

Day and Sunday Schools.—But one day school has been maintained and this at Chicacole. It had an average attendance of about 25. Much hard work was done by the teachers, and it is expected that almost all will, on examination, be advanced to a higher grade. In September two Christian teachers were dismissed from service for improper conduct. Both were from the Kimedya Field. The Hindu headmaster employed later on has worked with commendable zeal and success. Four Sunday schools have been conducted with a total average attendance of 67, which is less than that of last year.

Statistics.—Number of churches, 2; Number of members reported last year, 64; received by letter, 3; received by baptism, 4; received by experience, 1; Excluded, 2; Dismissed by letter, 4; Died, 1; Present membership, 55.

CHICACOLE,
31st Dec., 1895.

I. C. ARCHIBALD.

WORK AMONG WOMEN.

Miss H. Wright and seven Bible-women. Unlike some of the past years, the first half of this was spent at the station and work done in the towns and villages. This plan was best suited to the work in general, because Mrs. Archibald was touring with her husband; and while doing what I had to, was also able to render assistance in the Boarding Department.

In April an interesting tour was made at Gara, a centre from which several villages were visited; and although years had passed since I had been there, I found many who had not forgotten my former visits. About the first of July a tour was made at Palconda, and while much hindered by the rains being very heavy, yet we were able to do a lot of work in the town. We tried to visit in sections of it, and carried our plan out quite well; only twice were we unable to hold a conversation with the people on account of opposition.

In some cases our hearts were made sad as we went from house to house, where on previous visits we had been well received; by hearing that, those who listened so well, and asked such important questions, were no longer on earth. How we thought of the unenlightened souls returning to Him who gave them.

After many days we came to the station, and on account of illness have not been able to accomplish as much during the closing month of the year as we had hoped to. I have much to praise and thank my Heavenly Father for "a few perils past," and health restored to such a measure as to be able to resume work and go forward in the strength that He may be pleased to grant.

The following is a summary of work done:

Statistics.—Number of days spent on tour, 74; villages visited, 15; visits, 3,933; (This includes visits by Bible-women) hearers, 15,400; hand-bills distributed, 2,000; Bible lessons, 165; miles travelled in the work, 500.

CHICACOLE,
31st Dec. 1895.

W. WRIGHT.

BOBBILI.

G. Churchill; Mrs. Churchill (returned from America December, 1894.)

NATIVE HELPERS.

Bhagavan Behara, Chonna Bussavana, Preachers; G. Sanguna, School Teacher; G. Siamma, N. Neila, B. Mary, G. Amolia, Bible-women and Teachers.

At the beginning of the year plans were made for the completion of the chapel school-house in town, on which work has so long been delayed. The main room was much needed for the school. The plan was to secure materials by contract during the cool season while I was on tour among the villages, and to carry on the work during the hot and rainy seasons, when touring is largely impracticable. It is much more easy to make plans than to carry them out. I found it difficult to give contracts. Brick-makers, tile-makers and lime burners had all been subsidized by one Rajah. Lime was not obtainable except in an underhand manner and at nearly double rates. So coolies had to be called, and the work of digging and burning done under my own supervision, and the same was true of tiles. A contract for bricks was given, but when they came to be used they proved to be a most miserable loss. Thus February passed. March was spent touring among villages east of Bobbili, Mrs. Churchill accompanying me. A good number of villages was visited, many heard the Gospel, and some encouraging cases were met with, along with much that was discouraging in the character of those who refused to accept the message of love. Returning to the station, work on the chapel was begun in May. I had planned to put on a good number of masons and finish the work speedily, but at first, and for a long time only three masons could be obtained, and these at monthly wages, and at high rates. In spite of every effort the work dragged slowly on till in August a severe attack of illness laid me aside for some time. Recovering somewhat, work was resumed and carried on till the main room was finished as regards the inside. The veranda has to wait till proper bricks can be obtained.

Other work at the station has gone on much as in other years.

Preaching has suffered much from lack of workers, and from my own time having been so much given to building. Toward the close of the year one of the Chicacole helpers, Bhagavan Behara, came to Bobbili as a helper, and I hope will do good work. But we greatly need more helpers of the right stamp.

The girls' school in town has improved during the year in numbers and regularity of attendance, though in the latter respect there is still much room for improvement.

The year closed with 84 on the register, a gain of 20 during the year. The Bible is taught regularly, and the children attend the Sabbath school. Three were sent up for the middle or lower secondary examination. One passed fully in all subjects, the others, two in the compulsory and one in one optional too. Five were sent up for the upper primary examination, of whom four were successful. Mrs. Churchill and her Bible-women have continued to visit the women at their homes, and teach them the way of salvation, as they had time and opportunity, and the women receive their visits with increasing attention. In November Mrs. Churchill was prostrated by a severe attack of fever, which continued for some weeks.

The sale of books has been very small during the year, partly because the demand is slight, and partly because no suitable colporteur has been obtainable.

While the past year has been one of hard work, results have not been what we could wish; but for mercies received we would desire to be grateful to one Master, and would hope to be more used of Him in the year to come.

STATISTICS.

Reported last year, 24; Baptized during the year, 4;