

The Eastern Society

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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE BUILDINGS AT VUYYURU

The first news regarding progress made on the new buildings at Vuyyuru, around which our hopes and prayers have centered for so long, comes to hand from Miss Bessie Lockhart, who reached Cocanada on December 30th, 1926.

The members of our Society should be extremely grateful to Rev. Archie Gordon for the splendid work which he has put into the buildings, and that he has used our Jubilee fund to such advantage that there will be not only the required classrooms, girls' dormitory and wall in which the sick-room is built in, but also a new cook-room and pounding room with much better light and ventilation, a septic tank and a well—each of these buildings being part of the wall required to surround the completed whole.

Miss Lockhart writes: "After conference I came down home. Everything looks familiar but the boarding school. I wish you could see it!

Mr. Gordon is doing a wonderful piece of service for our women's work by looking after it all so carefully. He has had Dr. Hulet's hospital building lately to do, but that is now finished. He just has to let field work go very often, for in building one just has to stand by. It is too heavy a job for a woman. Few of us know anything about such things anyway. They say "Mr. Gordon works like a coolie often!"

The back of the new building is the wall—a much better arrangement than to have a separate one. Then there are ventilators high up by the roof. So nobody could possibly get in at that side. Then where the buildings stop there is a nice high wall with glass on top. Oh, it does look so nice! That old mud wall was always so ragged looking no matter how much cow manure we put on; but it is all brick now.

The new dormitory is very, very nice, and of course the first place I went into was that isolation ward—right in the corner of the wall. It will accommodate fifteen or twenty girls, and surely there will not be any more

than that sick at once! I suppose Mrs. Gordon has written of the epidemic of measles last year and what a time she had. The boys are now digging out the trench for the next building. Then from that end to meet the line of the old wall will be the new wall with no buildings attached except a septic tank for the girls. We are hoping to get that to work well, as sanitary arrangements are exceedingly difficult to make in this country.

The kitchen and the rice-pounding room are in the front wall. Wherever we can put a wall and a building together we save that much, you see. When they took the old wall away they discovered a well that the former owners of the field had used and Mr. Gordon thinks they can fix that. The former well caved in, I believe. I do wish that some of you people who worked so hard for all this could see it. Perhaps you will some day!"

WORLD-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

The fourth meeting of the Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer for Missions was held in Montreal on March 4th in Erskine Church Hall. It was under the management of the Anglican Church and was presided over by Mrs. Strachan, President of the Women's Auxiliary, and was very well attended.

Two ladies from each of the following churches: Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist and United, led in earnest prayer for all the countries of the earth—that Christ might be known, loved and served throughout all lands—and that our own lives be more consecrated to Him and to His Kingdom.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of, and to the whole round world . . . is bound by golden chains about the feet of God."

"If men cannot believe in the Christians whom they have seen, how can they believe in the Christ whom they have not seen?"—Maltbie D. Babcock.