

PREACHING AND COLPORTAGE.—There is a wide open door now for the preaching of the gospel. Idols have lost their power over many, who now acknowledge the truth of the way of life through Christ.

The sales of the Colporteur have been small, not so much owing to the lack of effort on the part of the Colporteur, as to the small proportion of the people who are readers; and also to the fact that Christian literature is spread by other means than our Colporteur.

STATISTICS.—Readers of Rev. J. McLaurin's Report will note what he said about the troubles that had occurred through one of the Mission employes, and the remarks about the statistics. We have to a considerable extent reorganized the field and give the following statistics as to the numbers of Christians at present: when I say "Christians" I mean church members.

There were baptized during the year 119
At present there are in our churches in good standing members 402

During the year we received from friends in India the following sums for our Chapel-school-house: To these and others who contributed to the Rev. J. McLaurin for this purpose we express our sincere thanks, as also to Mr. Wm. Craig, senior, the father of our missionary, Rev. J. Craig.

Wm. Craig, Esq., (Canada) Rs. 621.10.3; W. S. Foster, Esq., Rs. 100.0.0; Dr. Paul, Rs. 20.0.0; Lt.-Col. Carnegie, Rs. 10.0.0; Mrs. J. G. Ronchett, Rs. 30.0.0.

A. V. TIMPANY.

COCANADA.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

During the past year most of my time has been spent in studying Telugu, but still I have been able to do a little work among the people.

ENGLISH SERVICES.—The English services have been continued as in previous years. When it was decided in February that the house in Jugganai-pooram was no longer needed for the mission-school and Telugu services, it was thought best to keep it for our English services and also for the meetings of the Cocanada Total Abstinence Society. The expenses have been defrayed by subscriptions. Our new chapel in the mission compound is too far away from Jugganai-pooram, where most of the members of our English congregation live, to be used for English services. We expect to make an effort before long to secure a building for work in that district of the town, so as to avoid the necessity of paying rent to the extent of Rs. 20 or 30 a month.

Sunday school has been held regularly part of the time at 7.30 a.m., and part of the time at 8 a.m. During the first six months of the year I taught a class of young men and young women. Mrs. Craig has taught in this school regularly throughout the year. Our congregation meets for worship at 6 p.m. on Sunday, and on Wednesday evening a prayer-meeting is held. The Sunday evening services have been well attended. The first half-hour of the Wednesday evening meeting has been spent in the study of the life of Paul, as recorded in the Acts and the various Epistles.

TELUGU WORK.—In March I had the privilege of making a short tour in company with Josiah, our ordained minister. This tour proved of much benefit in many ways. I saw some of our Christians in their own homes; I became acquainted with the geography of a large part of the field; and last but not least, both my tongue and my ear became more familiar with Telugu. In June I had the privilege of attending the Bangalore Conference, and after my return to Cocanada I took a class of small boys in the Telugu Sunday school. I have also conducted morning prayers in the chapel for some months.

A NEW STATION.—In December a visit was made to Akidu, a large village about four miles east of Lake Colair, with the view of selecting a site for a mission compound. We met the Rajah's manager, and made application through him for five acres of land situated between the village and the canal. A house on the opposite side of the village was offered for sale and has been secured as a home for the missionary while a bungalow is being erected on the site we have applied for. From the beginning of 1880 that part of the Cocanada field which lies west of the Godavari river is to be known as the Akidu field. This new field contains over 300 church members. I need hardly say that we desire to see a school-house and a school in every village where there is a considerable number of Christians. Our plan for the present is to give half the salary of each teacher in such schools, leaving the other half to be raised by the people of the village. We desire to aid in the erection of school-houses also, bearing however but a small part of the necessary expense. Our Society has not made any special grant for such work, so that I feel constrained to

solicit the aid of any who may read this on behalf of our work among the villages. Donations addressed to me at Cocanada will be thankfully received.

JOHN CRAIG.

Cocanada, January, 1880.

Bimlipatam (1875).

REV. R. SANFORD. MARK LESLIE. Native
MRS. SANFORD. TITUS EDWIN. Assistants.
MISS C. A. HAMMOND. M. ANTHONY.

We have found by experience that much labor is involved in fitting out a Mission compound with suitable buildings. Especially is this the case when the site itself requires a heavy expenditure before foundations can be laid. We had hoped that December 31st 1879 would witness the completion of the building work undertaken. But our funds have come slowly. Consequently we could not make rapid progress.

On the 1st of July we moved into one of the out-buildings, newly completed, in order to be near the work in hand. On the 1st of October our school house for girls was ready. The school was then removed from the rented house, to our own compound. Here also our Sabbath-school and week-day meetings have been held since the above date. It remains to roof the mission house in order to have a proper place in which to live while pursuing mission work.

It has been quite out of our power to do any touring on the field during the year. This is a matter of deep regret, inasmuch as we consider itinerant preaching exceedingly important, and are anxious to be so engaged.

The native helpers at this station have been variously employed. One has assisted me part of the time on the compound; and during the rest of the time he has pursued the work of Colportage. His reports indicate a hopeful state of enquiry on the part of many. Those who are able to read like to get the attractive little books and tracts issued by the Religious Tract Society in Madras. Some, however, are offended whenever the name of Jesus Christ appears. We are led to look upon Colportage as a very useful branch of Mission effort.

