



Taken at closing of Bible Training School, April, 1925, at Palconda. Left to right: Standing: Mrs. Tedford; Miss E. Eaton; Sitting: Miss Archibald, Miss Winnifred Eaton (the principal), and Miss Blackadar.

ARCHIBALD MEMORIAL CHURCH MADAPILLI

The following statement has reached us about a church to be built in memory of Mr. Archibald:—

"The life and character of the late Rev. I. C. Archibald is so well known that to mention his name is to speak of one whose memory is fragrant because of labours abundant, of love unfeigned, and of a faith that knew no wavering. In Prayerfulness, Patience and Perseverance few indeed are his peers. The record of the service which he rendered for his master is conspicuous for steadfast faith, great fidelity and wonderful foresight.

He was the first Canadian Baptist Missionary to visit the village of Madapilli of the Bobbili field. Here, more than thirty years ago, he opened a Preaching station. It was not long before he had the joy of seeing fruit for his labour.

This work, begun thus in faith and zeal by this choice servant of God, has been tended and nurtured through the years in succession by Rev. George Churchill, Rev. M. L. Orchard and Rev. J. C. Hardy, until, in December, 1924, we had the joy of establishing a church there with a charter membership of fifty under the leadership of a son of the first fruits of this work.

This new Church now proposes to erect a suitable house of worship. Though all the members are people who support themselves and their families by their daily earnings, with commendable faith and courage, they hope to commence the construction of the building in 1926. In order that they may honor the Canadian Baptist Missionary who first brought them the Gospel message they purpose to build this church as a "memorial" to Rev. I. C. Archibald of sacred memory."

CYCLONE ON THE AVANIGADDA AND VUYURU FIELDS

We have heard with deep regret of the terrific cyclone which last May ravaged the Vuyuru and Avanigadda fields, the centre of so much of our work. Our missionaries were on the hills at the time, with the exception of Rev. Archie Gordon, who proved a tower of strength in the time of need. Mrs. Cross writes:

"Our field here suffered a great deal of loss especially on the Divi Island. Houses and schools (we do not know how many) have been blown down and much property has been destroyed. Avanigadda itself was struck hard. The pastor's house, the school in the village, the boarding boys' dormitory, the Biblewomen's house and our horse stable are down in the compound and the roofs and doors and windows of all the other buildings are badly damaged. The doors of the bungalow were broken and the garden trees, e.c., are all gone. My touring pony and our dog were killed. This will give you some idea of the severity of the storm. Similar reports have come from Badagunta Church and Maidenpetta Church. We have not heard from the other churches yet. We expect word any time now."—Sel.