

part of the collection taken. Through them the interest has spread to another village three miles away."

Miss Priest, in what she calls "peeps at the harvest-field," tells the story of the caste widow Mahalakshmi, "who had been interested for years and who white-washed the Mission chapel last October in fulfillment of a vow to God years before. Her whole being was under the influence of the vision God had given her. Not long after this, arrangements were being made for the baptism of a number on a certain Sunday, and to our surprise Mahalakshmi appeared early in the morning saying that she must be the first to go into the water. Many are the trials that are coming to her through her son who is a gambler, and she needs our prayers."

Caste Girls' School.

In Ramachandrapuram there are two of which Miss Jones writes as follows:—"The Kumima Savram school still exists but at a 'poor dying rate.' But the main school is in good condition. The teachers, whose faithful work is responsible for the good report, are happy that the Inspector and the Assistant Inspector both commended the school and asked me to raise it from an Elementary to a Secondary school. The influence of the school and its consecrated teachers, helped by the Bible women who follow up their work, is increasing."

Miss Baskerville writes:—"More and more am I convinced of the value of our Caste Girls' School work,—more and more thankful am I for the prospect of a suitable building and equipment. May such schools be multiplied in our Mission. I believe we have no evangelizing agency among the women more blessed and fruitful. The foundation of the new building has been laid broad and deep and strong,—a lasting testimony to the memory of Miss Simpson who began the work in love and faith so many years ago."

Evangelistic Schools.

Miss McLeod reports nine of these

schools and writes,—*"Some of these form my greatest hope of a spiritual harvest for somebody's reaping."*

Miss Priest sees in such schools a wonderful "open door" among the children to sow the good seed and prepare for a reaping time later on.

Miss Selman has expressed great pleasure in this work and reports a decided improvement over last year. Eight well attended Rallies were conducted and well-earned prizes given. In one place twelve girls from non-Christian homes received New Testaments or Hymn books for memory work. One little girl was so deeply affected that she wept as she realized the truth of God's promises and His judgments.

Miss Baskerville found that a Rally with eight hundred children was rather unwieldy so tried the plan of dividing. They had one Rally for schools carried on by men and boys,—another for those by women and girls, which proved a very satisfactory arrangement.

Miss Jones tells of one village in which the teacher taught her pupils who in turn taught mothers, fathers and big brothers. One eight-year-old coaxed, petted and literally besieged her big brother to say the verses she had taught him.

Evangelistic Campaign.

Annually, the months of October and November are set apart in our Mission for an intensive work in which the endeavor is made to enlist the interest of every Christian. The selected Bible story and verses, and a suitable hymn are printed on a colored leaflet and distributed to all who can read,—these in turn being expected to teach them to the illiterate Church members. The passage selected for last year's campaign was the healing of blind Bartimaeus,—the memory verses being: "Jesus said I am the Light of the world. He that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life;" and "This is the condemnation....men loved darkness rather than light." The