

From Miss Jones, Ramachandrapuram.—I have not been able to give as much time and strength as I had hoped, to touring. On one tour, I developed a disagreeable trouble which kept me from regular work for three weeks, part of which I spent under Dr. Allyn's care in Pithapuram. It was interesting to me to see the remarkable growth in the medical plant for the work among the women. The work of Dr. Smith and Dr. Allyn has given our Christian hospital a strong influence in Pithapuram and nearby villages. The good work done for these people has been proclaimed, and many from long distances come for treatment. Besides the regular hospital work, the building of the gonba wards is making Dr. Allyn's last months in India very busy ones.

My last tour was eighteen days in length. It had one object,—the examining of our Christian women and children in Bible study and recitation and in hymn-singing. We examined over 400 women and over 300 girls, besides men and boys, of whom we kept no record. With very few exceptions, good work had been done. We found everywhere a new spirit of service, in Christians working for their non-Christian relatives and friends. We are confidently expecting a time of reaping as a result of this sowing.

Do you remember hearing of Penka Sathyamma, the great-grandmother who became a Christian? Her people have not followed her, but ten of her grandchildren are Mary's most interesting pupils. Other caste children are attending, and a night school was opened recently. We were encouraged on our last visit, but very much ashamed of the miserable hut in which our workers are living.

Miss Priest, Tuni.—I have not been able to go out on tour much,—at least, it did not seem wise to be away from home for long, but we have gone out for the day now and then, and the Bible women for two and three days at a time. The bungalow will soon be finished, and will be such a comfort and joy. It will be good to be free for service again. I am so glad to be able to stay on for another year, and long that it may be

filled with more practical, helpful service for the glory of His name.

Miss C. I. Gibson, Cocanada (Zena-nag).—Last fall we began to teach the verses, Matt. 11: 28-30, in all the houses we visited. It made a great impression. Quite a number learned the verses by heart, even those who could not read. They would ask to have it written out and given to them, so that they could get some one who could read, to teach it to them at their leisure. All acknowledged that they had burdens, and knew not where to take them. Going to an idol shrine only added to their burdens. As one said when asked what benefit she had derived by going to a shrine on a pilgrimage. "I got nothing," she said, "but have incurred a debt of Rs. 20 by doing so, and now have to pay it."

Then come the numerous idol feasts,—a testing-time for many who have long heard the Gospel. I believe that there are many who once religiously observed these feasts, have now given them up. Different women who, preparing for worshipping the goddess who is said to keep them from becoming widows, and to give them children, promised me they would not do so. Some do not even know why they worship a stone that represents a goddess.

And so, as we go on with our service, we believe that, although we may not see much fruit of it on earth, we shall rejoice over many souls in Heaven who have found the Saviour through the Word we have been privileged to give them. We take courage again, and continue to sow the seed by all waters.

From Mrs. Archibald, Chicacole.—In September I went to Tekkali for a visit, and just at that time a young Brahmin came from Sompet for baptism. He had been deeply interested while attending school at Berhampore, and his parents had removed him from there to avoid his coming out. Some years passed, and he became acquainted with the Missionaries and Christians of Tekkali and determined to become an outspoken follower of Christ if possible. After some five days of hard struggle there at Tekkali, they got him away, by guile and force, he says; but the whole truth may never be known.