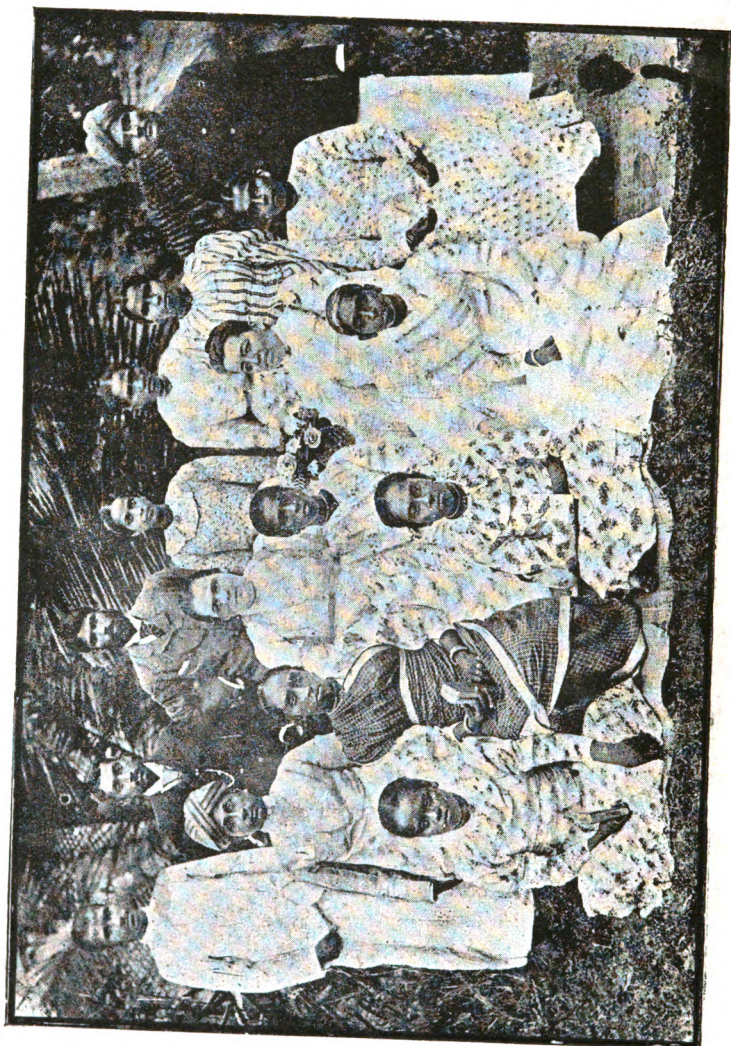


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Teaching Staff Oodjoville Female Seminary.

OODOOVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY.

ORGANIZED 1824.

Principal Miss S. R. Howland.
Assistant " H. I. Root.

ANGLO-VERNACULAR & TRAINING SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Masters Mr. C. Lyman
 " P. L. Christian
 " Daniel Chinnatamby
Mistresses Miss Martha Stewart
 " Emily A. Kartikasu
 " S. Veerakatty
 " Faith A. Kartikasu
 " Anna Visuvalingam
 " Emily N. Arunasalam
 " Henrietta V. Kanagasabai

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

Masters Mr. S. John
 " S. Richards
Mistress Miss Hester John
Music Teacher Mrs. Mary Chellappah

STUDENTS.

In the Anglo-vernacular department there are 112 girls, in the training school 7, and in the English department 50, a total of 169. Of these 55 come from non-Christian homes, and 91 are church members; of the latter 18 united with the church during this year.

Report of the year.

Oodooville school is entering upon its fourth generation of usefulness, there being three girls whose great-grand-mothers were students in the school, and nearly forty whose grand-mothers were Oodooville girls. We have reason to be grateful for the mercies of the past year. Although there has been no season of special religious interest, there has been a steady growth in spiritual things.

In May, Mrs. G. S. Eddy gave a valuable series of Bible readings. Her earnest words and bright manner won the hearts of the girls. Each Sunday afternoon Miss Root has met a voluntary class of about forty of the older Christian girls, to help them to study the best way to work for the salvation of others. As in former years each Christian pupil makes herself responsible to work and pray with one of her school-mates who is not a Christian or who has not yet confessed Christ. Eighteen have united with the church during the year, twelve at Oodooville, and six in their home churches. The Christian Endeavour Society has had its weekly prayer meeting on Sunday afternoons and has continued to support the Bible woman working in the island of Delft. The school has also given Rs. 5, per month towards the support of Bible Women's work in Tondi. There is an enthusiastic Junior Endeavour society, organized during the year for pupils under 13 years of age. Sixty-one of the girls have become Comrades of the Quiet Hour. We value greatly the Thursday evening meetings conducted by Pastor Eliatamby.

