

These had not been absent even a half day during the year. 6 others, 2 Hindus and 4 Christians took the second prize. These have been absent less than ten days. The third prize was claimed by 8 pupils, 2 Christians and 6 Hindus.

Any missionary who has attempted to carry on a girls' school (other than boarding) in India, knows how difficult it is to secure good attendance, hence these prizes, which were either rupees, books, or prettily dressed dolls sent in our last *Home* box.

Besides these, all the pupils who had attended school 150 days, in the higher classes, and 100, in the lower, received a suit of clothes (skirt and raniak.)

The scholarship prizes were carried off equally by Christian and Hindu pupils, 7 of each. But this equality was not according to the relative numbers in the school as there are only 11 Christians, and 55 caste Hindu pupils.

The two prizes for needle work, given by Miss MacNeill, now of Vizianagram, were taken by Christian pupils.

The rupee prizes for attendance and scholarship, were given principally by Hindu Gentlemen of the town for that purpose, most of these gentlemen, including H.H., the Rajah, as well as the Europeans then in town, six in number, were present at our prize giving, and expressed themselves as well pleased with what they saw and heard of the school, and many prizes were offered for the coming year. A small present was given to each of the teachers, by the Manager of the school, as a reminder of her appreciation of their faithful services during the year.

The exercises were opened with singing and prayer. The report, speeches &c., were alternated with singing by the pupils. Cards on which were some Bible scenes, a text or two, a verse, &c., and oranges, were distributed to all, visitors, teachers and pupils. Garlands and bouquets were given to the visitors, and the proceedings closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again."—*The Lone Star*.

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M. F. CHURCHILL.

FROM THE TELUGU REPORT FOR 1892.

BIMLIPATAM.

Missionaries.—L. D. MORSE, MRS. MORSE, MISS A. C. GRAY. *Native Helpers*.—K. APPALASWAMY, C. CHITTIAH, B. THUMMAH, R. PAULUS, Colporteur.

This, our first year in India, has been spent in learning a new language, and a new world. It has been very painful to be so helpless in the midst of so much need. But thanks be to God for the health to pursue a happy and hopeful struggle with the difficulties that lay in our path. Every gleam of daylight that has from week to week broken through the Telugu, has been a grateful relief to an oppressed heart. It has been like the bursting of heavy clouds, and the opening of the windows of heaven, for it rolled off little by

little the suffocating incubus of silence, and broke ajar an ever wider opening door to a work that enlists all the powers that God has given.

Any further report this year would be a mere form. The study of the language has been our main business. All other work has been subservient or incidental.

Patience, in refraining from direct evangelistic work, when the time could be spent more profitably in preparation for more effective service in the future has been deemed a virtue.

However, since the first of April, regardless of countless blunders, it has been my privilege to conduct a class in S. S. and to lead nearly all the prayer meetings. Also Bro. Sanford's established service, at the Clock Tower, has been kept up. After the cool season set in many afternoons were spent with the native preachers in visiting and revisiting the dozen villages, that lie within a radius of two miles around Bimlipatam.—L. D. MORSE.

MISS A. C. GRAY, ONE BIBLEWOMAN, ONE CHRISTIAN TEACHER.

For the unnumbered blessings received, and the privilege of spending another year in the service of the Master, we render praise and thanksgiving to Him the Giver of all good.

With the exception of three months at Ootacamund and twenty-one days on tour, my time has been given to work at the station, and therefore less has been done among the women than heretofore. I regret that this is so; but changes have taken place, which made it necessary to follow the course pursued.

In the town we have made some visits from house to house, and in a few cases we believe our efforts have been blessed. One woman, whom we have known and visited during the past six years, we hope is trusting in the true God for salvation; but yet she is not ready to leave all and follow the Master in His appointed way. Many in the town have heard the Gospel story over and over again; and we wonder at their indifference to the claims of Christ and the offer of salvation. In the school are a number of girls who have been gathered in from among the heathen, and who, no doubt, will become Christians; but what we pray and hope for, is a revival—a turning unto the Lord of such as shall be saved. The promises of God regarding the heathen, which are yea and amen in Christ Jesus are our only hope and encouragement. On these we rely, feeling assured that in his own time, our work will be blessed in the salvation of precious souls. The tour referred to was made in September, in company with K. Appalaswamy, R. Paulus and his daughter Asservadham. Sontam, Vemalavasa and Krishnapuram were visited, and were the centres from which we worked in thirty villages. In all we had a good hearing, and many interesting experiences. In Vemalavasa, an elderly Brahmin had read portions of the New Testament, a copy of which he had received from us two years since. At his house we had an opportunity of speaking to a large number of men, women and children. In another village we met two widows of the same caste, who gave us a kind reception and heard the word gladly.

At Sontam we spent one week visiting seventeen villages. The people are well acquainted with us and our teaching, and among them some, who seem to be seeking the true way. Krishnapuram, ten miles from the station on the Chittivasa river was our last stopping-place, near the village Padmanabamswamy, on a high hill overlooking the surrounding country is the