

THE FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

NEWS FROM INDIA.

The quarterly reports for the first three months of 1916 have nearly all come to hand and indicate marked blessing on the various fields in India. During the last quarter of 1915 there were nearly 250 baptisms, and the number for the first quarter of this year is also large. We regret that owing to a few of the missionaries as yet failing to report we are unable to give the full returns.

Rev. Archie Gordon reports 59 baptisms on the Vuyyuru field, with, however, a loss of ten by death, two by letter, and one by exclusion. The membership on the field has now reached 1728. During the quarter Mr. Gordon visited 73 villages and inspected 38 village schools.

Rev. D. A. Gunn, who has taken charge of the Samalkot field in the absence of Mr. Timpany on furlough, reports 25 baptisms, with two received on experience. With the aid of a motorcycle, a rapid tour was made over nearly the whole field before Mr. Timpany left for Canada. Mr. Gunn writes: "There seems to be a very healthy spirit pervading the churches of this field, and I hope for large ingatherings during the next two years."

Rev. John Craig reports seven baptisms on the North Cocanada field. He is now on the way home to Canada, and is expected in Toronto about the end of June. After nearly 40 years of service in India, on the eve of his departure, he writes: "We leave the work with regret because so many men are carrying double burdens." Mr. Craig still hopes to return to India again after furlough.

Rev. M. L. Orchard reports three baptisms and three received by letter

on the Bobbili field. Self-support is gaining ground. Two helpers are now entirely supported by the native church, besides which a contribution is made to the Savara work.

Rev. J. B. McLaurin has had the joy of welcoming 30 by baptism on the Avani-gadda field, and reports a total membership in the four churches of 788. This is a great record for our newest mission field. A new church has been organized at Kaza and a fine church building has been erected. The new church was received into the Kolair Association at its last meeting and starts off on its new career with the best of prospects. During the quarter Mr. McLaurin had the joy of preaching the Gospel to thousands of people at a great bathing festival at Peddakallapalle, near the mouth of the Kistna River. A large amount of Christian literature was disposed of.

Rev. W. V. Higgins reports one baptism, one received by letter and one restored on the Vizag field. The High School continues to flourish, with 37 teachers and 955 students. This school is undoubtedly one of the greatest in India and presents a unique evangelistic opportunity, of which an earnest effort is being made to take advantage.

Rev. J. R. Stillwell has had nine baptisms on the Ramachandrapuram field. He has given much time to the development of self-support on the part of the nine churches on the field, the membership of which is now 1,369. By a series of Annual Gift meetings, the amount raised has been wonderfully large, considering the poverty of the people.

Rev. J. E. Chute reports 50 baptisms on the Akidu field for the last quarter of 1915, and 27 for the first quarter of 1916. The membership on the field has