

Our Work Abroad

REPORT OF THE EVA ROSE YORK BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN, JULY TO DECEMBER, 1926

The Preparatory Department opened on July 3rd with 9 students back for a few weeks' intensive study to fit them to enter the regular training class the first of August. The total enrollment this year is about the same as last year, 34—all told, but of this number a much larger proportion is in the Training Course this year than last year. This year there are only 4 students in the Preparatory Department, while there are 18 students in the Junior Training Course and 12 in the Senior Training Class. Of the new students 4 are 8th Standard passed; all are fine, earnest girls, and they are doing excellent work. In fact, with the exception of three or four students, a spirit of high endeavour seems to characterize the entire student body, and I am often pleasantly surprised at the mental grasp exhibited by some of these women who have not had opportunities for study in their youth. This year, for the first time, we have had one Saura girl among us.

The two assistant teachers, T. Nancamma-garu and R. Ruthamunagaru have been very faithful and helpful according to their several abilities. In a school of this kind, of course, the Principal has to teach all day and every day but the teaching has been a constant source of delight and inspiration. I am very grateful to Mrs. Scott for her assistance rendered in teaching hymn singing and interpretation, and for her frequent assistance in taking groups of students out in the car for evangelistic work. By her kind consent a number of Sunday Schools formerly conducted by the Biblewomen have been handed over to the students, so that each Sunday morning Sunday Schools are conducted by the students, all within fifteen minutes' walk from the school. On Sunday, December 19, we held rally for these schools, when 300 children were in attendance. Every Friday the 30 Training students go out for evangelistic work in villages near and far; on Mondays the Preparatory class go out for the same work, and the first of November a week-end tour was conducted, when we went far-

ther afield. Altogether, during these six months, the 6 groups have made 140 visits to villages, have taught in 370 homes, conducted 80 classes for children and 10 meetings for grown-ups. I have rejoiced to see on the part of the students an ever-deepening realization of the seriousness and importance of this part of their work, and our weekly report and prayer hour on Thursday often reveals great depth and sincerity of purpose.

In reviewing the half-year's work I wish to state that I have often been very conscious of my own unworthiness for this position, but I have also been very conscious again and again of the Master's presence and leading. One day I overheard two of the new students talking together; one girl said to the other, "No matter what the subject, no matter what book we study, in every class we learn about Jesus." I want no other commendation. If I can only help them to see Jesus only, if I can only help to imbue them with something of His Spirit, who "went about doing good," not looking for reward, but doing it out of love for God and love for lost humanity—that is my prayer.

Laura A. Bain.

FROM MISS HELLYER

Bimlipatam, Vizag. Dist.,

Jan. 18th, 1927.

Dear Friends,—October started off with the Jones' meetings in Vizagapatam and what a delightful time we had. I was very much interested to see how he would present the gospel to non-Christians. He carries out his policy to never criticise Hinduism, in a wonderful way. I don't see how anyone's feelings could possibly be hurt, and yet he gives them the straight gospel. They were days of real uplift.

Coming back from there, we plunged into the Evangelistic Campaign. We worked in a number of the nearby villages out from Bimli. In the morning my Biblewomen and I went out by the car to a village, then in the early afternoon they got into an ox cart and went off with some volunteer helpers, while I