

The health of his family and of the scholars in the compound, has on the whole been good, but he, himself, has suffered much from malarial fever which has had a fast hold on his system for almost three years. By it he has been confined to the house for two weeks at a time, and some anxiety has been caused by its continuance.

Regarding the death of *Josiah Burder*, brother Timpany says: "Very early in the year we were called upon to part with the native minister, Josiah Burder. He was ripe for Heaven's garner as any Telugu I have ever known. He was not, for God took him. His loss was keenly felt. A good deal of the work he did has fallen upon me, making a very heavy Sabbath for me along with an English service in the evening. "It is not intended to fill his place from a distance. We will probably wait until a man grows up among us who will be competent to fill the place vacated by Josiah's death. His son Jonathan, who was preaching a good deal before the death of his father, has taken up part of the work. The native church has assumed part of his salary. He is a devoted young man, and in a year or so I hope he will be ordained and become full pastor of the Telugu, Cocanada Baptist Church."

Peter, another native minister, has continued to do good faithful work in and about Maramanda. There have not been so many baptisms on his field as last year, but the work has become more settled and a couple of school-houses got under way. This school-house chapel building is slow, hard work. The Christians of this part of the country have been accustomed to have these things done for them by the Societies of other denominations. The people are too poor, most of them very poor. Our effort is to make them do work and bear some of the expense. This is being done, and the more it is done the better it will be for the Christian character of the converts themselves."

"*D. Samuel*, an usher of the preachers, has done good work during the past year. He is having a chapel built at Nullur. It will be the first house built on the Cocanada field, the people themselves bearing the greater part of the expense."

"There is an old blind man called *Dashalu*, to whom I give Rs. 3 a month, to go from village to village through the central part of the field to tell the simple story of Christ crucified."

Schools. Referring more particularly to the schools, your Missionary states that there are three in operation in Cocanada, with an average attendance of from six to twenty scholars each. It was intended to send a number of the men and boys to Samulcotta as soon as the Seminary opened.

Touring. As far as time and strength permitted, your missionary travelled and preached over the field, mostly through the central and southern parts. This was done in addition to the general station work. In December he went to Ongole to attend the annual Conference in the interests of "Bible work."

Baptisms. During the year forty native people were baptised. Brother Timpany says: "A good many of these were in Cocanada. I am glad to be able to say this, for a long time we had very little apparent fruit in Cocanada itself."

English Baptist Church. Your missionary states that the "English Baptist Church has held its way." He says—They are a noble band of brethren and sisters. Only about half of them are now in Cocanada. They have gone North and South, we trust to be lights for Christ. Three were added to them by baptism and two dismissed to the Baptist Church in Madras, and one

died. One of the sisters of the church, Miss P. Beggs, is fitting herself for Zenana work. She attends our Telugu school and has made excellent progress in the Telugu language. I hope she will be ready for work by the close of the year."

Statistics.—Baptized, 40; restored and added by experience, 16; admitted by letter, 5; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 7; died, 1; net gain for the year, 51; Total present membership, 162.

TUNI FIELD.

Our devoted brother Currie still continues to prosecute the work on this somewhat hard field. Regarding the prospect he thus writes:—"The number of additions during the year has been greater than in any previous one, and the prospect of future increase is good. The work has been hindered somewhat by sickness both in the mission family and among our native assistants. *Francis*, one of our preachers, and another aged member of our church, have been removed by death, and one of our first converts had to be excluded on account of unworthy conduct. Yet, notwithstanding these losses the year has been the most satisfactory one since the opening of the station."

Station Work.—By having been able to erect a chapel, changes have been made as to the place of holding religious services. The result has been a large attendance, both at the Sabbath School, and at the preaching service. On Sabbath evening your missionary with his associates takes the opportunity of preaching in the Tunni market-place, where, as a rule, they have large audiences, made up chiefly of people from the villages, who come to attend the weekly fair. It is to be hoped that the precious seed thus sown may spring up and soon be an abundant harvest.

Three houses, including the chapel, and a portion of the compound wall have been built, and much has been done toward levelling the compound.

Touring.—Regarding this department of the work, your missionary says:—"We have devoted as much time as could be spared from other duties to this important branch of the work, and with no small amount of encouragement and satisfaction. In many sections visited marked attention has been given to the preaching of the Word, and there seems to be throughout the district a growing interest in Christian truth. The attitude of the people towards Christianity seems to have become more favorable within two or three years, and the readiness of very many to listen and assent to the Truth is a most cheering and hopeful indication."

Fourteen tours have been made during the year. This does not include many journeys made by the native preachers, unaccompanied by Brother Currie.

Native preachers.—Abel has done good work as a preacher. He manifests a very good spirit, and seems willing to do his utmost towards spreading a knowledge of the Truth.

Francis, though aged and somewhat feeble, did what he could of evangelistic work until disabled by his last illness. He died last January. This left the field with but one native preacher. Some time ago another named Malliah was employed who seems to be a man devoted to his work, earnestly striving to bring his countrymen to Christ, and the Lord is blessing him in his efforts.

Last June another man, named *William* who came well recommended was taken into the service as a preacher. If he should appear well-fitted for the work he will be retained permanently.

Bible Work has been prosecuted in different parts of