

(Dear Band Leader:—The hymns for this programme are chosen from "Missionary Songs and Hymns" and "Little Studies in Missions." The former we used in Programme No. 3 and both may be procured from our Foreign Mission Literature Department. Each one is 15c. You will notice that one dialogue suggested is from "The Missionary Speaker Reader." This is a very good collection of Recitations, Dialogues and Readings which may be used in programmes in the Mission Band. For a change the Study is divided into three parts and, as before suggested, pictures of **Missionaries and Buildings** connected with Vuyyuru, Ramachandrapuram and Vizianagram will keep the interest of the girls and boys. With this programme the series concludes. The map will be brightened by nine red cross flags and although there is much more we might learn about our Medical Missions in India we hope these studies and programmes may prove interesting and helpful.)

Material for Study No. 4—Medical Missions Vuyyuru

Soon after Rev. H. E. Stillwell took charge of the work at Vuyyuru he realized the need of medical help not only for the Boarding School but for the Christians on the field as well and before he went on furlough he saw a dispensary opened. Until 1905 the medical work was in charge of a compounder and then Dr. Gertrude Hulet became Superintendent. The number receiving medical treatment was very large and in 1907 a small building was erected and for four years these small quarters served as a hospital. Later more land adjoining that already owned was purchased and in 1912 a building of seven rooms with a long verandah was finished and opened. In 1913 the compounder, who had been a most faithful and efficient worker, died—over work no doubt hastening his end.

After a time another piece of land was bought and a new house for hospital assistants was built but lack of room was

still a very serious hindrance to the work. A Rest House or Choultry of thirteen rooms, the gift of a Hindu lawyer proved a great convenience and now a **NEW HOSPITAL**, called **THE BETHEL HOSPITAL**, is being erected. Many have been the things that have happened to prevent the work going on. Hindu workmen do not value time and have never been known to hurry with their tasks and heavy rains have held them back considerably as well as doing much damage.

Great interest is taken by patients in the Bible teaching given at the Hospital and a good number have apparently been brought to a sincere trust in Jesus, although a great many have not felt able to break the ties of caste and make open confession of their faith. During the last year the curing of a son's tubercular hip has resulted in the son and his father giving their hearts to Jesus and the recovery of a man from pneumonia has led to the conversion of his father and mother and himself. When we remember that besides an average of 60 patients a day, with only three experienced assistants and three in training, Dr. Hulet has the supervision of the building of a hospital we know that she must be under a great strain and she should be faithfully remembered in prayer by every one of us.

Ramachandrapuram

Perhaps all of you have not heard of a dread disease, which is very contagious and very loathsome, called leprosy. It is very sad to know that in India there are 200,000 people who are victims of it and are called lepers. As soon as their friends know that they have contracted this horrible disease they cast them out from home and village and they must become beggars. These poor unfortunates suffer a great deal of discomfort and pain but most of them live for a long time.

It was in 1898 that our missionary, Miss Hatch, discovered that the man who brought her water and washed her dishes was a leper and soon after she found two of the women in her servant's home were lepers. You may be sure that this was a