

ally and spiritually, before they and we too enter into the full light and liberty of the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the question of their marriages we often at their own request, take quite a prominent part. Sometimes only our approval or consent, but sometimes our initiative is required. This year the pastor of the South Cocanada church sought the hand of our Bible-woman, Rebecca.

You may judge of the importance they attach to the function when he brought in solemn state another pastor and an elder of the church to make request of me. Rebecca had been married twice as a child of a heathen family, so special inquiries had to be made as to whether this proposed step would be legal. We had a very pretty wedding, the Matthews Home being very prettily and tastefully decorated for the occasion, it being the first marriage of one of its Bible-women.

Veeramma, elementary school teacher in the Cocanada field, was married to Elinora. They had both belonged to the Phillips Home, so the marriage was arranged by Dr. and Mrs. Joshee, the wedding, including a good feast to all the lepers, being all planned by them. It took place in the leper church, which was specially decorated for them and for our farewell by the lepers, who are very greatly pleased to be called upon to take part in functions of this kind.

Another wedding was that of the compound of our hospital to one of Miss Jones' teachers. They remain with us as before.

Still another was that of one of our trained women. Shantamma had been working for us, but had been lent to Cocanada for a year. Before her year was out the inevitable happened, the young man came along, and she was lost to us, but not to the work, we hope.

Palli Mary of Kalera, our Bible-woman, has entered a new centre of work. Work in Kalera seemed just a little congested, as there were there the good pastor and his good little wife, the redoubtable Shantamma, supported by the Telugu Women's Society, and G. Martha of Kurmapuram within hailing distance. Some little friction had ensued, and so it seemed wisest and best

that some should be transplanted to give others space to grow in. Palli Mary is very enthusiastic, and she has now her widowed daughter with her, who is capable of teaching an elementary school. Angara, where there are only two or three Christians, is a large market town, has a large Panchama population, and, moreover, is surrounded by villages, in which scarcely any work is being done. This seemed to be the place for opening up work, so the family moved there in February. Already Mary writes very encouraging reports. Her letter to me reports 10 ready for baptism, the headman of the Panchamas and many others attending their services, one habitual drunkard reclaimed, 23 children attending the little school, and the people listening so well in the near villages. She desires special prayers for her family and for her work. Let us remember Palli Mary, Angara, and its coterie of villages.

Ramachandrapuram is away from the line of travel, and not enough of our people know sufficient English to benefit from special speakers who visit India from time to time to hold special services, but this year Mrs. Joshee went at her own expense to the Quadrennial Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association held in Calcutta, where special Bible leaders and speakers had come for the occasion. Mrs. Joshee, having partaken of all the good things, served out these in English and was able to regale our Telugu workers with some of the best of the feast served up in Telugu. The women were greatly refreshed and inspired by what they heard. They were so glad to know too that our good doctor's wife had been presented in person to Her Excellency Lady Hardinge, who had entertained all the delegates at Government House.

Dr. and Mrs. Joshee's work of patience and labor of love still continue unremittingly. Under God's blessing, many hundreds have had the sympathetic hearing, felt the healing touch, and known the quick response to help.

In order to accommodate the increasing number of in-patients they have been buying lots and putting up rooms at their own expense. Dr. and Mrs. Joshee also made a gift of one lot to the "Woodside Bungalow," and in that lot has been erected, under his careful