

these scattered thoughts be read with the same interest with which they have been written. May the joy of serving this mission be yours, as it has been hers. See to it that you are in earnest, and have your lamps trimmed and burning, and filled with oil, so that the "well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of my Lord," may be yours, where all labor is past and sweet rest shall be your portion.

Jane Claxton.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Vuyuru has been fighting an epidemic of cholera. Miss Zimmerman writes that many are sick and a few have died, but that the missionaries and their people have been preserved from harm.

Mrs. H. E. Stillwell, of Samalkot, has been ill, threatened with appendicitis, and though the trouble did not take an acute form, Mrs. Stillwell has been obliged to have a rest at Pithapuram.

The humorous side of a missionary's experiences sometimes come to light. Miss Priest had started on a tour recently, and says of it: "On the way out, I remembered that I was to bring knives, forks and spoons, and had forgotten to do so. There would not be a single one to be had in the village, and I just laughed at the thought of managing with my fingers for a week. However, the cook had one knife and teaspoon, and I am managing fairly well."

Here is an example of the hold caste still has on many of the people. One of the missionaries writes: "A Christian woman who belongs to the Madigapett was sweeping round the house this morning, and I called her to bring me some water. Martha brought it to me, saying that the man who brought the water, a Mala, was much concerned lest she touch the coondah he had to touch after! Her touch would defile it for him. At the same time he is utterly insensible to the defilement of sin."

The annual meeting of the Toronto Baptist Laymen's Missionary Movement was recently held. The remarkable story of the gifts is one that ought

to be told to stimulate the zeal of God's people throughout our country. The total amount raised in 1907 for mission work was \$23,006.85. Now, three years later, the total has reached the large sum of \$72,232.35, considerably over three times the first contribution. This means an average giving from Toronto Baptists of \$8.60 a member. The four largest gifts came from Jarvis St., \$21,060.00; Walmer Road, \$14,139.10; Bloor St., \$10,231.62; Dovecourt Road, \$9,010.41. But the largest average per member was from Immanuel, which gave \$21.02. Jarvis St. came a close second with \$21 a member; Dovecourt Road, \$16.32, and Bloor St., \$13.32. And still they are reaching out after larger things.

Dr. John MacLaurin, our pioneer missionary, honored throughout our church as few men have been, has been lying very ill at his home on Robert St., Toronto, for several weeks' past. The trying experiences of those first years in India, now forty years past, and the continual strain of service in India continued from that time to a few years ago has left him with less physical strength to combat disease than he might otherwise expect to have. Many friends are watching and hoping with his family that he may be allowed to stay a while longer with them.

Dr. Harry Grattan Guinness, son of the founder of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union, has been giving a series of lectures in Toronto on the Mission fields of that organization. Both the lectures on the Congo and Inca Indians were illustrated with beautiful views and we venture to say that a very large number of people have added vastly to their store of general knowledge and missionary information through the medium of these lectures.

Two examples of the kind of work being done by the Timpany School have come to hand and are so full of encouragement we pass them on. "Gabriel Elliott, who passed his matriculation examination from the Timpany School about four years ago, has this last year taken his B.A. at the Madras University and won a scholarship of \$1,000 a year, which enables him to take a course at Oxford. This scholarship was granted not only because of his high