

these were added at our last meeting, and we hope to have more soon. The interest is good and attendance fair but would be better if we were not scattered. We have raised thirteen dollars and ninety cents; sent six dollars and fifty cents to the Treasurer of Home, and the same to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

EMMA CAMERON, Sec.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Akidu Girls' School.

My Dear Boys and Girls,—Some few changes have taken place in our school since I wrote you last May. Our head master, D. Mesdach, left us the beginning of this month, to pursue his studies at the college, in Masulipatam, and we now have Narayudu, who was married to Lutchamma, one of the Cocanada girls, over three years ago. I think I wrote you about their wedding at the time. Krupavati is still the second teacher, but Lizzie does not teach now, except to help me with the sewing-classes. She is one of Miss Stovel's Bible-women, and goes out visiting every afternoon. Ruth and Mary graduated at Christmas. The former is now one of Miss Stovel's workers, and Mary is with me, but goes out with the others visiting twice a week. When our school grows larger and we need a third teacher, she will probably fill that position.

Michal and her sister Mary did not return when the school re-opened in August last. They were both very ill with fever in December, and little Mary died.

Merugamalla Anna remained at the home for two reasons: She had been in the school for some years, and made such slow progress that we concluded it would be waste of money to keep her any longer. Then, too, her mother was ill most of the time, and really needed her help at home.

Susanna and Katnamma were two others who failed to come back in August. When we visited their village in November, they partly promised to come this term, but I have not seen them yet.

Sundramma did not come because Michal and Mary did not. She is a little girl and did not like to come so far alone, but we hope to see her back again some day. Mr. Craig is touring in the Kistna District now, and he writes that he hopes to get several new girls for our school down there. I sincerely hope so, for we have very few boarders at present, and we should have at least 35 or 40, considering the size of the Akidu field, and the number of Christians we have.

At the Christmas examinations nearly all passed and did well. At present the list is as follows:—

IV. Class.

1. Katragadda Anna.
2. Silla Ratnavati.

III. Class.

3. Kortè Rachel.
5. Tandu Darmavati.
4. Kolagani Ratnavati.

II. Class.

6. Karaturi Anna.
9. Pantakani Devakarama
7. Kokkeragadda Narsamma
10. Gordia Miloha.
8. Kalagani Lydia.

I. Class.

11. Pantakani Jemima.
13. Katragadda Elizabeth.
12. Pantakani Miriam.

Infant Class.

14. Merugamalla Rachel.

In October Karaturi Anna and Marsamma were baptized, and on the last Sunday of the year five little girls professed their faith in Christ. They were, Lydia, Devakarama, Miloha, Miriam and Elizabeth. They are all quite young, probably between ten and twelve years of age, but we hope and trust they may all prove faithful soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Two of them, Milohah and Elizabeth, you are not yet acquainted with. Milohah belongs to a village called Cherkwada, only two miles from Akidu. Her parents have only lately become Christians. She attended school as a day scholar before being admitted as a boarder, and is a nice bright little girl of ten or eleven.

Elizabeth is Katragadda Anna's sister, and comes from Malikhimammadapuram; she is about the same age as Milohah, and has done very well, considering the short time she has been in school.

At Christmas we had a treat for the school and others, in the shape of a Christmas Tree. There was not a regular programme, but we had some music on the organette, singing, prayer, and a short address, and then plantains, guavas, pomelo and candy were passed around. The tree looked quite pretty, and contained presents for nearly all who were there. There were coats for the men and boys, jackets for the women, dresses for the little girls and babies, scrap-books and toys for a few, and Christmas cards for all. The school-girls each received a jacket, small looking-glass, comb, crochet-hook and oranges. They have fared well this year, for two weeks ago I received a basket of things from Cocanada for them. They were a part of a large box sent out by Mrs. McLaurin, in care of Miss Booker. On the following Saturday I invited the girls to come over in the evening, but did not tell them what I wanted them for, so it was a great surprise. There were jackets and looking-glasses for the larger girls, and dolls and needle-books for the smaller ones, and scribbling-books, pencils and pens for all. I was very glad to find a few papers of needles and a pair of scissors, as they were needed in the sewing-classes. Before leaving the girls asked me to send many salaams to those who had sent them so many nice things. Kaupavati was especially pleased with her letter and present from the Guelph Band, and they will probably hear from her soon.

A. S. CRAIG.

Akidu, Feb. 13th, 1890.

The Words of a Prayer.

"CASH 127!"

Spencer and Robinson's large store was crowded with Christmas buyers that December afternoon. People pushed and jostled against each other in that good-natured confusion that Christmas-tide seems to bring to one and all. Everyone looked gay and happy. Every one! I forgot the tired faces of the sales-women behind the long counters, and the lagging steps of the little call-boys as they pushed their way through the crowd, with their bundles and baskets of purchases.

"Cash 127!" called a girl at the linen counter, and "Cash 127" presented himself before her in the shape of a pale little fellow, seeming even smaller and slighter by contrast with the well-dressed, well-fed children all around him.

"You, is it, Alec?" said the girl. "Well, I've got a trip for you. You're to take this bundle (it's a 'special delivery') around to the ladies' parlor of the South Street Church. The lady that bought 'em will be there, to get