

the 19th of March, 1881, they purchased a meeting-house at the cost of about \$1,100, in which regular services are now conducted. It is to be hoped that this church will prove a great blessing to the English-speaking people in this important town, which now contains a population of over twenty-eight thousand souls.

Your Missionary states that, "the *Station Work* has been the care of the English church and the Telugu mission work, which latter has been much the same as last year, only more of it."

"The Sabbath School has been held at eight o'clock a.m., followed by preaching, to which a large congregation gathers. A service is held in the morning, when many strangers attend. They frequently remain after service to engage in religious conversation."

"The women's prayer meeting, conducted by Mrs. Timpany, on Monday afternoon, and the Friday evening prayer-meeting, have been kept up with growing interest and benefit."

"A Sabbath School and prayer-meeting have been maintained a good part of the year across the river, where there are now a day school and a number of church members."

*Bazaar Preaching.*—Brother Timpany himself has not been able to do much bazaar preaching on account of other duties, but Josiah, the native helper, whose whole time is employed in preaching, has done very efficient work in this department of labour. Our brother remarks that, "any Hindu who has once had a grapple with him is willing to give him a wide berth thereafter."

*Singing the Gospel.*—"For four months before the schools closed for the summer vacation, Josiah took every evening, a party of the school girls with him to sing, and as occasion offered, to speak with the women." The plan worked exceedingly well. All through Cocanada, and in more than a score of near-lying hamlets crowds of both sexes heard the Gospel sung and spoken, in most cases to their evident satisfaction and delight." The result has been so gratifying that this method of work will be continued.

*Helper's Institute.*—"During the month of May, the helpers, their wives and a few others from the field, gathered at the station for Bible instruction. The stables were turned into dwellings, and the chapel veranda made into sleeping-rooms. Though the weather was very hot, all enjoyed the month's work, and went to their homes and villages to be better Christians, and to do better work for Jesus than before."

*Schools.*—These have been well attended both at the station and in the villages. They are meant for the grown up people and church members as well as for children. Christian hymns are taught in them, and the members of the church meet for prayer and to sing these hymns almost every evening after the work of the day is over.

*Preachers.*—"Two regularly recognized preachers have been at work during the whole year, with good results. A third is much needed for the northern part of the field. The only hindrance for supplying this region is the want of a suitable man." Alas! "The fields are white to the harvest, but the labourers are few."

*Touring.*—Regarding this department of the work, your missionary says:—"I have been able to make a number of short tours on this field and have found good results from each trip. The building of the new house at Akidu, Peter's ordination and Mrs. Craig's death, have made it necessary for me to go to Akidu no less than four times during the last six months. It is a pleasure in one way now to go to a village to preach, because the people, as a rule, are ready to listen to the truth."

*Colportage.*—Two colporteurs have worked over the field during the year. They have visited most of the villages once and some of them twice, in regular order. The sales have been very much in excess of last year. The reasons for this are that the men have worked more systematically, have had a larger supply of tracts and Scripture portions and the people are more friendly."

#### Statistics.

Baptized.....	42
Dismissed.....	6
Excluded.....	1
Died.....	2
Present number.....	111

*TUNI STATION.*—This field is under the care of our esteemed and devoted brother, Rev. G. F. Currie, B.A. Regarding the prospect on the field, he says:—"Tokens for good have been given in many cases where we least expected them. It has been our privilege to gather the first fruits of the rich and increasing harvest, which we hope to be permitted to reap in this region." "We have now more encouragement as to the future than we have had at any previous time."

*Work at the Station.*—Two preaching services have been conducted each Sabbath in the mission house. A prayer meeting has been sustained on Wednesday evenings and a woman's devotional meeting has been conducted by Mrs. Currie. Sabbath schools and Bible classes have also been in operation. One conducted by Mrs. Currie has for its object the preparing of Christian women for Bible-work in and beyond Tuni.

Much preaching has been done in the town of Tuni itself. We hope the good seed of the Kingdom thus sown will soon spring up and bear much fruit. In the villages around, preaching the gospel has been carried on as opportunity offered, and some of the people thus hearing the word, have expressed a deep interest in the truths of Christianity.

*Day School.*—During the year a day-school has been continued, with gratifying results. At first, through caste prejudices, it was hard to get pupils from the town to attend, but for the latter half of the year the attendance has been quite encouraging. The name of the head teacher is M. Charles. He is a very earnest Christian, a man of good education and in every way qualified for the work. The chief object of the school is the education of Christians. "The school is opened daily with reading and explanation of the Scriptures and prayer, and all the work is done in the vernacular."

*Building.* A few months of the hot season were occupied with building operations. A house for native assistants, with accommodation for two families and a stable have been erected, besides some improvements in the mission house.

Your missionary states that it was all much needed and will be worth more to the mission than it has cost.

*Touring.* In all fifty-eight days have been spent in touring. Bro. Currie believes this to be the most important branch in missionary service. He says:—"Much encouragement has attended these efforts. While in some instances it must be admitted we have met with bitter and most determined opposition, we have, on the other hand, had many cheering indications of the readiness of the people to hear and believe the truth, and we feel assured that it is only a question of time when many living in these places will accept the Saviour and unite with His people. Some have already been received and others are asking for baptism."

*Native Assistants.*—Your missionary states that "some necessary changes have taken place in the staff of native