

Annual Report of the

espond to the presence of the missionary, both in souls saved and in the strengthening and enlightening of the Christians. Before handing over the Cocanada field to Brother Davis, Brother Craig spent twenty-six days in that field, and saw all the villages where Christians live, and also many heathen villages.

"On the Akidu field *seven* tours were made during the months of August, September, November, December, March and April. The aggregate number of days was seventy-nine, and the number of villages visited was ninety-nine. This represents a great deal of hard work ; besides all this, the Conference at Bimlipitam, the associations at Chicacole and Gunnanapudi were attended.

OUR HELPERS.

There are *three* ordained pastors, Peter, Philemon and Joseph. Peter, it is needless to say, has been abundant in labors. Philemon has done good work and so has Joseph. Daniel, Enoch and Samuel are virtually pastors. Nine evangelists preached the whole year and two more for six months. Pantakani Samuel left the seminary in April and is doing a grand work. The only colporteur is a Brahmin, but is dull and is not very successful.

"Six Bible women have been employed for parts of the year.

STUDENTS AT THE SEMINARY.

Thirty men and boys, and five women went to the seminary in July, 1888. One died, one was sent home for insubordination, and still another for want of capacity. Most of them did good work, though some of them were ill ; and some others did good work in the field during vacation.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.

"The Gunnanapudi school which is independent of mission funds, continues to flourish. Thirty-five boys and twenty girls have attended during the year. Besides this, there are eighteen village schools, attended by 137 boys and twenty-three girls. Light fees have been levied and an attempt to secure at least an attendance of ten pupils at each school.

The new Home Mission Society celebrated its first anniversary in January, and reported a prosperous year. About Rs.205 were secured. In this way our churches are beginning to assume the burdens of the kingdom.

GIVING.

"Methods of giving. (a) Each church has its own fund, collections and special thank offerings. (b) Some who own land, give one rupee for each acre. The Gunnanapudi church would support its own pastor, only for the new building. Akidu church has agreed to support an evangelist. Malikmahamadpurem church gives two rupees a month to their pastor. It must be remembered that as this people in their heathen days did not