

several weeks the patient never allowed Dr. Smith to leave without praying in the presence of the whole family. This patient also has been truly converted, and is very deeply attached to Blandina. It will probably be a long time before these women are allowed to confess Christ openly, but a work is being quietly accomplished which must certainly produce widespread results, as the Gospel leaven works among their relatives and acquaintances.

When the husbands are converted, many of them will find their wives ready to follow them into persecution and trial for the dear Master's sake. Such was the case with Venkata Ramana. His wife, largely through Blandina's influence, was won to Christ, and has earnestly seconded the efforts of her husband to make Him known to their own people.

There are between thirty and forty caste homes open to Blandinamma. Of these, about one-third are Brahman houses. A few are Comatis or merchants. She has invitations to enter others, but her time does not permit. She also teaches regularly every week in the hamlets of the out-castes, where she is just as gracious and sympathetic as in the homes of the higher classes.

While she very seldom meets with a direct rebuff, there are times when the women evidence a desire to hear about other things rather than the Gospel. If she ceases for a time to visit these houses, the women send and beg her to resume her visits.

So the work goes on quietly and almost unnoticed—in the homes of the Rajah's secretary and dewan and in the hovels of the down-trodden serfs—the good seed of the Gospel is being sown, and all unseen by us, some of it is already bearing fruit, which the day of the Lord shall declare.

To Mrs. Eva Rose York and her dear girls in Redemption Home, belongs the honor of having supported Blandina in her work since she became a medical Bible-woman in 1904. During our first furlough, they became deeply interested in her story, and out of their meagre income have managed to provide the modest expenses of herself and her son, Amrutha-Ras, now a bright lad of twelve years.

They certainly would find it difficult to obtain a more faithful or more successful representative in India.

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## HOSPITAL OPENING IN VUYURU.

Mrs. R. C. Bensen.

Good Friday was the day chosen for the opening of the new hospital in Vuyuru. Formerly Dr. Hulet and her two companions worked in very cramped quarters, having one room for a dispensary and operating room, and two small rooms for patients. Sometimes when the rooms were full, these were put into temporary sheds made of palm leaves, on the church verandah or in the Bible-women's houses, and Dr. Hulet has even taken them into her own bedroom. She has a large clinic, often having as many as sixty or more patients in one morning.

As new accommodations seemed so necessary and as there was a little money on hand, receipts from the medical work, land was purchased next to the present site, and plans made for a new building. Dr. Hulet has had the greater share of the burden to bear herself as she decided not to ask Conference for help towards its erection.

The new building consists of an office, connected with the dispensing room by a large, roomy verandah, where the patients wait for treatment, one men's ward, two private wards, a maternity room, and a public ward, which will contain four beds. At both back and front of the women's ward are verandahs, and behind and between each room is to be a substantial wall, which will make an enclosure for cooking and bathing.

On the opening day, the large verandah was gaily decorated with bunting and garlands, and many Brahmin and other high-caste friends came to show their friendship and appreciation of Dr. Hulet's faithful work. The program consisted of a Bible reading, hymn, prayer, a short history of the work, read by the head compounder, singing by a Hindu friend and the Boarding School children, and speeches by a Hindu and a Mohammedan.

The hospital equipment is not complete, and contributions towards beds, linen, instruments and other hospital furnishings, would be very acceptable.

The medical work is one of the strongest means on the mission field in breaking down prejudice and opening up the way for the Gospel story.