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H. Y. Corey, Mrs. Corey.

The staff of preachers has been reduced by two, and the Bible-women employed during 1894 were all dismissed, as there was no person to look after their work.

Preachers.....	4
Colporteur.....	1
Church members.....	0
Money raised.....	Rs. 57-0-5

H. Y. CONKEY.

W. V. Higgins, Mrs. Higgins, Miss M. Clark. Five preachers, 1 teacher, 1 colporteur, 1 Bible-woman. The past year has been a chequered one, full of new and untried experiences, many of which were hard to bear. But for the Lord's tender mercy and wondrous love, we are deeply grateful and desire to praise His holy name. Owing to very serious sickness on the part of Mrs. Higgins, I have been compelled to be absent from the field fully half of the year. No one could regret this necessity more than ourselves, but we had to bow to the inevitable, or rather accept this trial as from a wise and loving Father. Though much time and money has been spent in going to the hills, the needed health has not been secured, and our decision to go home on furlough has been reached after months of prayerful waiting upon the Lord to know His will. That it is His will for us to go home we do not doubt. But we hope that it may be possible to return again when health is fully restored. Forty days have been spent on tour, and this work was much enjoyed. The preachers have done a good deal of touring during my absence. They have spent about 110 days each among the villages out on the field. I can speak well of their work for the most part, though conscious that they and I need the fullness of the Spirit to make our labor effective. The colporteur has not done as well as I could wish. Perhaps he lacks the "gift" which is as important in this as in any other line of Mission work. However, he has spent 168 days on tour, and has sold 1,637 books (of which 4 were Bibles, 14 New Testaments, and 119 Bible portions).

We have baptized five this year—three in Kimedi and two at Akulatampara. These converts were from our Christian community. They gave good testimony of what God had done for them. May they live for His glory.

Pastor J. David has been struggling on at Akulatampara. It is a time of peculiar trial for that church. Perhaps our methods have been rather radical, but we have sought to throw the church upon its own resources and score it for self-support. But as may easily be imagined it comes hard like a wisdom tooth. The pastor has had to earn his salary and then often beg for it besides. He was willing to take less salary than he got in the Mission. Therefore his lot has not altogether been an unenviable one. I am persuaded that in order to secure self-support in our Telugu churches, the native pastors will need to be ready for a good deal of hardship. Oh may the Lord fit them for just this task and bless them in the bearing of burdens which they must bear if we are to have self-support, and the bearing of which may change them from hirelings to faithful under-shepherds. I do not mean that our Mission agents are all hirelings, but there is a great danger of their becoming such. The Akulatampara church has been hindered from doing her best by internal troubles. May the Lord remember these little flocks scattered here and there over this dark land, and may He make them a "people for His own possession, zealous of good works." We bless God that He has permitted us to spend six happy years in this benighted India. The privilege seems all the more precious when we have to drop the work. Mr. and Mrs. Corey arrived here January 17th, 1895, to succeed us. They are now settled and ready for work. May the Lord abundantly bless them.

Membership, January 1st, 1895.....	44
Number added by baptism	5
" " letter	(1)
" Restored.....	(0)
" Dismissed	(0)
" Excluded.....	4
" Died.....	1
Membership, December 31st, 1895.....	44

W. V. HIGGINS.

Parlakimedi, January 24th, 1896.

L. D. Morse, Mrs. Morse, Miss A. C. Gray, Missionaries. Three native preachers, 1 colporteur. We have no great things to tell of 1895. After the Kinedy Conference, in January, as much time as possible was spent on tour until the hot season. At present writing the necessary book is not at hand, but I would estimate the time spent on tour before hot season as sixty or more days. The main centers were, Polepilly, Sonteam, Padmanabham, Bhimasingi, Raiga and Chittavalasa. One of these stations—Bhimasingi—is on the Vizianagaram field, of which the Bimli missionary has, during