

THE FIRST SOD.

Tuni.—The first sod for the new ladies' bungalow was turned on Monday morning, January 31st. A large company of our Christians, school children, and the maistries and coolies engaged in the work assembled at the site selected for the bungalow. After singing of a hymn the writer cited a few appropriate passages of Scripture, and spoke briefly on the significance of the event. Pastor Cornelius offered prayer, giving thanks for Miss Priests' long and devoted service among us, and for the generosity of friends in Canada that made this bungalow possible, and praying for God's blessing on the work of building and on all engaged in it. Miss Priest gave Gilbert and Winifred the privilege of turning the first sod. Many others followed; other hymns were sung, and with an appropriate message from Miss Priest the meeting closed. The work is going forward happily, and the workmen are made to realize that this is no ordinary undertaking.

A. A. SCOTT.

REVIVAL SERVICES IN INDIA.

At the July Conference, in India, a letter was read by the Secretary, asking our Mission to co-operate with other Missionary Societies in South India in a special Evangelistic campaign this coming year. This was felt to be an opportune time for such an effort, because of the peculiar opportunity afforded by the great war, which is producing uncertainty and unrest all over India. Conference felt led to ask Rev. J. A. K. Walker to undertake this campaign in our Mission.

Before Christmas Mr. Walker visited Cochana, Pithapuram, Vizagapatam, Vizianagram, Chicacole, Samalkot, Akidu and Vuyyuru. Much time had been spent in prayer for a rich out-

pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people, so that from the first the meetings were crowned with blessing and increased in power as they continued. In each station visited, the missionaries testified to the inspiration received, and the native Christians were greatly revived. When our representatives gathered at Conference in January they all felt that if Mr. Walker could continue the campaign much blessing would result. So, after prayer for guidance, he promised to continue his work for a few months longer.

This special effort involved strenuous work. In two months no less than eight stations were visited. Meetings were held on an average of three a day, and each lasted for an hour or an hour and a half, occasionally longer. Mr. Walker writes that "At times I would be completely exhausted, for it was a great strain on one's nerves and sympathies. Yet, through it all, I was wonderfully sustained, and after a night's rest I would be ready for another day."

Since Christmas Mr. Walker has visited Narsapatnam, Yellamanchili, Tuni and Bimlipatam, and the latest word that reaches us is that God is still wonderfully using him. Let us Pray, Pray, Pray!

B. M.

Rev. John Craig, with Mrs. Craig and their two daughters, expect to sail from Bombay for Yokohama either on the 6th or the 20th April; thence by Japanese line to Victoria, May 30th. They will reach Toronto about June 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Timpany, Miss Jessie Findlay and Miss Mary R. B. Selman, missionaries of the Canadian Foreign Mission Board, are booked to sail from Calcutta on March 7th, arriving in San Francisco about May 5th.

At Bethsaida Hospital, Pithapuram, to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon P. Barrs, of Tekkali, a son, Gordon De Wolfe. Congratulations.