

"The medical help I have been able to give, has this year, as always, opened to me many homes that would otherwise be closed. Many in the hour of sickness and suffering, have heard of Jesus Christ the Great Physician.

"The work among the children and the Christian women, has gone on much as usual. The regular lessons are taught wherever leaders and teachers live. Will the kind friends, who have sent me gifts for my children's work, accept my sincere thanks, and if possible, remember my work this year again.

"With a heart full of gratitude and hope, with renewed physical and spiritual strength, the result of a vacation in Ootacamund, and a fine new boat and staff of five Bible-women, I begin the work of another year."

Miss Corning, in charge of the large school here (during Miss Robinson's absence on furlough), and also doing some outside work, sends a report so full, and yet compact, that not a word can be omitted. She says of the boarding schools: "The year as now arranged for our annual report, from July to July, corresponds with our school year, as our final examinations take place at the close of the spring term.

"At the opening of school in August, the new boys' dormitory was ready for occupation, and we increased the number of boarders from 60 to 93. Even then we did not take in all who wanted to come, and who should have been received, as we had not the means for their support. But we rejoice that suitable dormitories have made it possible for 30 children more than the usual number to receive the benefit of Christian training and education during the past year. The work of teaching has been carried on under difficulties, as the old chapel was altogether too small for the number of children. I was in a constant state of apology for stepping on toes and fingers, as I moved from class to class, but we have been encouraged by the sounds of the builders at work, and next term we shall open school in our beautiful new chapel, even although it is still minus doors and windows. The girls' dormitory has been plastered and white-

washed, transforming it from a dark, dreary room into a bright, cheerful, and we believe far more healthy home for our girls.

"Strength of the School.—During the first term we had on the roll 138 names, with an average attendance of 114. Of these, 93 (57 boys and 36 girls) were in the boarding departments. The second term opened with 138 names on the roll, 90 of whom were boarders. Our average attendance during this term was 106.

"The teachers have done faithful work, and the final examination results were most gratifying. 11 boys and 4 girls have been sent to Cocanada for a higher course. One of our 4th class girls married at the close of the term, and the remaining member of the class, a high-caste boy from the town, was away during the last month of school, and so missed the examination. He is a bright, clever boy of fifteen. His relatives had arranged for his marriage with a baby girl not yet two years of age, and although they were sorry for him to miss the examination, the time had been declared propitious and they were afraid to delay. He will return to school next term, and be examined by the inspector at his next visit. A large number of caste boys are coming to us from the town for the English teaching. These boys are not compelled to attend Bible classes, but so far no one has missed a lesson. They soon become as deeply interested in these lessons, as our Christian children are. In March 8 boys and 1 girl, and on Easter Sunday, 8 boys and 3 girls from among our boarders, openly confessed Christ by baptism. But more than all I have been glad to see the growth in Christian character. It is not easy for these children to break away from the sinful habits in which they have indulged all their lives, but many of them are learning, with the hope that never fails, to really overcome.

"Village Work.—I have tried to give from three to four hours each afternoon to work in the village with my Bible-women, T. Mary and V. Ratnamma. There seems to be a desire to hear our message on the part of many, and we believe that a few of the women whom we teach regularly, are really trusting in Christ as their Saviour. We were