

**VELAGAPILLA ANNA.**

(Miss Mary R. B. Selman.)

Katuri Anna was born of Christian parents in Nindrakol, about 1881 or 1882.

Contrary to the discipline of the ordinary Telugu home, she was reared strictly, both at home and in school. An older sister-in-law was then school mistress, and if Anna was inclined to play she had, as the Telugu people say, "to eat blows." If at home, she complained of her hard lot as her father punished her. Now, she looks back upon her training with thankful heart. She was later sent to the Akidu Boarding School, supervised by Mrs. John Craig. She

help-mate. She taught the Christian women, and when opportunity afforded, also worked bravely among the non-Christians. Her married life had its sorrows as well as joys. She became the mother of four children, only one of whom lives on earth. In 1904, her husband after a long and very trying illness, passed from service on earth to the Fathers' home.

Anna was overwhelmed with grief for a time, but very bravely took up the Lord's work as a Bible-woman, and has ever since been a faithful helper. She loves the Word of God, uses it a great deal in her talks to non-Christians, and has been permitted to see not a little



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speaks of the time spent in the boarding school as happy days. Fond of fun and also fond of work, she was a leader of mischief, and in class work. It was while in the school she gave her heart and life to the Saviour, and was baptized by Rev. John Craig.

After passing the Primary examination—well, she was very anxious to be sent to Cocanada school for further study, but alas! like many other Telugu girls, she was given in marriage at an early age. She became at 14 years of age the wife of Velagapilla William, a preacher on the Akidu field. As the wife of a preacher she became a true

fruit of her labors. She has not only served on the Akidu field, but offered and gave a year of her service to Home Mission work on the Yellamanchili and Narsapatnam fields. She was there associated with Miss Murray.

On Anna's return to Akidu, her son, Samuel, had a serious accident. He fell from a big tree, and the result was a serious fracture. It was in the hot season, and a long distance from surgical help. Before the leg was properly attended to, it was infected, and a whole year had to be spent in the hospital at Bandar. While in the hospital with her boy, she was not idle. She had lessons