

It was a great joy to us to clasp again the hands of the returning missionaries, and to greet the new recruits. We are proud—and justly so—to admit these latter to our ranks.

Misses MacGill and McLeish are to be in Cocanada for the year; Miss Mason in Waltair; Miss Woodman in Vizianagram, and Miss Corbett in Paleondah.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith go to Waltair to aid in English work, while continuing their Telugu studies.

Farewell was said to Miss MacLeod, Mr. Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Tedford, and the Misses Clark, who leave us for the homeland in the spring. May they be a blessing to all with whom they come in contact, and be the means of inspiring others to enter this glorious work.

Many were the plans made for the new year during the twelve days assembled, and we have returned to our several stations with greater determination to aid in hastening of the coming of "The Kingdom" in this land.

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### ON TOUR.

I am in my tent about six miles north of my home in Cocanada, and four or five miles south of the mission house at Pithapuram. Just a few yards distant threshing and winnowing have been going on for several days, just as they did in Bible times. Oxen were driven round and round over the threshing-floor day after day, and then the men winnow the grain by letting wind blows the chaff away.

The other evening, I went to see a village two miles up the road. The big moon came up while I was going. There is only one Christian in the hamlet that I went to see; but we have had a teacher there for over a year now. It was getting dark when he brought his little school to me, so I had him examine them on the multiplication table, and

they did very well. I noticed that one girl seemed extra bright. Even in these advanced days, many Brahmins do not educate their girls, so missionaries are always pleased to see the girls coming to school.

Then the children sang an action song, and two hymns, the latter according to their classes, those of the Second Standard by themselves, and then those of the First Standard.

Then we preached to the grown-up people for a long time, while the moon rose higher and higher, and the air got colder and colder. This is winter, you know, and it gets down to 60 sometimes at night. You think that is not cold, but it feels chilly after it has been 80 at night most of the year.

JOHN CRAIG.

### CIRCLES AND BANDS.

Peterborough.—The Park Street Women's Mission Circle held their annual thank-offering service on Tuesday evening, January 14th, in the lecture hall of the Church. The event was a little out of the ordinary, being a "Seven Social," the number seven being carried throughout—seven cents' admission was charged; every seventh person coming in free. The programme consisted of the following seven numbers:—

Opening—Hymn. Scripture—Revelations. 1st Chapter, Miss M. Mann, President. Prayer—Pastor, Rev. W. C. Riddiford. Solo—Miss Maud Smith. Seven minutes' address—Rev. Mr. Riddiford, "Seven precious sayings of the Cross." Duet—Miss Mary Robinson and Miss Hazel Gillespie. Recitation—Miss Ethel Hill.

At the close, the President, Miss Mann, in a few well-chosen words, thanked those who had so kindly taken part in the programme, and invited all present to remain for the refreshments which was arranged on tables at which