

and he had no children. The heathen were not at all anxious to avail themselves of the benefits of a school.

The school, or rather the teacher in Tickaly has had a pretty hard time. His house has been partly destroyed, his garden despoiled, and his clothing and cooking utensils stolen by those who were opposed to his Christianity and his school. Nevertheless he has persevered, and the school from three or four has increased to a registered number of 22. Arrangements are being made to put it under the Results Grant System.

The schools on the compound have been continued much as formerly. In the boys' four teachers are employed, all heathen. Suthenah, Appayah and myself have taught a daily Bible lesson, yet heathen influence is very strong. The secular work done may perhaps be called fair.

The average attendance since the 1st of June has been 59. The recent examinations promise a grant of some Rs. 140. The monthly fees have amounted to Rs. 26.

There are three teachers in the girls' school, one a member of the church. I teach singing and a Bible lesson every day; have also a class in sewing, which is all the time I can give, but it is not enough, and there is not the Christian influence which is desirable. A native woman has also a class in sewing, which needs my supervision. When the school came into my hands there were some 40 names on the register, though the daily attendance was small, probably owing to the hot weather. The former remains about the same; the latter has considerably increased, yet we have only made an average of 27. We expect to draw a grant of rather more than 50 rupees, as the result of the recent examination. No fees are paid. A peon is employed between the two schools.

**BOARDING DEPARTMENT.**—The larger part of the time there have been seven boarders, only two of these are little girls. Another girl and boy will probably be admitted soon. Several of them are members of the Church, and it is hoped that all will ultimately be lovers of the Lord Jesus.

**STATISTICS.**—Number of Church Members reported last year, 17; baptized during the year, 10; received by letter, 2; died, 1; present number, 28.

**N.B.**—It is understood that this report refers mainly to the last seven months of the year. The remarks on Colportage cover eight months, the statistics are for the year.

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### Tuni, (1878).

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In reviewing the work of another year we would gratefully recognize the goodness of God in the preservation of our lives and health, and in numberless other mercies received. We have been permitted to carry forward our work with scarcely any interruption throughout the year; and though as yet but little fruit is visible, some perceptible progress has been made. More time has been spent in direct Missionary work than in any previous year, and with more encouragement. Hindrances and trials there have been, not a few, yet we have had tokens for good, and some even of our trials are likely to result in permanent benefit to the Mission. It has been our privilege to welcome the first convert from the heathenism of this region, and others we are hoping to receive ere long on profession of their faith in Christ.

**STATION WORK.**—Our Sunday services have been re-

gularly sustained. These have consisted of preaching at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 10; Bible class or Prayer-meeting at 3 p.m., and preaching in the village, market-place in the evening or late in the afternoon. The attendance at our morning service has been larger than in previous years, some from the village coming quite regularly, others more or less frequently, and an increase of interest has been manifest. At our preaching services in the bazaar we usually have attentive audiences, and doubtless many in this way hear the Gospel whom we might not be able to reach in their native villages for years to come. We cannot doubt that this part of the work is of value in diffusing among the people a knowledge of the truth. But its nature is such that we can scarcely ever know who have been impressed by the word spoken, or to what extent its power has been felt. We have practically a new congregation every Sunday evening. It is rarely that we see the same faces before us on successive occasions. As strangers, attracted by the singing or speaking, they listen a few minutes or perhaps all the time we are speaking, then go their way, and we see them not again for months, or years, or at all. Two weekly Prayer Meetings, held on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively, one for women only, have been maintained, with good attendance.

A Sunday school was commenced within the last half of the year, and has been carried on with a fair amount of success. We have been much encouraged and pleased with the work done thus far in this department. The amount of interest awakened among those in attendance has been more than we expected. We have found that all of our congregation—Christians and heathen, old and young—make more rapid progress in acquiring a knowledge of Scriptural truth in the Sunday School than by any other means.

Some progress has been made in day school work. About the end of June our school room was completed, and made ready for use; and a competent teacher was engaged. Some difficulty has been experienced in inducing pupils from the village to attend. The competition of other schools of longer standing, the distance from the village, and fear of Christian influence doubtless on the part of parents, have hindered many from coming. Yet several promising caste boys and others have attended pretty regularly from the beginning; while latterly the number of pupils has increased somewhat, with an evident growth of interest in the work done. The teacher has a good vernacular education, and is enthusiastic in his work. We hope that as his qualifications become better known, a large number will avail themselves of the privileges of the school.

As in the previous year, two or three months were occupied with building operations. These were necessary to complete our Mission House, erected the year before, and put the premises in more convenient shape. This work was mostly done during the hot season when travelling was impossible, and hence did not greatly interfere with our evangelistic labour.

Within the last three months special efforts have been made to bring the Gospel home to certain classes of the population of Tuni itself. For several weeks preaching services were held daily, with few omissions, among the non-caste people. These were made as informal as possible, and were continued as long as the interest seemed to be maintained. In this way we had an opportunity of meeting many of the same people night after night for a considerable time, and thus any impression made might be deepened and rendered more permanent by repeated presentations of the truth. We believe good has been