

Biblewomen.—Our faithful M. Sarah has lost an eye, and has been in the Women's Hospital in Cocanada near her two daughters. The lady doctor in charge told me that Sarah was such a good tonic to the other patients that she was keeping her beyond her time. P. Mary, of Sugara, seems to be at home in homes without number in that large idolatrous town. A few of the caste women are learning our Christian hymns, a few have given up idol worship and are professing to believe in Jesus. It was a great joy to me during the days I spent with her in trying to cover the town to see how heartily she was welcomed.

Shantamma's work is not so satisfactory, though she is still well received by the caste women. Not even able to read, she has been able to teach many of the caste women the verses that she herself has learned. The few that seemed to be believing whom we asked for a thank-offering responded so heartily that we were more than surprised.

Every Christian woman in G. Martha's village, whether able to read or not, recited some of the Bible portions assigned. The loss of her son is a great grief to her, but the child had such a triumphant death that she is somewhat resigned. Mahalakshmi, our new worker, a graduate of the Cocanada School, is winning her way by her sweet voice and gentle manner.

Industrial Work.—Three days or more of every month is given to our lace industry. There are over forty workers in the different villages doing more or less crochet work. These were mostly raw villagers when Mrs. Gunn began the work, but they are improving all the time. It is notable that the girls who have been taught to read in the school show much the greater aptitude. We have meetings with those workers who

bring in their work once a month, when they recite verses and give collections at the rate of half an anna to the rupee on all their receipts. These collections are voted from time to time to various objects. Beside this they are urged to contribute to their own churches.

Lepers and Medical Work.—The late Pastor David's wife and son have been giving very efficient help, but the son is too young to take the responsibility his father carried, so on Dr. Joshee's willing shoulders the extra burden has fallen. Beside his work in the Lepers' Homes he has ministered to 6,000 patients in the Bell Hospital, been president of our Northern Ciscars Convention, the highest honor that may be given by the Telugu Christians of our whole mission, the chairman of the Municipal Union and this in office the highest citizen in the town, beside being a member of various important committees in church and municipal matters, all of which he has filled with efficiency and kindness. Mrs. Joshee has also been very helpful. We have found our Toronto Observation Ward too small for the need, so we hope to enlarge. Our Kirubai, whose sad story is told in the LINK, is being treated by a new remedy, also four little girls, who are only slightly tainted. Pusushatlam Purder's health has improved. He and P. Solomon minister very acceptably to the lepers in spiritual things. Six of the members have been baptized, five also in the untainted house. A very touching memorial service was held in May in grateful memory of Dr. Kellock.

We made a delightful trip by motor to Kotapilli to visit the dispensary, which, under Mrs. Massey's care, is almost entirely self-supporting. We put up at our day school, called the Randal bungalow. We examined a number of the schools, one of which is held in the bungalow. So ends a busy year.