

last year. While a number of new houses have been opened to our visits, about the same number have been dropped from our list because of the utter indifference of the women, or the doors have been closed against us, or the people have removed from the town.

All of the workers report encouragingly of some particular women. The heart of each one has been cheered by an occasional testimony for our Master. During the year we have been enabled to start two day schools amongst the outcaste people. B. Susannah has charge of one amongst the Madiga children with an average attendance of about fifteen pupils, and while she has been teaching the little ones, she has won the hearts of the mothers and sisters too, and we are always sure of a welcome whenever we go among them now.

Mr. Davis kindly allowed Charlie Burder to take the school in the Malapilly (I paying one rupee of his salary), but this school has not been so encouraging as the Madiga petta school, the people there seeming to be quite indifferent to everything that is good.

The Sunday school in Rachapetta conducted by K. Joseph (the teacher of the day school there) was continued with good average attendance until May, when Joseph left town for his holidays, and on his return in June it was not opened owing to the prevalence of cholera there. Charlie Burder has conducted the Sunday schools in the Madiga petta and Malapilly since Miss Rogers left for Tunj, with an average of twenty-nine scholars in the one and twenty-six in the other.

A Sunday school on the road side not far from the Compound gate was opened in October and continued until the end of April with an average attendance of sixty. After that, get out as early as we would, we could not get through with the school before the sun made it very uncomfortable for us, and there was no shade, so we tried to persuade the children to come to our verandah, but none except a few Mala children who attended the Sunday School and occupied side seats, were brave enough to come. The parents, too, were afraid that it was a trap to ensnare their little ones.

Miss Gibson has taken charge of the caste girls' Sunday school in the town since Mrs. De Beaux has been in the Timpany Memorial School.

The medical work increases, and during April, May and June a goodly number of patients were treated. We find that a little medicine opens the way to a whole petta or village sometimes. Tracts and "Messenger of Truth" are being distributed amongst the people. The total number of visits made in the town for the year is 1,814; the number of women listeners, 4,315; the number of new houses, 28; the number of visits to villages, 45; the number of women listeners in the villages, 1,169; and children, 327. This does not include the visits made by M. Sarah and B. Martha.

May the blessing of the Lord be yours, for it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Yours in the work,
SARAH SIMPSON.

MISS ROGER'S REPORT.

TUNJ.

I can hardly realize that a year has passed since I sent my last report. It has certainly been the shortest as well as the happiest year I have had in India. July was taken up until the 15th in my journey from Akidu to Cocanda. Owing to lack of water in the

canals, we were delayed on the way. After getting there I found myself too tired to study, so I rested until the end of the month, August. September, I studied, taught a class from the boarding school and carried on two Sunday schools in the Mallapilly. In October I gave my third examination and was settled in Tunj ready for work the first week in November. I worked steadily from that time until I went away to the hills a few days after the middle of March. A week was spent in Madras having my teeth attended to. April, May and June in Ootacamund one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. The climate almost perfect, it seemed an Eden to us after the heat and monotony of the dry hot plains. We were back in time for the conference in Cocanda, bringing, as far as I am concerned, a reserve of strength that I hope will make it unnecessary for me to go away for another two years.

Zenana work—Of real Zenana work we have very little. We have about fifty caste houses that we visit in Tunj, but the women here are not shut up as they are in some places, so that if we go into a back yard the women from other houses come in, so that we often have audiences of over fifty and very seldom less than a dozen. Martha, the Bible women has worked with me; also my own woman Atchamma has been a great help. Martha worked while I was away, but as she is unable to write, I am not able to report the number of visits made. We have had much to encourage us, many new houses have opened and we have been listened to with interest. I have found a number who seem to be really believing but are so situated that they feel it would be impossible for them to come out.

Sabbath Schools—Soon after I came I felt that the children were laid particularly on my heart, so I thought that through Sabbath schools would be the best way to reach them. Four were established and carried on with increasing interest until I went away. In the four there was an average of over 300 children, and since coming home I have been pleased to find how well they have remembered the hymns and texts we taught them. I feel that this is the most hopeful part of the work. These little children seem often to understand better than the older people and we generally have an audience of old people who can hear as well as the children.

Touring—I have very little to report under this head, there seemed to be so much work near home and as I was building a stable and cook house, I needed to be at home to look after the work. But towards the last of February I made a short tour, visiting about ten villages. I enjoyed it very much and hope to spend a considerable part of this cool season in that way. There are many villages in the vicinity of Tunj that we have visited a number of times. The women in these villages come very gladly and sit and listen as long as we can stay.

Work among Christian women—We have very few Christian women in Tunj, but I have held a weekly Bible class and prayer meeting for them and we have had very profitable times together. I think that is all that I have to report for the year, but I want to say for the glory of God that his presence has never failed me. Often I have felt lonely, and hope that some time there will be another lady to share the cosy home I have in Tunj. But I have found that there is ever "rest under His shadow" even "among the heathen."

Yours in the Master's service,
MARTHA ROGERS.