

two hundred village schools, with 4,311 pupils. Karen contributions for all subjects religious and educational during the past year amounted to 72,695 Rupees, equal to about 7,270/.

A hundred millions of pages of Scriptures and tracts have been printed and scattered among these children of the forest, during the last forty-one years, and the result is, they are what we see them now. Here was plainly revealed one of the main levers which have been lifting this race of drunken devil-worshippers into the light and liberty of the sons of God. That lever, chiefly hewed out by Jonathan Wade, has been vigorously plied by the venerable Cephas Bennett, of the Mission Press at Rangoon, for forty years, and there is work in him yet. His honored wife has as it were literally plucked out her eyes by over-much proof-reading, and given them for the elevation of Burmah. All honor, we say, to the few surviving Missionary veterans who have borne the burden and heat of the day. But looking at the work as a whole, every true Christian will be prepared to say with us, What hath God wrought?—*Illus. Miss. News.*

## OUR INDIAN STATIONS.

(Report of the Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission for the year 1878.)

We have received from Mr. Timpany, the report of the mission, of which the following is an abstract:—

### Cocanada

Mr. McLaurin reports the year 1878 to have been one of weary waiting and trial—trial arising, in part, from the natives expecting a great deal from the mission in the way of erecting school-houses and supplying teachers in the Christian villages; when there was neither money to build with nor teachers for the schools. Early in the year much trouble was caused by Nathan Gabriel deserting his employment as teacher in the school at Cocanada, and circulating false and injurious reports concerning the mission—the management of the funds, etc. Many believed him—some opposed, and so confusion and discontent were introduced. Enquirers, of whom there were many, were in doubt as to what it all meant, and stood aloof; consequently the whole work on the field ceased for a time.

On account of illness Mr. McLaurin was unable to visit the field till October. He then went to most of the villages where there had been trouble. The people everywhere confessed their fault—repudiated Nathan Gabriel—asked forgiveness and requested to be received back to the watch-care and guidance of the mission, and it is fondly hoped the work will now progress more prosperously than before.

**TOURING.**—Mr. McLaurin made but two preaching tours during the year; one in Feb. and March mostly over new ground to the N. W. of Cocanada; and another in November and December to the Colair region where the trouble had been.

**COLPORTEAGE.**—M. David still holds on his way as colporteur. His sales have been about Rs. 2 a month. Only two per cent. of the people can read, but the good seed of the kingdom is being sown and the harvest will come by and bye.

**BOARDING SCHOOLS.**—These have been carried on as usual. The boys' school, which was very much injured by the defection of Nathan Gabriel is under the charge of Jonathan Burder; there are six boarders and 30 day scholars. The girls' school with 15 boarders and 50 day pupils is under the efficient care of Mrs. Chapman. The Bible and the elementary branches of reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, dictation, etc. are taught in both. The girls also learn sewing, cooking, and the care of their quarters.

**SERVICES.**—On Sunday at 8 o'clock a.m. an English Sunday school is held in one of the rooms, Mr. Craig teaches a Bible class in another, while a Telugu S. school meets in a third. At 9 o'clock a Telugu meeting is conducted by the missionary or native preacher. On Wednesday at 4 p.m. a Telugu prayer meeting is held; and at 6 p.m. an English one; both are generally well attended.

**FINANCES.**—The church has paid all its own expenses and given Rs. 10 a month towards the rent of the building. The native members have given but little since the famine, but it is hoped they will soon be able to resume their contributions. The collections and subscriptions amount to Rs. 2403/3, disbursed during the year Rs. 1763/6; balance in hand 31st Dec. 1878, Rs. 641/6.

**STATISTICS.**—These are not given as quite accurate. Number of members Jan. 1st, 1878, 428; died 3; excluded 5; baptized 3. Number Jan. 1st, 1879, 423. Rev. A. V. Timpany took charge of the mission Jan. 1st, 1879.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

My first year in India has been devoted chiefly to the study of the Telugu language, so that I have no active work among the people to report. At the same time I have been permitted to do something for my fellow-men; our English meetings furnishing one door of usefulness, and the hospital another. I have preached in our chapel 34 times, and paid many visits to the hospital, where I have read and explained God's word to 50 or more European sailors, to whom I gave a large number of tracts.—**JOHN CRAIG.**

### Bimlipatam.

Mr. R. Sanford's report states, that in reviewing the year many causes for devout thankfulness present themselves—life, health, opportunity for labour and encouraging tokens of success. Two missionaries, viz. G. Churchill and R. Sanford, with their families have resided at this station and worked together for the mission. During the latter half of the year they have been erecting mission buildings at Bobbili and at Bimlipatam. Nevertheless the regular work of the mission has been kept up. The arrival of Miss Hammond, sent out by the W. M. A. Societies was cheering to the hearts of the other missionaries. The little church meets regularly for Christian worship, the Lord's supper and contribution to the cause. Two prayer meetings a week are held. Baptized during the year two; dismissed to Cocanada church, one; present membership, eight. Owing to the sudden death of M. Gurumurti the head teacher, there being no one to fill his place, and the difficulty of obtaining a suitable house for so large a school it was deemed wise to close the boys' school until it could be reopened under more favourable circumstances in the new premises. The girls' boarding school under Mrs. Sanford's care has 9 boarders and 2 or 3 day pupils. The number of boarders might be largely increased were the means to support them provided. They are taught the scriptures, secular education and native domestic economy. It is Mrs. Sanford's aim to train them through God's blessing to be teachers of others.