Another helper has been employed on week days in the girls' school and on Sabbaths in the Sabbath school and conducting religious worship. Still a third, namely Anthony, who joined us in September last has been endeavouring to spread the knowledge of Christ in the towns and surrounding villages.

The best we could do in connection with building was to hold the usual Sabbath and week-day meetings, and keep up communication with our workers at the out-stations.

We have two Sabbath schools, each consisting of about thirty members, the one is composed of English speaking children and young women. From the interest they manifest we are encouraged to believe that the truth is finding a response in their hearts. Most of these also attend the woman's weekly prayer-meeting under the charge of Mrs. Sanford and Miss Hammond. A few take part in prayer.

The other school consists partly of Telugu girls who are pupils also in the day school under Miss Hammond's care. These with the native teachers, our own domestic servants and several young men from the town, make up the school. It affords an interesting department of labor.

There was but one addition to the church by baptism. This was a man in middle life, engaged in the Telegraph Department. We were very well acquainted with his struggles of mind from the time he came to enquire the way out of his distress till he asked baptism and a home with us. His removal immediately after baptism has deprived the church of the help which his presence probably would have been.

VIZIANAGRAM.—There has been a marked change in regard to the church at Vizianagram. Several of the native members removed to Chicacole shortly after the regiment was sent to Tougoo, British Burmah. Five have received letters of dismission and united with the church at Chicacole. Some have removed to other places so the number of resident members is very small.

Guriah Mitchell, the Colporteur, has pursued his work with a good degree of encouragement. V. Venkatasawmy, the native preacher, conducted Christian worship regularly on Sabbath, and preached as he found opportunity in the streets and adjacent villages until, with his family, he went to visit relatives in Madras. He expected to return in a few months, but has not come yet.

Brother Williams has been active in sustaining the work.

JEYPORE.—At Jeypore we lost brother Kroothi Basso Mahanty by death. He was stricken down suddenly while in the midst of preparations to start to the low country to meet us. He had with him three or four enquirers; on the 11th of July, he died,

leaving the influence of an earnest, upright Christian character among the heathen whom he had sought to bring to Christ. We have not been able as yet to fill his place with an Oriya preacher, for the reason that none has come to our knowledge, who is prepared and willing to go. The Christians there are holding on and praying for help to be sent them.

May the Lord of the harvest speedily raise up a worker for that needy part of the field.

At the three divisions of the Mission, as above mentioned, we have raised funds to provide for the expenses incident to the sustaining of Christian worship. Besides this we have contributed toward the support of the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society, the Tract Society, and several local institutions demanding Christian aid.

No. of Church Members, January 1st, 1879...	34
" " " died	1
" " " excluded	1
" " " dismissed	5
" " " added by baptism ..	1
" " " letter	1
" " " at present	29

R. SANFORD.

Bimlipatam, January, 1880.

Chicacole (1878).

REV. W. F. ARMSTRONG. SUTENAH, Preacher.
BAGAVAN BAYRAH, Pr. APPAYAH,
PAULUS, Colporteur.

The year under review has been one of encouragement. Relieved in large measure from building and other preparatory work, we have been able to devote more time to purely evangelistical labours than during any previous year.

SERVICES, ETC.—Two preaching services are held every Lord's day. That of the morning is followed by a Sabbath-School, the children of the day school and others being taught in several classes by the missionary and his wife, the two native preachers who live in town, and two Christian Eurasian ladies. The afternoon service is in English on every alternate Sunday. Besides the regular attendants—who are the majority of the English speaking community in town—this service often draws in several natives who understand English.

A weekly female prayer meeting has been maintained during the year. A meeting for enquirers has been held on Tuesday afternoons during the latter half of the year; this has proved to be a very interesting and profitable service. There has been more preaching in the bazaar and other parts of the town than heretofore. The chief feature of the year's work, however, has been house-to-house visitation. We have visited a large number of homes, mostly those of our school children, some of them repeatedly, Mrs. Armstrong going inside where the women are, while I remain without, or in the reception apartment, conversing with the men of the house, and others who soon gather around.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.—We have been permitted to see some very encouraging results from this work, and the end we believe is not yet. The case of one woman may be specially mentioned, who, when the year under review began, was shrouded in the dense darkness of heathenism, but who is now we trust in the presence of the Redeemer. Her heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the message of grace and salvation conveyed into her home by Mrs. Armstrong. A few weeks ago she quietly passed away after a short but painful illness, leaving a testimony which we cannot but believe will be powerful for good. Others give evidence of a saving interest in Christ; several have requested baptism. There seems to be a spirit of enquiry abroad, not only in town but also in the rural parts of the field. Our prayer and hope is that He, from whom all good cometh, may carry on to a triumphant and glorious issue the work which He has so evidently begun.

PREACHERS.—At the beginning of the year, Appanarasiah, our chief native helper, was called to his rest. His memory is a rich legacy to our mission. Sutenah and Appaya have been engaged in this work during the latter part of the year. These, with Bagavan Bayrah, who has been with us from the beginning of our work here, form our present staff of preachers. The two former who live in town, and a young man who is attending school with a view to employment in mission work, have been taken over a large part of the Acts of the Apostles during the year. An hour each day has been devoted to this study.

TOURING.—Not so much of this important work has been done as at the beginning of the year we hoped to do. Still several short tours have been made, aggregating about seven weeks. Besides this, Bagavan Bayrah has travelled over a large part of the field alone.