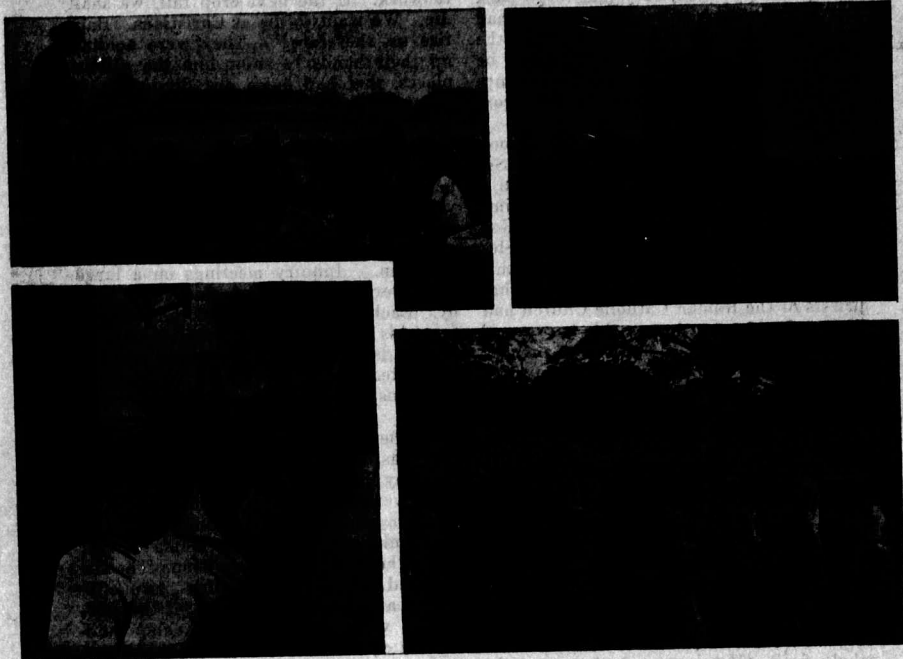




Out-door School Taught by Women; Ongole Town Church; Dr. John Everitt Clough, in the last days of his life; Congregation leaving the Jewett Memorial Church.

tract to dig three miles of this canal. He had a camp of 3,000 people. His staff of thirty preachers were his overseers. Thousands of Madigas who were not Christians were coming and going. The preachers talked with them, when occasionally they sat down to rest from digging. Their terror of demons and cholera and cyclones and death grew less. The stories of Jesus, and His loving kindness toward the sick and helpless, filled their minds. They began to think about Jesus, and went home and found a newborn faith within their hearts.

When finally rain came, and the famine

was over, Dr. Clough realized that thousands were knocking at the gates of the church. Letters came pouring in upon him; deputations came with village elders as spokesmen, voicing the request of groups of people—families, villages. Their huts were fallen, they had little to eat, but they did not ask for money. They wanted baptism. They said, "We can die, if it be God's will; but we want to be baptized first." In December, 1877, when the preachers came to Ongole for a conference, a multitude of about 3,000 followed them there. They clamored for work, and part of them for baptism.