

which has attended our work there is due to the ready sympathy and assistance of the high officials both in Church and State. Of their kindness and hospitality, perhaps the best evidence that can be given is, that when I went there I knew no one, while now I am pleasantly acquainted with not a few families in the three towns where I resided, and looking back upon my sojourn among them, I can truly say that no one need wish for or expect to find a heartier welcome anywhere than I received."

—The Rhenish Missionary Society, of Barmen, has work in South Africa, the Dutch East Indies, New Guinea, and China, and reports 53,816 native Christians, 16,741 communicants, and 9450 pupils in the schools. The European agents (male) number 96, of whom 87 are ordained; the paid natives number 267, of whom 16 are ordained, and the unpaid 569. Last year 4204 from the heathen were baptized, and 676 were confirmed.

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India.—Rev. G. H. Brock, of the Baptist Telugu Mission, writes: "Dr. Clough, in turning over to my charge this part of his field, said he was giving me the apple of his eye. Truly it is a great charge—125 workers, almost 100 schools, about 5000 Christians, and hundreds clamoring for baptism. A break among the Sudras seems to be at hand. On every hand the Christians are pleading for schools and teachers and preachers, and they ought to have them and at once. For these great numbers I have no church building, and they are the poorest of the poor, so they cannot build a \$3000 or \$2000 church. I have only a tent in which to hold my Sunday-school of 175, not counting the adults who come to church service after Sunday-school. Last Sunday it was 102° in the shade, and you may imagine what it would be in a close tent."

—L. L. Uhl, of the Guntur Mission, American Lutheran General Synod,

writes: "I have been doing work intermittently during February, March, April, and May. Travelled over 800 miles by horse, visited 116 places, baptized 173 persons, and confirmed 65. I shall relish a few days in Guntur now." In this mission are found 4 American missionaries and their wives, with 4 single women and 136 Indian workers, not including school-teachers; 13,889 members, 5980 of whom are communicants; 8257 pupils in 199 Sunday-schools, 3027 inquirers, and 1644 patients treated in the medical department, which is conducted by the women."

—This perplexity comes to a herald of the cross: "Another source of trouble to me has been marriages. I never could see why I was responsible for their outfit simply because I performed the ceremony. One young man connected with our mission asked me to perform the marriage ceremony for him. I told him to bring a written permission from the bride's parents. He came back to me the next day and said, 'They will not allow you to perform the ceremony because you do not make a proper *'bandobast'*—i.e., spend thirty rupees on them.' He went to another minister of our mission who collected thirty rupees for them and married them."

—A native paper tells the story of a milkman who at a fair made 50 rupees by selling milk which was largely water. Grateful for his prosperity, he made an offering at the shrine, and set about washing away his sins by bathing in the river, though it does not appear that he reckoned the adulteration of milk among them. He laid aside his garment in which were the fifty rupees, and proceeded to his bath, when a monkey seized the garment and climbed to the topmost branch of a tree overhanging the water. To the horror of the bather, he saw the beast take out the silver pieces and drop them one by one into the swift-flowing stream. There was nothing to be done but to bear his loss; but mindful of how the money was obtained, the man piously