

able to resume this work at all, while Jane's family cares have so increased as thus far to leave her no time for other than home duties. It is very much to be regretted that we have no Bible woman for Tuni. This want will, I hope, be met before the end of the year, though how does not now appear.

### Akidu.

(From the Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Ontario Women's Society.)

Mr. Craig writes:—Our schools in the villages were closed for vacation at the end of June. During July and August the people are all busy transplanting rice. For a few months past we have had 17 schools, with an attendance of about 150 boys and 64 girls. Other villages are badly in need of schools, so that I am asking \$300 for my village schools this year. In Gunnanapudy there are as many girls as boys in the school. In March, Peter baptized a number of people there, among them being his own little girl Elizabeth and another girl called Amelia, whose parents are members of the church. While we are laboring for the heathen, it is a comfort to see the children of our Christians putting their trust in Christ early in life. I have heard Peter while preaching tell with great satisfaction that his little girl knew nothing about idols, but that she knew a good deal about the Bible. A few months ago, one of the teachers, Reuben, lost his wife. Her name was Martha. She was educated in the boarding-school at Cocanada, and is, I believe, the first of the girls to go home to heaven.

You ask me to tell about my talk with the heathen. When my dear wife was so ill at Cocanada, I felt it would be terrible to go back to Akidu alone, if she should be taken. I feared that the heathen would scoff. Although I did not return alone, I was very soon left alone, as you know. My sorrow was used as a weapon against me only once. While I was preaching on one occasion, some months after Mrs. Craig's death, a man said, "If you are a servant of the true God, why did He take away your wife and leave you here alone?" I told him that God knew what was best for me, and that, moreover, while the event had caused me deep sorrow, I knew it had brought unspeakable joy to my wife. Whether the man was satisfied or not I do not know. The question was a most painful one to me. Sorrow is too sacred a thing to be dragged into a public discussion.

\* \* \* A few months ago I was preaching on one occasion in the Bazaar at Akidu. An old Brahmin came up and made some remark about my salary, asking how much I received or some such question. When I told him I had not come to India for the sake of a salary, he could not believe it.

Once two Shudras, farmers, came to the house; it was Sunday evening, Peter was visiting me, and we were just going to start for the village to preach, but I thought a quiet talk with these two men might do more good, so I had two mats laid down on the veranda, one for the Shudras and the other for Peter. I sat on a chair. Peter talked to them for a long time. He was talking about caste and about the pride of men in seeking for honor from one another, when one of our visitors said, "The only true honor is that which comes from God." You cannot conceive how refreshing a remark like that is when it comes from the mouth of a heathen. Sometimes when we are preaching of Christ a man will say, "Yes, it is true, there is only one God, who made all things and He alone can save us. We believe just what

you do, only you say 'Christ,' and we say 'Krishna.' Then I reply, "The name is of very little consequence. Let us see what kind of a person Jesus Christ was when He was in the world, and then let us see how Krishna behaved when he was in the world. Jesus Christ never sinned. From the day of His birth till the day of His death He never committed one single sin. He was always doing good. He gave sight to the blind; He opened the ears of the deaf; He made the lame to walk; He raised the dead; He cleansed the lepers, and He did many other good kind deeds. What do your books say about Krishna? According to what is written in them he was a liar, a thief, a murderer, an adulterer. Can such a sinner as he was save sinners? Can one blind man show another blind man the way? So Krishna can save no one, but all who worship such a god are sure to become like him and do the same sins that he did, while those who worship Jesus Christ learn to hate sin and strive to conquer it, because Jesus Christ did no sin." As a rule, when we speak to the lower classes, such as the Malas, their first answer is, "What do we know about God?" Sometimes they are glad to learn, generally they are indifferent.

At our Association meeting last January, I asked our people on the Akidu field how many converts they were going to pray for and expect during this year. I suggested 500. During the first half of the year we have baptized over a 100, but we look for many more. The last few months of the year are part of our touring season, and many may come out then. I would like our sisters to pray for this, that we may have a grand harvest during October, November and December.

### Chicacole.

Miss Hammond has returned to Chicacole very much improved in health by her visit to the hill country. Her welcome home was as cheery as that she extended to Brother Hutchinson and his family on their arrival upon the field.

Three youths have been sent from the Chicacole School to the new Seminary at Samulcotta, and others will probably follow. These are to become the future teachers and preachers upon the mission field, and are therefore special objects of interest, sympathy and prayer.

### Bobbili.

On the last day of September, Bessie Churchill, the only surviving child of Brother and Sister Churchill at Bobbili met with a severe accident by the upsetting of a caldron of boiling milk, whereby she was so badly scalded that it was necessary to remove her to Chicacole for medical assistance. This additional trial to which our missionaries have been subjected will elicit the deepest sympathy of the whole Baptist people of these provinces.

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### Ontario and Quebec.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF ONT.—The names of Mrs. Evans, Toronto; Mrs. J. C. Yule, Ingersoll; and Mrs. J. Dryden, Brooklin, were inadvertently omitted from the list of members of the Board published last month.

THE EXCHANGE DRAWER.—Mrs. McLaurin of Samulcotta, India, has contributed a paper for Bands which