**VIJIANAGRAM.**—Here there are one preacher, one colporteur and a small church chiefly of native Christians. Early in January, by the removal of the 41st Regiment N. I. nine members were left, who united with the mission church. All have been working harmoniously holding regular meetings and S. school. The work is under the oversight of Bro. Williams, the deacon. The native preacher labours in the town and adjacent villages. One woman is ready for baptism. The colporteur sells books and preaches the word as he has opportunity. He speaks of many who are anxious to know the truth.

**JEYPORE.**—Krooghé B. Mahanty has made several tours in the country during the year. For the most part the people receive the message kindly; though some of the more educated try to puzzle him with hard questions. He is able to stand his ground. On the 5th of June Mr. Sanford met Mahanty at Gudgapanagram, and after a hard day's work at preaching, etc., baptized a convert who had come from Jeypore. Others are reported in a hopeful state. Number of members on the Bimlipatam field, 34.

### Chicacole.

Mr. Armstrong's report states, that on the 7th of March, a telegram was received from the Sec. of the Board authorizing the sale of the Kimeddy property and the purchase of that in Chicacole. Regret is expressed that so much time had necessarily been taken up in superintending repairs to the house bought in Chicacole, that but little could be given to direct evangelistic work. The repairs are nearly completed, and the missionaries hope soon to give themselves fully to gospel work.

**SERVICES.**—Telugu services have been regularly maintained in town morning and afternoon each Sabbath; also an occasional service in English. A S. School, composed of the children of the day school and a class of East Indian children, has also been sustained.

**TOURING.**—Two tours have been made—a very brief one to Akulathumpra, the village where the Christians live, when the Naidu of a neighbouring village was baptized and also the son of one of the Christians. The other tour was made to Bernampore, 100 miles to the north of Chicacole, where a few days were profitably spent in the company of Revs. H. Wood and J. C. Pike of the English Gen. Bap. Orissa Mission. The good seed of the kingdom was scattered

but the field is vast. This department of labour is of primary importance in mission work.

**COLPORTEAGE.**—It would not be easy to over-estimate the importance of this work. A colporteur was engaged in March who has since sold over Rs. 130 worth of books and tracts. Many handbills have also been gratuitously distributed. It is a great cause for regret that there is not a pure version of the word of God—the best of all books—to scatter far and wide through the country.

**SCHOOLS.**—In February a few girls were gathered by Nau Nau, and a nucleus formed from which an interesting school soon sprang. In May Nau Nau was induced to return to Rangoon. An elderly Christian man and his daughter have since had charge of the school which numbers 34, all caste children. In April a young man from the school at Kimeddy, came, and has since been baptized. He is studying for mission work; the Wolfville S. school supports him, and a little girl named Lutchama. The famine left many children and others, entirely destitute. For a while they were helped from the famine fund, and six little orphans were taken to be educated in the mission. Two of these ran away; four remain in the school.

**STATISTICS.**—Baptized during the year 3. Present membership 10. Preacher 1; colporteur 1.

### Tuni.

Mr. Currie reports that the Mission at Tuni was commenced on the 26th of Jan. 1878. During the early part of the year the progress of negotiations for securing land prevented any travelling on the field, but in August a short preaching tour was made to the north of Tuni; the audiences were attentive and interested. In October preparations for building were begun, but on account of the missionary's severe illness all work was stopped. As often as possible, the gospel has been preached in Tuni and the neighbouring villages. Very many of the heathen have heard the word, and on some the truth has seemed to take effect.

### Bobbili.

Mr. Churchill states, that the beginning of the year found him at work at Bimlipatam. In April a letter from the sec. of the Board authorized him to proceed at once to Bobbili and build a house on the land obtained for a mission compound. Owing to the excessive rains no building could be undertaken till November. Work was then commenced under great difficulties, as the people were busy harvesting, and neither coolies nor bandies could be obtained; however by dint of hard pushing the work was started.

In August Mrs. Churchill opened a caste girls' school in Bimlipatam which increased to 32. They have made good progress in reading, writing, sewing, singing and Bible study. A S. school was begun at the same time. Mrs. Churchill and Miss A. De Prazer had also carried on a poor woman's meeting on Wednesday afternoons, attended by 50, 60 or 70 women. They had also visited two Zenanas, always welcomed at one, but meeting with many obstacles in seeing the females of the house at the other. Much of this may be "sowing the seed by the wayside high." With the Lord of the harvest must the result be left.

**FROM MR. TIMPANY.**—"A letter came from Mr. Craig, enclosing bill of exchange for £89 5s. 1d. stg., from the ladies for the school-house chapel. Thanks for it. The chapel walls are now eleven feet above the floor. The masons are plastering the girls' quarters, eight rooms of which are built. There is no time wasted. Every minute I get I am devoting to the revision of the Telugu Gospels, so as to be ready for the meeting of delegates at Bangalore in June. I shall have to be away from the station here for nearly three months, and am straining every nerve to have things in such a state that I can leave it. We are very uncomfortable at present in our confined quarters.

I have not been able to go out on the field yet. Josiah Burder is now out touring, and writes me that he has baptized fourteen persons, and that many more are asking baptism. I was asked to take five more girls from a distance into our boarding school, but declined until we get into the new quarters. I am going to try and raise up a number of Bible women for Cocanada. Amelia will go out a good deal on this work, taking some of our older girls with her. We will scatter the seed, and some of it will fall into good ground, and bring forth a rich harvest. Cocanada, April 22.