

questions readily, and repeat the golden text of the Intermediate lessons. These have been taught in the school for the last three years. Five teachers, a preacher, and the pupils in the higher classes went up for the written examination on July 16, and all passed. Many 1st class, and all the rest second except one, and she did well to get even third, as she was not allowed to attend the Sabbath School, but a short time before the examination. A great many in the lower classes, Hindus and Christians, passed in the Viva Voce Examination. One little girl of five years passed, and wasn't she pleased? We have now two high caste girls in our Third Form, who have had a hard fight, I may say, with their relations, to remain in school long enough to pass our highest Government Examination. They both passed the Sunday School Examination, one 1st class, and the other had 72 marks out of 100. Their father is dead, and their mother whom we have visited much, is willing for them to come, or they could not have stemmed the opposition of their older brothers and all the Hindu community. They are not poor girls, and the elder being a widow, has determined to pursue her studies up to Matriculation. She is just a noble girl, has studied in my school for years; very fine-looking and self-contained. Pray that the Lord may yet use her to glorify Himself. The other is of course married, and so will have to stop her studies, at least publicly. She is a fine girl too. I have large hopes for them both in the years to come. I have asked these two and two of our Christian girls to review the four Bible lessons taught in the school since Sunday, in the school prayer meeting this afternoon. They have formed a "Girls' Improvement Society," in the school, and at their meeting, the whole school being present, three of these girls have come to the platform and read papers of their own composition. Very creditable papers, and read well. The first on "The Advantages of British Rule in India," the second on "Female Education in India," and the third "The Duties of Women."

This year three of the pupils who passed examinations in our school are at the "Nellore Training School for Women," being trained for teachers and we hope to send at least one next year.

Besides this girls' school we have two other schools for boys, of which I am manager—one in the public street and one among the Gadabas, a tribe of people living in the hilly tracts near

Bobbili. Some boys in each school are reading in the upper primary classes, and will go up for examination next month. From both of these schools some boys passed the I.S.S. Examination, and will receive certificates. Oh, I want them to come into the kingdom, and be used to bring their own people to Christ!

The pupils in both of these schools are very poor, as are most of them in my girls' school, and when Christmas comes each one of them who has passed the examination must have a suit of clothes to encourage him to attend school, so we are always very glad and thankful when something comes in the home boxes to help out.

This year I have added yet another school to my management—a mission girls' school at Rayagadda. Prabha Dass' wife, Unkamma, educated in our girls' school here, is a good, successful teacher for little children, so I urged her to start a school for girls, as they are now living in the town of Rayagadda. I went around myself and visited the parents, and told them of the school we intended to establish. Many girls came, but as soon as some bigoted Hindu heard that these children were attending a mission school they went to the parents and said, "Ah, you are sending your children to that school to have them made into Christians, take them away!" And there was a general stampede. But the preacher gradually induced most of them to return, and now there are 16 in attendance, all high caste, and dear little girls, and they are learning well. I was delighted when I examined them, during my last visit to that station. I do not know how they come on so well, for it is quite impossible to get them to come regularly to school. I gave each who had learned to read a little a Gospel to read themselves and to carry to their homes—dark, heathen homes, may these lighten them!

Now, with a request for prayer from all who read these lines on all these schools of which I have written, I remain,

Yours in His work,

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#### A MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWCOMBE.

This letter from Miss Newcombe, was sent to the sisters of the Western Association, but as there was not time to read it at the Association we publish it for the benefit of all who are interested.