

regiment, had been stationed. Her husband's relatives were some of them Christians, baptized. She and her husband were also, she said, only they had not been baptized. A. seemed loth to go and lingered long, as she would not see me again very soon. After much exhortation in the way of Life, they left, A. begging me to remember her with love. A Christian woman then claimed my attention a short time : she had some family troubles to relate.

It was now nearly six, so I went out for some recreation, and we were just being called in for dinner, when we found one of the students' wives had been taken very suddenly ill. I helped Mrs. S. relieve the sufferer somewhat by water applications, and then went in to dinner. As Mrs. S. was called out to see the sick woman again, our usual concert of prayer for our Telugu mission was omitted. The evening I spent chiefly in reading over and collecting some items of interest for our missionary meeting. I closed the day with prayer with R. and the two punkah-women who come to me these very hot nights. And so the day was done. I lay down weary, and yet withal thankful, that the Lord had so filled my head and hands with work, and I prayed that He would at all times give me strength equal to my days.

A few items must be added :—The women's prayer-meeting continues ; five occasional visitors labored earnestly in the Gospel for part of the year, visiting the heathen women in the town ; at present two of these are not here, two have increased family cares, and one cannot go alone, but we hope some will again resume work. Satyavedam, of Jettapalem, having received much benefit from her six months' training in the Cocanada school, has begun her work in the village with renewed interest ; the troubles alluded to in the last report have now subsided, and harmony prevails. Rebecca has been laboring alone among the women of Chellalinga and the surrounding villages, and reports constant work ; the missionary of the Peddapuram field, where she is, will henceforth oversee her work and report for her.

God has blessed me with a fair measure of health and strength during the year, but I had to escape the heat by running away to the hills during vacation.

May He bless us all with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in the days that are to come ! With many loving greetings to all the sisters.

I am, yours faithfully,

S. I. HATCH.

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*My Dear Miss Buchanan.*—Heretofore I have been somewhat perplexed as to the nature and extent of report that I should send you, but I am happy to say that my doubts have reached a solution and that my perplexity exists no longer. Moreover my report should be easily written, for from the beginning the women have shown a sincere interest in the work done at the Seminary, for they have regularly contributed to its support. But when Miss Hatch came to the Seminary and became a large factor in all the good work done, it was only natural that the interest shown on the part of the women should increase ; and so last year our hearts were made glad by the women undertaking (the Principal's salary excepted) the entire support of the institution. For that means not only their interest in collecting funds for the working of the Seminary, but their prayers as well. And when we are remembered constantly in the prayers of the

Baptist women of Ontario and Quebec, may we not hope that, in answer, the Divine Spirit will overshadow the place and create in the minds of these students an inextinguishable flame of love, that will make Gospel heralds of them.

And, moreover, it seems to me that the women, as they ever do, have chosen wisely, when they decided to expend so much money in the training of the future evangelists and pastors for these Telugu people. For though there may be a question as to what extent foreign money may be used to support native helpers, that question disappears in regard to the support of Biblical and theological education. For it is customary in America, and Canada even, to build and endow schools and frequently also to expend money upon needy students while pursuing their course. The cases are not parallel, I know, still it seems to me that you may commit your gifts to this work with a freer mind than can sometimes be done in reference to other objects.

And then as to self-support, which has been, and is still a burning question, I think we are making some progress. You will have seen in the *Baptist and Link*, several months ago, accounts of a movement among the students in that direction ; and as no letters have followed giving after-results, you may inquire what has become of the movement. Was it a mere short-lived outburst of enthusiasm, or was it a clear grasping of the situation, with a determination by the grace of God to respond ? I think it was somewhat of the latter kind. But there needs to follow much patient work and not a little waiting. For the students to put into practice all that the pledge means at once, upon leaving the Seminary, would mean that many must return to coolly labor which would also necessitate a return to their homes or a situation, where work could be found. But this we cannot afford, and as the Christians have scarcely the ability, and certainly not as yet, the mind to undertake their support while ministering to them the Word of Life, and preaching the Gospel to the heathen around, it follows that their support must be continued longer.—Moreover, in this crusade much depends upon the missionary in charge of the field, to which the student goes, and unfortunately every missionary's time and strength are limited. The work is truly great and as we come to appreciate it better, we more and more realize that the laborers are few. But this much, however ; you have not, I hope, heard the last of the movement. One of the graduates of last year is even now supported by a native church, while another partial course man put his pledge into too literal practice by returning to coolly work. Indeed, many of the students have the mind, but there are difficulties still in the way. These, however, will be surmounted in the near future.

As to the work done in the school, it is very much of the same character as formerly, only, I hope, of an ever increasingly better quality. Miss Hatch will, of course, report her own work in the Bible Department. It may be added, that no very clear line can be drawn as to the work done by any one in the Seminary ; still, you may rest assured that every one and all are doing all they can.

You will have seen a photograph of the graduates reproduced in the *Link*, with a brief characterization of each. They are not all that we could wish, still, we think they have the root of the matter in them and that they will make good and efficient workers. As we are adding a year to our course of study, we shall have no graduates the coming Commencement Day, except one or two partial course students. As it takes a long time to complete the course, we expect to lay more stress in future upon preparing men for the work who will study but two or three years. The need is so pressing for preachers and teachers that we find it difficult to wait until the students are ready for the work.

As to the conduct of the students, we think it will compare favorably with that of the students in any other like institution in India or America. We are trusting for a good year, and crave a particular interest in your prayers that the students may not fall into temptation and sin. The