

hearing the children along the canal singing Christian hymns as they went back and forth to their work. Being anxious to make the work more permanent, a building for a school has been put upon the lot, and a few pupils have been gathered in, so educational work has been added. The work among the lepers has suffered a great loss in the death of the much-loved Pastor David, who had ministered to their needs for over fifteen years. At his funeral service many of the lepers witnessed to his faithfulness, patience and loving kindness in dealing with them. Within a few weeks of the pastor's death, two of the leper teachers on whom rested much responsibility, were called home. Many touching gifts from the natives have been received for the leper work. The lepers are taught to look to God for their supplies, and have had special cause for thanksgiving, and in turn show their gratitude by giving toward the support of their pastor, and have cheerfully given from their little to other mission work. And when they saw some warm mufflers that had been sent them, they said, "Send them to the poor soldiers," they were so glad to do their bit. So through the year the good Lord has led us through sunshine and shadow, but always we have known that behind the clouds the sun was shining, and the Master was keeping watch above His own.

**Miss McGill.**—The time has been taken up largely with the study of the language. The caste girls' school has been one of her charges. The attendance has been good, the examinations held regularly. The marks gained in Bible subjects have been most encouraging. In this these Hindu girls would compete favorably with Canadian girls. The baptism of one of the conductresses calls forth profound thanksgiving. The caste women coming out gave her courage to take the step. Beside this school Miss McGill has had charge of a number of Evangelistic schools, and has found time to visit among the women of the town.

**Samulcotta.** (Miss McLeod).—Returned to Samulcotta in November. One afternoon a week is spent in teaching and encouraging the Christian women. Four afternoons are given to the caste women of the town. Miss McLeod is welcomed in many of their homes. Each morning children's classes are held in different parts of the town, but the instruction given spreads to the older people, and the missionary is

often urged to speak to them. Seventy days were spent in touring, and eighty-one villages visited. In villages where Christians lived the mornings were devoted to teaching and enthusing them, the afternoons in telling the Hindu women the way of salvation. There is no way of tabulating the results, but the seed has been sown in hope, and the Lord of the harvest will assuredly bless what has been done.

**Tuni** (Miss Priest).—The touring brought much encouragement, the gospel message was received so gladly in the different villages, the evidence of the good work done by the Biblewomen was very noticeable, and the welcome given by those that had heard the gospel before was very gratifying. It is a matter for thanksgiving that some Christians who have been severely tested have stood firm in the faith. An entrance has been secured into zenanas which had been closed to the missionary before, and the thoughtful listening of these women showed that God's voice was being heard in their hearts. The circle of Christian women in Tuni is growing larger; over twenty women attend the Bible class. The missionary was much impressed by the prayers offered by some old ignorant women for the King and peace, which brought a deep conviction that the Spirit of God was teaching them Himself. All the days are not bright or the experiences cheerful; there are times when Satan makes us know that he is very much alive; but His promise stands true; "Lo, I am with you alway," and our hearts are steadied.

**Akidu** (Miss Selman).—The year under review has had its lights and shadows, its joys and sorrows. There has been much sickness and suffering among the people. Cholera, smallpox and other dread diseases, and also floods and fires, have caused much loss of life and property. Many times if we could not have turned to our Father for comfort and courage, our hearts would have sunk low indeed. Work—much work—has been done, not only by the missionaries, but by the Indian Christians, better organization and more effective plans are being carried out, much advance has been and is being made, but the quickening power of the Holy Spirit is needed to convict of sin and lead into the fruitful life.

The generosity of the women who brought their yearly offering for the Home-Missionary Society meeting was very gratifying; it amounted to over