

had a most delightful experience and now her joy shines constantly through her face. Many of the other women had good things to tell concerning the Saviour's love and tenderness. With such a beginning the work must surely prosper. Committees of church-work have been formed, called variously the Foreign Mission Committee, the Sunday School Committee, the Prayer-meeting Committee and the Evangelistic Committee. Many volunteers were not wanting for these different branches of church-work. In this way we hope to have a model church, and with the Spirit's blessing our hopes may be realized.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

S. I. HATCH.

Samulcotta.

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN 1880-1890.

This is one of the infant charges of our Board, and we are obliged to confess that this infant has not grown very much during the past year. We began the work with three Bible-women in Samalkot, but now, properly speaking, we have not one. Apparently a sad lookout, but really ground for encouragement, for we have been taking up other work and also stretching out into the regions beyond. Minnie, whose family cares confine her to the house very much, has been appointed teacher of the school which meets in her house, and her husband, who formerly taught, is now free for preaching; so the school comes under our care. Rebecca's husband has been sent to an out-station to labor and she of course must follow him. There she hopes to do good work, going out twice a-day visiting. There there are three villages, with their various palms joining one another; so she has a wide field where nothing is being done for the women, close to her door. She may also visit some distant villages with her husband. Chinamma's husband has the honor of being appointed the first missionary of the Telugu Home Mission Society. Sent forth by his own brethren and fellow-countrymen, he has gone to labor in the near and destitute region of Yellamanchilli, a name which will soon be as familiar to you all as Akidu or Cocanada. Chinamma will find, we hope, that the Lord has work there also for her to do. May she be a constant witness there to the love of Christ! Her special fondness for children should prompt her to gather a handful of little ones together, that she may instruct them in things spiritual as well as temporal.

Sutyavedam still plods along in Yellapalem and sometimes gives very encouraging reports, but she and the other Christians have not been on good terms, so the work has been hindered. Her knowledge of needle-work gives her access to people whom otherwise she could not approach. She uses these opportunities for making known the word. We hope this year to have her devote some time to special training, either here or in Cocanada, when she will be able to render much more efficient service.

Sarah is a new worker in Moramunda, one of those mentioned in the Cocanada report. She has been visiting the women in seven or eight different villages. During the months of March and April she had Ritga of Cocanada with her, so that they together were enabled to do much both for the Christians of these villages and for the heathen.

One thing especially pleasing in the June reports was the fact that the month of May was a holiday; many of the Bible-women in visiting their friends in different vil-

lages, had found abundant opportunities of preaching the Gospel and of encouraging and strengthening the Christians, who are many of them very ignorant and easily turned out of the way. Thus the seed has been sown in many hearts in many places. Some fruit, has already appeared. The story of Ramayamma, the caste-widow, I shall write you. She is, we trust, the direct result of our labors here, and we hope she may only be an earnest of what is to follow.

"Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we pray."

The outlook is bright. I hope to go out visiting three or four times a week, and though there are now no regular workers in the town, Ramayamma is in training and she can always go with me, while the head teacher's wife who is a dear Christian girl, is also taking Bible lessons three times a day with a view, we hope, of becoming an efficient Bible-woman. Besides these, from among Mrs. Stillwell's women, that is, the students' wives, six have voluntarily offered their services, of whom two are in the advanced Bible classes, two in the junior classes, and two can't read at all; but all show the same earnest spirit. These of course all have housekeeping cares besides their lessons in reading in the Bible, and in sewing; so can't go out every day, but they will take turns with one another. I believe this voluntary labor will be greatly blessed.

My dear sisters, praying that you may remember the Lord's work here and may pray for His blessing upon all these dear women, I remain,

Ever yours,

S. I. HATCH.

Tuni Bible Women:

My dear Miss Buchan: You wish me to tell you of the year's work, the work for the Hindu women by the Bible women of this field. Well there is something to tell, for away from the jungle and hills of Dermasagram came a young man, David, the preacher up there, brought him in and said that Hannah the Bible woman had sent him, that he had often heard from her about Christ, and at last through her efforts had come down to the missionary a believer, and was baptized. Perhaps you will think less of this because it was a man and not a woman, but you see men as well as women often stand and listen as the Bible-women sing and speak, sometimes on the street, sometimes in the court formed by the surrounding houses, and often too while in the house talking to a mother or daughter the most interested listener will be a tall young son that stands a little apart, and we can only rejoice when we find that the words so earnestly spoken to others fell upon his ears too. This particular young man, is bright, strong, and can read.

Hannah is so far away we do not see her often, but David the preacher who lives in another village near by brings us in word every month.

Chinamma, living at the other end of this field in Chinunnapalam, with an extremely old husband and quite a young family, is able not only to work near home, but (being a very robust young woman of say thirty-six summers), in villages all around, another young woman often goes with her, many have heard there of the way leading out of the darkness, this darkness of sin and death, and so we may hope, pray and believe that as the sower went forth to sow although some seed fell by the wayside, others fell upon good ground.

Then coming nearer there are Atohoma, and Martha,