

The Sabbath-schools, the prayer meetings and the preaching services in the chapel have been kept up throughout the year. Our resident church members seem to be growing in grace. During the hot season many a torrid hour was shortened by the conduct of a daily class in the Life of Christ. During most of the year a Sunday evening English preaching service has been held in the English room of the chapel.

Last February, in company with Mrs. Morse and two native preachers, twenty days were spent in tent. We toured along the road half way to Vizianagram and along the Chicacole road as far as Raiga. The Gospel was preached in thirty-seven villages. With the exception of a week, spent in the preceding October with Bro. Shaw on his field, at Bhimasingi, this was my first experience at touring. The prospect appalled me. Morning by morning, Peter's brother, Andrew, seemed to be looking down upon me and remarking: "There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?"

And often, still, when I hear over the hot plains the moaning of the doves in the palms, the scenes of that first tour arise and oppress me with that same nightmare of dumbness and littleness. But there is One, who knows what to do with "the weak things of the world," and our prayer has been, "O Lord! Bless us! Break us! Feed us to the multitude!"

In a village, named Polepilly, seven miles north of Bimili, a discovery has been made. By the reading of the Telugu N. T., several members of a goldsmith family have been led to what seems a genuine faith in Jesus. Miss Gray spent June in their midst. Appalaswamy and I took up our abode amongst them for shorter periods several times.

VIZIANAGRAM.

M. B. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, Missionaries; 7 Evangelists, 2 Bible-women, 2 Christian Teachers.

DIVISIONS OF THE FIELD.—Vizianagram field is compactly and admirably laid out for work, and may be spoken of as composed of four parts: (1) Vizianagram Taluk, (2) Chipurupilly Taluk, excepting a narrow strip on the east and north, (3) Gagapatinagram Taluk, (4) All of the Stringavarapukota Taluk lying east of the river by the same name.

The Chipurupilly Taluk has received the undivided attention of an evangelist the whole year. The missionary spent 15 days within its borders and preached in 30 villages. A public Gospel meeting held in the High School building in Chipurupilly town was largely attended, and created a great stir for a few days. Our hearts are full of hope and prayer for the work in this taluk. A preacher has lived at Gagapatinagram the whole year and has done faithful work in his taluk. He and the Chipurupilly evangelist made one tour of 10 days into the north-west corner of the taluk where the Gospel had never before been preached, and came back greatly strengthened in spirit, and hopeful.

BAPTISMS.—One young caste man was baptized in April under most interesting circumstances. He lived a noble Christian life for five and a-half months, and died trusting in Christ.

Just as the year was drawing to a close, a spiritual interest sprang up among some heathen employees of the mission. It resulted in the baptism of my touring

"boy," a Mala, and my cartman, a Kapu, both most promising young men. Others were deeply affected.

QUARTERLY GATHERINGS.—The three sessions of the "Bimlipatam and Vizianagram Joint Bible Institutes" were seasons of great spiritual delight to all, and the influence has been felt in all departments of our work.

1. The missionary has conducted 300 Bible classes during the year, and has given 290 addresses in Telugu.

2. 104 days were spent outside the Vizianagram Taluk on this field in direct evangelistic work.

3. The missionary has personally presented the Gospel in his addresses to 17,241 heathen souls, exclusive of children.

STATISTICS.—Church membership in 1893, 22, expelled, 2, died, 1, received by letter, 4, received by experience, 2, baptized, 3, present membership, 28.

30th December, 1893. M. B. SHAW.

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Miss Kate MacNeill; 2 Bible-women, 2 teachers.

Although the time during the past year has been only partially given to the work, it is with a feeling of deepest gratitude that the little something done is reported. My attention has been chiefly directed to the study of the language, but by careful division of time a good deal of work among the women and children has been accomplished. With Mahalakshmi, one of my Bible-women, I visited regularly a large number of low caste and six high caste houses in Vizianagram town. With very few exceptions we have found willing listeners, and have reason to hope that the good seed, in some cases, has fallen in good ground.

TOURING.—Beside the work done in the town, cantonment and near villages, we made in July a tour of several days to Bhimasingham. I was accompanied by a preacher and his wife. It is our custom to give special attention to the women, but when on tour we delivered the message to a large number of men as well as women and children.

In this brief summary of the work much has been of necessity omitted, and in conclusion we wish to say that our greatest need is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

KATE MACNEILL.

Soontam, at Padmanahbham, at Portnooru and at Gundavaram. All the touring of the year has of course been over ground new to me. Therefore, beside the direct evangelistic work, the exploration of large and important sections of the field will enable me to tour at a better advantage in the future. Often we have preached to large and enthusiastic crowds, and have been obliged to tear ourselves away from them "to preach the kingdom of God to other villages also."

Three new out-stations should be planted at once, but we have not the men.

No. of days spent on tour ... 60.

" different villages visited ... 92

(Some of these were visited several times.)

No. of church members at close of 1892 ... 26

Excluded 1, Dismissed 3 - Total ... 4

Membership at close of 1893 ... 22

Approximate population of field ... 110,000

" number of villages ... 150

L. D. MORSE.