

Women's Board. Frequent moves have been a great hindrance to our work, and I trust that the days of our wanderings are over.

Our evangelistic schools have suffered because we have not had a sufficient number of older women to act as chaperones to the school girls who go out to this work on Sunday afternoons. Our children turned out well to the Annual Rally, however, and behaved very nicely. It is interesting to note the improvement in the order kept from year to year.

Again it was a matter of regret that so little touring could be undertaken. In January six days were spent among the villages on the northern part of the field, where so many of the women are beginning to seem like old friends. We did not sell as many Gospels as on our last tour, because a colporteur now gives his time to selling books in that region, and had covered the ground pretty well. A ten days' tour on the south field was made with Miss Jones in the Ramachandrapuram house-boat. Altogether, we sold eighty or more Gospels, reached crowds of women, not to mention men and children, and had a most enjoyable time. This tour ended at the Kotapalle bathing festival, where thousands of people congregate every year to get merit to themselves by bathing in the sacred waters of the Godaveri. We were told that the attendance has greatly fallen off during recent years.

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Last year we reported that the attendance had passed the 200 mark, but this year it has fallen a little below it, the decrease being among the day pupils in the infant classes. The attendance in the upper elementary classes has been 60, which is better than usual. The examination results this year have been more satisfactory than for some years—due perhaps in some cases to the fact that failure meant dropping out and letting some other girl have a chance. It is encouraging to note that the amount received for fees this year is greater than ever before, some parents being even willing

to pay double fees rather than have their daughters stay out.

The work of the school has been carried on regularly by eight teachers. To encourage the girls to lively competition, the one who receives highest marks on the monthly examinations is allowed to wear a medal for that month. If any girl retains it consecutively for five months, she will be given a prize.

We have tried to interest the children in nature study, for as a people the Telugus are most unobservant of the wonders about them. We have in expensive cages made, which have in turn been occupied by rats, squirrels, birds and bats, from which observation lessons have been taught. A great variety of grubs were observed. The change of attitude in the children toward these was interesting to notice. It always began with disgust at "those ugly things," but changed to interest in their different forms of chrysalis, and then to amazement when the beautiful butterflies came out.

The annual inspection was encouraging. This year it was conducted by a highly qualified Indian Christian lady with the degree B.A.L.T., who holds this position under Government, to the entire satisfaction of all. It encourages us to hope that some of our girls may yet rise to positions of trust and influence.

Although the war has not affected us greatly in our work, yet the thought of its terrible ravages can never be far from our thoughts. The Telugu weekly newspaper, "The Ravi," has been more eagerly read than ever before by the girls. Their sympathy has taken practical form in doing what they can in the way of comforts for the troops, they have hemmed dozens of towels and dusters and made hundreds of cup covers. In response to the appeal made to help give Belgian children a Christmas, our girls and teachers responded gladly.

Boarding Department.—The report of this department may be summed up in the word "worries," and these have been two-fold—worries from without and worries within. The former were due to troublesome boys, whose annoying tricks have been stopped since we secured the services of a night watchman, and also borrowed a revolver (but let me whisper that they would not need