The government grant-in-aid examination of the Anglo-vernacular school took place in February and of the training school in September. At the former examination ninety four students were presented and earned a grant of Rs. 1830. The training school grant made the total government aid to the school Rs. 2230. Two girls graduated from the training school and thirteen from the Anglo-vernacular school in 1900. In the English school four girls, two of them former teachers are preparing for the Calcutta Entrance examination and form the senior class.



*Calcutta University Entrance Class-1901.
From Uduville Female Seminary.*

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UDUPIDDI GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL.

(ORGANIZED 1867.)

Principal Mrs. C. P. Brown

<i>Master</i>	Mr. L. V. Clarence
<i>Matron</i>	Mrs. Susan Muttu
<i>Mistresses</i>	Miss Maria Nagamuttu
	" Emily Ponnammah
	" Jane Arianayagam

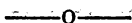
Students registered (1900)	-	51
Present graduating class (Feb. 1900)	13	
From Heathen Homes	-	29
Church Members	-	15
Inquirers	-	16

Mrs. C. P. Brown took charge of this school in April. She writes "For this first year we have aimed to keep the school running in its accustomed grooves, and have tried to have the pupils feel the change of administration as little as possible.

Among the special features of the school year we may mention Mrs. Eddy's visit in May, when for three days she held meetings with the girls and in her simple earnest talks seemed to reach their hearts with true power. Pastor Stickney followed with frequent inquiry meetings. Most of the girls in the inquirers' class are from heathen homes, and we feel that they must have long and careful teaching before they are admitted to the church.

Our Sunday evening meetings with the girls have been of much interest. We have made them varied in character, by turns giving practical talks, and missionary information, having prayer meetings and spending the hour mainly in singing with the organ. A number of the missionaries when visiting us, have spoken to the girls at this meeting.

During the year we have given the girls several evening entertainments in our home with magic lantern pictures. The missionary interest of the girls has found active expression in a sewing circle meeting Saturday afternoons to earn money for the Tondi mission. When a self-denial week was announced in the churches the girls asked to be allowed to set aside part of their food uncooked each day, the proceeds to go to the Native Evangelical Society."



Day Schools for Girls.

The mission girls' day schools, from which our boarding schools are recruited, are supported partly by the Woman's Board of Missions together with aid from the government. In all of these schools the Bible is regularly taught and while conversions are rare among the day school pupils, the results are seen when the girls come into the boarding schools, in their readiness to receive the truth as it is in Jesus. However for the many hundreds of little girls who never go beyond the lower standards in the out-schools, and for the teachers who give them all the religious training they ever receive, our prayers are greatly needed that God may bless His Word in their lives.

Each school is maintained at an average expense of Rs. 150 per annum. Thus for the 29 schools, there is an outlay of not less than Rs. 4350, of which the W. B. M. gives only Rs. 800, or less than 20 per cent.

VERNACULAR VILLAGE GIRLS SCHOOLS.

Name of School.	Village in which Situated	Head Teacher	No of pupils		
			Boys	Girls	Total
Batticotta Sta. Girls	Batticotta	Mrs. S. Sinniah	—	65	65
Pandaterupu " "	Pandaterupu	Mrs. Joseph	—	39	39
Elavaly " "	" "	" Chellappa	22	27	49
Manepay " "	Manepay	Miss Emily John	34	41	75
Anaicottai " "	Anaicottai	Mrs. M. Canapathy	21	41	62
Chuthumalai " "	Chuthumalai	" Ponniah Williams	33	98	131
Navaly North " "	Navaly	" Mary Joseph	55	37	92
Mahayappiddi " "	Mahayappiddi	" C. Arumugam	—	36	36
Oodooville " "	Oodooville	" Chuntharam	—	94	94
Chankuvaly " "	Chankuvaly	" Wesley Sabapathy	26	36	62
Inuvil " "	Inuvil	" Stephen	32	35	67
Alavetti No. " "	Alavetti	" Kathirkamer	—	60	60
Chunnakam " "	Chunnakam	" Jeremiah	27	48	75
Erlali North " "	Erlali	" Vathappillai	22	45	67
Tellipally " "	Tellipally	" Eunice Ball	—	71	71
" South " "	" "	" Tampimuttu	28	26	54
Kadduvan " "	Kadduvan	" Aseerpatham	36	27	63
Atchuvaly " "	Atchuvaly	" J. M. Sanders	—	60	60
Navakkeeri " "	Navakkeeri	Miss B. Valupillai	22	22	44
Tondimansar " "	Tondimansar	Mrs. B. Vitilingam	—	38	38
Udupiddi " "	Tanakaracarachy	Miss Susan Solomon	—	68	68
Valluvadditurai " "	Valluvadditurai	Mrs. E. Ariacutty	—	75	75
Karanavai " "	Cholankan	" Rachel	38	20	58
Chavakacherri " "	Chavagacherri	" A. Valupillai	27	29	56
Delft Middle " "	Delft Middle	" V. Arudpragasam	—	25	25
Valanthalai " "	Karadive	" K. Tilliampalam	—	40	40
"Hattie Liscomb" " "	Chunderuppai	Miss Maruthacutty	—	34	34
Navaly Ragged " "	Navaly	Mrs. Eliza	22	31	53
Changarathy " "	Changarathy	" S. Hensman	28	54	82
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N. B. In girls schools boys under ten years of age are enrolled as pupils.

