

ing a strong wind arose, great black clouds overcast the whole sky. We remembered the words of the morning and foolish as it was, for rain was so badly needed, oh how we wished that rain would not come for then would these people only be more confirmed in their belief! The rain came in torrents, and oh, how exultant these people were and hailed us with "Gangannamma is our god, we do not care to know your God." After this the rain came steadily and on the second day we started for home. Well it was that we did, for the rain continued an entire week. Since then, in honor of their goddess, they have built her a temple, and all the years of plenty which follow, they will worship and attribute to her until when?—until God in His great mercy working through our faithful prayers and efforts will take away the darkness and give them the light, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

After Christmas I was free to tour by not having the school but still the medical work claimed quite a bit of time. Was out 46 days, some days seeing only one village, some days, two, and two days we saw three each day. In Valluru and the surrounding villages the work was especially encouraging, as several women not only showed evident interest, but they wanted to learn some hymns, so that when we would not be with them they could sing these and remember what we had taught them. Some learned a few verses, even amid much ridicule by others at their mistakes, and others had us write some hymns on a piece of paper to give them or in their children's school books.

We heard of the death of one of our most interested listeners, a blind woman. A very happy death, the neighbors told us, because she said she was believing in Jesus and was so glad when Jesus came to take her.

A great deal of the heartiness of our welcome and acceptance of us we believe, was due to the medical help which many of them had received.

There is still so much that could be said of the tour in Tsalopilla, Simbolanka, Aronagidda, Boudlacharavu and other places, but already my report is too long.

Medical Work.—This work has grown considerably, the number of new and return patients exceeds that of last year by nearly 1,300. Another cause for rejoicing is that our new hospital is nearing completion. It is not a large building, but is well built. Has two ward rooms and one

large middle room, which can be converted into two by a screen, the front to be used for dispensing medicine, and the back part for operations. In the front is a verandah running the length of the building which will afford an excellent place for the people to sit to hear the Gospel while their medicine is being dispensed.

We have received several small sums from a few of our patients, donations towards the hospital. We are very glad for these expressions of interest as they have been voluntarily given, not solicited.

To what extent the religious influence has made itself felt may perhaps be judged by the following words which were spoken by one of our patients "Before coming here we believed in our customs, in our gods, but now our minds are so unsettled. What you preach we feel is true and good; we can never go back to the old customs and worship as before." Pray with us that consciences may not only be awakened, but that these who come to us may learn that Jesus alone is their Saviour.

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Miss Hatch.

Dear Sisters—Instead of detailed accounts of our touring, medical, zenana, educational and Bible women's work, I wish to indicate some of the thoughts that have come to me in touring and to make an appeal. I give you some figures and also give you what may be considered some of the fruit of the combined efforts of our Bible women and ourselves in our educational and zenana work.

I have toured 72 days, visited villages 157 times, Hindu homes 325 times, held 121 meetings and taught 168 Bible classes, had 33 religious conversations with interested ones, and visited the Leper Homes 104 times. Of our lepers, 18 have found Christ as their precious Savior and have been baptized.

While touring and while in the bungalow I have been studying the map of our talug (township) and find I am not beginning to cover the work. During the year some few of our villages have passed over to the Lutherans; there are still left to us between 180 and 200 villages and hamlets with about 200,000 inhabitants, to whom we and we alone are responsible for giving the Bread of Life.

Sisters, these are solemn times; in all my nearly 20 years experience, I never knew the