

COLPORTEGE.—This important branch of our work has been carried on as usual. Paulus, the Colporteur, has spent more than half his time among the villages; the remainder in town. The sales have averaged a little over Rs. 11 per month. Upwards of 5,000 books and tracts have been sold, and a large number of handbills given away. All this Christian literature scattered over the field cannot fail, with God's blessing, to be productive of good.

SCHOOLS.—Two schools have been in successful operation throughout the year under the superintendence of Mrs. Armstrong. The boys' school numbers about 100, and the girls' 40. Bible instruction and the singing of Christian hymns form the chief feature in both schools. And the progress in both has been very encouraging, though secular instruction has not been neglected, as the results of the Government examinations testify.

The pupils of both schools, with their teachers, attend Sunday morning service, and the classes which are formed for Bible instruction immediately after.

Several of the older boys seem to be seriously enquiring after the great salvation; one promising lead gives evidence of being converted, and has asked for baptism. Thus the Master has set His seal of approval on this branch of our work. And we believe Mission schools will always enjoy His smile, so long as they are conducted with Christ as the centre, the first, and the last.

We look forward to a new year in hope, yet knowing not what will befall us there. May He who is mighty to save be with us.

STATISTICS.

Number of Church members reported last year	10
Baptized during the year	1
Received by Letter	7
Died	1
Present number	17
Preachers	3
Colporteur	1
Schools	2
Pupils, girls	40
" boys	100
Total	140

W. F. ARMSTRONG.

Chicacole, January, 1880.

Tuni (1878.)

Rev. G. F. CURRIE. | JEREMIAH, Preacher.
Mrs. CURRIE. | TIMOTHY, do.

The year just closed has brought to us, on the Tuni field, perhaps greater than usual alternations of pleasant and unpleasant experience. At times we have had much encouragement, and have indulged in many hopeful anticipations as to the results of our labour. At other times we have been a little depressed and saddened in view of the formidable difficulties and hindrances with which the work has been beset. Much of our attention has been occupied with secular matters connected with the mission, and could not therefore be given to direct evangelistic labour. The necessity of withdrawing so much valuable time from the preaching of the Gospel among the people has occasioned us no little regret. Yet we have the satisfaction of believing that the time spent in secular work has been profitably occupied in preparing for the future as well as the present wants of the mission.

Returning to our station in January, after an absence of a few weeks on account of illness, we resumed building operations, and until the end of April were employed in erecting a house on the new compound, to be used temporarily as a dwelling-house by the missionaries, and afterward more permanently, as a school-house chapel. On the 2nd of March a Church was organized consisting of six members, all of whom had come with us from Cocanada, and were received by letter from the Church located there. On the evening of the same day the ordinance of Christian baptism was administered for the first time in connection with our work at Tuni.

A few weeks of the hot season were spent at a hill station, from which we returned in July and entered again, with recruited strength upon the work of our own field. The new house was thankfully taken possession of, and though still quite unfinished, was found much more comfortable and convenient than the premises we had previously been obliged to occupy.

During the months of August, September and October an opportunity was afforded for evangelistic work which we endeavoured to improve. Many villages where we had preached during the previous year were revisited more or less frequently; and in many others the way of life was proclaimed for the first time. Four preaching tours were made during the year, two to Nukkappilla, where large audiences were addressed at a Hindu festival, and at a weekly fair; one to Annavarum and vicinity, where several

days were spent in encouraging labour among a number of villages not previously visited; and one to Cashimkotta and intermediate villages. As a rule, the people gave good attention to the Gospel messages; and comparatively little opposition was encountered. In addition to the tours mentioned our native preachers have visited other parts of the field alone, and have brought back favorable accounts of the reception given to them and their message by the people. Bazaar preaching at the weekly fair in Tuni has also been regularly kept up, except when we have been prevented by sickness or absence from the station. An awakening interest in the truth has been observed in certain sections of the field, and we cannot but hope that some have been renewed. But desiring further evidence of conversion, we have not thus far urged any such to receive baptism. The work is one that requires great patience. In due time we hope to be permitted to gather in the ripened harvest.

Since the close of October we have been kept busy contending with disease of one form or another, and the effort to restore health has left us little time for other work. Jungle fever and other diseases have been prevalent among us, prostrating for a time both Missionaries, and disabling both preachers and their wives, so that for several weeks the work on our field has been quite broken up. But the close of the year finds the health of all our working force much improved; and we expect soon, with renewed strength and hopefulness, to resume our accustomed duties.

STATISTICS.

Received by letter	6
" baptism	2
" experience	1
Died	1
Present membership	8

G. F. CURRIE.

January, 1880.

Bobbili (1879.)

REV. G. CHURCHILL | Mrs. CHURCHILL

My last year's report left me in the midst of what seemed a vain endeavour to make headway with my temporary house in this place. Till the very last day of the old year I was unable to get workmen of any kind.

