

Stewardship

"In the matter of gifts in contributions in cash we have made very real advance in nearly all the villages. We have the custom now generally recognized that every member is responsible for giving six pies every Sunday whether present at prayers or not. In many villages, especially in the churches near Akidu, this has been actually accomplished as a minimum during the year 1924. The villages are really beginning to feel some pride in their accomplishments in this respect. It gives the missionary the joyful opportunity of according to them a meed of praise which is heartening.

A Great Loss

"One death we felt very sorely. My touring 'boy,' who was also my boat-manager, was taken from us very suddenly while on tour with appendicitis. He had served us faithfully ever since we have been in Akidu, and was a deacon of the Akidu Church."

H. E. S.

Can. Baptist.

FROM MRS. CROSS.

In Camp, March 13, 1925.

Dear Readers,—

May I remind those who have so splendidly supported the work among the women and children of the Avanigadda Field during the last four years, that we need bags, cards, picture rolls, picture books, and the many nice little things you have been sending.

For the first time in 16 years I have not enough gifts to go round. I wish you could hear the disappointed voices of the children as I have at every camp during the past weeks, saying: "I didn't get a bag," and "Is there no picture book for me?" It may not seem much to you, but it means a great deal to these little ones who have so few nice things.

We have had to buy gifts for our children, something we never had to do before. We have made up dozens of things but our stock is exhausted. We have nothing left.

When you are working for India this summer please remember the women and children on the Avanigadda Field. Our school registers show a total of over 1,500 children

this year and besides these there are many who sometimes attend the Sunday Schools. Then there are the women, hundreds of them who appreciate so much the tiny pins, the bright coloured bags, and the other pretty things from their missionary's country.

Yours very sincerely,

M. C. Cross.

NOTE.—In assigning special missionaries to Associations and Circles it is the thought of the Board that those thus assigned shall be looked after first by their Associations and Circles. If more than enough for these is provided of course gifts may be sent to other missionaries. The contents of parcels sent to Mrs. Dengate undesignated will be placed where they are most needed.—Ed.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM THE AVANIGADDA FIELD

Please pray for Jane, our beloved Bible Woman and co-worker, for over thirty years. She is sick. Cancer has developed and at times her suffering is great.

For our two Bible Women who tour the whole field. Their names are R. Martha and P. Kamalarattamma. They walk miles. They teach the women in the caste and out-caste sections. They give out tracts and sell the gospel portions. They visit the sick and the sorrowing. They are often foot-sore and weary, but they go bravely on because they are "on business for the King."

For Mary, who remains at Avanigadda. She has served there for ten years. She has put herself into the life of that town. She is known and loved by all the women and children in Avanigadda and the nearby villages because she brings to them the glad message of salvation, the message of comfort and rejoicing. She teaches them to read and to sew and how to care for the sick ones.

Pray that more women may hear the call and give themselves for service on this great field.

Pray for the Christian women. So many of them are mere babes in this school of learning. We long to help them grow in grace and in knowledge and in love. Yes, "Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."