

Miss Rogers took the second standard Bible class under the old time-table until she went to Akidu, and Mr. Brown taught the first standard Bible class for some little time before he left for Samalkot, thus leaving me some time for private study.

The system of education is very different here from that with which you are acquainted, but I think our fifth standard examination would compare with the examination for entrance to High Schools in Canada.

Three Sunday schools for heathen children were carried on; one is held on Thursday, but is conducted in the same manner as the others. The total number of children in attendance is perhaps not more than 150, but they come regularly, and we feel that something is being accomplished. Visiting in two malapillies was kept up regularly until it became too hot to venture out. We receive quite a cordial welcome in these villages, where formerly we met with indifference and rudeness. I had the pleasure of making an eight days' tour with Mr. and Mrs. Davis in January, and realized, as never before, the spiritual destitution of the people.

At the beginning of the year the number of boarders was 35, day scholars, 46, of whom 23 were boys. We have had three marriages during the year, those of Batsala Lydia, on the 31st Dec., 1890; Sanasi Leah, on March 30, 1891, and Patti Subbamma, April 30, 1891. Singaluri Hope went with her sister Mahalutemi when she and her husband went north to work under Mr. Sanford, and Vara Martha, after a long illness, went home. She returned, but, as she was not strong, her mother again took her home, and we expect her to come later on. Two promising young girls were baptized and received into the church early in this year.

Mary and Ruth of Akidu returned home, and Anna and Ratnavati took their places at the beginning of 1891. S. Lydia began work with Miss Simpson in January, and is giving satisfaction. P. Subbamma was put in charge of the infant standard, and was doing well, but unfortunately had an offer of marriage, and I was obliged to let my good little teacher go. We have had no regular teacher since vacation, but hope to secure someone to fill the place permanently before long. Satyavedamma remained until vacation, and then went back to her Bible work, I trust having received some benefit from her residence in the school.

I still cling to munshi, but can only manage one hour a day for five days in the week.

I fear I have written at too great length, but in closing must express my deep thankfulness to Him who through another year has crowned me with loving kindness and tender mercy, and who has indeed been the God of all comfort in time of sore trial and bereavement.

A. F. BARKERVILLE.

Zenana Work—Cocanada.

To the Ladies of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Boards of Ontario and Quebec:

My Dear Sisters,—Though we are grieved at the loss of workers, and at the indifference of many of our hearers, still we have much to praise God for. The Spirit of the Lord has been with us, and we believe that the seed sown has taken root in some hearts, and that it will spring up and bear fruit unto everlasting life. We are grateful for health. The work throughout the year has been very little hindered through illness of the workers. Though,

as K. Tamer, one of our Bible women, gave birth to a little son, the Lord saw fit to call her unto Himself, and her place has not been filled, we are not discouraged, because this is His work, and He is abundantly more interested in it than we can be, and He saw that it was good, that it should be so. We miss her, and many of those who have listened to the Truth from her lips, miss her, and her last words are treasured in the hearts of many among them who looked upon her as a friend. Mahalutemi, who has been so long connected with the Cocanada Zenana work, has gone to Virzianagram, where her husband is engaged as Colporteur, and where she writes me she finds ready listeners. We have engaged in her place S. Lydia, one of the girls trained in the Bible-training Department, who is proving herself to be a faithful little worker.

B. Miriam, so long supported by Miss Folsom, is now receiving her support from your society, and continues to render invaluable assistance to Miss Beggs in her work in Jugganaikparam. M. Sarah, with Muramanda as her centre, visits nine villages regularly every month, and has reported seven baptisms during the past six months, which she considers to be the result of her efforts.

(C. Martha and A. Rhoda have not been engaged in the work since September of last year.

The reports of the assistants, which I shall inclose, speak for themselves. Owing to the intense heat of April and June (May being the regular holiday month), the workers did very little visiting. Your missionary realizing that a wider experience than that gained at the Toronto General Hospital would be useful in the work, applied for admittance to the Government Lying-in Hospital, Madras, which was granted, and arriving there on the 12th of March, remained for nearly seven weeks, afterwards resorting to Ootacamund for the hot month of May and a part of June.

In February, Miss Rogers, Miss (Ibison and I, accompanied by some of the Bible women, made a short tour, visiting nine of the villages on the South Cocanada Field, meeting with hundreds of women and children, with whom we left the never dying word.

The Caste Girls' Sunday school has been continued throughout the year, excepting the month of May, with an average attendance of twenty girls. Mrs. Debeaux, who has always taken an active share in this work, taking full charge during my absence. In January a Sunday school was started in Raohapella, one of the suburbs of Cocanada. This school has had an average attendance of 125 scholars. K. Joseph, the village school master, who had assisted from the beginning, superintending it after my departure, and we are hoping that in the future this will be his special charge.

The total number of visits made during the year is 1995; total number of women listeners, 5607; total number of new houses, 48; besides the work done in the parties amongst the outcast women and children. So that, though in some of the old houses the women have become altogether indifferent, and the houses have been dropped off the list, we are finding an entrance into others.

I am still devoting what time I can to the study of the language.

Pray for us that the power of the Spirit may be upon us as we go forth to scatter the seed, and that we may have the grace and patience to leave the results with Him.

Yours in the work,
SARAH SIMPSON.

Zenana House, Aug. 10th, 1891.