

## WORK AMONG WOMEN.

Miss A. C. Gray ; P. Jessie, Bible-woman.

Another year of happy and uninterrupted work in the Master's service has closed, and a record of its success and failure has been made. How much of it will stand the test will be known when the accounts are opened and the rewards given.

The attendance at the day school is small. Owing to the large number of schools in the town under Government inspection, where the children may pass examinations and secure certificates, the people do not care to patronize our school.

Since the above was written, six of our boarding girls have been truly converted. They are rejoicing in the Saviour. Others are enquiring the way. We give God all the glory.

Bimlipatam, January, 1894.

A. C. GRAY.

## BOBBILI.

G. Churchill ; Mrs. Churchill (since August in Canada) ; 2 Native Helpers, 2 Bible-women and Teachers.

Years ago we went to a village where quite a large number of the Razu caste people live. Quite a number of these men met us in angry discussion, and I came away rather discouraged, feeling that our business had been in vain. But one man among them heard for the first time about Christ as the Saviour of sinners and was impressed by teaching. From that time he has been seeking for more light until within a few months since he declares he came to trust in Christ for salvation. He came to Bobbili for baptism, but as I knew so little about him at the time, it seemed wiser and better to have him delay for a few days. Having to attend to the harvesting of his crops and the settling up of his affairs, he has not so far been able to come for baptism as he promised. He appears like a truly converted man, and if he is such, his conversion, humanly speaking, has been largely the result of a close friendship between him and a Mala whom I baptized in March with some misgiving. This Mala had first heard of Christ by listening to some Razu men reading and discussing among themselves some portions of the New Testament. And these men had in turn become interested by listening to a young man who several years ago bought some Scripture portions from us. For years we knew not that the good seed had fallen into good ground, but now I find the influence is extending to several villages around. Another interesting case was that of a woman past middle age. Hearing Narsiah preaching in a street of a large village one morning, she became interested and followed him from place to place all the forenoon. Then she came to the tent and listened for a long time as they taught her about Christ and how to pray in His name. She came back in the afternoon in great distress because she could not remember how to pronounce His name correctly in prayer. The words were deeply touching as she told us with tears running down her cheeks of how she had tried for years to find salvation by praying to the different gods, but all in vain.

G. CHURCHILL.

## CHICACOLE AND PALCONDA.

J. C. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald. Missionaries ; 1 Ordained Preacher, 6 Evangelists, 1 Christian Teacher, 3 Colporteurs.

CHURCHES.—There are two—one at Chicacole and the other at Tekkali, thirty two miles distant. The Chicacole church closes the year with 38 members, of whom 20 reside in the town, 6 in Calingapatam and Jalnoor, 5 in Palconda, and 7 are non-resident. The state of the church affords ground for encouragement. During the year there has been very little quarrelling and a pretty general spiritual growth among the members. The church has called Baghavan Behera to be its pastor during 1894, and has assumed his entire support.

The Tekkali church numbers 21, of whom three are non-resident. Its state has given us great anxiety during the year as some, because of extreme poverty, have been sorely tempted to go back into caste. Now the outlook is brighter.

Received by letter.....	7
"    "    baptism.....	3
Dismissed.....	12
Excluded.....	4
Present membership.....	59

I. C. ARCHIBALD.

Regular visiting has been kept up in the town, but without any special results. Many know the way to the Saviour and acknowledge the truth and reasonableness of all that we say, but from year to year they "halt between two opinions."

In November Miss Samuels, formerly of Bimlipatam, but late of Cattack, was engaged as a Bible-woman, and will be very useful in the high caste work in the town. Her addresses are well listened to, and being thoroughly acquainted with the native mind, we hope she may be very useful in the work to which she believes the Lord has called her.

During the year 90 Bible lessons have been taught ; 1,506 visits made ; 15,000 persons have heard of the One who is mighty to save, and 1,900 hand bills have been distributed among the ones who could read.

Chicacole, 31st December, 1893. H. WRIGHT.

## PARLAKIMEDY.

W. V. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins, Missionaries ; 1 Pastor, 3 Evangelists, 2 Teachers, 2 Colporteurs, 2 Bible-women, Helpers.

THE NEW STATION.—Parlakimedy was opened as a mission station in 1876, but was soon abandoned owing to the illness of the missionary. However, it was decided a few years ago to re-occupy the town, and steps were taken to arrange for the settlement of a mission family here. Since 1876 it has been an out-station of the Chicacole field. After handing over the latter field to Mr. Archibald a year ago, we began work on the new field.

COLPORTAGE.—I have two young men engaged in this work. Their sales for the year were Rs. 111-13 0. Number of books sold 2,601. Sold by the missionary, Rs. 20-1-0. As we come north we find less and less of an appetite for literature, but the appetite will grow I doubt not.

TOURING.—Although the missionary has been able to make only one tour during the year, the native preachers have been kept faithfully at the work of proclaiming the Gospel. They have made a number of long tours, in which I have reason to believe much good work was done. In company with them I made a