

Nellore, there was no such general movement as on the Ongole, and yet over 600 were baptized On the Nellore field, where even more famine relief had been given than at Ongole, the movement was not perceptible. God evidently used the famine to bring about this revival, but subsequent revivals in this same mission have been as marked without famine. God works when, where and as He will.

The work on Ongole continued till the Church numbered over 25,000 when it became necessary to form it into separate churches and increase the number of missionary pastors. And so this mission, that for nearly 30 years had not as many converts, and so isolated as to be called "The Lone Star Mission," has become one of the brightest among the constellations of missions, numbering 55,000 communicants, 123 churches, 400 ordained and unordained preachers, and a superintending staff of 29 missionary families and 19 single ladies, or a total of 76. The whole staff of mission workers, including pastors, preachers, colporteurs and Bible-women, numbers over 550. 3,000 to 5,000 converts are added yearly by baptism.

The school system ranges from the veranda schools to a second grade college at Ongole, with an attendance of over 300 boys and young men reading up to the second year of the university. There are industrial branches, hospitals, orphanages, teacher's training schools, and a fine theological seminary. The mission is becoming one of the best organized missions in India.

Self-support in the native churches is being pushed vigorously. Though the Christians are poor beyond description, yet last year they contributed \$10,000 to the work of missions. Recently, with their own funds, they sent Mr. John Rangiah as their first foreign missionary, to the Telugus in Natal, South Africa.

TELEGU CHURCH IN AFRICA.

A NEW illustration is just now afforded of God's moving in a mysterious way to perform his wonders. The record of Christian missions so familiarizes one with our Lord's method of furthering his purposes by agencies, apparently threatening their defeat, that each new difficulty seems to constitute the announcement of some new purpose of divine grace. It was the famine in India which four years ago drove distressed people of the Telugu

country to Natal in South Africa, where they entered upon work in large tea gardens owned by an English gentleman of devoted Christian character. The appointment of a missionary of their own race, supported by Telugu Christians in India, followed. The spirit in which this new work is conducted is beautifully shown in a letter just now received, in which a description is given of a reception of new members in "The First Telugu Baptist Church" of Kearsney, Natal. The missionary and the people had shrunk from attempting to discharge alone the responsibility of examining and receiving these members; but an appeal to an English mission some distance away proving ineffectual through the pressure of work upon its missionaries, action was taken as described by the leader in the words which follow:—



Pastor Rangiah.

"When I and our church members had understood the will of the Holy Spirit, we set ourselves at work. We joined together and first had a very solemn prayer meeting. We all with one accord requested the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Even our women prayed earnestly for help. Then we began to examine the people. Out of thirteen only six gave their testimony fully to the satisfaction of themselves and of us. To the joy of all of us, these were baptised in the waters of the river Umvoti. The river we called the Gundlacumma of Natal. The first harvest of six souls we took to be the first legion of the Most High in Natal. We praise the Lord for his great action towards us."

Those recalling the story of the Gundlacumma of India, where on one day 2,222 souls were baptised, will recognize in the selection of this name for the river, not only the influence of cherished memories, but the revelation of an assured faith and hope. We cannot forbear quoting again from the letter of this native leader, Rangiah:—

"Now, dear sir, why do I write all this story to you? No doubt you will be interested to know great actions of God towards Telugu Christians, but are not your prayers required upon their new missionary society and work?"—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*