

Father, that if it be His will, this valuable and gifted missionary be restored to health and be permitted to continue in the great work for which she is so well fitted.

Miss Janet Robinson, whose faithful and devoted service in the Akidu school has done so much for that institution, is also on furlough. We hoped she would have been with us today, but the Board of the North-west, under whom she serves, had first claim on her time. She sends us very loving greetings, and is most anxious to meet the Eastern Society, at some period of her stay in Canada. Miss Corning, well known to us since her visit last year, has taken Miss Robinson's place, and her report will be given later.

The saddest gap is that in the Vuy-yuru boarding school, for here we have to record the passing away of one of the youngest missionaries on the staff, whose one term of service was an outpouring of fervent devotion, and whose attractive personality endeared her to all in the mission.—Mrs. H. B. Cross.

Coming home on her first furlough full of the joyful anticipation of happy months in the home-land, her reunion with her loved ones was brief indeed. Her illness and death came as a shock to all, for it was thought she was recovering after a severe attack of typhoid fever. A fellow-missionary writing of her, speaks thus: "The calm and dignity of her bearing, and the sweetness and purity of her face impressed the beholder as indications of a character singularly rich in the Christian virtues, and true to everything noble and pure." Our sympathy is deep and tender for the bereaved husband and baby daughter.

These are some of the broken harmonies of the year that is past, and we "seeing through a glass, darkly," are inclined to feel slightly downcast; but the Master permits no failure or accident to interfere with His divine plan, and out of the seeming loss, He can bring forth fruit a thousand-fold to His glory. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

THE FIELD.

Cocanada, Zenanas.—At Cocanada our work has suffered no interruption, but faithfully and devotedly our missionaries have been carrying on their systematic visiting among the women in

the Zenanas. Miss Beggs writes: "We have 95 houses to visit, where I need not say we are always welcome. They know we will not go unless they are willing to hear the Word of God. This is encouraging for fourteen or fifteen years ago they would have raised objections, but thank God, these have been removed. Perhaps it seems strange to our readers that so little comes of the reading and apparent interest, but the truth is they are so terribly ignorant, that some of them can scarcely pronounce the name Lord Jesus, so that it is some time before they really understand what we say."

Kanthamma, who hardly needs an introduction, is still living her quiet, uneventful life letting her light shine in the great darkness surrounding her. Early in the year she had a very hard time, as the people persecuted her, hoping to make her give up her new religion. She left her home and moved to another house, where she had comparative peace, but where I was not permitted to see her. Later on, when I found her, I learned what she had endured, and could only counsel her to trust the Lord even more fully and He would give her strength to confess Him openly. She is a wonderful example of what the power of God can do in the midst of such surroundings. She is kept in great peace and often great joy, and her bright face is a sermon in itself. When she speaks of the good I have done her, I often feel it is I who ought to thank her, for the lessons she has taught me. Bullamma is still strong in her faith in the Lord Jesus. Lately she was much disturbed over her nephew, who was very ill, and she begged me to pray for him. God was pleased to answer my prayer, and when I called next day, her eyes sparkled as she met me, saying: "I knew your prayers would be answered for He is a prayer-answering God. My nephew is better and will soon be at work."

Miss Gibson has 114 houses on her list, and reports nearly 500 visits, reaching over 300 women with God's message of truth and love. "Some of these have been very slow to receive the message, because of stolid indifference to things of the soul, and others from dullness of the mind to receive any teaching, until we wonder if there is any soul in the body to respond to these things. One has no idea how much there is to hinder us in reaching the hearts of these women—we may be