It seemed something of a coincidence that on New Year's day everything changed, masons, coolies and handies came ready to work New Year's morning, and my house was commenced in good earnest. Having to wait for material and to purchase as opportunity offered, made the progress much slower than it otherwise would have been, but by the end of March the building was so far along that I decided to move before the hot season. We arrived here April 3rd expecting to find two rooms tiled and ready to receive us. Instead not even one was quite finished and for some days we were anything but comfortable. By dint of hard work a few weeks found things in a better state, but a couple of months were required to bring matters into anything like a civilized condition. The weather became intensely hot in April but the rains began about the middle of May, much earlier than usual, and for two months rain fell nearly every afternoon and evening. In June a well was dug and after that sometime was occupied in putting in the foundations for a godown and building a wall on the east side of the compound as a protection against vermin from an adjoining piece of land.

The first of October Mrs. Churchill was taken dangerously ill and for more than a month most of my time was occupied in taking care of her. As soon as her health permitted, work on my permanent house was begun and for sometime it went rapidly forward till an attack of intermittent fever from which I am now slowly recovering, laid me by and most of the work was stopped. At the present writing the foundations for the main part of the house are done and filled up with earth and a large part of the foundations for the verandas and pillars are also finished. A couple of weeks should see everything ready for the walls. Such is a brief outline of the work of the year. In direct mission work something has been attempted.

Mrs. Churchill carried on her work at Bimlipatam for the first three months of the year, and on April 1st handed over to Miss Hammond her girls' school of thirty-six pupils, as well as the charge of the other work in which she had been there engaged.

On our first coming here numbers of people came to see us, no doubt mostly from curiosity and to most of them something was said on the subject of religion, principally by Mrs. Churchill, as my own time was almost entirely taken up with out-door work. A number of boys from the Government school also came frequently to see us, and on the second Sabbath after our arrival here, a class to study the Bible was formed.

In a short time so many came that two classes were formed, Mrs. Churchill taking the smaller boys and I the young men. The attendance has been fluctuating, sometimes many, sometimes but few, and sometimes none of the young men, though many of Mrs. Churchill's class continued to come till her illness. A Sabbath morning service has been held in the verandah

attended principally by our servants and work people on the compound.

On Sabbath evenings as I was able, I have gone into town and to some of the nearer villages, and have spoken and read to the people of the great salvation. Usually I have had attentive listeners, but sometimes not.

Mrs. Churchill attempted a girl's school for a couple of months. In all thirty-two Brahmin girls came and had their names enrolled, but they came so irregularly that it was decided to give it up till a house could be procured in town, as the one excuse given was that it was too far for the girls to walk every day to the Mission house. So far no suitable house is to be had. Mrs. Churchill has tried to suit herself friendly to the women of Bobbili, visiting their houses, singing and talking to them when they would listen. In such work she has greatly felt the need of a native Christian woman to go with her.

Just before her illness two educated Hindoos consented to allow her to teach their wives regularly.

During six months of the time we have been here, we have had our former teacher with us from Bimlipatam. He has been useful in many ways. He taught in Mrs. Churchill's girl's school, prayed sometimes and assisted her in her Sunday afternoon class, assisted me in the morning in explaining a chapter and went out with me sometimes Sabbath evening.

But as he did not seem to have strength to come out openly, and seemed to wish to occupy a neutral position where his influence would be of little consequence, we thought it best to allow him to return to his friends at Bimlipatam, so at the present time we have no native helper, but the need of a good one is very great.

While the last three months have been a time of illness, anxiety and trial, the Lord has been merciful and gracious to us and the close of the year finds us still an unbroken family and with health returning, as we hope, to enable us to go on again with our work.

May our Heavenly Father make us grateful for all His blessings and make us of some service in his vineyard.

G. CHURCHILL.

BOBBILI, December 31st, 1879.

GENERAL STATISTICS 31ST DECEMBER, 1879.

STATIONS.	Baptized.	Added by letter, &c.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter.	Died.	Present number.
Cocanada	110						408
Bimlipatam	1			1	4		17
Chicacole	1	7					20
Tuni	2	7				1	8
Bobbili							
Total.	123	15		1	5	8	466

These statistics are for the entire fields connected with the several stations.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

We have been informed on excellent authority that the financial position of the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec is more satisfactory than it has ever before been at this season of the year. What is there to prevent a strong effort being now made, not only to get quite out of debt, but to have the treasurer's books at the October meetings show a good balance on the right side, with which to begin next year's work?

We do not believe that the Lord's people more willingly give their money to pay off a debt, than for the purpose of entering into engagement in new work through the door their MASTER has set so wide open before them in India.

CENTRAL BOARD MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Central Board to the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, was held on the 16th of July, in the Jarvis St. Church parlor, Toronto.

As the Baptist Union is to meet in Toronto next October, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in the Alexander St. Church, during the day in the evening of which the platform meeting of the General Foreign Missionary Society is to take place. An earnest wish was expressed that, if possible, the presence of Mrs. Armstrong of Chicacole should be secured.

The report of the treasurer shewed a balance of \$225 in the bank. \$100 of this was voted for "Village teachers" in the Cocanada and Akidu fields; making in all \$1,300 sent by the Women's Society of Ontario to India since last October. The remaining \$125 will be reserved towards the first remittance for next year's work. It is earnestly hoped that the Circles in con-