

difficulties of this great work. And first of all difficulties is that of climate. The heat, more intense, I believe, in Delhi and Agra than in any other part of India, induces not only physical but mental and spiritual prostration. Sometimes even to think is pain. The ladies of whom I have been speaking are often compelled by the exigencies of their work to stay out dangerously late in the blinding glare, visiting at houses where the luxuries of Venetian blinds and punkas are unknown—sometimes with an atmosphere opaque with the choking smoke of burning cow-dung, at others in an air heavy with fetid odors and laden with pestilence; often in fear of the numerous half-wild pariah dogs which infest every lane, along narrow, crooked streets into which the fresh breeze cannot penetrate, and out of which the polluted air cannot escape. And all this varied work is done, and this patient endurance is exercised, without a thought that they are doing anything unusual in measure or heroic in quality. You would wonder, but that you yourselves are familiar with the sustaining power of a great purpose, and the promise of sustaining grace, that delicately nurtured and sensitive women could brave such difficulties and offences as I have only faintly indicated, and could patiently continue day by day to discharge their really arduous duties. I do not know how to measure their Christ-like work. If it is to be measured at all it must be by a more than earthly standard. It will submit itself only to a gauge celestial and spiritual. I speak not of the workers now, but of the work itself, and of the work, not as they alone perform it, but as done by God through them. That work, God alone who looketh beneath and beyond the outward appearance can measure. And when all human work shall be revealed, both theirs and ours, I feel assured that He who sees Himself ministered to in every service rendered to the needy, will say of each of these what He said of a woman once, "She hath done what she could."

OUR INDIAN STATIONS.

Cocanada.

MORE GOOD TIDINGS.

Mr. Timpany writes on the 12th of January:

I think we are quite as strong again in this Cocanada mission as we were a year ago. The same I believe is true of Tuni and Akidu. Some more of the girls have been received for baptism, and, all being well, will be baptized in two weeks. We are baptizing very often now in Cocanada. Among those recently baptized are Baby Craig's nurse and her husband, the mission peon, P. Appana and the cook, who have been in the employ of the McLaurins and ourselves for some eight years. Just a few minutes ago one of our school girls, the Colporteur's daughter, Lydia, a girl about eight years old, not more, she may be only seven, came to me and got a present of a new Telugu Testament. She had just recited, word for word, from the beginning to the end, the 26th chapter of Matthew. On Sabbath ten of the girls took books the same way. A number have since done the same. That girl, Lukshmi, about whom I wrote in the LINK, has turned out a lovely girl. I told her the other day that as she was an orphan she might have my house name, as Mrs. Timpany and I were her mother and father. Have you read Mr. Clough's new book, "From Darkness to Light?" It is all true. I saw Lukshmiah and Papulama recently, when at Ongole, and had a long talk with them. If they live they will win thousands of their caste people to Christ.

Tuni.

Under date of Dec. 12th, Mr. Currie writes to the *Christian Messenger* as follows:—

In this field the present year has been the most satisfactory as to results, of any since the station was opened. The number baptized has not been large, but enough to afford us considerable encouragement. A beginning has been made in several villages; and now that the ice is broken, we hope for a more rapid increase in future years. We have had some trying experiences arising from the misconduct and necessary exclusion of some of our native assistants. But their places are now filled by others, who are doing more faithful and efficient work. Our present outlook is hopeful though we may not have very large ingatherings for years to come. On these new fields, where so much time must necessarily be spent in preparatory work, such as securing mission property, erecting buildings, etc., to say nothing of the time required for the seed of truth to take root in the new soil about us, we think it a good deal to be able to reckon our converts by twos and threes, while in the older missions they may be counted by scores or hundreds, or even thousands, as in the Ongole field. The first fruits have been gathered, I believe, at all our stations north, viz., Bimlipatam, Chicacole, and Bobbili, as well as on this field; and our brethren there, now that their building operations are about completed, have entered hopefully upon evangelical labour. On the Cocanada and Akidu fields, as the result of long seed-sowing, converts are being received in much larger numbers. Our great need at present is that of trained native evangelists. The men we now have, though doing as well perhaps as could be expected, are lamentably few in number, and lack the requisite training. We are expecting much from the projected Theological school, to be established at Samulcotta soon after the return of Bro. McLaurin. Only from such an institution can we hope for an adequate supply of the class of men required. With a good number of such helpers, a more thorough satisfactory work may be done than could otherwise be expected. May many such be raised up, and sent into the harvest field. It is hoped that at our next meeting of Conference, which is to be held at Akidu in January, we shall have the pleasure of welcoming the new missionaries from Nova Scotia, who are now supposed to be approaching the shores of India. As on former similar occasions a pleasant and profitable time is anticipated.

Akidu.

Mr. Craig says in a private note: "Altogether there were one hundred and one persons baptized on my field while I was out in November and part of December. It is a grand work."

Chicacole.

BAPTISM OF CONVERTS.

Mr. Churchill, who with the other missionaries from the Maritime Provinces had gone to Chicacole for the purpose of getting the deed of the property registered, writes as follows to the *Messenger*:

At Chicacole we found Miss Hammond well, and happy in her work. She is thoroughly busy, and things are moving on prosperously, and there seems to be harmony and a spirit of sympathy existing between her and all under her charge, which must be very pleasant to her.