

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Madame President and Ladies:—

India, Non-co-operation, Ghandi, have become almost household words among thinking people in the last year or so, and have occasioned such strong diversity of opinion among leading minds that the average woman among us is perplexed and bewildered, wondering what it all means, and how it will end.

Although our missionaries report that their work so far is not seriously affected, still we know that the unrest is wide-spread, and whether the Moderates or the Extremists succeed in controlling the Government sooner or later great changes are bound to come in that country. And we know, too, that the progress of any nation is only in proportion as it is guided by Christian principles and towards Christian ideals.

While one party cries "away with all modern civilization," another demands the freedom and education of the West, while retaining the religion of the East. But now that Indians are realizing that Christianity is not bound up with western ideas of life and thought, they are appropriating Christ to themselves. Dr. Stanley Jones, the celebrated Christian lecturer in India, says that all through the political tumult, and "passive resistance" he detects a "marvellous drawing toward the person of Christ—a mass movement of the mind toward Christ. Mistaken as they are in the character and aims of our Saviour, still their thinking centres around Him, and the Church of Christ must be ready to present Him as a Redeemer and Saviour to supply that spiritual power lacking in India's intellectuals.

So, although our work is in a tiny corner of that vast country, it may be

likened to the leaven hid in a measure of meal, but kept warm and carefully tended, it will spread and increase until the whole of that Telugu country is leavened.

Do not our hearts burn within us as we talk together of this wonderful work, and realize that we are helping even in a very small way to bring about that time when this India, this chaotic, turbulent, this proud India shall know Him from the East to the West and every knee shall bow before Him and confess Him King of Kings.

Our Missionaries—the Personal Word.

At Akidu, Miss Hinman has been battling with discouraging and depressing events in the Boarding School.

We are glad to know that she took her holiday among entirely new and wonderful surroundings, and the complete change has been very beneficial.

Miss Murray with Miss Priest, went to her favorite spot in the Nilgeri Hills for her holiday, feeling very tired and worn, but the sleep, rest and hill air have revived her considerably. We must remember that our beloved missionary is in her fourth term of service, and she is now feeling the effects of her strenuous life very severely. Finding the work in Yellamanchili itself increasing and of great importance, she is devoting herself entirely to the town, leaving the touring to Miss McLeish, who, she says, is a "real fisher of men."

Will our praying women make Miss Murray and her physical well-being their special petition this year?

Miss Mason is alone again at Narsapatnam, where the loneliness is felt all the keener, having known the joys of companionship for a time. Will not many of our women write even a brief letter to this brave little missionary at her lonely outpost?

Miss Murray, who worked at Narsapatnam for about two years, has been moved to Ramachandrapuram.