

promulgating His saving truth throughout the whole inhabited earth. He will not be satisfied with a portion of the world, nor will He share the allegiance and worship of men with false gods. Christianity, the only true religion, the only one which can bless and save the ruined race, is to be triumphant, universal, and final. Here, then, we have a powerful incentive to permanent and ever-increasing zeal in the propagation of the gospel among the heathen.

With regard to our own mission, the latest reports represent matters in a satisfactory and hopeful condition. There are some circumstances which are of a specially gratifying and encouraging nature, the first of which is the restoration of Bro. Churchill's health. He was compelled by a dangerous disease to leave the country for a time, but, through the mercy of God, he has been able to return, and is now reported as fully restored. All the rest of the missionaries are in good health, and are diligently prosecuting the work for which they were sent forth.

Another fact of no ordinary importance is the baptism of several converts and the founding of a christian church in the territory of Jeypore, a remote but populous region whose pagan darkness was unbroken until recently, when one of the natives, baptized at Vizianagram in 1875, began there to preach the gospel of Christ. Thus a light has been kindled in that dark place, which we trust will increase in brightness until multitudes are guided by it into the way of life. This is the third church organized by our brethren.

It is two years since our missionaries landed in India, and they are now beginning to use the Telugu language in public religious exercises.

In spite of various discouragements they have succeeded in establishing several schools, the latest of which is a girls' school at Bimlipatam under the care of Mrs. Sanford. These will, in all probability, become more firmly established, and e'er long bear good fruit.

Your Committee are much gratified by the commendable zeal and growing interest manifested by our sisters of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies. The organization of such auxiliaries in all the churches is very desirable.

In conclusion, we would urgently press upon the churches of this Association the importance of zealous devotion to this blessed work. Deep sympathy, fervent, faithful prayer, and liberal, systematic contributions are demanded of us by the strongest obligations.

On behalf of the Committee,

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