

A VISIT TO RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

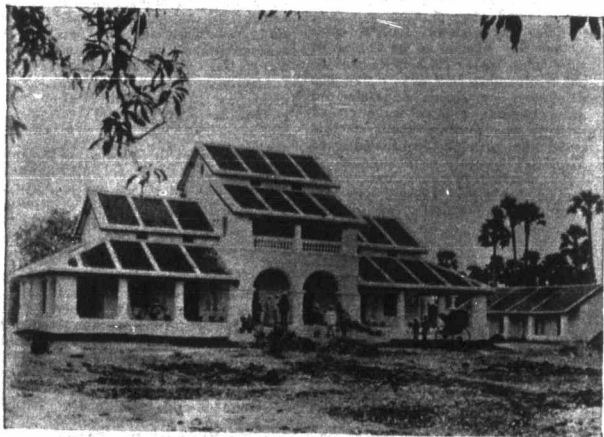
Mrs. James Ryrie.

Our party of four left Taddipellagum on the 7.30 train. We arrived at Kadium an hour and a half later and were met by Mr. J. R. Stillwell and Miss Hatch, with their houseboats, Mrs. Firstbrook and I going with Miss Hatch, our husbands with Mr. Stillwell. Our journey was a repetition of those already enjoyed by us on Mr. Chute's houseboat.

Upon our arrival at eight o'clock Sunday morning, we were glad to find Miss Jones awaiting us. She was a Toronto girl, having been a member of Parliament Street Baptist Church, the Church which has furnished so many helpers to the Foreign Field. Being intimately known to us since her girl-

and was given by Mrs. Dr. Kellock, of Perth, Ontario, as a memorial of her late husband, she becoming interested in Lepers through reading a letter written by Miss Hatch for the magazine "Without the Camp." The original building cost \$2,000, but has since been enlarged, and now includes four buildings with seventeen rooms, besides a chapel and pastor's house.

Miss Hatch, in 1898, having discovered that her servant, who carried water and washed her dishes, was a leper, became interested in Lepers and, talking over their condition with Mr. Davis, the missionary then in charge, it was suggested that she open an asylum for them.



Mission House, Ramachandrapuram.

hood, our meeting in such a place, under such conditions, gave us unusual pleasure. After having breakfast on the boat, we found two carriages with their drivers, belonging to the Rajah, awaiting us, which he had kindly placed at our disposal during our stay at the Mission. We were pleased to find such friendly relations existing between him and our missionaries.

Our first visit was to The Kellock Home for Lepers. This home is for men

It was found that among the Christians, there were twenty who were so afflicted and, in twenty-four villages within a fifteen-mile district, there were not less than one hundred and four cases. That such a home was needed was shown by the fact that as soon as the land was purchased, some of these poor creatures moved upon it, living in mud huts until more substantial houses were provided for them.

On our arrival at the Chapel, the sight