In addition to the above, 1472 girls are studying in the vernacular mixed schools. This makes a total of 2791 girls in our village schools.

Bible Women's Work.

The most striking feature of the work in connection with the Bible Women this year was the Bible Womens' Conference held at Oodooville July 31—Aug 2. For the four months preceding this gathering a booklet, 'Come to Jesus' was studied by each Bible Women, the portions assigned being recited with the missionary lady in charge at the monthly meetings, and so far as possible, being used in the daily visitation. Questions sent to the Bible women in May brought to light various difficulties in their work and enlisted the women in prayer for God's blessing. Miss. Eva M. Swift of the Lucy Perry Noble Bible School, in Madura, responded to an urgent call to help in the conference and her coming proved a great strength and blessing. Of the fifty Bible Women under the direction of the mission more than forty were in attendance through the three days and others came from time to time. They were entertained in the large school-building, and in many cases they brought their babies and made them as comfortable as possible. To many of them Oodooville is a home of dear memories and it was a great joy to them to return even for this short time. Many other christian women came from a distance to some sessions, as well as numbers of young women living near the school. Many of the pastors and catechists attended most of the meetings and seemed eager to receive new suggestions.

There were seven sessions besides the morning devotional meetings. Miss. Swift spoke seven times, simply, most practically, and in the power of the Spirit. The expositions, especially of Ephesians, were particularly illumining in that they embodied a method of Bible

study which at once appealed to the minds of the women. This was undoubtedly one of the best fruits of the conference, the confidence, that it is perfectly possible for any one who will daily study God's word to get continually new truth from it.

At one of the general sessions one of the pastors spoke briefly to the subject. "The basis of effectual work." At another, conducted by Mrs. Hitchcock, Christian women of experience dealt with the most trying of the difficulties which had been brought out by the Bible Women's letter. At another Miss. S. R. Howland gave a review lesson on the text book. "Come to Jesus," followed by Rev. R. C. Hastings with an address on the central thoughts of the book, 'Jesus the Personal Saviour.'

On one evening Miss. Swift stirred all hearts with an account of the beginnings and the work which the Bible school hopes to do in Madura. Mrs. C. P. Brown gave a brief picture of Bible Women's work in each of the mission fields of the American Board, and Mrs. Eliza Chinnatamby, soon to enter Missionary work in Tondi, India, made an appeal straight from her heart for women to join in that. At the final meeting Mrs. M. A. Chelliahpillai spoke on, "Power for service," Dr. Isabel Curr on "Intercessory Prayer," and Miss. Swift closed the conference with a tender consecration service.

There was a spirit of earnest prayer prevailing throughout. The very fact of having left home and its cares for three days, and having come apart to meet God, inclined many hearts to wait upon Him with faith. There was abundant testimony in faces as well as in words, that the Lord had again honoured His promise and heard those who called upon Him. In the months that have

followed, some of the results of the conference have been seen in the lives and testimony of the Bible women themselves, in the increased interest in Bible study. It is hoped that this conference having been so signally blessed, may open the way to annual gathering for Bible study and prayer.

Mrs. Hitchcock reports for Batticotta: In reading the simple account of the Bible women about their daily round of visits to their near or distant neighbours, and what they read to them out of the word of Life, or what they spoke to them about, we have to read between the lines and think of the workers as we have seen them in their villages gathering the women together for meetings. They have literally to "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." Little time has the ordinary heathen woman to give to matters of the soul when her family are looking to her for their bodily welfare, and so the Bible women do not easily find good soil for the precious seed they are trying to sow.

Mrs. Peters writes that she had been able to work all the year for the women on the distant island of Pungudutive. She tried to get women to come to church, but some who wished to come were prevented by their husbands, others were afraid of becoming out-caste, and still others gave the excuse of not having proper clothing for a public meeting. It must be a lonely and discouraging work on those distant islands where there are so few Christians to help each other.

Mrs. Boardman is a very old lady and began her work this year at Changany. she says that she has had six public meetings besides the daily visits to the houses since she began her work in February.

Mrs. Julia Kartikasu was able to work in the first half of the year only, stopping in June on account of ill health. I had several well attended meetings with her at Pannalai, a bigoted back-woods village, where the light of civilization and religion has hardly had a chance to glimmer.

