

children come well to Sunday School and are learning many Bible stories and passages of Scripture. Some of them have bought hymn books. Dr. Hulet has very kindly looked after the Vuyuru Station work for me since January and the encouraging condition of the work is largely owing to that fact.

Vallur school since January has been under Dr. Hulet's oversight. In February we had a most interesting public prize-giving at the Municipal Chairman's home, which was well attended by the leading men of the town. Indeed the whole town seemed to be there. Beautiful prizes, sent by Walmer Road B. V. P. A., were distributed and the "grown ups" seemed as delighted with the prizes as the little recipients. Our good friends, Mr. Virachadra Rao, attended at no little inconvenience to himself and in his wife's absence, distributed the prizes. His brother, whom we had never met before also came from a distance, and brought some very nice prizes with him. Miss Agnes's (headmistress) brother came too. So it was quite a gathering. We do thank God for these friends and all their kindness and interest. With grateful hearts we realize that God has prospered that school, "we know not how," (Mark 4. 27). It is our aim and desire this coming year to give ourselves more than ever to the work in the villages and on the field, to strengthen and develop the work among the Christian women in our churches, so that they may make greater progress in the knowledge of the scriptures, and may grow in grace and true Christian character. We close with praise to God for His abundant answers to our prayers and your's for the school especially and for Ruth. When you pray remember the Caste widows—five I know of who seem to be near the Kingdom.

Dr. Hulet reports further of the Valluru School—an attendance of 60, over forty children in the infant and first classes, who are making good progress in their studies. They love to sing and are able also to recite the commandments and repeat a prayer which their teacher Ratamma has taught them. The first class are learning to sew on bits of turkey-red cloth.

The older girls are well up in their Bible studies and in their secular work. They have learnt to pray readily and do so in their own homes as well as at school. The landlord, who raised so many difficulties in the way of renting the building where the school meets, when it was first started, made more trouble

when the time came for re-renting, but an amicable agreement was reached, when the man at last realized that he could not scare the missionary into giving in to his demands.

Dr. Hulet has two good Bible-women, both widows and both called Joy. They spend most of their time away on tour and are well received by the caste people.

Vuyuru Girls' Boarding School.—Mrs. Cross has the oversight of this school. She reports in many ways a peculiar year; nearly all the children were influenced by the revival, some receiving a deeper and lasting experience than others. Five were baptized although many made application. The number of girls in attendance through the year was twenty-two. The final examination took place in December and those in the highest class completed their course. Three girls passed on to Cocanada High School, and one day scholar of whom there are about fifteen in attendance.

In place of these some new scholars were received, some of whom are quite small and often get lonely for their mother's caresses. It is not always easy to have such small children in the boarding school, but their circumstances were such as was thought wise to admit them.

Akidu.—The Jennie McArthur Bungalow was nearing completion when last reported, over a month ago, and we trust that by this time Miss Robinson and Miss Selman are enjoying their new home. Miss Robinson's description is interesting: "The walls are of a reddish brown stone which is very pretty indeed. Then the location is excellent, between the canal and the road, facing the former (almost directly south) and fully open to the prevailing breezes from that direction. The plan is the best possible, under the circumstances, as we tried to give the building a presentable appearance from either line of travel. Our compound has only two trees as yet, planted by Mrs. Chute some nine years ago, but we hope to set out many more. Of course there is a line of young Palmyra palms all around the property, but these give no shade. As the compound has so few trees, we will not only have more glare from the sun than this bungalow (built in 1880) surrounded as it is by splendid trees, but we will have the compensation of a good view of the sunsets and the stars. Over the two bed-rooms, which are separated by the long middle room (which furnishes sitting and dining-rooms, divided by a screen) and which has an ordinary tiled roof, are flat roofs, ce-