

Our Work Abroad

Coming on Furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin sail from Bombay the middle of February, accompanied by Dr. Joshee, who is coming to Canada to participate in the meetings arranged in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Sailing at the same time, are Miss Lockhart, who has spent most of her first term in Vuyyuru, and Miss Meyers, who cared for Miss Jones' work in Ramachandrapuram while she was on furlough last year.

About April 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, of Bimlipatam, with son and daughter, turn their faces toward the homeland.

With this party will sail Miss Farnell, who is planning to attend a convention in Edinburgh, and will reach Canada in July.

From Bolivia will come Mr. and Mrs. Buck, of Oruro, (unless plans are changed) and Miss Wilson, who has been identified, these past years, with the Peniel Hall Farm. They sail March 4.

Let us remember, in our prayers, all these friends during the days of their journey from the far away lands where they have been laboring so faithfully.

Telugu Examinations.

It is with pleasure we have received the report from India, that Miss Kenyon passed her first-year examinations in the Telugu language last November. At the same time Miss Hellyer passed her second, thus completing the two compulsory examinations. She has been appointed to the work on the Bimlipatam field.

Gardens

Friends often inquire concerning everyday details of the lives of our Missionaries,—for instance, “what do they get to eat?—are the native vegetables all they have?” At nearly every Station, there is a garden, in which (with greater or less labor,—the degree varying with the kind of soil and the purity of the water available,) some of our home vegetables can be raised. Tomatoes are really easily grown, and are found in nearly every garden. A letter from Miss Folsom, Tuni, shows

what one garden can produce. “The intense heat killed all of Miss Priest's rose trees and many other beautiful plants, but she has replaced some of them. Her vegetable garden is doing finely. It has furnished us several varieties of Indian vegetables, and now we are enjoying sweet corn, beans, beets, chard and cress, and have fine large tomatoes. Carrots, lettuce radishes and other kinds will be ready a little later.”

Besides the work connected with the Caste Girls' School, and the Bible Classes she teaches there, Miss Baskerville does a great deal of visiting in the houses of Cocanada and its vicinity. She writes of many interesting experiences which she has, as she goes among the homes of the non-Christian women,—149 of such visits were reported in one Quarter of last year. A few of these experiences will be passed on to Link readers.

“A Little Child Shall Lead”

“Our first visit (after the hot season) among the people of the Hindu community was in the home of Kamakshamma, our little school girl who died at the age of eight, some years ago. She had been a real little missionary in her home, and to this day, her influence is felt. Her mother and grandmother are both interested and intelligent, and it was through the little child that they were first led to think of spiritual things. So many people in India are filled with anxiety concerning the needs of the body,—what shall we eat and what shall we drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed?—that they have no time to think about their souls' welfare.”

Need of Comfort

Again she writes:—“We visited a sweet-faced, white-haired old lady who seems to find comfort and help in the message of the Saviour's story. Her story is a very sad one as she told it to me that day: Some years ago her son was hanged on the evidence of his mistress, on whose account, no doubt, the deed was done that brought him to the gallows. Her husband, overcome by grief and shame, unable to face the disgrace, shot