Mrs. Laura Arumugam the wife of a teacher on the island of Valany has done Bible woman's work for the last six months. She has visited 27 houses and worked with more than 500 men, women and children and 6 grown girls were learning with her. There is no church near but she has held meetings on Friday afternoons that were well attended. I was glad to cross the two-mile ferry and then take a two-mile ox-cart ride, and hold meetings with her twice and she said it was a great help to her. Her last letter told of the death of her little child, the last of three she has lost in that lonely place.

Mrs. Mary Gnanamuttu writes about comforting the sick and telling them to put their trust in God. She tries to get the women to go to church; she teaches some children the little catechism "Spiritual Milk." She often reads "Come to Jesus" in heathen houses and tells the women that idols cannot save them and they should trust Jesus only.

I have been glad also to see the Christian women of the Batticotta church, going, not as paid Bible women, but as Christian sisters to the homes of the heathen women about them and sometimes holding meetings there.

Mrs. Scott reports for Manepay:—

During 1900 there have been nine Bible women at work in the Manepay station, five under the mission, two at work in the Hospital, and two under the Bible society.

The Bible women's conference was a great strength and up-lift to all of them and they have showed more enthusiasm in their work than in other years.

It was thought best to discontinue the services of Mrs. Joshua of Anaicotta and Mrs. Lucy Jenkins of Naval. In place of the latter we have appointed Mrs. Eliza Paranchothy the mother of one of our pastors. Although she became a Christian very late in life she has a good knowledge of the Bible and a most evangelical spirit. She has a niece who can read and who accompanies her in her visits. The following is taken from her report.

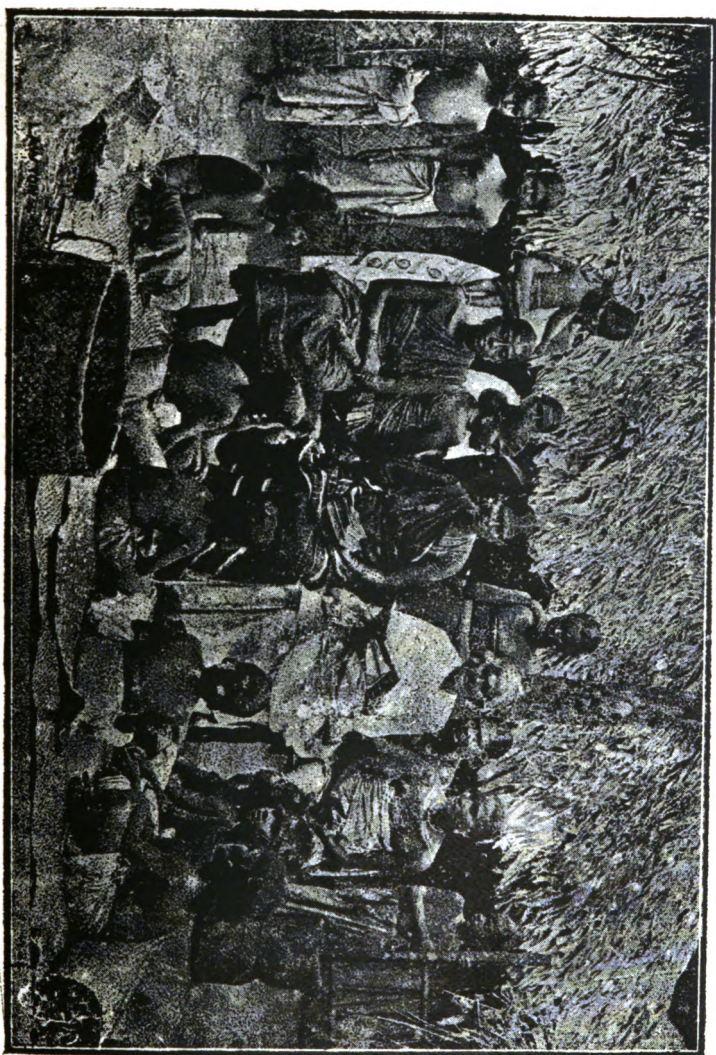
"We two who do Bible work in Arnaicotta write this. We two have been working six months. Some of the people in the houses we visited receive God's Word. Among these one man and two women have joined the church and one man and four women are inquirers and I pray they may soon be converted to God."

In Dec. 1899 our Bible woman in Thannai *Mrs. Santhia had to undergo a severe operation for cancer. She made a good recovery but was absent from her work three months. Her work has been carried on with much greater regularity and power since. Thannai is a low caste village and the work so far has not given much encouragement, but we hope for better things in future.

*Mrs. Edith David is one of the oldest Bible women in Jaffna, but her heart is full of love for the Master and her work is always a pleasure and joy to her. She writes: "By the grace of God I have been spared to carry on the Bible work for the glory of His name for another year. I have been working in Changivali, Thannai, Koddudai, Suthumalai and the central parts of

A.B. *Mrs. Santhia and Mrs. Edith appear in the illustration. Bible Women in village work.

BIBLE WOMEN IN VILLAGE WORK.



