

where we are, as a Society, whether we are advancing or standing still. There are 108 churches in our Convention, and we have had between 55 and 60 Circles, but at the present time, only 42 have been heard from. Is there no way of tracing the other 18 or so and ascertaining if they are still in existence.

BANDS.

We are sorry to lose our efficient Band Superintendent, but the press of other work in the Society has made it necessary for Miss Chandler to resign her position. We trust that the new leader will find much to encourage her as she enters upon this interesting and important branch of our Society.

INDIA.

The year in India has been characterized by steady faithful sowing, on the part of our missionaries, and a general increase and expansion of the work. Consequently there is a great need for more workers, and through all the reports, the cry is reiterated, "Pray for more workers, enrol native workers," efficient teachers for the schools, and trained, educated Bible women, who will realize their privilege and responsibility in seeking to win "India for Christ through the agency of the Indians."

The outstanding events have been the completion of the Akidu Bungalow and the much talked-of Dormitories. (The latter at a cost of \$600, raised entirely by this Society). The placing of Miss Morrow at Narsapatnam, thus relieving Miss Murray of that field, and the transference of our Vuyvuru and Vallur schools to the care of Dr. Allyn, during Dr. Hulet's furlough.

The climatic conditions have been extremely trying this year, the hot season beginning so much earlier than usual, while the rains kept off until the middle of August. The country was full of chicken-pox, small-pox and the inevitable cholera with the usual result that many of the native Christians relapsed into their heathen practises of seeking to appease the cholera goddess to obtain relief from this terror.

There are still ugly rumours of the political unrest, and we hear of dates being set for the massacre of Christians. A recent letter tells of a brutal assault upon lady missionaries near Poona, done in revenge for some action of the Government. One missionary writes: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be, pray that we be found faithful unto death if need be.

YELLAMANCHILI.

Miss Murray's letters come to us so teeming with interest that it is indeed difficult to know just where to begin in telling you of her work, nor how much to omit.

Instant in season and out of season, seems to have been the keynote of this busy year, whose varied interests have brought our missionaries into touch with many rich experiences, and which has seen the foundation work of what we expect will become strong, living forces, in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in India.

The coming of Miss Morrow to take charge of the Narsapatnam work has been a great relief to Miss Murray, who writes as follows: "To me and to all who have visited it, Narsapatnam is a field full of interest and promise, the women are lovable, intelligent, and ready for the Gospel, and many are the prayers that have been offered that God would soon supply the necessary workers. You will be able to understand, therefore, the gratitude that Miss Morrow has come to work here. I have thanked God over and over again, not merely that I shall be relieved of touring in that distant field but that one is coming who can devote her whole time to the development of that most interesting place."

We are glad to hear of a delightful holiday among the hills at Coonoor, which Miss Murray says was the best she ever had in India in that it was a time of spiritual refreshment. Daily intercourse with congenial spirits and the fellowship with God's people at a convention for the deepening of spiritual life, united in making this season one of lasting inspiration and help.

On her return, there was held a gathering of Christian workers, in Yellamanchili, for a time of self-examination and confession. Several very difficult cases were wonderfully cleared up by the confession of sin by those in the wrong. We have been greatly encouraged to continue resisting the evil one. God intends to give us the victory—it is ours to gain it.

Under the inspiration received at the Samulcot Jubilee, all the available forces were enlisted in a Gospel campaign against the strongholds of idolatry which lasted till the Christmas season. The burden of our message was: "Thou shalt have no other God but me." Before the end of the quarter, old and young alike, gave evidence of conviction of sin.