

will make me see," she would say softly to herself, over and over again, and one evening as the sun was setting over the rice fields He gave to the little blind child her sight.

#### MEDICAL WORK IN AKIDU 1896-1911.

Our interest in Akidu began years ago, when in old Queen street Sunday School, St. Catharines, the first Sunday in the month was called "Peter Sunday," because the children sup-

light next morning, however, I had my first call. A high caste woman had been brought five miles, and had to be attended on one corner of our verandah.

For sometime a wall cupboard served as a dispensary, then a small verandah room was utilized. It was not long before we felt the urgent need of more space, and a room for in-patients. Early in 1898, a small hospital called "The Star of Hope," was opened with one large room for dispensary and operating, and two wards for in-patients.



*Dr. Pearl Chute, with Mr. Chute and Children.*

ported Karre Peter, of Gunnannapudi, on the Akidu field.

Some time later, when Akidu asked for a medical missionary, a desire was born in my heart that I might be the one. In 1891, through Dr. McLaurin, the desire became a purpose, and I began the study of medicine. In December, 1895, I reached India, and arrived at Akidu the following January, intending to study the language before doing any medical work. Before day-

Before this there had been a Government dispensary in Akidu, but people preferred to pay for mission medicine rather than to receive Government treatment for nothing, so the Government dispensary was closed, and has not since been opened.

The Government offered to hand over the stocks of medicines, etc., to the mission and to give a regular grant of drugs, etc., but we could not accept, because of our mission policy.