

midst of work. In a few hours he was gone to be with Jesus whom he loved so well. He was the only ordained native minister on the field, and his loss is much felt. The other two men have been doing good work, Jonathan in the station and Peter in the district. We look forward to the commencement of the school in Samulcotta with deep thankfulness. There we expect to have men trained by a missionary to preach and teach the Word of God.

I should not omit to mention that we have baptized during the year five caste people. One of these was a young widow of good family. She had considerable education, secured years ago when a little girl.

Quite as many caste people who have asked for baptism have been refused.

Statistics.—Number of members last year, 67; baptized during the year, 53; joined by letter and experience, 13; dismissed by letter, 6; excluded, 7; died, 5; present number of communicants, 117.

English Work.—When in Cocanada, I usually preached Sabbath evening for the English Baptist Church, and attended the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. A Sabbath school is held every Sabbath morning under the superintendence of Deacon Ronchett. The Lord's Supper has been regularly observed and well attended by the resident members of the Church. In April, the Church was fortunate enough to secure the old telegraph office in Jugganaikapoor. The place cost with repairs upwards of Rs. 2,700. Of this sum, Rs. 1,000 have been paid. The remaining Rs. 1,700 will be paid as funds are available. The little Church has done and is doing nobly. The premises purchased furnish room for meeting hall, Telugu school, reading room, peon's room, and ample room for an English school, which will be started as soon as arrangements can be made to do so. During the year a dear young sister, Miss Waring, died, happy in the Lord. We hoped she would have become a Zenana worker, but God had ordered otherwise. One young sister is fitting for Zenana work and teaching. Three persons have been added to the Church by baptism. It now numbers 16 resident members and 7 non-resident.

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Rev. R. Sanford, Mrs. Sanford; M. Anthony, *School Teacher*; F. Mitchell, Suttevadhi Putnaik, *Colporteurs*; V. Venkatasawmy, N. Leslie, C. Chittiah, M. Appayah, *Preachers*.

We began the year 1881 by observing the work of prayer. This was followed by a happy meeting of our missionary brethren in conference. By meeting with us, and reporting the Lord's work at their respective stations, they added much to our encouragement.

Without doubt, valuable good arises from these meetings. They not only afford an opportunity to confer together respecting the best methods of prosecuting mission work, but the mutual cheer, zeal and encouragement resulting therefrom, make an important item in the general account. Clearly it is the duty of each missionary to contribute his part towards enhancing the value of these annual gatherings.

While endeavoring to note a few prominent features of our history for twelve months past, so as to embody them in a brief report, there is much to remind us that the Lord has fulfilled his word, "Lo! I am with you alway." Many things have been poorly done—and indeed we are not at all satisfied with our own work—but the thought quickly comes, the result to be accomplished

is in the counsels of Him who has "all power in heaven and on earth." It is ours to strive with singleness of purpose to be faithful over that which he has committed to our trust.

Station Work.—We have been able to pursue a more systematic course than in previous years. During the first five months our attention was occupied chiefly with outside work, such as touring and colportage, at considerable distance from the Mission compound. At June 1st, near the breaking of the monsoon, we formed our native helpers into a class, and attempted something in the way of theological study. Mr. Timpany's Compendium was our text-book; also we took up the Epistle to the Romans as a second branch of enquiry. This work occupied two hours each day in class during four days of the week. It was done in connection with the morning and afternoon sessions of the day school. Friday and Saturday have been devoted to preaching in the town and outlying villages. On Sunday mornings all are expected to be present at the Sabbath school with the prescribed lesson duly learned. There are 36 in quite regular attendance. The preaching services have been in part an enforcement of some prominent thought contained in the Sabbath school lesson. At 5 p.m. it has been our custom to have street preaching at the clock tower near the bazaar. A weekly prayer meeting is also held on the compound.

The work done in class, as above mentioned, has been gratifying in many respects. Though we have passed over only 67 pages of the "Compendium" and 10 chapters of the Epistle, yet the animated discussions and enquiries daily arising therefrom have been instrumental in arousing all to the importance of more thoroughly investigating the doctrines set forth in holy Scripture. The daily interchange of thought between the missionary and his helpers has likewise tended to bind them together in Christian affection. With mutual knowledge, confidence is increased. It may be added this form of work was undertaken only as a temporary measure to meet the present need.

An account of places visited on Friday and Saturday is handed in on Monday and entered in a book kept for the purpose—a sort of mission log book, from which to gather data. From it I find that within a radius of eight or ten miles, some fifty villages have been visited repeatedly during the year. A few persons are reported as enquiring earnestly, some two or three having made considerable progress.

Owing to impaired health Mrs. Sanford has not been able to accomplish as much as she ardently desired; but in so far as strength would permit she has aided efficiently. She has conducted a fortnightly woman's prayer meeting in English with the young women of the neighborhood. Also the three boarding girls and two boys together with the native Christian families have been a daily care. There is satisfaction in the thought that labor spent upon them has not been in vain. The three girls, and one boy, are now hopeful members of the church. Four of these, with two boys, sons of our native preachers, were baptized only a few weeks since. It was cheering to hear their voices mingling with those of older brethren during the week of prayer.

The Mission School contains forty-three pupils, of whom one-third are girls. M. Anthony has charge of the school. The other teacher is a Brahmin, whose place we hope to have filled with a Christian as soon as one is prepared to do the work.

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