

A young man named Nathaniel was there, but in December he went to a new village, and another called Selatiel took his place. The above are the three oldest villages. Then north of Gunnanapudy, two miles distant, is Rudrupaka; there is no school-house; the school meets in a cattle shed. The last report showed an attendance of fourteen boys and two girls. The newer the village the fewer the girls, as a rule; the teacher's name is Jayramiah. Then east of Commalamudy is Chintalapudy; there is no school-house here; six boys and two girls were reported; the teacher's name is Cornelius.

These are the five schools I reported. In December the new school spoken of above, was opened in Lellapudy, a village half a mile or so from Chintalapudy. An attendance of eleven boys has been reported; there are no girls as yet; the teacher's name is Nathaniel.

Teachers have been sent to two new villages to open schools, or, rather I should say, to one new village and to one old one which has been without a school for a good while. This old village is about eight miles south of Gunnanapudy; it is called Guruvindagunta; the teacher's name is John.

The new village lies within six miles of Masulipatan, full thirty miles from Akidu; it is called Tarakatura; the teacher's name is Philemon; his wife was educated in the boarding-school here.

I cannot report further about them at present. The teachers in Commalamudy and Golavapilly are to get Rs. 3 a month from the Mission beside help given by the villagers. Those in Rudrupaka, Chintalapudy, Lellapudy, and Guruvindagunta are to get Rs. 4 a month from the Mission. The teacher at Tarakatura is to get Rs. 5. The above are the salaries for the present. We reduce them as soon as possible, putting more and more of the burden on the Christians.

I examined a number of the schools in November, in fact all the first five; I was much pleased with their work. Some of the scholars had learned much of the Telugu Catechism by heart, and knew what they were saying when repeating it. I hope soon to draw up a regular programme of studies for these schools, so that the same books will be used in them all.

I am sorry we have no schools on the eastern part of my field. I hope the girls and young men now attending school here, will prove themselves useful in their own villages, so that I may be able to report a number of new schools before the end of the year.

But I must stop for to day, 17th February. I have only one or two more remarks to make. Between the schools now in existence, and those I expect to start later on, the money you have sent will be used up, and more too; besides, while we do not believe in building school-houses for the people, we believe in helping them in the work. At present I am trying to secure land in two or three villages, so that even this year an effort may be made to build one or two school-houses. We have no special appropriation for this work, nor am I asking for any help now, but I want you to see that even \$150 is not likely to cover the school work on my field. I had forgotten all about an attempt we are making in Akidu. Joseph is the name of our young preacher there; his wife, Deborah, was educated in the Cocanada school; she has been trying of late to gather in a few boys and girls from the Mala quarter in Akidu. Only two or three are coming regularly at present. If a small school is fairly established I shall give her Rs 2 a month.

These village schools have vacation during August and September, when all are engaged in transplanting the young sprouts of rice and other grains. There is another

vacation of three or four weeks about Christmas and New Year's time, when harvest takes place; hence the teachers receive no pay for two or three months during the year. Wishing you all success in your share of the work, I remain yours sincerely,

JOHN CRAIG.

February 17th, 1881.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

In a late letter received from Mrs. Currie, she speaks of a class of three, sometimes four, Christian women. They are studying the life and words of our Lord Jesus. Mrs. Currie then adds, "I wish to ask the prayers of my sisters and the Societies, that these women may continue this work, and that it may be blest in the conversion of many who listen to their teaching."

At the last meeting of the Board, it was thought best to recommend each month, some special subject for prayer. We would earnestly ask the members of the Circles, in their public and private prayers, to remember Mrs. Currie's request. In addition to this, let us also bear in our prayers Miss Hammond, in the midst of her grave responsibilities and most important work among the men, women and children at Chicacole.

H. H. HUMPHREY, *Cor. Sec.*

WYOMING, ONT.—A meeting was held at Wyoming, March 29th, in the Baptist church, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Foreign Missionary Circle. There were twelve or thirteen present, nine of whom joined. The following officers were elected:—*President*, Miss Park; *Vice-President*, Miss Hill; *Secretary*, Miss Jones; *Treasurer*, Miss Couse. Miss Rowles, of Strathroy, who was present, deserves much praise for the great interest she took in organizing this Circle. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon, at which three new members were added, making our membership twelve in all. This may seem to many a small number, but considering the number of lady members we have in our church, we take courage and hope for an increase in our numbers, as present indications are that, at our next meeting, more will join. By God's blessing, "little things shall conound the mighty," and though we are, among those engaged in His blessed work, as the drop of water to the mighty ocean, yet our trust is in Him, who with the seven loaves and two fishes fed the five thousand.

R. A. JONES, *Secretary*.

April 7th, 1881.

BLENHIM, ONT.—A Women's Missionary Society was organized here a short time ago, consisting of sixteen members. The officers are as follows:—Mrs. A. C. Baker, *President*; Mrs. John Morgan, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Wixson, *Treasurer*; Mrs. P. Bass, *Secretary*; Miss T. J. Morgan, L. Stewart, H. Dennis, *Solicitors*.

The meetings have been interesting, and the interest in missions seems to be increasing as we learn more of the heathen and their need of the elevating influences of the gospel. We are honored in having for a member one that belonged to the first Women's Missionary Society in Canada, and was present at its organization which took place the day that the late Rev. G. S. Day sailed for India. Although advanced in life, being over seventy years of age, her zeal in the cause of missions is not at all