

temple of the same name, which claims the homage of hundreds of precious souls for whom Christ died. In this vicinity we had our best hearing. The people told us, that during the months of famine they made offerings to the idols and worshipped without ceasing, and yet no rain came, though they were suffering for water. This acknowledgment gave us a good opportunity for delivering the message, and we endeavored to show them a better way.

We had hoped to continue our tour some weeks longer, but circumstances compelled us to return to the station. Since that time, we have been engaged in preparing a Dormitory for the boarding children, which we hope to finish about the last of March. The expense of this work is met by private subscriptions.

In the boarding department we have fifteen. Two girls are from the Vizianagram field, one of whom is supported by Miss McNeill. Jessie is teaching in the school, and by this means earns her own living, and at the same time helps in caring for the boarding girls.

The school averages about twenty. The progress during the year has been very satisfactory; and it is with pleasure we note the improvement in the children, especially the boarding girls, most of whom have been in school two years only.

Our school is not under Government inspection, and we have felt the need of some regular system of examinations; and as an experiment, have engaged Mr. M. Sitaramayya, head teacher in the town school, to come once a month and examine the school. We hope for good results from this arrangement.

The Temperance Society, organized one year ago, is the means of much good, and we have at least fifteen among our people who have kept the pledge. If we wish to uproot the prevailing habit of smoking, I believe we must start with the children. The Bible has a prominent place in the school, and the hours spent in this department have been precious seasons, and we trust that lasting good will be the result. We are praying and hoping for conversions before the close of another year.

During the year Mrs. Morse has had the care of the sewing class, and in other ways has rendered efficient help in the boarding department, especially during my absence in the hot season.—A. C. GRAY.

#### VIZIANAGRAM.

From Mr. Shaw's report we take the following:

**BIBLE WOMEN.**—Mahaluchmi in the town, Miriam in the cantonment, and Milcomah at the compound, have been reporting their work month by month. It was with great joy that we welcomed Miss MacNeill to this station in October to look after this branch of the work.

**SCHOOLS.**—A mixed school had been sustained at the compound from the beginning of the year until Miss MacNeill's arrival, when she took charge and moved it into the cantonment chapel. Since then it has been rapidly increasing in registered attendance and in every other good quality. Emma, Samuel's wife, during the time she was being at Chipurapally kept a small school through which she was able to reach several houses with the Gospel message that would have otherwise been closed to it. While tenting on the road to Binli in March we met so cordial a reception at our village and the behaviour of the people towards us was so unusual that we were greatly surprised and pleased. On enquiry we found that our predecessor Rev. Mc Farlan had had a school in the village, for several years. The

villagers met us in a body and begged us to reestablish the school, promising to provide a house. The teacher is a heathen, but he has taught the catechism and the "Gospel Story Book." The school has been visited monthly by the Evangelists, and on 6 occasions by myself at which times the Gospel has been preached to the whole village. It is an experiment on which as yet no board money has been expended.

#### CHICACOLE FIELDS.

**MISSIONARIES.**—REV. I. C. ARCHIBALD, MRS. ARCHIBALD, MISS H. H. WRIGHT, REV. W. V. HIGGINS, MRS. HIGGINS, REV. J. H. BARSS, MRS. BARSS.

**HELPERS.**—1 ORDAINED PREACHER. 2 UNORDAINED PREACHERS. 4 EVANGELISTS. 2 CHRISTIAN TEACHERS. 5 COLPORTEURS. 7 BIBLEWOMEN. 4 STUDENTS AT SANULCOTTA.

By the Father's loving kindness we have safely reached another mile-stone. Here we pause to look backward and forward ere we gird ourselves for the journey ahead. A backward look cannot but be beneficial if taken in the right spirit. The thought of how little we have apparently accomplished humiliates us, but the thought of His abounding mercy must fill our hearts with gratitude and our lips with a song of praise. The past year on account of its being so broken up has been in many respects unsatisfactory. New paths have been trodden and we have been reminded of the words, "Ye have not passed this way heretofore." However, both in the new and in the old paths we have felt the Father's guiding hand, and trust we have not run in vain. The work of the year may be classified as *usual* and *unusual*.

#### I. USUAL ROUTINE WORK.

All the regular machinery of the work has gone on much as heretofore.

**SCHOOLS.**—There have been five Sunday Schools in operation during the year. In these good work has been done, but there seems to be a feeling that some other plan of study than the international series would be more profitable. The station day-school has been attended by an average of about twenty-five pupils. At Calingapatam P. Narasimulu reopened a school in August last. It is attended by about forty heathen children, the most of whom attend the Sabbath School in a body. Their desire for learning and their deep interest in the Bible is very encouraging. One of the older boys has asked for baptism, but even if we find him quite ready for the ordinance we shall be unable to receive him for a year or so as he is a minor and his relatives will not give their consent to his baptism.

**BIBLE CLASSES.**—Three Bible Classes and Mrs. Higgins' evening class (for the memorizing of scripture,) have been kept up through the year. To her intense satisfaction Mrs. Higgins found her Telugu tongue and began a Sunday School class shortly before leaving for Kimed, undaunted by many an apparent failure she "stuck at it" until she conquered. Probably no two persons learn a language in precisely the same way but if our heart burns to "tell the story" to the heathen in their own tongue the language must come sooner or later. The joy of speaking is all the sweeter after our being dumb so long.

**COLPORTEAGE.**—Four colporteurs have been at work throughout the year and five for a part of the year. Some of them have been new men and they have hardly made a success of the business. Perhaps the prevalence of famine prices for food has hindered the