

## THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

## A GLIMPSE INTO RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Dr. and Mrs. Joshee took the full burden of all the leper work while I was ill, except that I could keep the general accounts and do the correspondence. The lacework we stopped for awhile. M. Manigegam had her training class of five. Of these five, one is at this writing in Avanigadda, and two have been sent for a few months' work to Miss Harrison, of Paralakimedi, who has no Biblewoman at all. So I tell M. M. that her teaching is reaching all the way from Paralakimedi to Avanigadda. Eleven lepers were baptized in the quarter, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the beautiful ceremony out under the trees in the Leper Compound. We had a great Red Cross Day, and though I could not take a very active part, am glad to report that our lepers gave R. 11-6-0 out of their small savings, saying they were glad to help the wounded soldiers, for they knew what it was to have wounds and sores, and lacerated limbs. My laceworkers contributed Rs. 20 of their own. Dr. and Mrs. Joshee gave R. 15, and the church gave other sums. Miss Jones got all the teachers interested, and they gave large amounts to them.

I have engaged a new Biblewoman, Subadeamma, a wife of one of the teachers, who has always done good work in her church. She is very earnest, and her little family is growing up, so that she can give more time than hitherto. Profits from the lace support her, and also a Sunday School evangelist in Kotapilli, who is in Miss Jones' charge, and a teacher there in my charge. There are sixty or more laceworkers now, and I am endeavoring to have them all learn Scripture portions, and those who can read amongst them will be expected this year to take the Bible Workers' Examinations. They are also urged to be witnesses of the Gospel, so through all these I hope to accomplish some evangelism. The cough that I have prevents me from using my voice much as yet, but through these laceworkers I tell them I expect to reach the people. I should add that three people in Kotapilli are asking for baptism. I believe God's people at home are praying for that work there, and we may expect great things. With loving regards to all,

S. I. HATCH.

## FROM RAMACHANDRAPURAM ALSO.

A Testimony for the Lace-work.—My touring in the different villages has proved to me that this lace-work is having an uplifting effect upon our Christian women and the communities where they live. Prizes were given to the churches according to the way their women members had learned the Bible stories and verses. These ranged from annas 3-6 to Rs. 5-0-0, and it was remarkable that with one exception, where were the most lace-workers, had quite surpassed the others.

A Glimpse at the Biblewomen (surely these words give us a feeling of real acquaintance with these women on whom so much depends).—In my last touring I had only one of my own women. Two, sometimes three, of the Bible Training Class here came with me, but we felt a lack of blessing on our work, and missed the usual joy of it. My one worker, Tuluri Kruparati, may have been the one to blame, or it may have been one of the others, but it was evident the Spirit was hindered. Kruparati has given me much anxiety, and I sometimes fear I will have to give her up, and allow her to go her own way, which will not probably be best