

lay that will gladden all hearts of toilers on these barren mission fields of ours over which we have long laboured.

The following is a summary of work done:

Number of days spent on tour	30
" " villages visited	44
" " visits (this includes visits by Bible women)	4,960
" " hearers	19,650
" " hand-bills distributed	5,570
" " Bible lessons	70
" " miles travelled in the work	635

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" Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, His Holy Name," are the words that come to me as I review the past two years in India. The Lord has led me in ways that I know not of, but the trials disappear as I recount the many mercies that have come to me, and with the great apostle I feel that I can press forward leaving all things in the hands of the Master, knowing that He doeth all things well. The first year was spent in Parlakimedi, Chicacole and Palcondra.

The first part of this year was spent at Chicacole because unable to undertake the journey to Parlakimedi. Besides studying with my munshi, I had a class in Sunday school, and visited the day school almost daily.

April, May and June were spent on the Hills, since then at Parlakimedi. I have been getting acquainted with the women and the work. One bible-woman has been at work here for some time and seems to have made her way into quite a number of the houses. In September she left to go with her husband to Bobbili.

One Bible-woman was taken on the first of December. She can neither read nor write, but is an earnest Christian and seems to have a love for the work.

Twenty-two days were spent on tour, visiting from Ankla Tampara as a centre.

Lizzie, the pastor's wife, has been working among the women of Ankla Tampara during the past year. Many had heard the word of life from her and received us gladly.

In some villages the women had never seen a white woman, and it took them some time to get over their curiosity and be willing to listen to the message we went to deliver.

A Bible class for the Christian women has been held at the station since July, and we have enjoyed the study of the "Life of Christ," and hope that as we learn more about Christ, the longing for souls may fill the hearts of the women and make them a blessing to their lost sisters.

BEST METHOD TO REACH THE DOLLAR AVERAGE FOR MISSIONS.

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In conformity to a request of the editor I will try to say something on the above subject. I think it may be stated in a few words thus:

The best method to reach the dollar average is to go right after it and keep after it till it is secured. Our people have it. There is no doubt as to this fact. But how to get them to transfer it to the missionary treasury is where the difficulty comes.

I apprehend, Mr. Editor, that a method that would suit me, or that would be approved by you, would possibly seem defective to some others. Hence it is doubtful as to where there can be a definite method

proposed that will meet the approval of all solicitors of mission funds. I am persuaded that our people are not less generous than the average church members of the land. When we retrospect our achievements, and contemplate the generous responses of our people to the various interests of the church in the now closing decade of years, we are justified in the above statement. Yet, it is a fact that many of our number need educating on the line of Christian giving. When a Christian is convinced that it is his duty to give of his means for the furtherance of any given interest of the church he will respond promptly.

It is not only important that our congregations be instructed as to duty on giving, but it is desirable that they be led to an experience, or standpoint where they can give to the Lord's cause from a sense of privilege.

Some of our ministers, I fear, make the mistake of evading the money question, when in fact it ought to be made a familiar topic in all our congregations and around the fireside also. How are people to be enlisted in a good cause if that cause is kept covered up, or shrouded away in the background?

Once when I was engaged in a series of meetings a brother (one of the trustees), said to me, "We are in debt some on our church here, but I don't want to say anything about money while this meeting lasts." "What?" said I, do you think it would injure the meeting? "I am afraid it would," said he. I said, "Well, if the mention of money for the Lord's cause would destroy any one's religious enjoyment, I would like, in that way, to knock all the religion out of them in the next minute, for it is spurious and they ought to be rid of it and get the genuine article. I shall take a collection to-morrow, said I, and run the risk of its killing the meeting."

In keeping with my promise, on the following day I presented the interest for missions, and when I announced the result, some opened their eyes in astonishment. Neither were the people less happy after the collection than before. After the service closed, some of them said, "It is more than three times the amount the class ever paid in one year for missions."

For my own part, the best method I have ever found (and I have tried various methods), is to talk the interest privately to the members, especially the leading members of my congregation, and occasionally allude to the matter from the pulpit. Show them the liberty the church gives in allowing them to direct where their money shall go, if they choose so to do, and what a small per cent. of their contributions is required for contingent expenses. Then, after you have worked the matter up pretty thoroughly, in the midst of your revival meeting while your people are wrought up to a white heat in the enjoyment of God's holy religion, "strike while the iron is hot." Preach with all your God-given power on the subject of missions.

Show the people how wonderfully God has blessed them. Tell them of our isolated brethren who need their help. Remind them of the thousands of our fellow-beings, who are less fortunate than we, that are crying to us to send them the Bread of Life, that they may, with us rejoice in a Saviour's love.

Hold up to them the glorious privilege that is within our reach to honor God and bless our fellow-men. Thus bring them to realize their duty. Persuade them to grasp their present privilege and the dollar average for missions will be secured. May it be so. Amen.—*The Missionary Monthly*.