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Whom I Serve.

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feeble and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All Thy bidding to fulfil;
Open Thou mine eyes to see
All the work Thou hast for me.

Lord, Thou needest not, I know,
Service such as I can bring;
Yet I long to prove and show
Full allegiance to my King—
Thou an honour-art to me,
Let me be a praise to Thee.

Jesus, Master! wilt Thou use
One who owes Thee more than all;
As Thou wilt! I would not choose,
Only let me hear Thy call.
Jesus! let me always be
In Thy service glad and free.

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Report of the Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission for 1883.

(Want of space compels us to confine our selections from this interesting pamphlet to those portions only which relate to the Stations supported by the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, the near approach of the Annual Meetings of the Societies of these Provinces rendering the fullest information as to the work in India exceedingly desirable.—Ed.)

Cocanada, (1874).

Rev. A. V. Timpany; Mrs. Timpany; Miss M. J. Frith;
Three Native Preachers; Nine Teachers; Two Colporteurs;
One Bible-woman.

The beginning of the year we were in Calcutta attending the great Missionary Conference. The inspiration of that gathering has been a help and blessing to us during the whole year.

Traveling.—About five months were spent in traveling in various directions over the field. As a rule the people in the villages give good attention to the Christian message. In almost every village visited some people tell me they have given up the worship of idols. The people are gradually learning that there is only one God, who is the merciful and loving Father, not willing that any should die, but rather that they should turn to Him and live. Sometimes when I went on the boat I took with me some of the school girls to sing hymns and talk with the women. This plan works well and thousands of the women heard who otherwise would not have appeared at the preaching.

Extension of the Work.—There are Christians in some ten villages where a year ago there were none. The first converts in a village as a rule have a hard time of it. They are persecuted by their old friends and relatives, and the village officials are against them. North of Rajahmundry some twenty miles,

in and about Gokaram there are now more than twenty baptized believers. The chief agent in this good work has been a trader whose people live in my old Ramapatam field. He has lived for many years in the neighborhood of the Rumpa country, and knows the people well. I baptized this man in June, and three others who came with him to Cocanada for the purpose of being baptized. In October I made a trip to Gokaram and baptized fourteen more. There are a number also who were baptized in Ongole by Dr. Clough or his assistants. A young man and his wife from the south have joined us, sent by Dr. Clough. This young man will be ordained and a church organized, over which he will be pastor. In another direction, thirty miles North-West of Cocanada, at Lingamperty near Elashwaram we have a school, and some eighteen converts who were baptized at one time in October. These converts have secured a site for a school-house which they are now getting materials to build.

School-house Chapels.—In my report a year ago I mentioned Muramanda as a place where a house was needed, and referred to the slowness of the people to go forward in the building. I am glad to say they have a very nice place built. I gave a door, a window and Rs. twenty in cash to buy timber. The Christians did the rest and it has been a blessing to them. The Christian women carried a lot of earth to build the walls and raise the floor. They have made the walls beautifully smooth inside and out, and whitened them with their own hands. There are now outside of Cocanada four houses completed, one building and a number of other places where we are trying to get land for house sites. It is slow work sometimes as the villagers usually oppose. Very few of the native officials favor the spread of education among the classes for whom we mostly work. Were it not for the European officials it would be a task indeed.

Colportage.—As last year so this two Colporteurs have been at work scattering the Scriptures and religious tracts. They have been about as last year. These men are expected not only to hawk books, but also be Evangelists and tell the story of Christ wherever they go. In the case of a large number of villages the Colporteur is the only Christian teacher who ever visits them. If they confined themselves to hawking books, no doubt their sales would be larger, but the good done would be less.

Station Work.—In the Mission chapel a Sabbath school and two services during the Sabbath, a general and a female prayer meeting during the week have been maintained. For some months also a Sabbath school and a preaching service have been held Sabbath afternoon in Jugganaikapoor in the English Baptist Chapel. Three day schools have also been kept in operation during the year. The Telugu church has taken over all its running expenses. From the first of 1884 we expect they will with some help from the English Baptist Church assume the support of their pastor Jonathan Burdur. The pastor will be relieved of the Head-mastership of the station school, and I doubt not with good results will give all his time to the work of the ministry. One Bible-woman for the whole year and another for a part of the year have found plenty of work to employ their time.

The year has been one of advance. Some one hundred and twenty Telugus were baptized. These converts have included all castes from the Brahmin down. Last year we reported forty baptisms. Of course there has been some chaff in the wheat gathered, but not more I am certain than would be the case at home.

*See marginal reading of I. Peter, ii. 7.