Manepay visiting one village each day and going to almost all the houses. I gave some tracts and Scripture portions to some women and children who take delight in reading them. The number of those who are able to read being limited, I teach some women and children, even from the alphabet. I make them commit to memory some Bible verses and the Lord's Prayer. Many are convinced of their sins and try to lead a pure life. Some of them do really believe that their Saviour is Jesus only. Some lead a Christian life in their houses. That the Lord may bless His word more and more and the time soon come when the whole world will be under the sway of our Lord and Saviour, is the earnest prayer of His servant Edith David."

Miss. Howland reports for Oodooville: The Bible women studied during the first six months of the year, "Come to Jesus" with much interest and used it in their work in the villages. They have since studied the Epistles of John and of James. Sickness in the case of two, (the weakness of age) have interrupted their work during the latter part of the year.

Mrs. Joanna Penfold Maruthar says that even during the severe illness first of the husband and then of her daughter, though she could not visit from house to house she was able to give instruction and help to many women. She mentions a heathen girl sixteen years old, who came to her asking to be taught to pray.

Mrs. Martha Benjamin works in Kantherody where there are no Sunday services and many violently oppose to the Gospel. She finds, however, a willingness among the women to hear the Bible and especially in times of affliction they appreciate her sympathy and Christian helpfulness.

Mrs. Dickson reports for Tellipalli and Pandaterupu. Mrs. Sinnatchy works at Tillipally and teaches 52 women all sivites, of whom 15 can now read the Bible well. She says that all these women listen attentively to the scripture truths, but do not accept them on account of their near relatives. She is an earnest woman and I think she is doing very good faithful work.

Mrs. Emily Umiar works at North Erlaly teaching 45 women. She is greatly encouraged for while she is teaching them the Scriptures they are very free to ask questions about what they do not understand.

Mrs. Sinnatchy James works at South Erlaly. She seems to be a most earnest woman and has been exceedingly faithful since I have known her. Her work has been blessed and there has been no difficulty whatever in teaching in her district. Two of her women have been converted and one has joined the Church.

Mrs. Joseph works among the people of Sillaly and Pandaterupu and has been able to go to her work each day except Sundays during the past year. Mrs. Ropes also works at Pandaterupu and surrounding villages among the sivites and the Roman Catholics, the former very ready to listen to her teaching. Nearly all the Bible women find that the real reason why the people who are interested, do not become Christians, is that they fear their heathen relatives. Let us pray that they may be willing to bear persecution and that they may come to Christ no matter what it costs.

Mrs. Brown reports for Udupiddi and Chavagachery: Speaking with special appreciation of the volunteer work of Mr. Susan Muttu and Mrs. Sivapragasam at Udupiddi station where there is no regular Bible woman, they have held many village meetings at which the numbers present have varied from a dozen to sixty. Both of these

women use every opportunity to sow seed by the way side.

Mrs. Eliza Solomon tells of work faithfully done at Valvettyturai, but it is a place very unfavourable to Christianity and she has almost nothing encouraging to report. Mrs. Julia Catheravalu at Atchuvely and Mrs. Paripuranam Valupilly at Navatkeery and Thoppu have been most regular in attendance and most faithful in preparing the lessons assigned to them, in using those lessons in their daily work, and in giving full monthly reports. In Navatkeery, a very benighted place, there is said to be only one Christian aside from the teacher's family. She is a girl in our Boarding school.

At Chavagacherry Mrs. Eunice Samuel who has been many years in the work is growing old and feeble, but seems to love the work and cannot bear to give it up.

Mrs. Sophia Elliott is a new appointment at Chavagacherry and began work last March. She is earnest and interested, and I think will be increasingly useful.

Mrs. Maria Varitampy of Usan is an able and successful worker and might well be employed her full time as a Bible woman. A feature of her work this year was a tour of the churches of Jaffna, with her husband, to solicit funds for the new church building at Usan. On this tour she conducted some evangelistic meetings with good success.

Two of the women Mrs. Susan Muttu and Mrs. Paripuranam Valuppilly joined with other members of the Udupiddi church in an evangelistic tour to the Islands in July, an effort that gave great encouragement to the lonely workers there.



Womens' Medical Mission.

Physicians.

Isabel H. Curr, L. R. C. P. & S. ED.

Annie Young, M. D.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT,

Miss Hettie Keyt.

ASSISTANTS.

Mrs. Chelliapillai	<i>Bible Woman</i>
A. W. Lyman	<i>Dispenser</i>
J. K. Sinnatamby	<i>Clerk & Asst. Dispenser</i>
L. Santhiapillai	<i>Secular Agent</i>
Supper	<i>Orderly</i>
Ponnachy	<i>Female orderly</i>
Murugasu	<i>Guard</i>
Viravan	<i>Waterman</i>
Theyvanai	<i>Cook woman</i>

NURSES CLASS.

