

year. This is not all the benefit by any means; when they marry and go to the villages, they can be an example to the Christians. Sometimes Mrs. Timpany has some sewing which they can do; for this they get paid at current rates: I expect some two or three of the girls will be married before long. When I am in the station I go every morning about six o'clock and give them out their provisions for the day and inspect the rooms and yard. They are expected to have the place swept and be themselves neat when I go. Girls at home would think this early rising. The first thing heard in this compound at break of day is the morning hymn sung by the girls; one of them prays, and then they go to their toilet and work.

I have two other schools in Cocanada; one of them is in the new village which the municipality moved from a dirty small site to a nicely laid out, village site. There are nearly 500² houses in it. Here we have an entire square, with a good tiled house. At present we have no teacher; are waiting to get one for it. There is no other school in the place, and there are troops of children, a great many of whom could be induced to attend a school if we have a kind, earnest teacher. The third school is in Jugganaikapoor. It has a home in our English meeting place. There are about 40 pupils, of whom some 10 are girls. The largest girl, about twelve years old, loves the Saviour, I trust. Her parents have not been baptized, but the mother I think is a Christian, brought to the Saviour by the daughter. The teacher of this school is well educated, and was a caste man before he became a Christian. He is a good Christian, and doing a lot of good outside of his school. One of his boys has gone recently to the seminary at Samulcotta. There are a number of village schools which have in them altogether about 400 scholars; nearly half of these are girls. These little village schools may not seem to be much, but the boys and girls who study in them will nearly all, sooner or later, become Christians, and be the backbone of our village Christian communities.

The Bible women, Rungamma and Ellen, have worked on as usual. Rungamma works in Jugganaikapoor. A great many women have heard the gospel from her. The Gabriel family are well known in Cocanada and she can go into a great many houses. Of late there has been some trouble owing to the baptism of some of the caste people here; the people are afraid that their relatives will become Christians if taught about Christ. This opposition will not last. I may say that the girl Lukshmi has found a number of her relatives here; they were here all the time. They are a nice lot of people. One young woman, Lukshmi's first cousin, would like very much to be baptized. She went to school with Lukshmi when they were little girls. The whole family, a large one, has long ago given up idolatry. They have a well-thumbed copy of the Telugu Testament. One of the men told me recently that he was ready to be baptized, but that he could not come out alone. They were delighted to find Lukshmi, and glad that she had been saved and become a Christian.

Ellen, supported by First Brantford Church Circle, is now living in the new village mentioned above. She is a good, sensible woman, and gets along well with the people, who soon get to like her. The work of these Bible women may not seem so much now, but I am sure it is telling in many ways and the fruit will more and more appear as time goes on. Only the other day Ellen brought a caste man and his wife who were inquirers. The woman said she was ready to become a Christian

and let caste go; she said there was no truth or rest for the soul in Hinduism.

There will be plenty of houses to which Miss Frith can go as soon as she has the language. Hinduism is very much shaken and is breaking up; caste does not seem to have the power it had a few years ago. Every caste man and woman who come to us are an example to the rest and make it easier for others. When the Christian community has attained strength it will be glorious to see the numbers of people who will come. I hope I may live to see it. We have a living Christ in this work and nothing can stand before the Truth.

A. W. TIMPANY.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Convention East.

THE SEVENTH Annual Meeting was held in the Baptist Church, Ottawa, on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4th, 1883. Representatives from the Circles of Ottawa, Hull, Osgood, Clarence, Roxboro', Dominionville, South Gower, Cornwall, Perth, First Baptist and Olivet Montreal Churches, were present. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Miss Muir, of Montreal, took the chair. An address of welcome from the Ottawa Circle was read by Mrs. McDiarmid, and reports were read by the Corresponding Secretary from a number of Circles not represented at the meeting. After reading the secretary and treasurer's reports the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Claxton, *President*; Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Ayer, *Vice-Presidents*; Mrs. Bentley, *Recording Secretary*; Miss Muir, *Corresponding Secretary*; Mrs. F. B. Smith, *Treasurer*. *Executive Board*: Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. L. H. Packard, Mrs. R. Turnbull, Mrs. W. Porteous, Miss Green, Mrs. T. O. Phillips, Mrs. Tester, Mrs. G. B. Muir, Mrs. T. B. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Muir, Mrs. Utting, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mrs. Whitham, Mrs. McDiarmid, Ottawa; Mrs. George Edwards, Thurso; Mrs. Parker, Coaticooke; Mrs. Alexander, Brockville. Appropriations for the ensuing year were voted to Rev. Mr. Timpany \$500; Miss Frith \$250; Girls' School at Akidu \$175.

A representative from the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society addressed the meeting, expressing their deep sympathy with us in our work.

In consequence of the large balance of \$430.73 in the hands of the Treasurer, it was on motion decided to send \$100 towards the Rev. Mr. Timpany's salary for the present year. Miss Muir closed the meeting with a very earnest and enthusiastic address. Tea was provided in the lecture room, and in the evening a public platform meeting closed the very interesting services of the annual meeting.

S. BENTLEY, Rec. Sec.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONVENTION EAST.

We would lay before you the record of the work of our Society during another year. While it has not been a year of any remarkable results, yet there has been a steady growth, and we are thankful to be able to report an increase of membership, number of Circles, and money contributed to our treasury.

The quarterly meetings have been held regularly, the average attendance being ten. Four new Circles have been organized during the year, viz: Tayside, Dominion-