

health or died there after short periods of labour. God teaches us in various ways. The sunshine displays his glorious goodness: he instructs us also by the storm—and the lesson is, "Be still, and know that I am God." May we bow to his will and ask to be better fitted for his service!

Our actual working staff is reduced at the present time to four members—the brethren Sanford and Armstrong and their wives, for whose continued health we are bound to be very thankful. The climate of India suits them, and they are able to carry on their work with fewer interruptions than are generally experienced by missionaries. During the past year much time has been necessarily spent in improving their acquaintance with the Telugu language, which was found to be more difficult than the Karen; but they are now becoming accustomed to its sounds and inflections. In the fall of the year the brethren Boggs and Churchill accompanied brother McLaurin on an exploring tour with a view to examine places that might be deemed suitable for stations. They started from Cocanada and travelled till rough roads and bad weather compelled them to return. But the journey was not without fruit. Opportunities for preaching the Gospel were embraced, and at Vizianagram, a station of the London Missionary Society, they met with a number of persons (chiefly Eurasians) who had been accustomed to associate for worship under the leadership of Dr. Parker, surgeon of a regiment stationed there. Several of them had been studying the subject of baptism, and having embraced the views held by our denomination requested to be baptized. After the necessary examinations and inquiries nine were baptized, and it was judged expedient that they should be formed into a church, which was accordingly accomplished. That church will be visited and watched over by Brother Sanford, whose residence, at Bimlipatam, is fifteen miles distant. Several more have been since baptized, and the church is in a prosperous state. The regiment to which Dr. Parker is attached having been removed to Cuttack, his valuable services can be no longer enjoyed, but it is an encouraging coincidence that in the regiment which has succeeded to the military occupation of Vizianagram, there is a Baptist Church, with a native pastor, so that our brethren in that place will have Christian companions, and they will mutually help each other.

Brother Sanford has now been some months resident at Bimlipatam, a healthy town on the sea-coast, of 8,800 inhabitants, well situated for missionary purposes. His labours there have already proved successful. Several converts have been baptized, and a Church has been formed, which, though yet small, will be a centre of operations, being within reach of populous places. A school which had existed there for some time has been taken under brother S.'s care, and will be an important adjunct to missionary work. It contains sixty pupils—heathen boys,—receiving Bible instruction. Brother Sanford has also several active young men in charge, who possess promising talents, and are desirous of receiving instruction with a view to ultimate employment in Christian work.

In Mr. Sanford's last communication to the Board, he observes: "Brother and Sister Churchill joined us in the latter part of January. A Bible class was soon formed of English speaking young persons, under Mrs. Churchill's charge. Subsequently a general prayer meeting was opened on Friday evening, and a female prayer meet-