

with sorrow, but she will teach the Word as long as she lives and 'count it all joy.'

"You will remember that the women of our field gave towards a Biblewoman's salary the amount of thirty-four rupees for the year 1911. For 1912, we are glad to report an increase of more than half.

"This year, we rejoice because Santoshamma is wholly supported by the women of our own field. These gifts came from poor women, many of whom have not a second dress to wear. A number have sacrificed a meal in order to give their mite to the support of a sister, who tells them of Jesus and His love.

"Four new societies have been organized. One is in a village, where only six women know of Christ. They know very little, but are anxious to learn.

"The Sunday School work is a blessed privilege. The children have done well. A large number of them entered with enthusiasm into the competition for the prizes offered for efficient work.

"As we face the new year with all its opportunities, we breathe a prayer for guidance and faith to take God at His word."

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On this field no work is being done among the Mohammedan women. To meet their need, our evangelistic missionary, Miss Mary R. E. Selman, in addition to her many other duties, has this year been studying Hindustani.

**Biblewomen.**—The Biblewomen have been very fruitful in their work. New villages have been opened up and many new zenana pupils gained. Jemima, who works in her own church only, visits about ten villages monthly. She has a class of caste children, who can recite a great deal of Scripture and sing many Christian hymns.

**Christian Women.**—Some very inspiring meetings were held in different churches with the Christian women and the work is very encouraging. Many are helping to carry on the work by their regular giving. Many who cannot read, and some who are finding it difficult to secure common necessities, are putting

aside small sums or are raising fowl for the Lord's work. The Help-meet Society has been striving to get every woman to do her share. Some have very little cash, but, at the suggestion of the Biblewomen, some set aside one fowl for the Society. When the offerings were counted, we were pleased indeed to find that more than the support of a Biblewoman for a year had been given. The women tell me that in the near future they hope to take over the support of some new church.

**Caste Women.**—My faithful helpers and I have had a great deal of joy in the sowing of the precious seed in about four hundred caste centres. We prayed and hoped that we might see fruit this year, and that some who had learned Scripture texts and short prayers last year, might come out, and publicly confess Christ. I am happy to know that a great many of these women have purchased New Testaments; and several give regularly to our Christian work. In the village of M.—, Indramma, a caste widow, frequently pays a Nicodemus visit to the Christian teacher's house, where she learns and sings of Christ. In many new villages the caste women have entreated us to come often.

Miss Edna Corning, who had charge of the Akidu School for the first half of our Convention year, writes that the work there is full of encouragement and promise. "The new Chapel School-house soon proved to be none too large for the steadily growing school, and the boys' dormitory was crowded. The inspector wrote: 'I find the school in an excellent condition.' On Easter Sunday, twelve girls and eight boys were baptized. The most encouraging feature of boarding school work is being able to watch the sometimes slow, but nevertheless steady, growth of Christian character."

"The Village School has been recognized by Government, and the inspector told me he considered it one of the best of its kind in the district.

"Our two evangelistic schools and the work among the women of the village, grew more and more encouraging throughout the year. In one section of the Sudra part of the village, where we had always been refused a hearing, we were one day allowed to sit down by the side of the cowshed. About thirty women gathered and listened for