

Society, where every woman is a member and as a rule comes to the meeting. Seven villages of Akidu sent in reports of their meetings.

#### MEDICAL WORK.

The care of all the work for women on the Ramachandrapuram field, the Caste Girls' School, the Leper Home, Home for the untainted children of lepers and the Hospital have taken much of Dr. Hulet's time. Many sick come to her house and while ministering to their diseases she has told them of Christ the Great Physician. Dr. Hulet's skill has been the key to open many doors in Ramachandrapuram and in Pusalpudi, where with the help of her tactful and courteous Bible-woman, Martha, a welcome was always received and the blessed old story listened to, but God called Martha to Himself some months ago, and though many more houses have been opened, Dr. Hulet can only see them very occasionally. Many Brahmin houses have received visits from Dr. Hulet, of 1,496 patients who have been treated during the year, 393 were Brahmins.

Miss Simpson's knowledge of medicine and nursing gives her much influence in Cocanada, where she every year has a great many patients.

On the Akidu field Miss Morrow and Miss Selman who have given considerable attention to the use of medicine, find every day a little medical work to do, if only to pull teeth. We have a little hospital in Akidu "The Star of Hope," but the people do not seem to realize that during Dr. Pearl Chute's furlough it is closed.

*Leper Work.*—The leper work is very hopeful. The teaching of God's Word has borne precious fruit. Nine converts have recently been added to the church by baptism, twenty-one were received earlier in the year. The only objection Dr. Hulet hears to lepers coming to the Home in Ramachandrapuram is that all who come there become Christians.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

*Cocanada Girls' School.*—First comes the Cocanada Telugu Girls' Boarding School, of which Miss Baskerville, the principal, writes: "Looking back to thetime when my work first began in the school, I cannot but contrast the state of things then and now. Without a suitable building, poorly equipped in furniture and appliances, with not one teacher on the staff whose qualifications were up to the requirements of Government and twenty-

six boarders in the school, there was plenty of room for improvement.

At the beginning of this my second term of service, we stand on a much higher plane. We now have a building that calls forth commendation from Government Inspectors and Inspectresses, who are proverbially chary of praise; our blackboards are considered worthy of imitation; our furniture is all that Government requires that it should be; all the teachers on the staff are qualified and normal; the number of boarders has increased three-fold; the dormitories, kitchen, store-room, etc., are on an improved plan. We have a hospital room in which severe cases of illness may be kept apart; we have a commodious granary in which a year's supply of rice may be stored, and a considerable sum can be saved yearly by buying grain in quantities when the price is low.

Thus equipped, our school has a most hopeful outlook, may the blessing of God rest upon the work abundantly, and may it be a power for good in His hands, in raising the people in this land of darkness into the light that shines from His throne!"

After several years of patient and diligent effort, both by Miss Baskerville and Miss Murray, to find a properly qualified Head Master for the school, you can imagine with what joy she welcomed the offer of Mr. A. P. Veersawmy to take the position. Mr. Veersawmy is the pastor of the Telugu Church. He has had ten years' experience as Head Master in the Girls' School at Nellore, and is in every way a suitable man for the position from a spiritual, as well as an educational standpoint.

The school opened after the summer holidays with 75 boarders, and 20 more entered during the year, but 14 left; some to be married and some to go for normal training. The highest number of day scholars was 23. The classes in English which were commenced last year proved so popular and so many girls came that Miss Baskerville was obliged to have a special class for them, this added two English classes to her daily and other classes.

The older girls have helped in Sunday School work, going out in twos and threes on Sunday afternoons under Miss Simpson's direction.

Three girls are in the Training Class, taking such studies as will best fit them for efficient Bible workers. Salome, of Narsapatnam, is one of these. All who have passed through this