

taking her medical course, served a term in our own mission.

It became necessary recently to close one of our schools, The Timpany Memorial for Anglo-Indians, which had been a great power for good during the more than forty years of its existence.

Work for Women and Children.—In spite of the illiteracy of the majority of the women of India their moral influence is very great. Many men have been held back from confessing Christ by their mothers and wives. It was realized soon after our work began that if the women were to be reached by the Gospel it must be by women workers. The need for these met with response at home and by the end of the first twenty-five years work among women and children was being carried on from five centres. The missionaries found that "it takes time for minds darkened by centuries of ignorance to become accustomed to new ideas and open up to the light."

The development of this work has been very great. Miss Frith began it in Cocanada by visiting in the zenanas, and was followed by Miss Simpson, "who won the confidence and love of the caste women to a remarkable degree." In this city, now numbering 60,000 souls, there are 700 caste homes on the visiting list. Miss Simpson was the first of our staff to greatly develop S.S. work, and she also started the first caste girls' school in a small building at the Compound gate. This school has now 120 pupils and is housed in a fine building, given in memory of the beloved founder, and called by her name. There are in the whole Mission 19 schools for caste girls, but only two of them are supported by our Society, the one at Cocanada and one at Ramachandrapuram. These schools are centres of evangelism; "they are an effective method of approach and entrance into the lives and homes of otherwise rather inaccessible people."

Miss Stovel, now Mrs. McLeod, on the Akidu field, was the "first woman, not only in our Mission, but in that part of India, to tour alone among the villages." This work has since been taken up by all of the missionaries of our Society, so that now the women and children of the different fields are being

reached from a dozen centres. And what a change has taken place in the method of transportation from the slow, lumbering fatiguing ox-cart of former days to the comfortable, speedy motor car of today, with which a number of our stations are equipped. Someone said recently "the motor car, non-moral in itself, is a piece of machinery which indicates the spiritual quality of the user." To what better use could it be put than to carry these Messengers of Glad Tidings, who by this means are enabled to reach so many more of their Indian sisters.

The development of the work has been very great, but the results cannot be estimated. We know that a multitude of women have been "brought out of darkness into light," and have become true disciples of Jesus Christ. They in their turn carry the Good News to others, and out of their poverty give regularly and systematically for the furtherance of the Gospel among their own people.

In all the work in which our missionaries engage they find that much depends on the Bible-women, themselves the product of the work for women and girls. Their changed lives have won for them the respect of even the heathen women, and they understand their own people as no foreigner can. There are 100 supported by our Society and more could be used. Much is hoped for from the new Bible Training School, both as to increase in numbers and in more thorough training.

The work of Miss Munro, our nurse missionary among the Savaras, has broadened our outlook and widened the sphere of our influence. This hill-tribe is a people living beyond the borders of our Telegu country, and until six years ago our Society had done no work among them. We will not enlarge further upon this as Miss Munro is present in the Convention, and you have already heard from her own lips the story of this interesting field.

Industrial Work.—Of this department we need only say that many women by lacemaking have been able to support their families, and like all the other work it is an evangelistic agency.