Mrs. Anna Mc' Lelland	<i>(Matron)</i>
Miss Anna K. Muttupillai	
" Lizzie S. Annamuttu	
" Susan Thangamma	Howland
" Mary Sithamparam	
" Harriet Thangam	
" Rose R. Elliott	
" Eliza Muttachy	
" Emily Thangam	Murugasu

In giving a report of the work for 1900, we would first raise a note of thanksgiving to God for all that He has enabled us to accomplish, both spiritually and temporally and we would go forward in His name believing that we shall see even greater things than these.

A branch dispensary of the W. M. M. was opened during the year at Chavagacherri on the 25th September just two years and a day after the opening of the McLeod Hospital at Inuvil.

Our Bible woman Mrs. Chelliahpillai was detained at home for nearly five months by the sickness and death of her uncle, Proctor Carpenter, but we were thankful to have the services of Miss Louisa Eliathamby (a daughter of the Oodooville pastor) during part of that time. We also mourn the loss of Mr. Carpenter as one deeply interested in our hospital and who often took part in the Sunday afternoon service held in the preaching bungalow here, but the Lord had need of him and we rejoice that our loss in his gain.

We wish to thank most heartily the kind friends who throughout the year have helped on the work here by their donations and subscriptions to the poor fund, building fund, and to the support of a bed or nurse.

Several have sent the name by which they would like the bed they are supporting to be called and we will be glad if all those who have promised the support of a bed in the McLeod Hospital would let us know whether they want a special name over their bed or whether they leave it for us to name.

We have got 8 small kitchens built for the hospital which are much appreciated by the patients and their friends who came to cook for them and we hope to get the other half put up next year. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to these and also to a Tamil gentleman who has kindly offered to put a tile roof on the Maternity Ward in appreciation of the services done to his wife while in our hospital.

The box from a C. E. S. of Attleboro came in time to be very useful at Christians for the S. S. children and children in the hospital and we wish to thank them and

all our dear friends whether in Ceylon, Britain, or America who are helping on the Master's work here in any way. We feel sure that those who are sending these gifts to the hospital are bearing us up in prayer before the throne of grace, and so we go forward encouraged and strengthened in our work for the Master.

Medical Work.

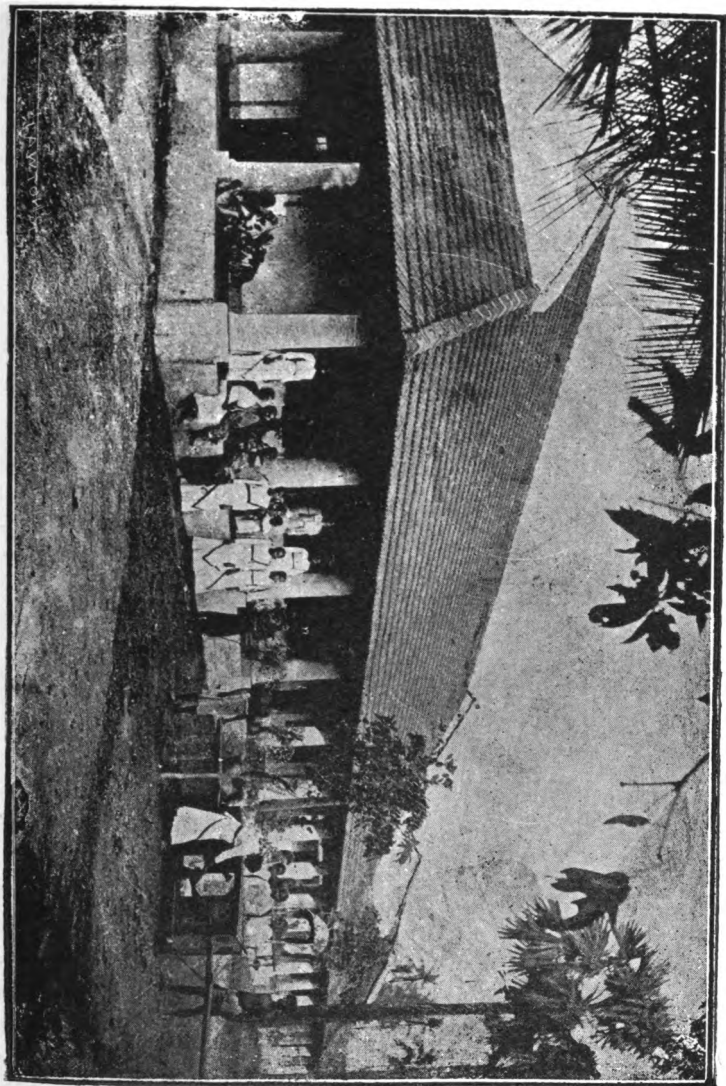
The statistics for the year are as follows.

