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NEWS ITEMS.

Avanigadda.—The evangelistic campaign meetings held in Kishkindapalem, Avanigadda field, were a real success and a source of real satisfaction and encouragement to the missionaries of the field and the pastor of the church. These island children of ours are not wicked, but weak. One grand result of the meetings was the signing of a petition, on the part of the Christians and leading caste men, to the Government, to remove the toddy-shop near by, which was a great stumbling-block to our people. Even those who had fallen time and again before its power, but who had confessed and asked for pardon, signed.

K. S. McL.

School Statistics.—The total of statistics for non-European schools of all grades in our Mission, as furnished by the missionaries, are as follows: Number of schools, 267; number of teachers in elementary schools, 388; total expenditure during the year Rs. 101,359-4-3; amount met from Mission Funds, Rs. 39,297-9-8; from Government grants, Rs. 23,085-6-8; from Fees, Rs. 37,105-11-6; from other sources, Rs. 2,299-15-6. The total strength for the Timpany School is 42.

A. A. SCOTT.

Vuyyuru.—Building is the order of the day at present. The boys' dormitory is well-nigh complete, the girls' one well begun, the Biblewomen's house is being roofed, my bungalow is being

unroofed, and minor repairs of all sorts have been done. A. GORDON.

Vizianagram.—Last month we had the pleasure of seeing four of the lepers confess Christ and follow Him in baptism. There are some true Christians among the poor lepers. Sunday, June 3rd, three from the Cantonment, two men and one woman, followed Christ in baptism, and were received into the Church, and one man was received by experience—making in all thirteen who have united with the Church since the first of the year. Others are seeking the light, and will, we trust, soon take a decided stand for Christ.

FLORA CLARKE.

Mesopotamia.—A letter from Mr. Cross, received to-day, reminds me that I have not written to anyone in the Mission for a long time, and I received no mail from February 17th until to day (May 10th). On February 24th I went to my Postoffice for my mail, and was told I might receive it any time, and so waited; but finally had to leave without it, for I was under orders to proceed to the Tigris at the Shurman bend, above Kut-el-Amara, where rumor had it we had effected a crossing the day before. I believe the mail arrived a half an hour after I left. But I never had a chance to return for it. Great things had happened. Kut had fallen, and our army was streaming across the river to intercept their retreat. I crossed the next day and worked