

Through Dr. Woodburne's work our missionary is able to enter many a home, otherwise closed to her, and minister not only to diseased bodies, but to the souls within, and tells of several high caste women, with whom she visits, who are being lifted out of their seclusion and ignorance, and tasting the freedom and joy of the Christian religion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The ten Sunday schools are still kept up by the Christian workers. They love their work and real progress is being made by the children who study the life of Christ. On Rally Day over 120 children of different castes attended—it was a pleasure to examine them—they knew something. The children's evangelist, Krupanandram, left early in the year to study theology at the Seminary and until his place is filled this work is practically at a standstill. It is impossible to estimate the value of this department. Entering a village the other day where the work had been short lived, the children, instead of being shy and suspicious, came to me as to a friend and listened attentively to all I had to say.

One little girl told the evangelist she had thrown down and refused to carry the offering to the temple of the village goddess, since he had taught her about Jesus.

Caste Girls' School.—We are glad to report continued prosperity in the Caste school, now meeting in the new chapel. This building, so airy and spacious, with its congenial surroundings, makes an ideal school-room. While it may not be the most desirable use for the chapel still it has its effect on the lives of the children, many of whom remain to the services and witness the worship of the true God. Two little girls, one in the Infant Department, refused to take part in the idol worship in their homes—may it come to pass that through these little ones the parents shall be shown the truth—"and a little child shall lead them."

A new teacher has been placed here, Liliamma, a clever, educated Christian girl, who taught five years in Madras, and she is proving a treasure indeed. One of her characteristics is a love for God's word. She is very devout. We had a most enjoyable prize-giving in April, when our Chapel was filled with Brahmin and other caste women. It was a pretty sight and Lily conducted an interesting programme; there were prizes of dolls, etc., for the children, also a treat of fruit. The

whole affair was very happy and afforded the Hindu women and children a couple of hours of pure pleasure. Sarah is with us still, so sweet and loving, while only of ordinary ability as a teacher her piety is real and her love for Jesus deep.

Bible Women.—The staff of Bible Women has been much depleted, and the need here, as elsewhere, is for trained and educated women to give themselves to this need. Since Blandinamma left the work has been carried on by native Christians, who though much cumbered with family cares, give their time voluntarily. I feel very grateful for the spirit of these women, their enthusiasm is contagious and their zeal beautiful to see.

Salome's heart has been cheered by the baptism of two women from her village. She herself is improving greatly. I am more pleased with her than ever before. Nookamma is young and cannot go about much alone, but I find she spoke with real unction on a recent tour. I am glad you are praying at home, for more Bible Women and think the Lord is answering your prayers—on my way home from the hills a lady offered me her two women, with support paid, while she is on furlough. I am waiting to see if this be the Lord's will.

Old Rachel passed to her reward last February and her place has been filled, temporarily, by C. Annamma, who was Miss Selman's right hand. She is a strong capable woman, and was great help to me on tour, but at the end of the year she returns to Akidu where she is badly needed.

Miss Murray asks for special prayers for two very promising young girls, who, through peculiar circumstances have recently been placed under her guardianship, after causing much anxiety and many prayers. Their story is unusual, too long to repeat here—they have been exposed to very strong evil influence and although now legally under the protection of our missionary and placed in a Christian school, the danger is not over. "For we wrestle against the rulers of the darkness of this world." The interference of the relatives is causing a little trouble just now—pray that much wisdom and grace be granted those who are watching over the souls of these two girls.

In her last letter Miss Murray lifts the veil which reveals some of the dark and discouraging aspects of the work in India. Two stories that are heart-breaking in the depths of sin they display were related, too long and com-