

Chicacole and then returned to Bimlipatam having been absent twenty days.

There were many seasons of deep interest connected with this tour. The impression was strengthened that we must needs thoroughly make known the Gospel message ere we can reasonably hope for a turning unto the Lord. After a few days we started on a second tour. This time, in accordance with Mr. Churchill's invitation, we went as far as Bobbili, preached in thirty-eight villages. Ten or twelve villages also in the vicinity of Bimlipatam have been visited. The result does not yet appear; but we trust it will in due time.

VIZIANAGRAM.—The Colporteur, Guriah Mitchell, has been employed there during the year. The success attending his work does not warrant a continuation of his services in that department and in that locality.

The Christian brethren there have endeavoured to hold on their way. Their numbers have become much reduced by removal.

JEYPURE.—Since the death of Kroothi Basso Mahanty, we have not been able to find any one to labour as preacher in Jeypore until very recently. One of the brethren there, viz., Sutharedhhi Putnaik is now desirous to be so engaged. We have employed him since the 1st of December.

STATISTICS.—No. of Church Members, January 1st, 1880, 29; No. of Church Members excluded, 2; No. of Church Members added by baptism, 1; No. of Church Members added by letter, 3; No. at present, 31.

R. SANFORD.

Bimlipatam, January, 1881.

Chicacole, (1878.)

MISS HAMMOND.	APPAYAH, Preacher
BAGAVAN BAYRAH, Preacher.	PAULUS, Colporteur
SUTHENAH,	do.

From the beginning of the year, until the latter part of May, this station was in charge of the Rev. W. F. Armstrong. At that time the failing health of Mrs. Armstrong rendered their return to their native land a matter of necessity. Thus the work suddenly and unexpectedly came into my hands. As the path of duty seemed plain, it was mine to walk therein, believing that the Master knew best, and that he would supply all my need. The months, with their alternate light and shade, have passed swiftly; and He who said "Lo, I am with you always," has abundantly fulfilled His promise; He has gone before, making dark places light and crooked things straight, and has taught me to say, "Sing praises unto the Lord; sing praises with understanding."

SERVICES.—During the early part of my stay here, we had a preaching service on Sunday morning, followed by a Sunday School for boys. This was attended by the young men and boys from our compound, but composed largely of day school pupils from the town. The school teachers also came. The attendance has never been large, as the close of the year shows an average of 25. During this session the five little girls belonging on the compound were also taught. In the afternoon we had our Woman's Prayer-meeting, followed at five by another preaching service. In July we commenced a Sunday School for the girls from the town belonging to the Day School. It was almost impossible to induce a few to attend, and exceedingly difficult to reduce them to any kind of order. Our Woman's Meeting had to give place to this school, and that has since been held on Wednesday afternoon.

The morning class of girls was brought into it, and we have made an average of 22. In October the afternoon preaching service was discontinued. After three sessions, in all of which some of us were engaged, it seemed more profitable that all who were able should go beyond the limits of our compound, to see what work could be done for the Master. Whether that service will be resumed is a doubtful question, as thus far the change has given satisfaction.

The weekly Prayer-meeting on Thursday evening has been sustained; except on one or two occasions, it has been attended only by our own people.

FIELD WORK.—This very important branch of Mission work has not received the attention which is desirable. In a measure we are bound by circumstances. It is pleasant to think and talk of the harvest, but ere the ripened sheaves can be gathered into the Master's garner, the sower must sow the word. The field is comparatively new, and there is great need of sufficient labourers. Suthenah and Appayah have continued their town and bazaar preaching as usual.

Some little effort has been expended on the villages adjacent to Chicacole. Since the Sunday service was discontinued, some of the young men have frequently spent that part of the day, as well as a part of many Saturdays in this work. They took with them their hymn-books and tracts, and seemed to enjoy the little they could do. In November Mr. Sanford came up, prepared for a two weeks' tour on his own field. It was deemed best that Appayah should accompany him. During the autumn months Bagavan Bayrah was doing something in and about his own village. Since the early part of December, he, Suthenah and occasionally Appayah, have been engaged on a small portion of the field. They have visited some 110 villages, and their reports show that many classes have heard with a fair degree of attention, and not a few for the first time, the message of salvation. I was very anxious to visit a certain district, in company with the preachers and some native Christian women, but concluded that, perhaps to the schools was my first duty, at least till after the Government examinations. It is hoped that the preachers will continue this work, as long as the weather permits, and may He whose word is the good seed, grant, that

"Horn on the narrow ridge
The ripening grain will find
That the Lord of the harvest coming
In the harvest sheaves may bind"

REPRODUCTION.—This work has gone on much as usual. Owing to the illness of the Secretary of the Tract and Book Society, Madras, books for some time could not be obtained, hence the Colporteur was not as thoroughly supplied as he should have been. Nevertheless he has sold 72 rupees worth, or about 3000 books and tracts. It is hoped that we will soon have some portions of the Word of God to put into his hands.

Time will tell how the highest Christian literature will be received.

SCHOOLS.—For a month or two after the work came into my hands, there were two village schools, one at Old Chicacole, about a mile and a half from the Mission house, the other at Tickaly, a town some thirty miles from Chicacole. The teacher in the former was a member of the Church, but desired, sought and found, employment in some department of a native regiment; threw up the school without consulting any one, and left the place; we have not since heard from him. After considerable effort to supply his place, the school was discontinued. There was only one Christian in the village,