

first preached by a colporteur of the Bible Society. He bought a copy of the Psalms and Proverbs, also a booklet entitled the "Way of Salvation." From this he first read of the Saviour Jesus Christ. Later when Rev's. Churchill and Archibald were touring the field he was led to accept Christ as his personal Saviour and was baptized. Many persecutions followed but about thirty years he bore testimony to the keeping and saving power of Christ. In all that time he never entered his house, ate with his family, or touched one of them. The breaking of his caste (weaver) by joining the Christians meant much to him.

In 1900 a little Church of nine members was organized but not until May 28th, 1911, was there a building. This was formally dedicated to God January 7th, 1912, when the Northern Canadian Baptist Telugu Association met with the Church. Previous to this services were held on the verandah of the Mission House.

Palkonda has been known as one of the weakest of our Mission Stations, in the number of native Christians. When year after year has passed without baptisms it is only such passages as are found in Isaiah 55: 10-11 and Galatians, 6:9 that keep the Missionary at his task. A glance at the annual report will give items of some of the visible results. From "Among the Telugus" of 1912-13 we read of seven being baptized, two from the Christian community and five from among the Hindus. The history of Rammama found on Page 44 is most interesting and inspiring reading. The report of 1913-14 gives no baptisms but the missionary firmly believes that in many cases "the citadels of the intellect have been taken for Jesus." 1914-15 reports two baptisms. During the year Mr. Gunn was placed on the town council as the special representative of the Panchamas (outcastes), believing in this way he would get in closer touch with the people. He found the Government had many schools but all taught by Brahmins who took no interest in the education of the children but merely in their salaries. Only lack of Christian

teachers and money prevented him from taking all these schools over for they were offered to him, if he found qualified teachers. During 1915-16 Mr. Gunn was on the field for eight months and states the prospects of the work good and the attitude of the people most responsive. There are also great opportunities among the hill people who are more accessible to the gospel than those on the plains. He goes to Samalkot and Mr. Tedford takes charge. One is baptized.

From the year book 1917 we read of progress along all lines. Touring was diligently kept up and many villages visited, thousands hearing the gospel. The special evangelistic services held by the late Mr. Walker were well attended by caste and non-caste people alike. The power of the Lord was present to convict. A number became inquirers and five asked for baptism of whom three received the ordinance.

During 1917-18 the missionary travelled 1000 miles preaching the gospel in all the large centres of his field. Besides he rendered help on the Bobbili, Vizagapatnam, Sompeta and Chicacole fields. Four were baptised. During the year Balla Gooranah passed peacefully away, bearing a shining testimony to his faith and hope in Jesus Christ.

Probably the brightest year from an evangelistic standpoint in the history of Missions on the Palkonda field is that of 1918-19. The report of Mr. Tedford in "Among the Telugus" should be read by every member in every circle of our Society. If you haven't a copy you could no doubt borrow one from the General Sec'y., Rev. H. E. Stillwell, 223 Church Street. A shorter account is given in the annual report of 1918-19 also obtainable from Mr. Stillwell. Imagine if you can on this barren field 400 gathering at an evangelistic meeting. They tell of five men of the merchant caste, who after listening to the Gospel message, claim to have seen the Saviour in a vision; also of a wandering Sadhu who, having heard the claims of Jesus reports that he too saw the Lord in a dream; of boys who came and confessed their sin and testified to loving