

"I don't believe in this," or, "I don't believe in that." Now is the time for united effort. Now is the time for everyone who belongs to the household of faith to rejoice, and to work with an earnestness of purpose and a gladness of heart never known before. For lo! the hands of the clock point to the hour of morning. "The darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth."

Awake! awake! prepare for praise!  
Each heartstring tune to joyful lays,  
To greet the rising sun;  
But not with dreams of coming bliss.  
A crowning happiness is this,—  
A duty known and done.

EVA ROSE YORK.

### MISS JESSIE A. ACKERMANN.

This noble Christian woman has visited Bangalore. She is a native of Boston Mass., U. S. A. She began her work among the Freed-men of the South years ago. Then she joined the great women's movement against the liquor traffic, and against every other infamous traffic on the face of the earth. She has visited South America, Australasia, Japan, China, the Straits Settlements, Burma and India. She is now off to Ceylon on her way to Australia again. Thence she goes to South Africa, the Congo, Madagascar and Egypt. Then a European tower lies before her. A tall commanding appearance, splendid voice, naturally sympathetic, humorous and largely common sense. Faith in Christ's power to save and keep lies at the basis of all her powerful appeals. She marvellously combines the qualities which would be manliness in a man and womanliness in a woman. She has been entertained in regal palaces and mud huts, has ridden the steam engine, the elephant, the camel and the wheel-barrow, has distributed her bills for her meetings in the bar-rooms with her own hand, when there was no other to do it. She has stood alone on a street corner and sang and preached to get a hearing, and got it. She has always succeeded. She has been in the rancher's cabin and the miner's camp. Thousands of these she has rescued from the curse of rum, and the slavery of sin. She has been in the bottom of the sea in a pearl diver's dress, has been in opium dens where the smokers were counted by the thousand. She has rescued white women from these infernal dens in America, Australia, Japan and China. She has traveled for weeks in China on wheel-barrow and boats, her only companions being a native Christian and his wife, who acted as interpreter.

Opposition only strengthens her courage and fires her devotion. In one of the Australian colonies was an M. P., rich, influential and a temperance man. She wrote to him that she was coming. He replied saying no. "I am a temperance man all right, but 'I can't have a woman around.'" She came, saw, conquered. He went with her everywhere, presided at her meetings, got her free passes on the railways, and did all her printing for the colony, free.

She spent three days in Bangalore, spoke five times, and organized a branch of the W. C. T. U.

She has been away from her home five years, and expects to be gone five more. She endures all this weariness, sometimes misunderstanding, often misrepresentation, this exile from home and relatives, *all at her own expense*. When her own income begins to fail, she gives a lecture where she has become known and

often nets \$400, a night. She often holds evangelistic services in which many souls have been saved. Let all those who can appreciate whole-souled and heroic devotion for the good of mankind, utter a prayer for Miss Ackermann.—*Mr. McLaurin in the Lone Star.*

## Work Abroad.

### SAMULCOTTA.

A very interesting and important item these days is the reading of the thermometer. May, and almost half of June are our most trying months, though April and sometimes March seem quite trying enough. This year so far the weather has been quite bearable, the thermometer not registering, in our coolest room, higher than 92°. We are looking for an early monsoon in June which will break the awful heat that goes before.

Building has been almost the main occupation since Seminary-closing. We are tiling the married students' houses and preparatory to that we have moved them into the other compound. These must be completed by the first of July, when the school re-opens. The Seminary class-rooms, four additional which we are building, are well on their way, and will be ready by the same time.

The Christians in Samulcotta and Yetlapalem form the Samulcotta church of which G. Yacubu is pastor. During the vacation I am conducting the services here, and Yacubu is responsible for the Yetlapalem services. Last Sunday we baptized two, and restored two. The work is in a hopeful condition.

Mr. N. Abraham, my former headmaster in the Boarding School, is now studying in the Serampore where he is preparing himself for work in the Theological school. There is an English Theological class in Serampore composed of native young men, whose studies are sufficiently advanced to profit by a Theological course in English. Mr. Abraham is reading in this class. His last letter anticipates the half-yearly examinations which he says comprise the following subjects:—

1. Isaiah 1-12. chapters.
2. Stoughton's Revelation:—To the end of Moses.
3. Paley:—To the end 1st chapter of 1st Prop.
4. Life of Christ:—End of the 1st year of Ministry.
5. Moral Science:—Pp. 37.
6. Logic:—End of the growth of the Languages.
7. General History of 1st and 2nd Kings.
8. Recitation:—John xiv. xv. xvi. chapters.
9. Greek:—To the end of the xxi. exercise.

Mr. Abraham states further that Miss Baskerville, Miss Simpson and Miss MacNeill, visited the college on their way to Darjeeling which was a "joyful" event to him.

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