

ITEMS.

The minutes of the Conference of Missionaries, held in Vizianagram Dec. 31, 1914 to Jan. 6, 1915, contain several things we ought to know.

On New Year's Day the Peck Memorial Bungalow in Vizianagram was formally opened and a picture of Miss Peck unveiled. Miss Flora Clarke, who has been the chief factor in the building, Mr. Gullison and Miss Blackadar gave the addresses.

Report was received that Miss Annan, of Akidu, and Miss Woodman, of Bimlipitam, have passed their second examination in Telugu.

The recommendations of a former Conference have now become rules, that a new missionary shall not take his first examination in Telugu until November of the year following that in which he has reached the country, also that new missionaries are to reach India at the same time of the year, and begin language study together not later than December 1.

Our mission had been asked if it could and would give support, material and moral, to the support of a Christian college for women in Madras and Bombay. They replied that they sympathized with the project and realized the need, but did not expect to have any students to send to such a school for years to come, and on account of financial embarrassments, could not co-operate in the movement.

Nine students have been in the Industrial School at Cocanada during the last year. Among the articles made are a book-case for Mr. McLaurin's bungalow at Avanigadda and a dining table for the Peck Memorial at Vizianagram. Mrs. Gunn reports having sent here

about Rs. 5,000 worth of lace for sale. Lace work has been started in Waltair and Vuyyuru. Miss Newcombe, who has charge of the sale of jewellery, reports an increase in the sale for 1914.

A resolution has been sent home, regretting Dr. Wolverton could not be sent immediately on account of lack of funds and urging that both he and Dr. Marjorie Cameron be sent as soon as at all possible.

The Temperance agitation is to be found in India as in Canada. Mr. McLaurin told the Conference that a list of questions had been prepared to find out the number of Christians who used intoxicants. He urged the organization of temperance societies, not only among Christians, but among Hindus and Mohamedans as well.

The "Ravi" is prospering, having now reached a circulation of 1,800, and the frequent quotations from it and references to it in other papers testify to its good standing and influence.

FROM RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Once again cheering news comes from Ramachandrapuram. Up to the fall of 1914, only nine caste people from this field had been baptized. Of these two have gone to the Homeland and one has disappeared. Last fall one caste woman was baptized; in January two young women, formerly pupils in our Caste Girls' School, confessed Christ in baptism under cover of night. Now comes word of the baptism of Lakshamma, the mother-in-law of the Kallam Munsiff; this was closely followed by the baptism of Guravamma, conductress of our Caste Girls' School, and belonging to the Shepherd caste. At the same time a caste man, Govinda Garu, father of pupils in our Caste School, was baptized with the approval of his wife.

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