

will probably be prepared to enter the Seminary next year.

Agraharum, India, Nov. 24, 1882.

G. F. CURRIE.

Akidu.

MORE BAPTISMS.

Mr. Craig writes, under date December 6th:—

Peter and I baptized eighty-seven last month. On Monday I baptized two more. There are at least twenty or twenty-five on my field ready to be baptized. Peter will probably attend to them. On the Gunanapudy side a great many are just hesitating a little.

Samulcotta.

Mr. McLaurin writes to the president of the Ontario Women's Society:—

"We are so thankful for the blessed success, I do not like to say *grand* success, of the Women's Society of the west. I write to ask you to please thank the Board for me for their kind and generous vote to our school. I am well aware that the request for aid here, was a little out of the beaten track of the women's definite work. But God often steps out of the beaten track to bless. Thamar, a beathem, was the mother of Pharez, and Ruth a Moabitess, the mother of Obed. Bathsheba was the mother of Solomon. All of them ancestors of our Lord. It was the faith of a Roman centurion and a Syrophenician woman which so astonished our Lord while on the earth. I believe God, our Lord, will bless *this* gift. I wish you could see our school and hear "my boys." We have some magnificent young men here. My more than daily prayer is that I may be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus—the Spirit of this wonderful book—that I may infuse it into these young men. They generally know so little to begin with that it takes some time for them to get their eyes open, but it is a joy to see them begin to appreciate its blessed truths.

Chicacole.

IMPORTANCE OF NATIVE PREACHERS.

Mr. Hutchinson says:—The impression is daily deepening in my mind that in Teckahy and the other important towns of this field, we ought to and must have preachers doing constant work for Christ. We see how God has blessed Bagavan Bayrah's efforts in his villages, and Gorabathee in Teckahy. Will He not bless such laborers in other towns? Now these towns, containing thousands of souls, hear the message very imperfectly once or twice a year. For a few moments they behold their natural face in the glass of God's truth, and then, alas, go straightway and forget what manner of men they are. What we need is a regularly trained and organized force, carefully distributed and guided. There is Kimidi, beautiful for situation, without a single Christian worker. And so with a dozen other large towns on this field. But God is giving us the workers required. We hope much from the young men now at the Seminary. It seems to me this is the present great requirement of this field. What we want is a system that will control and yet scatter our workers, rather than group them all in a station far distant from many important parts of the field. With this system there must be, both here and at home, activity! activity! activity! A quickening spirit in every heart, and every quickened spirit in the work.

Bimlipatam.

Mrs. Sanford, who has lately returned from India to Nova Scotia for the benefit of her health, has furnished

us with a photograph of the Mission premises at Bimlipatam, of which we hope that a wood cut will be ready for the March number of the *Link*. Subscribers in Nova Scotia who desire extra copies will please notify us in good time.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

APPEAL FROM THE EAST.

As three hundred and thirty-five dollars will be required at the beginning of March, the Circles of the Eastern Convention are reminded that half-yearly payments in advance will be very acceptable to their treasurer.

The half of the above amount is already in the treasury, but there are many Circles from which no remittance has as yet been received.

Please read carefully Leviticus 19, 13, "The wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning," and remit to the treasurer of the Board, Mrs. F. B. Smith, 2 Thistle Terrace, Montreal.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TO THE CIRCLES OF THE EASTERN SOCIETY.

DEAR LINK,—May I take advantage of your columns to send a New Year's greeting to the friends in the different Circles with whom I am so pleasantly associated? It would give me pleasure to write to each one personally, but as that is impossible, I must do the next best thing, and write to them through you.

As I sit at my desk and call up before my mind the different sisters who are at work in this Missionary Society, some of whom are known only by name and others by friendly intercourse, my heart goes out in the prayer that this year may be to us all a truly happy one, brightened by the sunshine of our Saviour's presence, and filled with glad and faithful service for Him. To a Christian, only this can make a happy year. None of us would ask for each other an easy, pleasant life, for would not that be wishing to separate ourselves from the will and purpose of our Divine Lord, whose command to us is, "Work while it is called to-day"? Nay; rather let us pray for each other, that God would enlarge our hearts, make us take more responsibilities upon us, and more willing to respond joyfully to every call to aid in spreading His great and glorious Gospel.

In looking forward to this year, in which are such great possibilities, the thought has doubtless come to many of us, What has the year in store for us as a Society? The increased interest and support of all our Churches, I hope. We must never forget that our mission here at home is to increase the interest in Foreign work, and especially in our Telugu field, just as much as it is our missionaries' work to preach the Gospel to the heathen. I feel the importance of this more than ever, for how is our mission work to increase and to be strongly carried on unless our Churches at home feel their responsibility in the matter? Do let us, my dear sisters, try to do our part, and speak and write and work until every one in our circle of friends knows something of the Telugu Mission, what the missionaries are doing, and how much they need our sym-