

Our Work Abroad.

THE SEMINARY AT SAMULCOTTA.

THE Seminary was opened by Mr. McLaurin in October, 1882, so its semi-jubilee will occur next October. The beginning was not very imposing either in the



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number and attainments of the students or in the ability of the teachers. Doubtless the principal often groaned over his task, as he tried to get a few new ideas into the heads of the students, both in regard to the subjects they were studying, and the methods of study. The attendance gradually increased, and some of the brighter boys became brighter, and after a few years a class graduated, and the young men went to work. When the school was only five years old, its doors had to be closed for a year, because the staff of missionaries was so small, and when it was reopened Mr. J. R. Stillwell was in charge.

Part of the Mission House had been used for class-rooms, but in 1889 the Seminary building was erected, much to the comfort of the missionaries and the convenience of the

school, literary and theological studies had been carried on together, but in 1892 it was deemed wise to have two departments; one for theological students and the other for those taking a literary course. A daily Bible lesson in each class continued to form part of the latter course. Mr. Stillwell continued in charge of the Seminary till the end of 1898, except during a furlough to Canada, when Mr. Davis was in charge. From 1899 till the close of 1905, Mrs. Craig and I cared for this important work. The Boys' Boarding Schools on the various fields sent boys to the Lower Secondary department in constantly increasing numbers, so that during our last year there were over sixty in that department. A fair number passed the Lower

Secondary examination from year to year, and thus became qualified to attend a Lower Primary Training school and secure a Teacher's Certificate, which some have done. In 1901 a training school for primary teachers was opened in connection with the Seminary, and a good many have



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