

field, and now the school is in charge of the missionary's wife. Twenty-three girls were in attendance during the year and in spite of an unusual amount of illness, brought on probably by the uncommonly wet and changeable weather, excellent work has been done. As usual a portion of their daily rice has been given to the Lord.

A Christian Endeavor Society was formed last October and has been a real help to the children spiritually.

*Zenana Work.*—The high caste woman if she hears the Gospel, must hear it in her own home, and with this aim in view Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs have been the means of presenting the Gospel to many a darkened home in Cocanada and its outskirts. Bible lessons, too, are given and some of the women are learning to pray and the influence of this teaching is showing itself in their lives.

One whose child was very ill, was able to say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Another who was very ignorant said to Miss Gibson, "I cannot remember all you tell me, but when the neighbors say 'Come along with us to the bathing festival,' I remember Christ alone can save, and argue, what is the use of going and so do not do so."

In one of the homes long visited, a woman whom Miss Gibson believes is a Christian, shows deep interest and influences her neighbours, so that as the worker visits this home regularly once a week, she always finds a group of attentive listeners awaiting her. Very many profess to be believers and have given up idol worship, but the old story is their's that they have not the courage to give up their caste. In every case where there is opposition it comes from men, for wherever an educated man is found, there is almost certain to be a Bible and many search it diligently for the sake of argument, and they argue with so much sophistry that Miss Gibson finds that it inevitably proves a stumbling block to the women.

Our workers also shared in the distribution of the Lord Radstock Bibles, given in memory of our late Queen Victoria, and all the women who could read and were without a New Testament or portion of Scripture were given one or the other through this source.

Miss Beggs writes, that in January she had the opportunity of speaking to a large gathering of women at a bathing festival, and in this way reached many who had never heard the Gospel

before. As these came from various parts of the town, doubtless they would be the means of carrying the word back with them to their companions, and thus the influence would be widespread.

One young widow, a Brahmin by caste, of whom we have heard before, continues steadfast. She gathers many women and children around her and reads and actually preaches to them. After reading the Bible through, she said to Miss Beggs, "I have found the Saviour and I love this book better than my life. If any attempt to take it from me, I will sooner part with my life."

Other women give evidence of reading their Bibles with pleasure, one even sitting up at night when she had no time in the day, to read the Scripture for her own comfort and peace.

These are some of the encouraging features, but the faith, patience and love of the laborers is often sorely tried by the careless and indifferent ones who have often heard, but on whom the Word seems to have no effect.

*Samalkota Seminary.*—Mr. Craig has very kindly sent us a few items regarding his educational work.

While this is called our theological seminary, the theological department is a very small part of the school, the centre and body being the lower secondary department. Although this is below the high schools, yet it is the only one for boys in the whole mission. English is taught as the second language and Mrs. Craig devotes considerable time to the English lessons in the highest classes, taking regular periods in the school.

During the first half of this year seventy-three boys from the various fields were in attendance in this department and as "these boys are the hope of our mission, humanly speaking," it is interesting to note the three openings for those who have passed this course successfully. Some, after taking normal training can teach a primary school, and as these are needed in scores and hundreds of villages on our field, many of the boys will find their work there. Others can go back to the seminary for theology and more Bible and lastly the better and brighter boys have been helped to go on through the high school course to matriculation. Their support is advanced them on condition, that they will repay when they get through and go to work. Seven boys or young men are being helped now.