

people from buying as much literature as they might otherwise do. However upwards of six thousand books have been sold at a total value of Rs. 388-14-7.

TOURING.—Owing to my being engaged in building work I have done very little regular touring. The visits made occasionally to the outstations have been more especially to baptize, marry, administer the Lord's supper, attend to matters of finance, etc. I am more and more convinced that if satisfactory work is to be done the Missionary should be among his helpers much of the time and should lead them in vigorous evangelistic work.

BENEVOLENCE.—The contributions upon the field for benevolent objects have been as follows:—

Akulatampara 135 2 10 Given by Native

		Christians	135	2	10
Calingapatam	87	9	5	"	"
Chicacole	174	6	6	"	"
Kimedy	329	1	4	"	"
Tekeli	36	7	6	"	"

Total Rs. . . 762 11 7 Total Rs. . . 283 10 4

Our Eurasian members have given liberally. Bro. Wells and wife at Kimedy have given Rs. 306-1-4. At Calinga Brother Gibson and family have contributed to the Mission upwards of Rs. 70 and they have been liberal to outside claims besides.

BAPTISMS.—Ten have been received by baptism. Of this number five were in the school at the time of their baptism. Three were living at Kasibugga. In their case it was a household baptism—father, mother and daughter. The ninth is the wife of a man baptized last year at Akulatampara. She was like a maniac at the time of her husband's baptism but is now "clothed and in her right mind" sitting at the feet of Jesus. The tenth candidate was a Vishnuvite young man at Gunipoor. His elder brother came out two or three years ago.

2. UNUSUAL WORK.

BUILDING.—Only those who have gone through it know what it means to fit up a new station. This has absorbed most of my time and there is still months of it ahead of us yet. Brother Churchill has spent about four months here with me and I hardly know how we could have managed without him. I shall always be thankful for the generous way in which he came to render assistance. As the year closes, the walls of our bungalow are slowly rising skyward and before many months we hope to have a roof over our heads. Until then we rent half of the travellers' bungalow.

MOVING.—One of the things a missionary has to learn is patience in the matter of getting settled upon what we may call our own field, and into what we may call our own home. Early in October we moved here. It was our third move and I hope the last (until we go on furlough). Three years of our Indian life have passed and we are just now getting settled. As I had to be in Kimedy most of the time, as the return of the old missionaries would mean scarcity of room at Chicacole; and as Brother and Sister Barss were at Chicacole to look after the station in our absence, it seemed well to move bag and baggage some three months before the end of the year. Mention should be made of the kindness shown by Brother and Sister Barss in caring for the station work after we left.

PLEADING IN COURT.—A month or so of my time was spent in a very unusual way. When one or two

wicked Christians joined by a number of Hindus assaulted some of the other Christians I took up the cudgel and did what I could to have the villains convicted. Their punishment will I trust be a good object lesson for Hindus and Christians alike. The Colporteur and his wife (who were at the bottom of the trouble) are now wearing the sacred thread, the paint daubs upon the forehead, carry fruit and rice to the idol temples, and perform all the heathen forms of worship as they did long ago. Have they ever really tasted of the saving grace of God? Perhaps not, poor souls! God pity them and lead them to seek that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. At present (and for years past) I fear their belly is their God.

DIVISION OF THE FIELD.—This is the last report from the original Chicacole field. Hereafter Palembang and Kimedy will send in their own reports. Bro. Archibald resumes work at Chicacole with a field not more than half as large as formerly. Bro. Barss takes charge at Palembang and hopes to move there soon. He is planning to put up a small rest house for temporary occupancy. The Kimedy and Chicacole fields will still be far too large and we hope new families may soon be upon the field to enable a further division of their great stretch of country.

IN GENERAL.

It has been good to see that many of the Christians, especially the younger ones are growing in grace and knowledge. Some of our preachers are maturing and we rejoice to see it. May the Lord grant that their development may always be in the right direction. Humility, love for lost souls, and faithfulness to duty, are the characteristics that we long to see. But it is just here that disappointment sometimes meets us. The sentiment among our Christians on the subject of *tippling, tobacco, jewelry, Sabbath observance, practical godliness, etc.*, is on the whole very good and would probably compare favorably with Christian sentiment in the home land.

STATISTICS.

No. last yearly	108
No. received by baptism	10
No. received by letter	2
No. received by experience	1
No. excluded	6
No. dismissed	5
No. died	1
No. of members Dec. 31st 92	109

Parla Kimedy, January '93.

W. V. HIGGINS.

Work at Home.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of Elgin Association of Mission Circles was held at Aylmer on Wednesday, May 31st, at 10 a.m. After devotional exercises Mr. Hambidge gave a very hearty welcome to the delegates, responded to by Mr. Trickey, after which Mr. Sowerby, the President, gave a very excellent address. The reports from the circles were very encouraging, nine circles out of fourteen have increased their contributions to Home Missions, and only two have given less. 7 have increased in Foreign and 5 given less; total amount raised by Circles and Bands