No. of Dispensary patients (New)	1130
" Treatments	2405
" Hospital patients	612
" Village Cases	78
" Visits to ditto	147
" Consultations (private)	64
" Maternity cases	61
} of these 35 Normal }	
} 26 Operative }	

The number of both in-patients and out-patients is somewhat smaller than last year, probably due to the fact that this has been an unusually healthy season in Jaffna and malaria has been much less prevalent this year than it was last year and consequently a lower death rate in the country.

The number of maternity cases has increased and the number of village cases is about the same as last year. Of the latter 20 are maternity cases of which 3 are normal and 19 operative.

We are glad to say that the Tamils are more willing than before to bring their sick people to the hospital at once and also to stay in as long as we deem it necessary for treatment. Still there is much room for improvement and there are many who are brought to us barely in time to obtain relief by medical aid and some even too late. There are many instances where little children and grown-up people also have



SURGICAL WARD, McLEOD HOSPITAL.

S. K. Landon & Co.
PHOTO.

been brought in a dying condition after they have been treated by several native physicians who have given the most erroneous diagnoses of these cases and in consequence their medicines often have done more harm than good.

We had a very interesting case in the Hospital in the early part of the year. This woman had been suffering from some special trouble and had gone to a Tamil physician from whom she had been taking medicine for about 20 days and was no better, but much worse. When she was brought to us it looked almost a hopeless case. We found she was now suffering from rupture of the bladder and that a large piece of her abdominal wall was an entire sloughing mass. This latter we removed after putting her under chloroform, repaired the wound in the bladder and stitched it to the abdominal wall. She made a splendid recovery and went home quite well after a few weeks.

Another poor woman was brought in towards the close of the year by one of our missionary ladies. The history of this case is that she had gone to some native doctor who promised to cure her if she gave him so much money—all that she had—She believed him—but alas poor creature she became much worse than when she went to him. Fortunately for her she was found by this missionary who brought her from an old roofless hut to our hospital. At first we were afraid she would not live but through the mercy of God she is now improving in her health although she will never be her self again, but better still she has become a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. She is still in the hospital and has learned several Bible verses and hymns which she is proud to repeat to us when we visit her on our rounds.

NURSES TRAINING HOME.

During the year four new girls joined the class, one of whom stayed only a few months. Mrs. Mc Lelland the matron has gone Chavagacherri to live at home partly because of her own health and partly her mother's feebleness. During the last three months of the year she has helped us with the dispensary work in that place.

Two of the girls who joined during the year came here in order to escape heathen marriages into which their heathen relatives tried to force them. The girls remained firm and expressed a wish to work for God in this branch. One of them has married a Christian teacher since and the other is still in the nurses' class here. Another of the girls who was admitted during the year was a patient in our Hospital the previous year, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever and since then she tells us she has had a great desire to learn nursing.

The nurses continue to do good work among their sick sisters both temporally and spiritually. It is good to see some of them take such interest in their patients and nurse them through sometimes a very serious illness, and better still to know that some of them take real interest in the spiritual welfare of the patients, by having prayer with and for them and speaking to them of the love of Jesus Christ. They have morning prayer meeting in their class-room before beginning the hospital work for the day, also a weekly noon meeting which the Bible woman generally conducts and gives a Bible reading. We are grateful to Pastor Eliatamby for his help at this meeting about once a month.

Special lessons on nursing have been given by the lady doctors during part of the year in addition to the daily practical nursing they are taught in the wards.

One girl graduated about the middle of the year and has been acting as staff-nurse since. This has greatly

reduced our care in nursing, as having no properly trained matron this work depended largely on the lady doctors until now this graduate along with 3 more girls who graduated at the end of the year and are still with us, are able to help us much in the care and nursing of the patients.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

We feel it a great privilege to be among those "sent to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" in this land and we are glad that God is blessing our medical work as a means whereby His name is made known among the heathen.

We have meetings regularly on dispensary days three times a week with those who come on those days and also any hospital patients able to attend and we are pleased to see much more interest and more eagerness to listen to the things of Jesus Christ than there used to be and also greater readiness to declare the Hindu religion false and a greater desire to know about and to follow the religion of Christ. The meeting is followed by personal dealing by the Bible woman with the patients and their friends.

It was encouraging to hear from a missionary lady of another denomination in Jaffna that when she and her associate visit in the houses of a very strictly sivite district they are better received and their words about Christ and His salvation are much more eagerly listened to by those who have been to our hospitals than by those who have not. They were also allowed to visit and have meetings in a brahmin's house which stands in the midst of a temple compound, because one of the members of the family had been treated in our hospital.

Our best work perhaps is being done in the hospital among the in-patients for while they stay in for treat-

ment, they hear daily from the nurses, Bible woman, and doctors the old old story of Jesus and His love and some of them, forsaking their idols, receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. We pray that these dear women may be kept from the snares of the evil one as they go to their own houses, surrounded by their heathen relatives.

