

Our readers will remember that last year the W. F. M. S. of Manitoba and the North-West assumed the support of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and his report is today to this Board.

The following are portions of his report:—

“RAMACHANDRAPURAM

“*Work at the Station.*—Besides the regular preaching services which have been kept up throughout the year, considerable work has been done in the near villages and already a number are asking for baptism. The Boarding School has been superintended by Mrs. Davis, and the teachers have done good work.

“On Saturdays Mrs. Davis has conducted a sewing class for the school boys, in order that they may learn to make and mend their own clothes. She has also superintended the Famine Relief Work, which was carried on for a month to help the poor Christians and their heathen relatives. In addition to this she has had to nurse the sick and give out medicines. Four Christians brought in from distant villages after a lingering illness died here in the compound. The nursing of these sick ones and the preparations made for their burial fell to the lot of the missionary's wife while her husband was far distant touring among the villages. Such are some of the duties of the wives of missionaries in lonely stations.

“*Touring.*—We spent about 55 days away from home, looking after the building of the new boat and attending conferences and associations. In addition to this we have toured 112 days. Our message has generally been well received. The caste people are manifesting a greater in the Gospel from year to year. This is especially noticeable among the women.

“In some villages from 50 to 100 women came out into the streets to listen to our message, while as many more were on the verandas and hiding behind walls. The work for lady missionaries is rapidly developing, and India will be turned upside down when her women are brought to Christ. We have frequently been invited to sit on the verandas of wealthy farmers and to read and expound the Scriptures. Four new villages have opened up and 24 men and women have been baptized in these villages. Our workers have been greatly encouraged by our visits and souls have been saved.

“There seems to be a general awakening among the leather workers and 48 from that caste have been baptized during the year. There is a growing conviction among all castes and classes of the people that the Christian religion is the one true religion and Jesus Christ the one true God and Saviour of men.

“*Incidents in the Work.*—In August we were led to hold special services in the Muramanda church

where for years there had been standing quarrels among the members. We were almost heart broken over the condition of these Christians and often cried to the Lord for them. The time did not seem favorable then, but when it came, we went to the village and began to preach on the holiness of God and the sinfulness of the human heart. On the evening of the 4th day when we were all bowed in prayer, I suddenly heard a noise and looking up I saw two men run across the church; they clasped each other's hands and shook with emotion. Tears were in their eyes as they forgave and were forgiven. Others followed their example and confessed their sins one to another. The church was greatly helped and strengthened by these meetings and we hope for better things there in the future.

“In the Kaleru church, Mary, a Christian woman who receives no salary from the Mission, spent her spare hours in teaching the women of another village about Jesus. When I visited that village in October I was surprised to find how much Bible knowledge they had acquired. Their repentance was so genuine that I almost wept as I listened to their testimonies. Shortly afterwards 8 of them were baptized.

“In another village, Jacob, the ex sorcerer, who was baptized about three years ago, has visited his relatives in many villages and borne his testimony to the saving power of the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

“*Quarterly Report.*—48 persons have been baptized since the year opened up to the time I left, April 9th, and 12 others applied for the ordinance and are waiting my return. I certainly think that you and we ought to give special thanks to God for His abundant grace. From October, 1900, to April, 1901, 78 persons were baptized on profession of their faith. That was a great six months' work and it gave my nerves a great strain. Let prayer go up from every Circle for this great work. Yours in His service.”

Report of Mr. Jackson, Organizing Secretary of Leper Mission in “Without the Camp.”

“On arrival at Cocanada at 12 30 (midnight) I was met by Miss Hatch's servant, who had a conveyance waiting. In this I was driven through the sleeping city to the Canal where the boat was moored—with Dr. Woodburn (of the Canadian Baptist Mission), who accompanied me to Ramachandrapuram. Miss Hatch welcomed us at the bungalow which she shares with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and after a rest she accompanied me to the Asylum, which under her able and devoted supervision has made such an encouraging beginning. Already there are forty-five inmates, though only about nine of these (viz. the women) are at present occupying permanent houses.* A large number have been turned away, especially of women, who could not be received because they had

*By now one large ward for men will have been completed and occupied, and another will be nearly ready.