

If in the soul's still garden-place
 A seed God sows—
 A little seed—it soon will grow,
 And far and near all men will know
 For heavenly land He bids it blow.
 A seed God sows
 And up it springs by day and night;
 Through life, through death it groweth right,
 Forever grows.

—MRS. S. M. THACKWELL, in *Woman's Work*.

Work Abroad.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

My dear Mrs. Newman.—The work in Ramachandrapuram is going on hopefully and encouragingly. It seems to be spreading all over the field. In one village where a year ago there was not one baptized believer, now there are twenty-eight earnest and devoted Christians, doing all they can for the salvation of their fellow-villagers.

These people asked for baptism more than a year ago, but thinking they were not ready we delayed some time until we had clearer evidence that they were seeking the truth for truth's sake. Since then they have been baptized at different times in small groups. During the year we baptized sixty-eight. We try to be very careful to receive none except those who give evidence of a change of heart. To aid us in this discriminating between the false and the true we receive none except those who first come before the churches. There are three church centres on our field. At each of these we receive our converts. In this way we are not so likely to receive the unworthy.

A few days before Christmas Miss Hatch, Mr. McLeod and myself visited our village schools, examined them, promoted those who passed, and distributed prizes. Our schools are improving. Our teachers are doing much better work now than in the past.

Our Boys' Boarding School at the station is also doing fairly well. During the past term we had thirty in the boarding department and a few day scholars. Owing to the illness of friends three of our boarders were called home to their village. One has since returned and the other two we expect back soon. We shall not admit any new ones until after the Telugu Association, which meets here on the 30th inst. We expect a large gathering of native workers and Christians to come with their missionaries from the different fields. One of the subjects discussed at this Association will be Self-support. We are praying that some definite progress may be made in this direction before long.

Our medicine has done much in breaking down prejudice and caste feeling. Even the Brahmins come to us now and are glad to take medicine from the same cup in which we give it to the Malas. We often treat as many

as fifteen and twenty patients in a day. This takes time and strength, yet on the mission field we would not be without our medicine chest for a good deal. It brings the people nearer to us, and their sufferings brings us, through sympathy, nearer to them. We have evidences that the Lord is blessing our efforts in this direction to His own glory. We believe it is one efficient way of reaching souls, and with this consciousness we rarely send any one away from our door without receiving attention, even though there is a hospital within half a mile of our bungalow.

Yours in His service,

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DEAR LINK.—Quite often in your columns we find accounts of meetings held in different places. As you are a "link" it is only fair, that as we out here are informed through you of the meetings at home, occasionally some account of what is going on here should find its way into your columns. Thus the bond will grow stronger.

On the 20th of Feb. the Godavery Association met in Ramachandrapuram. It would have given much pleasure to those who are giving and praying for the Master's work out here, to sit in the meetings and watch the orderly business-like way each session was conducted. Also to notice the Christian spirit in which all was done. As I sat there, one verse kept coming to mind: "What hath God wrought?" One could not help contrasting their condition as they are with what they would be without the uplifting of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There was a large representation of women, and some of us looked forward with much interest to Sunday afternoon, which had been given for a women's meeting. Sunday afternoon came, and after a general meeting from 2 till 3, the male portion of the congregation disappeared, divided into companies and set forth to preach in different parts of the village. We gathered the women together at once, not in the chapel, but in a large sort of shed which had been built out in front of it. This was built of sticks and leaves and joined right on to the verandah of the chapel. We had straw for our carpet and plain benches for seats. Chairs were brought for the Missimmas, of whom four were present. It was quite inspiring to the leader to see about 100 women take their seats, looking bright and earnest. The opening exercises were followed by a paper on "Work amongst the caste women," by Minnie, a Bible woman in Yellamanchilli. It was very good; one point she made was, that much tact was required to gain an entrance. A hymn by Cassie came next. Then her mother, Sarah, gave us a talk on work amongst the