

among the Oriyas, says: "In every place we visited, I met a most cheerful welcome, and was daily called to visit women at their homes, who were not allowed the liberty of the village.

"At Bhugaria, a middle-aged woman listened for some time very attentively, as I tried to show them the folly of idol worship, and point them to Christ, the only Saviour. A few days later, we were at the Doli market, and this same woman came to the tent door, in company with two others, and on seeing me she exclaimed, with a very reverent bow, 'Ma, my mind was made so happy by what I heard you say at Bhugaria, that I have come all this way alone to see you and hear those words again. I wished my sisters to hear also, so I have been two miles beyond this place to call them, and they are here; and now will you please tell us about this new religion.'"

Mrs. Phillips then instructed them in the things of Christ. She says the woman referred to "listened with close attention, every now and then saying, 'These words are true.' She at length rose up, saying, 'Your words have made my mind very glad, and I wish to hear much more; but the day is far spent, and I have six miles to walk; I left home without telling any one; and if I do not get back to cook my husband's rice in time, he will be very angry, and perhaps beat me.'"

Mrs. Phillips tells of others who, in like manner, earnestly inquired the way of salvation, and whose faces grew sad when she told them she must bid them good-bye, to tell others about Jesus. One said, "Why do you go so soon? You have been here three or four days, and have just given us a little light; and how are we to learn any more?"

In February, Mr. and Mrs. Smith planned a trip into one of the adjacent territories; but on account of his sudden illness, they were obliged to abandon the undertaking. Consequently, some of the native preachers were sent "to spy out the land," and return with their report. They were gone about a month, and came back wonderfully encouraged. The Rajah gave them a passport through his dominion, and a guide from village to village. In one village they were overtaken by a rain-storm; and when the head man of the village had heard the object of their Mission, allowed them to go into Jugernaut's temple for shelter. They remained there for two days, and cooked, ate, and slept in the temple, no one making the least objection.

We refer to these interesting facts to show how heathen prejudices and superstitious notions are breaking down, and giving way before the influences of the Gospel.

The statistics of the Mission Churches show that thirty-seven have been added by baptism since last Report.

We find that prosperity has attended all the other various means in operation for the benefit of these degraded ones: such as the farming business, the industrial school, the printing press, and the dispensary; and even the medicine chest has a history worthy of notice, other than that of containing the medicines which are carried through the country for distribution among the sick poor; for Brother Phillips says, "It is often converted into a pulpit, from which to publish the merciful words of Him who is physician of both soul and body."

The work of our little Society is moving along much as usual. There does not seem to be that interest in the subject of Missions on the part of our people generally which we had hoped to see, and which is necessary in order to render the work of our Society pleasant, and the result in any great degree gratifying; yet we have great reason to thank God for the prosperity that has attended our efforts in the past, and would trust Him for the future.

The printed appeals which we sent out last year, proved a very efficient means of bringing in funds to our Society, and we have repeated the operation this year. We hope the result will be even more gratifying than before.

Reference to the Treasurer's Account will show the state of our finances. We are sorry that we have to repeat the remark, that our Missionary's salary is not made up, we being about one-third in arrears. And it may not be out of place here to add that, according to our denominational statistics (3,075), ten cents annually from each Church member would be sufficient to meet the annual demand upon us.

Oh! then, shall we not have cheerful and hearty co-operation in this work on