

baptism, with her class, I was surprised at the quickness and ease with which the children understood the act of baptism as a symbol of the resurrection into a new life after dying and being buried to sin. But I understood better when they told me that Sarah had taken them to our Jagganaikpuram church to witness a baptism.

*Zenana Work*.—I am now making the rounds with the Biblewomen, visiting the zenanas in the different sections of the city. I meet a good many women who are interested, some more than ordinarily so. I long to see definite results from families that have been visited for forty years, regularly. I am organizing regular meetings amongst the Christian women in the different sections of the city. There is power here,—if only it were realized, trained and released in the great Service.

*The Spirit of Voluntary Service*.—I think Miss Baskerville used to report several evangelistic schools, or perhaps she called them Sunday Schools,—which were carried on in different adjacent "pettas" (hamlets) by the Boarding-school girls under the leadership of older women who gave their services voluntarily. I handed these schools over to the Sunday Schools committee of our local Telugu church, (on the North Cocanada field) and they appointed Miss P. Deevanamma, one of Miss Pratt's staff, as Superintendent of this group of schools. She is a beautiful young woman of real Christian grace and spirit, and undertook the work most heartily. It is a purely voluntary work, run by the Indian Christians themselves."

From Akidu, Miss Mann writes of her new work:—

*Eager to hear the Gospel*.—"M. Marthamma, V. Jemina, and I have made two tours this quarter. Three weeks were spent in the Kaikarum church, but as the Christians,—men, women and children,—were almost all in the fields, it was chiefly a time spent with the caste people. They seemed very eager to hear. We were eight days in the town itself, and hardly more than touched the homes open to us. 'Come again to-morrow' was the plea, and to make certain that we heeded, the next day they watched for us, and were so insistent, that we often obeyed their call. It was seldom

that we were able to reach the part of the town upon which we had decided, because there were so many calls in other directions. In the Turpu Kappu streets, the mud was so deep and sticky, that we could not get to their houses, so they asked us to speak under the village tree,—a group ranging from forty to one hundred gathered and listened attentively for two hours, standing in the rain for a good part of the time. Some of the caste women were very friendly (when their husbands were not about)—two coming to the boat twice to talk. The husband of one was very angry that she had come and beat her after she arrived home. The men themselves, especially the younger men, received tracts readily, and many came to the boat for explanation of parts read, or to hear further.

*Influence of Christian Schools*.—In one place a keen appearing young man came to a porch where a group of women were listening. Just as we were leaving, I offered him a small book containing some verses from the Gospels. He refused it, explaining that he had a full Bible and was reading it. He is teacher of the Junior High School in that town and is an Intermediate passed man, (one half of the B.A. course) of the Guntur Christian College, (Lutheran). He knew his Bible well, and as we were leaving, we heard him telling a group of women the account of the betrayal of Christ.

*Seeking for Peace*.—Out there, too, we met a Yogi, dressed in his saffron robes. He called at one house where we were speaking, and tried to bring us into a theological or philosophical debate. We knew our limitations and declined. The next day we met him on the road near a ruined Hindu temple where he had been doing "puga" (worship). He was very friendly and told us his story,—how to gain peace and hope after the death of his wife and two daughters, he had made a vow to eat no cooked food, and to spend his life going from one sacred place to another.

*Medical Aid a Help to Evangelistic Work*.—The other tour was in the Peddakappavarum church. This, too, was characterized by the eagerness of the people to hear,—in fact, while we were on the boat, there were people