

We have done all that we can, there is nothing to do now but pray, and wait. And remember the head-master who has left. He has been much persecuted for his refusal to take part in worship of the cholera goddess. The people have set fire to his house and even threatened his life. Pray that he may find the light and the truth."

Vuyyure Work among the women and children:—

Miss McLaurin writes: "Since I have been relieved of the Caste schools and Zenana work, I have been able to devote all my time to touring, which is such a vast work and so exacting. We have nearly three hundred villages, and the women therein are my 'parish,' and represent a very pressing need. I have toured among most of them now for ten years and in almost all of them, interest has increased and our opportunity now is great. The caste women are listening as never before and express great regret that we cannot come oftener than once a year. They say if they could only have regular frequent teaching, they would stand a better chance of learning about Christ, which is very true. You cannot expect much from women who only hear the Gospel once or twice a year. If I had twelve women, I would put them out in pairs, all over the field in the important centres to visit and teach the interested ones once a week, and give them regular definite teaching which would make God's blessing form a foundation for belief. But instead of twelve, I have only two. I have appealed for more workers in India, but have received no re-inforcements, as every mission field wants more than they can get.

Ameliamma, supported by Ottawa First Church Sunday School, is still here in Vuyyuru and toured with me all last season. She was a great help, worked hard and faithfully.

Katakshamma, the young widow I trained, has been taking Jane's place in Bordagunta. She is very much beloved there by all. She is a lovely girl, and a very valuable worker. She has been ill, more or less for some time and grew very much worse lately. Dr. Allyn has taken her to a Woman's Hospital in Guntur, belonging to an American Mission. She will get good and kind treatment and I hope that our dear girl will soon come back to us well and strong.

Old Mariamma is living in Vuyyuru on reduced pay, just doing what she can. She has been very ill a good part of the time for a

year and, indeed, we cannot count on her for any real work.

I have a new woman, Nagamma, not well trained, but helpful nevertheless. She is a widow, a convert from one of the higher castes. Her history is quite interesting, as she came from Hyderabad to Madras two days and a night by rail, looking for a church and a missionary, for she had been told they would befriend her, and they did and had her taught sewing, reading and writing. She soon became converted and is a consistent Christian, most anxious to serve her Master. Although not suitable for touring, she is very helpful, visiting the homes of the caste women, reading the Bible and testifying of what Christ has done for her. Her word is clear and convincing and her walk and manner so consistent and lovable, that she is a great help. Her home is in Vallur with Agnes, whom she helps in the Caste School.

We have had good times on tour, seeing some new villages where we were well received. We cannot help feeling that hearts are being truly awakened, and are getting ready for some new step, some new experience. Some of our old listeners, who have not abated one whit in interest, seem to have come so near to the kingdom, that there is but a step between them and Jesus. Oh, that He, the kind and merciful would reveal himself to them.

Now seems to be the time to undertake the extension of this work. Never before have we had such a strong impression that the Lord is really working in the hearts of the castewomen. The truth at last seems to be laying hold of them. Christ's call seems at last to be reaching them "o'er the tumult of their lives wide restless sea."

And now, dear sisters, do we too not hear the call—is there not some message for us, in all this? When we hear of the self-sacrifice and whole-souled devotion of our missionaries, does the question not arise—Have we done our share? Have we done all that we could? Have we given as the Lord has prospered us?

"For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the Saints, but above debt also through many thanksgivings unto God for the liberality of your contributions unto them and unto all."

"Now therefore be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord."

"For the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,
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