

a wonderful privilege to bring over forty-six burdened ones to the Saviour.

Come with me to the canal-bank in December and again in April, and see twenty-eight boys and twenty-four girls receive believers baptism. Fifty-two in one year. Does money invested in this work pay?

Akudu Medical Work.

As Mrs. Chute is at home on furlough we have no report from this quarter, but many of our young women had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Chute speak last winter and are naturally well-informed regarding the "Star of Hope" Hospital. Dr. H. A. Wolverton, who was in charge, was obliged to take furlough last January. Since then Dr. Perry Eaton has been overseeing both field work and hospital; his assistants besides G. Prakasam being four other workers, one a well-trained medical man. With such limited accommodation as six beds and three country cots, fifteen in-patients have been received at one time. Mrs. Chute's silver anniversary fund will provide for further wards and relieve this crowded situation.

Avanigadda—Mrs. H. B. Cross.

Last year's report dealt with conditions as we found them after seven years' absence, noting the progress and growth which was everywhere apparent.

This year we have tried to build and plan for the future, though at times the difficulties and perplexities were sufficient to blot out everything but the immediate present, and to make us lean for strength on the Everlasting Arms.

The repairing of the bungalow with slow and untrained workmen, the pounding of sand and lime and the unconquerable armies of ants, are not a pleasant memory.

But a brighter picture presents itself in the beautiful island called the Dive; and miles of territory on the Kistna

river comprising our field. So many villages, large and small, and thousands of people, most of them worshipping at the heathen temples, so abundant in this land.

We have toured throughout the entire field besides spending two months on the Vuyyuru side.

The regular teaching of the caste women is bearing fruit. It is most gratifying to recall the many women and girls who sought us at the tent and bungalow, some perhaps seeking only a remedy for physical ills.

Many are secret believers, but occasionally like a fresh light in a dark road some brave little women will boldly stand out and declare her faith and loyalty.

Gangamma's husband has recently become friendly, so now the wife and children are permitted to see us again. Pray for a Brahmin widow in the town here. I called about three weeks ago, just after she had been robbed of her pretty clothes, her jewels, her hair. She was wearing the coarse white cloth that is put on the widows of India and had not been seen by any outsider. On learning we were at the door, however, she came out and told the story of her sorrow, and seemed to think we especially could understand and sympathize. So we spoke to her of the loving Father, and, at her request, sang the "Mourners' hymn." It was beautiful to see all the sorrowing women and children in that home, sitting with bowed heads when prayer was offered on her behalf. Christ Himself drew near. She may be obliged to submit to the Hindu customs, but I believe she loves the Lord Jesus.

Others, too, have passed through trial and sorrow, but remain faithful.

There are forty caste homes in this town alone, where teaching is regularly given. If we had more Biblewomen we could reach so many farther afield.

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