Others go home impressed by what they have heard sometimes for the first time and we trust that the seed thus sown may spring up and bear fruit. Others again go home quite indifferent to eternal things or perhaps satisfied with going to heathen temples and offering of their substance to the gods there and while they are grateful to us for the relief they have found to their sufferings they will sometimes go to their temples and give thank offerings to Kanthaswamy and others of their gods. We are glad that some of these dear people while we have been talking with them have confessed that their gods could not cure their disease and that they had come to us now acknowledging the power of our God the one true God.

We praise God for blessing also among the nurses, some of them having been led to consecrate their lives more fully to God and His service. Ponnachy the orderly has confessed Christ as her Saviour during the year and the cook woman is also an anxious enquirer after the truth. For all these things we give thanks to God.

The following is a report from Miss. Louisa. Eliatamby who helped us greatly during the absence of the Bible woman and who was glad to be able to bear testimony among the patients for her Saviour who had just raised her up to health and strength from a severe sickness.

"How much truth there is in the word of God "and the prayer of faith shall save the sick" In answer to prayer God speedily gave me strength to witness for Him of

the goodness He had done especially to my soul in the presence of many people in the hospital.

Indeed to the children of God this hospital is a suitable place to work for Christ. Usually we had meetings on dispensary days. These meetings were very blessed to many. On other days in the evenings we had meetings in the wards. Many gathered together willingly when we sang lyrics with music and spoke of Jesus to them. These meetings were the means of special change among some. A number of them gladly invited us to hold meetings with them. One heathen woman from a place 20 miles away was staying in the hospital some days to be treated for her eyes. Her soul was in a wretched state. One day when I spoke to her plainly about the way of redemption with the help of the Holy Spirit this woman bitterly cried and confessed her fault openly and said that she had already received Christ as her Saviour. She also promised that she would go to meetings regularly taking her husband with her and would not worship idols any more. From that day she heard the word of God willingly. We praised our dear Saviour when we saw a great change in her life."

We hope to have a Bible woman work in the village very soon in order to reach the women who don't care to come out to the bungalow meetings. Several of the men of the village continue to come on Sunday afternoons and we are glad to report that one who used to attend has confessed Christ and is giving testimony to being a Christian although on a sick bed.

CHAVAGACHERRY DISPENSARY.

As was stated before, a branch Dispensary of the W. M. M. was opened at Chavagacherry about 12 miles from Inuvil on 25th Sept. 1900.

About five years ago Dr. Grieve carried on dispensary

work successfully for some months but this was closed after her departure from Jaffna. Lately the Christians of that village have been begging us to come again and re-open the dispensary, so we have consented to have the dispensary there open two days weekly, viz. Tuesday and Saturday. One of the lady doctors visits on those days and we have a dispenser in charge. One of the nurses generally accompanies the doctor and we are also grateful to Annamuttu our former Matron who resides in that village for her help in the dispensary.

The number of new patients at this dispensary is 74 the total number and of visits is 233 during 3 months.

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ILLUSTRATIONS.

BIBLE WOMEN AT WORK.

The picture shows Mrs. Edith David and Mrs. Santhia both of whom are mentioned in Mrs. Scott's report of Bible women, at work in the village of Changuvaly, near Manepay. Mrs. Edith, now an old woman, has been an earnest Christian worker for many years and a Bible woman for more than twenty. She characterizes her relation to Mrs. Santhia as being like that of Paul to Timothy. She found her, a little girl in a heathen home, taught her there, induced her parents to send her to school, rejoiced over her when she became a Christian and after many years led her into the work so dear to herself.

Of the seven women or grown up girls seen in the picture, two hear the word with gladness and have learned to pray. One though the mother of a Christian son, persistently rejects the Gospel. Nearly all the children are now attending Christian schools. Over and over again, the Bible woman must patiently tell of the

love of God, to just such a little audience as this half interested or opposed, gathered together out of the day's hurry, in many a heathen home.

THE TEACHING STAFF OF OODOOVILLE SCHOOL.

Besides Miss. Howland and Miss. Root, the group includes all the teachers of the three departments, the training school, the Anglo Vernacular school, and the English school. Four of the masters received their higher education at Jaffna College, and six of the young women are graduates of the Oodooville training school for teachers

CALCUTTA ENTRANCE CLASS

These four girls formed the highest class in the Oodoo-ville English School in 1900. They have made during their life there a record for faithful and helpful Christian service, that promises well for their usefulness in years to come.

As we go to press we learn that the entire class was successful in passing the Calcutta University Entrance Examination.

THE SURGICAL WARD AT INUVIL HOSPITAL

This building connected with three similar ones, and together with several smaller detached buildings, furnishes room for Dr. Curr and Dr. Young with their assistants, to care for numbers of sick women and children. In the picture Dr. Curr is seen with several nurses and other helpers, as well as a patient just going away in her palanquin.



