

Our Work Abroad.

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Extracts from Letters from Dr. Gertrude Hulet, Miss Morrow, and Miss Priest.

Feb. 24th—After coming back from Conference I spent some time in getting started, then went off on tour to the villages where our oldest Bible-woman Sarah is working. In her own town nearly every home is open to the Word. We spent two days there, the day time spending among the caste women, the evenings 8-11 p.m. among the Christians. We could have spent many more days there, as we saw only part of the houses. So in every one of her villages the interest was good.

The other day two women came from Vadiamur. As I talked to them about God one said "why how can I know?" but on further enquiry she said "I do not know this new way perfectly, but there are ten of our people who do, and they are praying to the true God." This was exceedingly cheery news as we had thought there were only two of them.

March 10th.—Have just come in from seeing the mother of one of our school girls, she sent word for me to come—we are exceedingly pleased to go when they invite us. She is one Miss Hatch has often visited and is praying for. You know I am not a fluent speaker in English and naturally enough not in Telugu. I can present the way of Salvation in a simple way only, and sometimes am tempted to think the word has been in vain; but to-day I was so encouraged by this woman saying, "From the time you came before I have given up all idol worship, and placed my faith in the one True God." We then sang a hymn, a prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance into truth, to take away sin and cleanse the heart. You may be sure I came away with a very thankful heart and a prayer that God would forgive my lack of faith. Was regretting very much the advice of the older missionaries as to the necessity of going to the hills, but an attack of fever, though it was not severe, decided me. I shall go and get just as strong as I can so as to be able to fight in this great warfare against spiritual darkness in high places.

G. H.

Akidu, April 13th.—Miss Selman is here. She came the morning they (the Chutes) left, so I was not left entirely alone. Miss Selman is housekeeper for us, and I am housekeeper for the boys

and girls. I have forty-seven to cater to, quite a large family after having only myself on the boat.

We have more or less medical work to do every day because, although the hospital has been closed, nominally, people still come. I pulled three teeth to-day and Miss Selman one.

I take two classes in the school, English and Bible fourth class and Miss Selman takes the third class Bible. Then we have a woman's Bible Class twice a week, and evenings are trying to improve our Telugu and help our preacher with his English.

Pentacot, April 28. One thing I am glad to have had furlough for, is, that I renewed my acquaintance with our lovely Canadian weather. I had almost forgotten how beautiful it was . . . It is very nice to have Miss Pratt to keep me company now that my dear ones have gone. . . .

Just now the Cross's, Miss Pratt and I are out at Pentacot. We did not want to go to the hills this year, so came out here to escape the heat, it is 10 degrees cooler than in Tuni. The sea breeze blows into our room most of the time . . . I am going into the fishing village near by every day. May is too hot to go out, so I have been trying to visit each section of the village before the intense heat. Perhaps you will wonder at my saying it was cooler here, and then speaking of the intense heat. This old building in which we camp, is built on a very high foundation, and when I come back from the village, is like coming into another climate. There is no obstruction between it and the sea, and so we get the full benefit of the breeze. . . .

Give my love to the dear friends when you meet for prayer. How I love to think of those meetings. . . . I often remember that last prayer-meeting, (Bloor Street church) and the conference on Sunday School work, with the assurance that you would pray for us out here, as we endeavor to sow the little seeds of Gospel truth in the hearts of the boys and girls here.

E. P.

None seem to be more sanguine as to the triumph of missions than those who are engaged in them. To them the difficulties are most manifestly appalling, and yet they have evidences, as others do not, of the power and efficacy of the Gospel. And so their influence on the Church at large is to strengthen its faith in the power of the Gospel.