

work there (the medical work being honorary). With the leper work, the lace industry and Bible Training Class on my hands, you will understand why touring days and visits to houses have decreased. The latter have decreased on my part, but increased on the part of the workers; so I have in the last two quarters engaged three new Biblewomen, each one being an elderly responsible person of good character and quite able to go alone to a group of villages in her own quarter. These three are a great acquisition to the work. One who was in our training class has become my Biblewoman; one is in Parlakimedi, and one in Avanigadda. I spent part of this quarter in Avanigadda with Miss McLaurin.

S. I. HATCH.

THE FIELD.

Akidu.—Influenza was busy there, as here. Dr. Chute was more than busy caring for the overflowing hospital, tents and bungalows. Seventy-seven were cared for in her own bungalow, besides those in hospital. The missionaries say she was very skilful in treatment, and succeeded in saving many lives that must, without her care, have been lost. All the boarding school children were saved. The Evangelistic Campaign had to be postponed altogether.

The Seminary, Cocanada.—We are experimenting along a new line in harnessing some of the spare energy of the boarding boys. With a motley collection of second-hand tools, begged, borrowed and bought, we are attempting to make ten desks for the High School. This week 6th and 5th Forms are marking off the wood, Senior Training are sawing, Junior Training are planing, 4th Form are boring holes and 3rd Form are sandpapering. There are two trained carpenters in the school, who will do the fitting and fine work and sharpen the tools. True, some of the boys go at it like a bull at a gate, but there is quite a lot of intelligent work and smartness in "catching on." They average ten to a company, and work in pairs. One holds the wood while the other uses the tools, and by changing around they can keep up a good pace for two hours and require only five tools to a company. Fifty boys accomplish quite a lot in two hours.

H. DIXON SMITH.

Sompetta.—Miss Zella Clarke writes joyfully of the organization of a new church. The first baptisms in Sompetta took place in connection with it, and the new members manifested their evangelistic zeal by going out in bands and holding services in the streets. Sunday School was begun with 80 pupils.

Vizagapatam.—This is another station where illness, influenza and pneumonia had been rampant, and some promising lives have been lost.

The High School is a flourishing institution, with 850 on the rolls.

YOUNG WOMEN—CHILDREN—WIDOWS.

Akidu.

Two Young Women Rescued.

The first Sunday in August two young women of the fisherman caste, from a village near Akidu, came, saying that they had left their homes and were anxious to become Christians and to learn to read. They assured us that their people would not hinder them. The older one said that she was married and had no children; her husband had left her and married again. The younger said that she