

The children are taught "domestic science," and all the subjects of a graded school, up to Standard IV., after which, if they pass, and show the necessary ability, they are sent on to Cocanada High School, or to Samalkot Seminary, there to prepare for the duties of a Bible woman, or those of a teacher and preacher. Their work is then amongst their own people, endeavoring first of all to teach them of the true and living God and Father. Our school buildings in Akidu are all now in good condition, and the work done by the children rivals that of the regular Government schools. The Government inspector visits our mission schools regularly, and his report of the work done is most favorable.

But shall I tell you something about Vuyuru school, which will make you feel sorry for our dear missionaries, and the children being so faithfully taught there by them.

The girls' dormitory is in such a bad condition that, when it rains, the girls cannot sleep on account of the black ants which are washed down upon them, so that our missionary has to bring these girls to sleep on the verandah of the mission house, which is not pleasant, as you may imagine. The white ants also have done their work, and the dormitory is not safe and must be repaired before the school re-opens for the next session.

Then the boys' quarters are so small many have to sleep on top of the little boxes in which they keep their clothing. Their dormitory is very crowded, yet the teachers feel they must take in more boys next year, and of course it would be well to do so for workers are so much needed, and it is from the children taught in our mission schools that the future teachers and Bible-women must come.

The chapel school-house too, is in a dreadful condition. Three classes are held on the tiny verandah, some children sitting in the hot sun, and some in a little, dark, malodorous closed part. The roof has been repaired as well as possible, but it is not good. Do you not think it dreadful that we should allow our devoted, self-sacrificing missionaries to work under conditions which would not be tolerated for one moment in the home land?

We hope something is to be done at once to build a new chapel here, and you must each and all think what you

can do to help these dear little boys and girls, who are so eager to learn, and to whom the glorious news of salvation is being so faithfully taught by our missionaries.

The older boys and girls from these schools go out on Sunday morning to help teach the heathen children in the neighboring villages, so you see they have already begun their work for Him whom they have learned to love.

Seventeen children, seven girls and ten boys passed their examinations in Vuyuru school this year, and will be sent on to the higher schools at Cocanada.

Two girls are to be married, one of them to a Church mission teacher for whom, we are told, she will make a good wife. She has been well prepared for her duties, having been taught to sew, to cook, and to keep herself and her surroundings neat and clean, and, above all, she has learned to love and to serve her Saviour.

One young widow, entered last year with the object of becoming a Bible-woman, has passed her first examination, and will be promoted to a higher class.

In many villages, day schools have been established, so that children may attend while living in their own homes, only those from far out-lying districts are received in the boarding schools. They come, walking long distances, some as much as fifteen miles, entreating to be taken in, and how can they be refused? they are so much in earnest, and so eager to learn, and despite their dark skin, and the miserable condition of many, are as sweet, as pretty, and as lovable as the children in the homeland.

Their need is so great, the girls especially. If they are not taken in, the possibility of their lives is so unspeakably dreadful. Then we need them to train for our work, so we cannot do without them, and Jesus wants us to take them. He loves them as much as He does the children in Canada. It is He who has put it into the hearts of the young men and women who have left their own homes, to go and help these ignorant, neglected women and children, who, if they but had the opportunity, would be as refined and as good as God wants His children to be.

Love them, pray for them, work for them, and for their teachers.

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