

One of the most encouraging features of this work has been the fact that all the older girls who have gone out from the school, are continuing Bible study and the learning of hymns.

Valluru School.—The lease of the land granted by the Rajah has been legally secured, and a temporary building, of necessity serving for quarters for the teachers as well as the pupils, has been put up. We have had hard work to maintain this school since Agnes left. We request very earnestly your prayers that hindrances may be overcome, the school grow and its influence extend, and that soon a Bible-woman may be found for the work here.

Work Among Women and Children.—Miss Carrie Zimmerman's "long tour" of 1913, lasted for ten weeks. She says: "When I tell you that the Bible-women have visited in over six hundred non-Christian homes, besides those which I have visited, and have conducted a number of meetings among the Christian women and children, each week, perhaps you can form an idea of the work we attempt from year to year. We are still praying for Biblewomen. We believe they will come. Recently we heard of two who feel that God is calling them into active service for Himself.

Miss Selman came with her pretty new boat, and toured with me for two weeks. During that time I wondered often why the touring lady of the Vuyuru field had not the same convenience for travelling as her more fortunate sister of the Akidu field.

"In December, Miss Laura Boggs, of the American Baptist Mission, spent a week in camp with me. Her visit was an inspiration and help in many ways.

"In January, Miss Priest came to address our women's meetings at the Kistna Association. After the meetings ended, she remained a few days with me, during which time we visited Avanigadda. Miss Priest is a host in herself, so I need not tell you that the visit was a happy one. The women, both Christian and non-Christian, will not soon forget her message of truth and words of counsel, and many of them will have a deep interest in her and in her work because she came.

"The Kistna Association was the greatest event of the year to me. The

inspiration of those days will never leave me. Fancy, if you can, a large leaf-shed, decked with bright-colored papers, mottoes and flowers, and carpeted with straw. This shed was filled with from nine to ten hundred Christians, over three hundred non-Christians, and, in the audience, five missionaries. The Christian men and women conducted the meeting in a way that would astonish our people at home. God's power was felt in every session, and throughout every day the name of Christ was exalted and His great love proclaimed.

"The Cross' was the key-note of the Association, and the glory of the Risen Christ was manifested. Sometimes we grow discouraged, but then we recall those meetings, the results of which we saw and felt during all the days of the 'long tour.' We tender praise to our God, who dwells among His people, and whose presence is their comfort and security.

"Regarding the work, I can give you only a few facts. In the non-Christian homes we were welcomed. In many places where last year a filthy old bag, or bit of canvas, or a dirty mat was thrown out for us to sit upon, this year we were given a clean mat, or small stool, or sometimes even the luxury of a chair quickly dusted and placed in a shady corner of the verandah or large room at the front of the house. Fruit and flowers were often given. In one home the woman received us in true Oriental fashion. After embracing me, she placed for me the best chair in the house, laid a clean mat for the Bible-woman, and after calling her neighbor, seated herself at my feet and said, 'Now talk and sing.' When we had granted her request, she brought out her alabaster box. We were reminded of the long ago, when the odor of the precious ointment filled the house where Jesus sat. Her face shone as she said, 'I believe in Christ.'

"There have been many encouragements in the work among our Christian women this year. We can, I believe, report progress. Pastors' and teachers' wives have tried hard to keep up the monthly meeting for prayer and praise. A number of women quoted new chapters from the Bible. Up to date the Bodaguntā women read in memory work. This is because Jane is there. Jane is getting old, and her life is filled