

and touching incidents have been omitted. It is to be hoped that many of the Circles will avail themselves of the privilege extended to them through the "Bureau of Literature" to obtain the use of these letters for reading at their meetings.

Beginning at Cocanada where four of our missionaries labor, we shall go on to learn of their various forms of activity in the different fields and shall hope to enter into the spirit of their work.

#### COCANADA.

**MISS BASKERVILLE**—The problem of a suitable head master for the school had to be faced early in the year, but we are glad to know that Mr. N. Israel, formerly of the Seminary staff, has entered upon this position, and as he is pledged to remain five years, there is a prospect that some progress may be made. The widowed sister of Mr. Israel has become matron. "For many years I had longed and prayed for a suitable matron, but it was almost a surprise to me when the answer came," writes Miss Baskerville.

The boarders numbered 75 at the end of the year, but after Christmas they increased to 93. In spite of all the changes, the Inspectress reported the school as in better condition than the previous year. Of 71 who went up for examination, 57 passed. There is also some reason for encouragement in the spiritual progress of the girls. As it is the opinion of Conference that we should have at least 100 girls in the Boarding Department, and as the prices of food stuffs have increased very materially, a larger appropriation has been asked for the work next year.

**MISS PRATT**—Teaching in the Cocanada Caste Girls' Boarding School and visiting the women and children in their homes, occupies Miss Pratt's time very fully. Working with six Bible women, over 3500 visits were made. Two of the Bible women died during the year, and of one, Miss Pratt writes: "P. Elizabeth died of cholera. In the morning she arose as usual—and before sunset she was in her grave. Even when suffering most intensely she gave a beautiful testimony to the sustaining power and presence of the Saviour."

The work in the Sunday Schools is making good progress. "Day after day your representative with her helpers has gone in and out among the women of this great city telling the old, old story—sometimes to indifferent hearers, but more often to those who, having

heard it before, are glad to hear it again." In face of discouragement and hopes deferred, our missionary goes out day after day sowing the good seed.

"Village work has been most interesting. Twenty-nine villages have been visited during the year, and many hundreds of women have been reached with the gospel." Several new villages have been entered, and only in one of these did Miss Pratt and her helpers have to leave without giving their message.

There is ground for encouragement in the work among the Christian women and in the Caste Girls' School.

Tracts and Christian literature have been distributed, and we pray that they may bear fruit.

**MISS BEGGS** reports that her pupils are progressing well, and that she has visited 92 houses during the half year from January to June, the same number as last year.

**MISS GIBSON** reports regular house to house visiting and teaching.

**MISS FOLSOM** sends us a very interesting and hopeful report of the Timpany Memorial High School of Cocanada, where such branches as History, Domestic Economy, Elocution, Science and Mathematics, English and Scripture are taught. A primary department is also in operation. Miss Folsom herself teaches the Bible to all the classes and she says: "It was a great pleasure to teach the Bible once more, the children were so interested—but he who sets out to teach the infant class must have a thorough knowledge of Scripture and a clear understanding of theology, if he does not wish to be brought to confusion when trying to answer the stiff, searching questions of the little folk." The school library is being gradually built up, and no small honor is brought to the institution by her former pupils, many of whom are giving good account of themselves in their various callings.

**MISS CORNING** has surely been working almost unceasingly, teaching in the High School in the mornings, and doing village and Zenana work in the afternoons and evenings. She tells of the development of the Industrial Class, which was opened in January, '07, with a view to teaching the girls to make their own clothes, and also to help raise money for the much needed new building. About 12,000 rupees are needed to build this addition, 5300 rupees of which were in hand in cash and pledges in August last.