

In March, 1899, another *Caste Girls' School* was opened on the mission property in Jugganalkpura by P. Lakhamamma, and already three of the little girls are ready for the II. Standard. The average attendance is about fourteen. In both these schools the children attend the Sunday Schools held in their school-rooms, and several of them gather other children in the afternoon and teach them to sing hymns, the Scripture Catechism and read to them Bible stories.

New Testaments, Pilgrim's Progress and Hymn Books, etc., have been given as prizes in these schools, so that most of those who can read have the Word in their own homes.

Miss Simpson reports *twenty-two Sunday Schools* among the heathen in different parts of the town. In this work the deacons, teachers, Bible-women, house servants, college students, young men in the Industrial School and others share.

During the eighteen months there have been no additions to the visible church, but the interest in Christ and His Kingdom is increasing and the workers take courage and go forward, knowing that it is theirs to sow the seed beside all waters, but His to give the increase.

In the sudden death of Pastor Jonathan Burder the work in Cocanada has sustained a great loss. Miss Simpson speaks of him as an extraordinarily clever man, very, very humble and so much in prayer, ever remembering the work among the women and children.

The new bungalow is a great boon to our lady missionaries. They are enjoying it and are trying to have a garden containing both flowers and vegetables.

ZENANA WORK.

This work is encouraging. More houses are open to the visitor than she can attend to. About three houses is all one can visit in an afternoon, consequently it takes time to make the round of the 91 on *Miss Gibson's* list, or the 78 on *Miss Beggs's*. Ten or fourteen years ago, it was hard to gain an entrance; now, although some are indifferent, there is no longer any prejudice against the Gospel. The ignorant listen to the Gospel eagerly, its very simplicity suiting their ignorance as none of their own teachings do.

The audiences vary. In one house all will pay attention, and Miss Gibson can sit down undisturbed and teach the women the truths of God's Word; in another house, perhaps only one will listen, while all the rest are apparently oblivious to what is being spoken. The work, too, varies. New houses are opened, former ones re-opened; women hear the Gospel for the first and often the only time in their lives; others who have heard it before, are glad to receive its teachings again. A young woman in a newly opened home is learning to read. A former school girl, now married and a mother, continues committing the New Testament to memory. School girls who have been given New Testaments, read them to their parents and neighbours, and sing the Gospel hymns. Even little girls sing so sweetly of Christ's sufferings on the cross, as to melt a mother's heart. The old deaf woman who was mentioned in the last report, is now learning to sing the Gospel, and goes among her more intelligent neighbours, astonishing them as she tells of what her Saviour has done for her.

Miss Beggs is greatly encouraged, not only in the progress her pupils in the zenanas are making in their studies, but in the deep interest they are taking in the

Bible. They rejoice in hearing it, one woman saying she could do without her food to listen to it; another, after the death of her only son, asks to have it read, as it gives her mind rest.

A Vadkanthee woman, whose son was very ill, asked Miss Beggs to kneel near him and ask the Saviour to heal him. The Great Physician answered the prayer. Another woman who was ill, asked Miss Beggs to pray the Lord to raise her up. Again the Lord heard and answered; and now the women are beginning to have faith in prayer.

Cannanumma continues steadfast in the faith, and when, some months ago, her only child died, she submitted completely to the Lord's will. A number of women have left idol worship altogether.

Early marriage is a frequent hindrance to the work among the girls. Just when one is beginning to take special interest in what she is taught, the zenana worker is informed that there is to be a marriage and her pupil is to be the bride. So the girl goes away to her husband's home; but loving messages often come to Miss Beggs, such as "Come to my village and let us all hear and learn about the Lord Jesus Christ, for there are many who will hear you."

TIMPANY MEMORIAL BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL.

Miss Folsom reports that the year 1900 has brought many changes to the school. Two Christian teachers who were formerly pupils, and are members of the Baptist church, have taken the place of two teachers who left. These are a great joy to Miss Folsom, as are also the other two teachers. She thanks God for these four.

"Several girls whose influence was not happy, have left, and others of a better stamp have taken their places. A new spirit pervades the whole institution. Work which was very disheartening last year, has now become a pleasure again."

There are 48 scholars on the roll, 18 of whom are boarders. For Bible lessons the school is divided into three classes, and four lessons are given every week. On the fifth day a temperance lesson is given instead. Nearly all the children have signed the pledge and are staunch teetotallers.

The younger teachers have a prayer meeting every Sunday morning with the girls, at which even the youngest take part. The children's "Mission Band" meets once a month in the school building. For several months they supported two little girls in Miss Murray's school, and since they left, the Band has voted its money for famine relief.

The Lutheran Mission to the south have sent a dear little girl to be trained for them. Miss Folsom says, "It will be a real joy to train her for work for the Master. We are praying that more girls of this stamp and for this purpose may be sent to us. It was our dear Mr. Timpany's thought in starting the school, to make it a training school for mission workers." Several girls have already gone from it to do work among the heathen.

Village Schools.—Mr. Laflamme reports *five* on the Cocanada field. The principal one is held in what was the Matron's house on the old compound, is taught by two young men and has an attendance of some twenty-five girls and boys. This school is really the boys' department of the day school connected with the Girls' Boarding School. It is sending a number of boys each