

as she puts it, which, though advantageous to the men who "pull and push" has the disadvantage that the cart will not travel along the ridges in the rice fields, hence a great deal of walking must be done, which is hot and consumes so much energy.

In praying for God's blessing on Miss Murray do not forget this need that our missionary may be speedily suited in the purchase of a horse, which is so essential for the welfare of so indefatigable a worker.

*Miss McLaurin's work* on the Vuyuru field. Miss McLaurin reports an increase of interest on the part of the caste women, more doors of opportunity opening and new villages added.

*Touring.* One hundred and twenty-five days were spent in tour during the past year and one hundred and twelve villages visited, six of which were new, where the caste women had never heard the Gospel before. In every village, but one, we had good hearings and even in that one, after much "coaxing," we succeeded in getting some women to listen.

There are still a few villages where the women make our hearts ache by their scornful refusals to listen. Still, we never have to leave a village without *someone* listening. There are certain caste women in different villages all over the field whoseem very near the Kingdom, but are not ready to leave all and follow Him.

While on tour many meetings were held with the Christian women in the villages and in some cases—too few, alas!—we were much encouraged by the progress they had made in Scripture knowledge under the teaching of the Pastor's wife.

It really seems now, at last, as if these women (the pastors' wives) were responding to our appeal to them to assume some responsibility towards the spiritual welfare of the women of their congregations. They are more ready than formerly to teach them and hold meetings with them and they feel more interest in making their meetings "go."

One woman, S. Mary, besides keeping a home for her husband and four small children and teaching a day school, finds time to meet with the women of the church every Friday evening for Bible study and told me she did wish she could find time to visit the caste women in a near village as well. She said she meant

to try. May her tribe increase! The women who attend her meetings come after a hard day's work in the fields followed by the preparing of the evening meal for the family, the children's evening walk and their own. Then they come to meeting and I do think their zeal puts many a Canadian sister to shame.

*Bible Women.* Jane has done good work in and about Bordagurta. There are twelve villages on her list and these she visits pretty regularly, paying more attention to those nearby, where she has some regular pupils among the caste women who hold her in affectionate respect. Several women are very much interested and profess to believe only in Jesus as their Saviour. The result of Jane's work in the villages near her home has made me long for more Bible women to place out on the field. The importance of regular, frequent teaching can hardly be overestimated. As we have three young widows in training, one nearly through her course and the other just entering, our desire may some day be fulfilled.

Mariamamma has done good work all year. She has been with me on almost all my tours and has done a great deal of work among the out-caste women of Vuyuru and the nearby two villages. As a result of her work several women were baptized and added to the church last Christmas. Though her strength is failing rapidly through old age, her faith and zeal never flag. There will be many stars in her crown.

Amelia is a woman who came to us in March. She is the widow of one of our preachers; has had some education and has a real love for the work.

Amelia teaches Bible and hymns in the Caste Girls' School every morning and visits the caste women in the afternoons. She has already endeared herself to the caste women, several of whom show signs of growing faith in Jesus. We hope to obtain a trained young woman to teach Kindergarten and Scripture in the school and have Amelia for touring as Mariamma cannot stand the hard work any longer.

*The Caste Girls' School* in Vuyuru continues to progress satisfactorily. There are eighteen pupils on the roll who attend very regularly and are making progress in their studies. They are much interested in their Bible lesson and hymns and come well to Sunday School. The Brahmin