

Outbuildings, Cocanada, from Mount Forest M. C.	1 65
Building Star of Hope, Akidu.	75 00
For Miss Morrow, advance on acct. outfit.	10 00
To deposit on account passages for Misses Simpson and Morrow, from New York.	50 00
Total	\$760 65
To Home Expenses :	
700 Receipt Postals, printed.	\$ 8 00
Total Disbursements during the month	\$768 65
Total Receipts since May 1, 1898.	\$4144 38
Disbursements	4044 35
(Including \$25 from Special Account).	

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Work Abroad.

EXTRACTS.

BOAT ELIZABETH,

Cocanada Canal, August, 18.

My girls' school I opened with much joy and a bright prospect of having a large increase of pupils as soon as all the classes should be taught, but what was my dismay when in two days it dwindled down to three or four. At first we could not imagine what was the matter, but afterwards heard that the master of the other school was jealous and had been telling all sorts of tales about us—said that we were going to rub medicine on the children and then export them or perhaps do away with them altogether. It seems that when Miss S. opened her school in Cocanada, she had something of the same experience. They gave it out there that she was going to have one of the girls roasted, and that she would take the ashes and make every other child drink the ashes with water and then they would all leave their religion and become Christians. The school there dwindled down also, but the lie died out, as such lies must, and the school as you know is now in a very flourishing condition. We must take courage. I think the girls will be back again in time. If it is of the Lord it must stand. The first day that only three or four came, I could have cried. I felt so badly. If I had not been so strongly encouraged by so many, and if I had not built my hopes so high, I suppose I would not have felt so badly. I have learned a lesson in humility.

We have had a specially good time in this town. I have seen seven villages since Saturday, besides two other places that can hardly be called villages, but where we gave testimony. We have distributed many tracts which are in great demand. Yesterday the school boys being

dismissed came on with a rush, and I gave a leaflet each to those who learnt and said the five verses on the five fingers. They were very pleased. To those who learn the verse of a hymn I give a picture card. I love the work among the children. All our village schools in this field which you support are visited regularly by me though really in Mr. Davis' charge. I give them their promotion examinations also. It is delightful to hear them recite their Bible lessons and sing their Christmas hymns.

Have I ever written you of Lechamma? She is a Kappo woman well-read, a widow, but having a family of six children, some of whom are married. I visited her yesterday. She is looked upon as a sort of gurnon (religious teacher) among her people. When I went she called a number of her people in, after I had talked to her and to the people for quite a long time she called me aside privately and offered me milk to drink. Three other women who seemed very devoted were with us. I drank half the milk and laid the cup down, and almost before I was aware they had each taken the cup, poured a little of the milk in the hollow of each of the hands, and lifting the hands up to their eyes crossing them, then to their shoulders, crossing them, drank it down in an attitude of worship. This gave me a most peculiar sensation. I hardly knew whether they were worshipping me, or the milk or their eyes and their shoulders or what. I had never seen it done before. My women told me afterwards that this is what they do when they partake of food that is left by officiating Brahmans in temples and so on and they think it will procure the longevity of their husbands, give them children, and numerous other blessings. I presume this is the way they partake of the food that the Brahmin washes his feet in. In ordinary circumstances this milk of which I had partaken would be polluted to them. To such extremes do they carry themselves. One of the women who followed me to the boat told me they wanted to make me their gurnon. Oh that they would learn of the Heavenly teacher, and being found perfect in Him, learn to worship the Creator rather than the creature. I am not sure that I made them really understand that their act was very sinful in His sight. Oh that the eyes of their understanding may be enlightened that they may know what may be the hope of their calling and what may be the riches of the glory of their inheritance!

I sincerely hope that another lady may be sent. Unless the supply from home is kept up, we will find some of our work left stranded some day I fear. I hope the Lord may shew the way plainly to that teacher of whom you spoke.

May the Lord revive his people to realize his claims upon them for this his work.

S. I. HATCH.