

superintendence, a house much needed to accommodate two families, the money for the house being provided chiefly by a Toronto friend.

In the Leper Home 25 were baptized in November, and others since then by their faithful pastor, David. Some cases of discipline have given us sorrow, but the lepers on the whole still continue their interest in the meetings, and many of them have rich religious experiences. Their prayer for me is that I may be crowned with the loving-kindness of the Lord, and may soon return to them with renewed health and increased vigor of body, soul and mind. It is also my prayer. May it also be yours!

Miss Jones.—Among the outstanding events of the year is the home-going of Miss Hatch. The farewell meetings given in the High School hall by the citizens of Ramachandrapuram and in the church by the Christians from all parts of our field, attempted to express by words and gifts the esteem in which she is held. We are frequently reminded of this by the all but daily inquiries as to her health, her whereabouts, and her return. When the burden of the work fell upon me I feared that I might sink beneath it, but the loving Master has given me grace to do with the strength and ability He provides what I am able to do, and has lovingly taken away over-anxiety about the work which cannot be done. Surely many were praying for me in the two months when I was alone. After recuperation at the Hills and the busy sessions of Conference, I have again the joys of companionship. I am very grateful for the bright, earnest helper I have gained in Miss Philpott.

One of the happy incidents of the year was the visit of Miss Alexander. It was a pleasure to have her company for even a short time, and also to shew her our work, for she showed such knowledge of it, and was interested in all the why's and wherefore's.

Caste Girls' School.—We have five teachers and over 120 girls in our three schools, and we think the teaching is improving. Much of my time and thought has been given to this

work. Krupmma was laid aside for a time. Veeranna and Ratnammal have both had sick spells. While on the whole the work has been pleasant, for a time a disagreement among the teachers made it very trying. Now all seem to be working together harmoniously.

With the coming of the rainy season, cholera broke out in two parts of the town, and fear reduced the attendance considerably. Last October we dismissed the head-master of the Rajah's School, a young and untrained Brahmin. The immediate and steady increase in the school proved that this was a wise move, but while the increased attendance made another teacher a necessity, we have only now succeeded in securing one, a qualified Christian woman. Consequently, latterly I have been spending two hours regularly in the school, visiting the other schools only occasionally. Altogether, I have made 135 visits to the schools. It is a great joy to hear these caste children sing hymns and tell Bible stories. The senior pupils seem to be grasping the truth. They can never again worship idols ignorantly.

The school closing and presentation of prizes was a notable event, being graced by Miss Alexander's presence and attended by several leading citizens. The High School hall was loaned for the occasion. The pupils gave songs, drills, dialogues, etc., which were well received. The dolls and other gifts from Walmer Road Young People and others sent the children home happy. The Rajah came to our aid again, this year with a gift of Rs. 103, almost enough to cover the rent of the school building.

Has this work been to any purpose? We think so. Some of the girls who are past school age continue to show real interest. One, Bapanamma, is learning Mark's Gospel, and tells all she learns to her neighbors and relatives. Two sisters-in-law have come to her home, and she is teaching them to read. These girls and others will shortly go to their new homes in distant villages. We believe they will carry with them the gospel light.

Work in Caste Homes.—Manikyam continues to do faithful, earnest work in the town each afternoon. Lydia, our voluntary worker, has not been able to do regular work this year. I have made