

done, and we hope to reap the fruits of this effort some day.

Among the near villages which can be reached without going on tour, considerable work has been performed, with some encouraging indications.

TOURING.—Somewhat more time has been spent in itinerating on the field than in either of the previous years; yet not nearly so much as we would wish to employ in this way, did other duties permit. Seven tours have been made to various parts of the district, embracing considerable territory, with an average length of six days each. In many villages visited we have met with more or less encouragement. The people have generally given us a good hearing; and there is every reason to hope that from the seed thus sown the desired fruit will appear in due time.

NATIVE ASSISTANTS.—The year was begun with two native preachers. One of these it has been necessary to dismiss, and his place is not yet supplied. A Colporteur was engaged about the middle of the year; but his health failed almost immediately after his work commenced, and he was obliged to return to his home. I hoped to secure the permanent services of a second preacher, to take the place of the one dismissed; but the young man who presented himself as a candidate for the vacancy, after laboring with us a few weeks in September, concluded to return to his former work in another field. Our new teacher—K. Charles—is very capable as a preacher, as well as in his own proper sphere, and renders very willing and efficient assistance in our work in the village, and in the regular services at the Mission House.

STATISTICS.—Number of members reported last year, 8; baptized during the year, 3; excluded, 1; present membership, 10; pupils in day school—boys 20, girls 6; average attendance at Sunday School, 24.

G. F. CURRIE

TUNI, January, 1881.

Bobbili (1879).

REV. G. CHURCHILL.

MRS. CHURCHILL.

While the year just closed has been a very busy one, with much of wear and tear, it has left little to put on record in the shape of a yearly report.

It ends, as it began, with the weary, monotonous, grinding work of building still on hand; and there is little, except the progress in this direction, for me to report.

After recovering from fever, with which I was laid aside at the beginning of the year, the work of building was pushed on and by the end of May the walls were up. Could the timber have been procured and prepared beforehand, the work might have been all completed ere this, but having to wait for it and then saw it, has made the task of finishing the house a tedious one. Though there is still a good deal of work to do, yet as the materials are all ready I trust it will now go forward rapidly to completion. The heavy timber is all up and most of the rafters.

My time and strength have been so much given to this work of building as to leave but little for direct Mission work. A service for our servants and such others as have chosen to be present, has been held on Sabbath mornings; and on Sabbath evenings when the weather and my health have permitted, I have been into the town and to the surrounding villages to speak to the people as opportunity offered. For the most part, they have listened respectfully and some have acknowledged that our religion is a good one. But I do not know of any one who is seriously considering the claims of Christianity.

There has been so little done as yet in preaching the Gospel that we cannot reasonably look for much interest. The need of native helpers of the right kind is deeply felt. None have as yet been secured, though two have applied for employment in this way, whose cases are under consideration. I trust and hope we shall before long secure the services of such men as the Master may be pleased to use in this vineyard.

Mrs. Churchill has continued her zenana work and boys' Sunday class throughout the year, as well as visiting among the women in town as she has had opportunity. In September a house in a very desirable location, on the best street in town, was purchased for the purposes of school-house and chapel.

In October Mrs. Churchill reopened her girls' school and continued it till the close of the year, with a very good attendance. On Sunday mornings these same girls are gathered into a Sabbath School and taught as on week day mornings the truths of the Gospel with much pleasure to Mrs. Churchill and we hope with profit to them. The number of boys in her Sunday class has varied from 21 to 2.

These are the days of small things, but we hope the time will soon come when more will be done. Meantime we leave the work, whether small or great, with its results, in the hands of Him whose it is, to give or withhold success as may seem best in His sight.

STATISTICS. No. of pupils in girls' school 46; average daily attendance 25; average Sunday attendance 35; average attendance of boys on Sunday afternoon 10.

G. CHURCHILL.

Bobbili, December, 1880.

Akidu, 1880.

REV. JOHN CRAIG,

* MRS. CRAIG.

5 Unordained Preachers.

7 School Teachers.

Until the beginning of 1880 the Missionary at Cocanada had charge of this field also. After it was decided to open a new station at Akidu an effort was made to obtain a site for a Mission compound, and a small thatch bungalow, which had been offered for sale by a Eurasian gentleman, was secured as a temporary Mission house. Although I was unable to take up my abode here early in the year, yet I took charge of the field on the 1st January. In spite of all our efforts it was not till June that we succeeded in obtaining a grant of land, and then only after Mr. Timpany and myself had visited the Zemindar.

July and August were spent at a hill-retreat with Mr. Timpany and family. Mrs. Craig and I were much benefited by the change. Soon after our return to Cocanada I visited this place, and settling some difficulties that had arisen about the land, I had the pleasure of seeing our new compound enclosed by a low mud wall. October was spent in preparations for removing. We left Cocanada on the 2nd of November and entered our new home four days later.

TOURING. During January, February and March I spent about six weeks in touring among the villages, especially those where our Christians live. I was accompanied by an ordained native minister and other helpers. We had the privilege of baptizing one hundred and seven people on profession of their faith in Christ.

After removing to this place in November we remained here only one week and then started out to see our people. We visited ten villages where we have Christians and six villages where as yet none have come

* Died April 2nd.