

employed ; eighty-eight members in full communion, and seven hundred children attending schools.

Miss M. Archibald, the first missionary teacher in the Conva school, died suddenly, after having been only a short time on the field, in 1887. She had been pursuing her work with great ability and diligence, and her so early removal from a position of so much usefulness is one of the mysterious dealings of God's providence of which we can only say that what we know not now, we shall know hereafter. Her place was for some time vacant, but is now filled by Miss Fisher, who went out in 1890, and has proved an efficient teacher and earnest missionary worker. Two bright, intelligent heathen boys attending her school are so anxious to learn that, though they have to work hard to support their mother and little brothers, they manage, by beginning the day's task very early, to get to school three hours a day, going back to the fields again in the afternoon.

It is very hard to keep the heathen girls at school long enough to learn to read, the parents thinking it useless for them to do so ; and not much has yet been done in the district in the way of special work for women, but some of the female converts are doing what they can to instruct their heathen neighbours. One, having no time to attend school, learned from her fellow workers in the cane fields to read Hindi, and then began to study the Bible, with which she is now so well acquainted, that she is quite capable of assisting her husband, who is one of the Catechists. Another Christian woman, who makes her living hoeing in the fields for very small wages, is always at her place in the house of God, and never fails to bring a weekly offering to help to support the mission. Such proofs of success are cheering to the workers, who will, we trust, yet see an abundant harvest resulting from God's blessing on their labours.