

## Our Work Abroad

McLAURIN HIGH SCHOOL, COCAN-  
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Perhaps I could do no better than to give the impressions that have gathered in my mind during the term of service which I have just closed; and my first impression is the uniqueness of our whole educational work as a field of true evangelism. After all, this is the purpose of our schools, to strengthen our Christian students in their simple faith in the Saviour, and to point the Hindus by precept and example to Him who is the Son of God and Redeemer of souls. Every school day is begun with Scripture reading and prayer in the assembly hall, and I have marvelled at the solemnity of those few minutes when the minds of the boys are concentrated upon Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The Bible is taught daily by trained Christian teachers and the comments of non-Christian students serve but to throw fresh light upon the true Christian position. At the close of each school year the sixth form boys give a tea party and in the addresses given, which would be fit for a real testimony meeting, every student, in recounting the benefits of the high school, relates openly the influence that Christ and the Bible have had upon their character and life, and tell of their desire to be His disciples.

Personal contact with these boys has convinced me that many of them have gone from the school to reproduce His character and life among their fellows. Everywhere we meet old students of the institution, and they are in many cases teaching the Christian precepts which they learned in the high school.

The headmaster, Mr. Palmer, has gathered about him a band of fine conscientious teachers who are thoroughly loyal to the school and loyal to Christ. I have not heard of a single case of a Hindu teacher's controverting the Christian message of our Bible classes. I know of many instances where the Hindu master has urged Hindu pupils to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. One of our old boys, V. Paul, joined the staff last July and N. Jonadab, who writes his B.A. examination this April, will be an assistant in History from

July, this year. These young men are fully imbued with the ideals of the school and should do excellent work as members of the staff.

In athletics our boys again carried off many honors. In the Health-Week Sports events they won practically all the prizes from the local college high school boys. It is rather remarkable that the boys of our Christian hostel were first in all the events. This year the "Grigg" memorial sports were held in the Board Middle School at Kothapeta and our boys returned with the "Grigg" medal besides ten other medals out of fourteen, including "Grigg" medal.

Mr. Ch. Venkatchelam, who has charge of our hostel, has been a tower of strength to the boys, looking after their health and general physical welfare, and Mr. P. Jagannadha Rao, Sports Superintendent, has likewise greatly helped in making the hostel a name to be reckoned with on the athletic field. The boys of the various fields represented in the hostel have organized unions for the development of spiritual life, and these have proved a spiritual help and have fostered comradeship and good-fellowship amongst the boys. The boarding school has been largely self-disciplining and the boys have taught and helped one another to "play the game".

### The Training School

The headmaster, Mr. G. A. Samuel, is one of our own boys, of whom we may well be proud. There is no more important work in this Mission than the training of teachers who will go out as teacher-evangelists to work in the villages throughout the Mission. Mr. Samuel, I feel, is the right man in the right place. Loyal to Christ and to the Mission, with a good mind, and a good organizing ability, he has taken hold of the work to make it a success. And to that end, every missionary can help by sending for training the very best material from his field. In many cases those sent are absolutely hopeless. In the lower grade, many come who cannot write their own name correctly. These are especially those who years ago passed fourth standard and have since then taught the three R's in village schools where students never