

Vuyyuru.

Medical work—Miss Hulet, M.D.

The noble little hospital carried on by Dr. Hulet has suffered a very great loss in the death of the only trained helper on the staff—the head compounder, who had been in the work from the beginning. His unselfish devotion to the needs of the suffering, especially during a time of great strain, brought on an illness of four months, and on Easter morning “he whom we thought indispensable to the work and to his family, was called away from us. Our loss seems irreparable.

This was one of the transformed and consecrated lives, whom to hear about makes us rejoice to have a share in the work of giving the Gospel to the Telugu people.

The staff consists of Dr. Hulet, two compounders, a nurse in training, a ward servant and a boy.

The new addition has added much to the efficiency of the hospital, 186 patients having passed through the wards last year. New dispensary patients numbered 6,110.

A great deal of the expense is met by the fees for medicine and attendance, but the aim is to win the gratitude of the people, thereby ensuring a good hearing for the message from the Great Physician, who would bring healing to their souls.

A great change in caste feeling is noticed in the last year or so. Caste women are willing to share the room with Christians, and even Brahmins are breaking their cherished superstitions in order to enter the ward.

The needs are—more land that the Compound may be enclosed for safety—a choultry for the friends of the patients, while they wait at the hospital.

Pray especially that the opportunities given for ministering to the sin-sick souls may be wisely and effectively used.

Caste Schools.—The great difficulty always in these schools is to secure edu-

cated and Christian teachers. We were providentially supplied last June through the agency of the little hospital. The husband of Brahmin patient, became known to the missionary, and as he was a graduate of a mission school, he was given charge of our girls, to the great satisfaction of those in charge. Larger membership has followed, and it is good to know that all the older girls are keeping up their Bible study in their homes.

Valluru.—It has been hard work to maintain this school since Agnes left, for though there are many friends in the town there are also many enemies, who have resorted to all sorts of means to overthrow the work and to entice away the pupils. However, the high standing and the moral tone of the school are prevailing influences, and we are confident that in time, the attendance will be as large as ever.

Pray that the hindrances be overcome, and that an earnest Bible-woman may be found to follow the girls to their homes, to counsel and encourage them in times of trial and temptation.

When the new building already referred to is ready, we will see great strides in the progress of this very happy work.

Vuyyuru—Women and Children.

Miss Zimmerman writes:—First, let us speak of the women who carry the tidings.

Jane and Miriam, we all remember, grown old now and laid aside from active work, but who preach the love of Christ on every occasion given.

Amelia and Sontoshamma, regular and faithful companions of the missionary all the year.

Mary, Martha and Shantamma, new, who returned from the training school and began work at Christmas.

Shantamma, “our bright laughing” child, had a serious illness in February, but with this one exception, our women have been wonderfully free from illness.