

2. Telugu Mission Scrap Book, by T. S. Shenston.
  4. William Carey, by John Brown Myers.
  5. Report of the Lone Star Jubilee.
- We would urge our Circles to read these books.

## VOLUNTEERS.

Five young women have this year offered themselves for service in India. One of these offers was declined by the Board. One withdrew on account of the opposition of her parents. Action on two of them was deferred, as the Board were not in a position to send any more ladies just then—having pledged themselves to support a single man if he were appointed.

In July Miss Martha Rogers, under circumstances which seemed very clearly to show the guiding hand of Jehovah, offered to the Board herself, and all that she had, for the Lord's work in India. The offer was accepted, and on the 8th of October she sailed from New York in company with some friends of her own who are going to labor under another Society.

The Lord has said "Before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear." In speaking of this appointment and the joy the news has given, Miss Hatch writes: "Personally I believe Miss Rogers is coming in direct answer to prayer. At our last conference (July) Miss Stovel was recommended for Akidu. We four were talking together of the need, and felt almost like requesting the Conference to ask for another young lady, but we were held back partly from the feeling that there were three added to our number only last year, and partly from the fact that the general feeling was that just now pioneers were needed to go in the rough places and break up the soil, while those of the gentler sex might follow after and help with the tilling; so we made no request, but we all prayed (we four) over it together, especially for Miss Stovel, who might soon go to this new work, and for another young lady, that the way might be opened for her to come. Even after the conference it was much on my mind, and I partly resolved to write around to the different missionaries and ask them if we had not better send for one, but concluded it would be too late for her to come this year, and then my sister's letter came and yours which confirmed the good news. You can understand our special joy."

In April Miss Frith sent in her resignation as missionary of the Quebec and Ontario Societies. Her continued ill health led her to take this step. It was with great regret and deepest sympathy with her in this very trying ordeal that her resignation was accepted, at the same time the assurance was given her, that in case of her complete restoration to health, most gladly would she be reapointed to the work which is so dear to her heart. Having very remarkably improved in health during the summer, Miss Frith now asks to be sent back to India.

## OUR FOREIGN FIELD.

Last year, as all know, Miss Hatch was alone in her work. This year she has had the loving companionship of three others, and a fifth lady is now on her way to India.

Misses Simpson, Baskerville and Stovel arrived in Madras on the 22nd of October, 1888, and were most kindly received by Mrs. Drake. On the 27th they reached Cocanada, where such preparations had been made and such a cordial, joyous welcome was given them that they were almost overpowered.

At once they set to work at the study of Telugu, and in the words of Miss Stovel "the months of November and December, of 1888, and of January, February and

March, '89, were spent in study only—every day, all day long, trying hard to make a Western tongue and voice adopt the ways and tricks of this Telugu. April and May and part of June found us attempting a little work by way of a Bible-class three days in the week and also on Sunday—a little visiting in the evening among members of the Bible-class, and occasionally accompanying a Bible woman to one or more of the houses on her list.

Most gratefully do we acknowledge God's goodness to our missionaries now on the field—not only in giving an exceptionally fine passage to the out-going ones; but although in Cocanada cholera raged all around them, each and all have enjoyed uninterrupted good health. "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

## MISS HATCH.

It is almost impossible to tell all that Miss Hatch has accomplished this year. While perfecting herself in the language, she has kept charge of the Zenana work, has visited many houses, taught Bible-class, teachers' class, Sunday-school class. And service in the market with about a hundred hearers, some of whom were quite impressed, others indifferent; held conversation by the way with individuals, daily lessons for the servants and others in the compound, and spent many evenings in the Malapillys.

She entered on her work in Samulcotta Seminary on the 1st February and was there until the end of March, but still kept charge of the work in Cocanada, and met with the Bible-women there once a month. Then when the Seminary closed for the holidays she returned to Cocanada and vigorously prosecuted her work there. The Bible-women and others having received special inspiration on April 3rd, worked with much earnestness, and all had a specially good hearing.

In future Miss Hatch's special work will be in Samulcotta Seminary, training the young men in the wonderful truths of the Bible. She hopes to do much with the Bible-women, also some Zenana work there, and has already, with the other missionaries and the help of the students commenced a Sunday-school, the attendance varying from 39 to 100. "A sixth of a cent is given to each one who says his verse properly after being taught it in the class. By this means scores and scores are learning Bible verses and Christian hymns, and many of the simplest truths of the gospel." Miss Hatch hopes soon to open another Sunday-school in another part of the town. The Christian day-school has doubled its numbers since the Sunday-school was opened.

## MISS SIMPSON.

Almost immediately after her arrival in India Miss Simpson went to Akidu, but returned to Cocanada in December. The difficulty in securing a good munshi while at Akidu hindered her a little in the study of Telugu. Her first work was a class of Brahmins, who have showed real earnestness in studying the Bible. She will now have charge of the Zenana work in Cocanada. She writes, "Since Miss Hatch left in June the Bible-women have been coming to me every afternoon for prayer before going out to the Zenanas, and during July and August I have with my very much broken Telugu been giving them two Bible lessons a week.

"I am constantly receiving requests through the Bible-women to visit the women in their homes, as they miss the visits of the Zenana worker very much. The temptation to go is very strong sometimes, but I should be lost among them with my limited amount of Telugu. I am