

AKIDU.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig,
Miss Stovel,
4 ordained Pastors,
15 Evangelists,

2 Bible Women,
1 Colporteur,
10 School Teachers,
12 Occasional Teachers.

Bro. Craig begins his report of this station as follows: "The first quarter of the year under review completed the fourth year since my return to India. We devoted it to a rest, and spent two months at Bangalore. Mr. Laflamme kindly resided at Akidu and did much good work in the surrounding villages. When we returned early in October Miss Stovel accompanied us from Cocanada.

TOURING.

Residence in a small station like Akidu leaves a man freer for the important work of touring than he would be otherwise. Still if all the villages where Christians live were visited twice a year not much time would be left for visiting other villages. After our return from Bangalore I spent 40 days in tour and visited 49 villages. January was occupied with the week of prayer, our Conference at Cocanada and our Association at Akidu. During February, March and April, 51 days were spent on tour and 71 villages were visited. To summarize the work of the year, 74 villages were visited once, 20 twice and 2 three times, of these villages 54 had some Christians living in them, and 42 were purely heathen.

NATIVE WORKERS.

The workers have met me at Akidu about once in two months, some who live near coming every month. On these occasions the state of the work all over the field is discussed; and Bible lessons are taken up. Many of the most beautiful Psalms have been committed to memory.

The following changes have taken place on the staff. Moses of Gudlavaleru, and Job of Ganapavaram, two old illiterate, but earnest evangelists have died. One evangelist has been ordained as a pastor, and five students from the Seminary, two of whom had taken the full course, have begun to preach the gospel, and bid fair to become useful workers. During the vacation seven students engaged in evangelistic work. The gospel has been preached by these helpers in about 300 villages.

CHURCHES.

There are 11 churches; more should be organized. In some cases we are waiting on the erection of a decent place of worship, but the great drawback is the lack of pastors.

Growth in the grace of giving is in most cases an evidence of growth