

Our Work Abroad

A GOOD SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST—REV. TULURI CORNELIUS

By Rev. A. A. Scott

All who have followed with attentive interest the history of our mission work on the Tuni field will know how inseparably that history is bound up with the life history of Tului Cornelius. Tuni without Cornelius has seemed almost unthinkable. But the Master knew His workman's task was complete and on the 20th of last June He called him to come up higher.

Tului Cornelius was born of Lutheran Christian parents at Moramanda, a village in what is now the Ramachandrapuram field of this mission, but as his parents died when he was still a very young lad, he came with his grandfather, Barla Francis, and his aunt, Barla Martha, to Tuni, while the Rev. G. F. Currie was in charge. Cornelius was baptized on Feb. 12, 1882, at the age of 16, and thus at the time of his death he had been for just over 40 years and four months continuously a member of the Tuni Church, a longer period than any other member of the church.

After serving a few years as a worker and taking a course in the Seminary at Samalkot, then newly-organized, he became pastor of the Tuni Church, in which he served for 33 years with conspicuous ability, devotion and success. During that period Cornelius saw the church in Tuni grow from the small beginnings of those early days till it came to have a membership of 300 besides giving off members to form new churches in all parts of the field. The contributions of the church also increased till the whole support of the pastor, \$100 a year, besides givings to other objects, were met by the church apart from funds provided by the Board.

Cornelius was a man of most prepos-

sing personal appearance, tall, well-proportioned, dignified and manly in his bearing and altogether one of the best examples of strong Christian manhood which our mission has ever known. He was of a retiring, unassuming manner, and remarkably even temperament. He was possessed of fine intellectual gifts, was remarkably sound in judgment, devoted and dependable, upright in character and steadfast in purpose. His faithful study of the Word of God and his passion for righteousness kept his preaching perennially fresh and forceful. He enriched Telugu Christian literature by the composition of four beautiful hymns, a Metrical Life of Christ and other writings.

He commanded the confidence and esteem of the Christian community, and the respect of Hindus as well, and took a leading part in the work of the Associations and Convention, especially in the work of the Home Mission Board, of which he was treasurer. To successive missionaries he was a wise and safe counsellor, a trusty, capable and devoted friend and brother, a steadfast helper in every good work.

In the history of these years of the beginnings of God's Kingdom among the Telugus the life of Tului Cornelius will ever stand forth as one of God's best gifts to His Telugu people and

"Whatever record leap to light,
His never shall be shamed."

GIRLS' CAMP IN INDIA

From Dr. Allyn

August 20th, 1922

Dear Link,—

This is Sunday in camp at or near Wallajah Road. We are in a Travellers' Bungalow in a fine big compound overlooking the bed of the Pallar river. I say "the bed" because there stretches