

The outstanding event in Leper work has been the establishment of a new Leper Asylum at Vizianagram. The Maharajah has donated 100 acres of land and temporary buildings have been erected, in which there are already 21 inmates. The Mission to Lepers in India and the East, the local municipal bodies, and the Government are financing the proposed extensive building operations, but the supervision of the work has been given over to the missionaries.

A new step was taken in December in making the churches of India responsible and self-governing. They have had for some years three Associations, meeting yearly, but last December delegates met at Cocanada and formed the "Baptist Convention of the Northern Circars." The Moderator was Rev. N. Abraham of the McLaurin High School staff, and the Clerk, Ch. Bhammurti, minister of the South Cocanada Church. Plans were laid to form Boards to be elected by the Convention, which should manage the missionary operations of the churches. They also published a Year Book of over 100 pages.

There has not been so much building done as in former years. A new bungalow has been built for the lady missionaries at Vizianagram. Two acres have been added to the Vuyuru property, and a new chapel is in course of erection. Land is purchased at Tuni—six acres—on which a bungalow is to be erected for the lady missionaries. The new bungalow at the new station of Avanigadda is nearing completion, the cost being \$5,000. Additions have been made to the McLaurin High School and the Cocanada Girls' Boarding School, also to the hospitals at Pithapuram and Ramachandrapuram. At Chicacole new hospital buildings are being erected.

Seven missionaries have been engaged during the year in the study of the language. Of these, Misses McGill, McLeish, Mason and Woodman, and Mrs. Freeman passed their first examination, the first two with distinction. Mr. Gordon has, after less than six months' study, passed the most of his first examination. Rev. E. C. Bensen and Rev. J. B. McLaurin have passed their third

examination in Higher Telugu, and Miss Selman her first in Hindustani the language used chiefly by the Mohammedans. The missionaries have established a Language School for new missionaries, with a permanent staff of competent teachers. Part of the year this is to be held on the hills, where the cool weather will conduce to study. There is a proposition now under consideration to establish a large central school for the Telugu missionaries of 15 different Missions, where will be found competent Indian teachers, and also a lecturer in Comparative Religions, Hindu Philosophy, etc.

CIRCLE NEWS.

Goderich.—The Ladies' Mission Circle held a Quilting Tea in the Sunday School room of the church in October, at which about 25 were present. After tea they were led by the pastor in an hour of prayer and praise. They took up a thank-offering which amounted to \$7.00. In the afternoon while the ladies were quilting, Mrs. Wrighton read an interesting story of answers to prayer. We raised last year \$21.00 for Home and Foreign Missions.
Minnie C. Hopkins, Sec.

Olivet Church Toronto.—The annual thank-offering service of the Women's Mission Circle, on Friday evening, Nov. 13th, was an occasion for special effort, we having planned to devote the offering towards Miss Priest's Bungalow Fund. And we were delighted to have present a large and appreciative audience to greet Rev. H. C. Priest, who had kindly consented to give an illustrated address on "India."

As Miss Priest is lovingly remembered by many of us, and her membership is still with us, we felt that fresh inspiration in Mission work would be gained by such an address from her brother, whose ministry with us in the early history of our Church (then Sheridan Ave.) is to many a happy memory.

In a few well-chosen words our Vice-President, Mrs. Abra, introduced Mr. Priest, who expressed pleasure at being called upon to assist in the good work. We trust that ere long our sister will have a comfortable and weatherproof home.