

EVA ROSE YORKE BIBLE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

The Closing

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On Easter Sunday and Easter Monday, it was our privilege to attend the closing of the Eva Rose Yorke Bible Training School for women at Tuni.

From the entrance of the compound, one receives an impression of dignity and fitness which accord well with the work of the school. The well-built rows of stone cottages are in perfect accord with the architecture of the bungalow, while the chapel school house gives the Christian aspect to all the surroundings. Next came Mr. Scott's compound, with the station church nearer the road. It is always a pleasant thing to come thus upon a mission compound in the midst of the Hindu towns and villages. Tuni seems by its location the place chosen of God for this new school.

It is one of the great moments in a missionary's life where she sees the women of her adopted land crowned with some new achievement. Accordingly, there were several visitors to see the women from their fields receive their certificates. Miss Eliott, Miss Farnell, Miss Folsom, Miss Hatch, Mrs. Gullison and I were the guests of Miss Bain and Mrs. Scott at this happy time for us all.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Gullison held attention and ideals high as she spoke to the eleven girls and women of the graduating class. "Ye are Ambassadors of Christ." Behind them were their own village lives and the pleasant years at the school. Before them lie the long ways of the Biblewomen, with the temptations and the striving for souls. But their's is the glorious task of being Ambassadors of the King of Kings.

On Monday morning to the strains of the gramophone, Miss Bain led the women in their "Daily Dozen" exercises. Several of the little children, who came with their mothers to this school, amused us by entering into this drill with great solemnity.

After the women's morning meal, all again assembled for Bible reading and for singing

hymns, and reciting Bible verses. There was also a contest in reading the Bible. In the afternoon as in all good "closings" we had essays by four of the class. As we listened to these on such subjects as "Church History," "Women's Work," "Comparative Religion" we thanked God that we have such a school for training our women, future Bible women and pastors and teachers' wives. Lastly, Miss Hatch, from the years of her abounding experience of the grace of God and the work in India, spoke to the women on the graces and duties of Bible women. Who so fittingly could speak to all her listeners, both Indian and Canadian? There she spoke in the chapel donated by her friend from girlhood. And there, too, among the Indian girls, sat as a guest, her "Granddaughter", Eva Joshee, just home from her second year in Women's Christian College. She is one of the loveliest of our graceful daughters of India.

In the evening, all assembled to hear as a rare treat the singing of the "Life of Christ" by Mr. Abel, of Vizagapatam, whose poems and singing are much appreciated all over our Christian area.

Our prayers were remembering Miss Eaton, far across the sea, and Miss Bain who is most worthy to take her place. Well do we remember the beginning of the school, five years ago, when Miss Eaton cheerfully gave up part of her own bungalow in Palkonda for this new venture. The work is growing greatly. And what an influence it has upon the spiritual lives of our women. We love to send our women workers here, to this school, from which they come back to us touched by the Spirit of Christ to loving service and to a passion for the souls of their Indian sisters.

The eleven graduates are as follows: (Some of them you may have been supporting and especially praying for): K. Appalanarsamma, Tekkali; K. Seelamma, Bobbili; B. Sundaramma, Bobbili; A. Ruth, Vizianagram; P. Sarah, Yellamanchili; M. Satemma, Samalkot; J. Sundaramma, Ramachandrapuram; D. Syantamma, Akidu, S. Manikamma, Ch. Chandravatamma, V. Chandravati, Vuyyuru.