

educate their children, whatever they now do to support teachers or pay fees must be reckoned to the credit of the Christian religion. This year the Akidu church has given Rs.92 (apart from missionaries), Gunnanapudi, Rs.333, and others Rs. 100, besides about Rs.75 by the people in Moturu for a wall around their school house.

## STATISTICS.

Eleven churches, seventy-seven villages, baptized 180, restored six, received by letter, eleven; died, thirty; excluded, sixty-five; present number, 1,565.

## SEMINARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell,  
Miss Hatch.

Four Teachers,  
Seventy-six Students.

We wish we had space for Brother Stillwell's admirable report. It so accurately sets forth the needs of the fields and the relation which the seminary sustains to that need. But we must forbear. We quote a few words. He says, "Under God's blessing there is no more important nor responsible work than the preparation of workers who must eventually evangelize India. On account of the climate, the impracticability of living as do the people among whom we labor, and the supreme difficulty of coming into close contact with Indian life, it is evident that India's evangelization must come from her own people.

"Our converts, so far, have come from the lowest grades of Indian life, and in the rough, have neither intellectual force, moral influence, nor spiritual power. Therefore the simplest elements of knowledge, the first principles of morals and the very rudiments of spiritual instruction must be furnished. These are best supplied by some such training institution as the seminary." Again he says, "The idea of instruction that obtains in the seminary, is not merely the imparting of knowledge, but by much patience, unwearying care, and sore travail bringing to birth in the learner new ideas of life, begetting ennobling aspirations and implanting an earnest purpose, in a word, the formation of character after the divine model."

The course proper is *five* years, but there is a preparatory course of one year for those unable to enter regularly. There are *three* departments of study: 1. Preparatory; 2. Bible; 3. Theological. Those in the first read Matthew, and Mrs. Archibald's catechism. Those in the second read the Old Testament three years and almost all the New Testament, while those in the theological department read Romans, Hebrews, Pastoral Epistles, Theology, Church History, Bible Geography, Moral Philosophy, and Homiletics. Parallel with these courses runs a secular course of studies. This year there are seventy-six, including wives of students. They are classified thus: Theological, fifteen; Bible, forty; Preparatory, twenty-one.