were that day celebrating, in a meeting led by Mr. Brown. In the evening we gave ourselves up to the children and had a merry time around a great Christmas-tree that graced the front room of the mission-house. How much like home it seemed that evening, and how the children shrieked with delight as Santa Claus handed them beautiful gifts off the tree.

After the festivities were over the greater number of the company sat up to welcome those whom we had been eagerly awaiting ever since they left your shores.

On the midnight train they came, Mrs. Churchill, Miss Hatch and Miss McLeod, bringing with them Canadian roses on their cheeks, Canadian heartiness in their hand-grip, and encouragement and enthusiasm and reinforcement from the dear homeland. How heartily we welcomed the workers again to their loved work, and the new recruit to her future sphere of labor. Wednesday, the 26th, was spent in hearing resolutions and completing the business of the joint Conference. Resolutions of appreciation concerning the splendid Telugu maps of Palestine and the Bible lands, and of the work of the Committee in preparing the Blakeslee S. S. lessons, were heartily received by all. A strong resolution, condemning the opium traffic, and embodying a plea to the British Baptist Mission, that influence might be used to arouse the Christian voters of England to a sense of their responsibility in this matter, was also voted upon.

The first Sunday in May was suggested as a day of prayer for the work, and it was voted that we ask the people at home, and the A. B. M. Mission to join with us in observing this day.

Thursday morning we said good-bye to our friends of the northern mission, feeling richer and stronger for their meeting with us.

We then proceeded to our own conference which was held in the same place on the 27th and 28th instants.

We missed the faces of two of our fellow-workers, who a short time ago we had expected to be with us; Mr. McLeod, who was not able to meet with us, and Mr. Barrow, who is now in the presence of his Master, serving Him more perfectly there than he could here.

One of the most important transactions of the conference was the providing for the occupation of some of our vacant fields. After very earnest prayers on this most important subject, the committee brought in the following recommendations which were received by the conference: Dr. Smith to take the Yellamanchili field, after Mr. Lafanme's departure for Canada; Mr. Chute to remove to Akidu in the fall, and prepare to take charge of the field when Mr. Craig goes home on furlough. Miss Hatch