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The Link.

The second volume of the Canadian Missionary Link-closes with this number. Once more, those who conduct it desire to acknowledge, with heartfelt gratitude to God, the success which has, so far, attended its publication. Their expenses have all been met, and last November sixty dollars-profits of the first volume-were divided among the various Women's Societies in proportion to the number of subscribers from each. Notwithstanding that the new method of addressing and mailing the papers will add materially to the expense, the year again closes with such a satisfactory amount of cash on hand, that the managers have no doubt, if the subscriptions are only renewed as well as they were last year, that a sufficient amount will not only soon be received to carry the paper on to the close of the third volume, but they will again have a surplus to divide.

To their friends and helpers both in India and Canada, for interesting letters and articles; to those brethren and sisters, who, because of their love for, and interest in, missionary work, have exerted themselves to obtain subscribers and collect renewals; to the provincial denominational papers for kind words; to the editor of the Canadian Baptist for gratuitous and long continued insertion of an advertisement; and to all those who in any way have sought to help them, the managers of the LINK desire to return their most sincere thanks. They also venture to request a continuance of this help without which the paper could not have been sustained.

That the Link has been the means, under God, of doing good there is abundance of evidence. How much more it might accomplish if published in an attractive form, with some good illustrations and a department specially for Sunday Schools, and under more able editorial management, who can venture to say? It might be worth while for the brethren of the Foreign Mission boards of the Dominion to consider the question.

The Outlook.

DEAR FRIENDS,-This is the 4th of June. Before this letter reaches the Link this year will be more than half gone. Such is time, how fast it flies! It will soon be two years since I left Canada the second time to come to India. Have now been in India the second time just one year and six months. The time has passed quickly. Some twelve years ago I went to Nellore to make my home for a time and to study the Telugu language. Then there were just two Telugu Baptist Missionaries to Christ through it than there are dollars.

and about seventy church members. Dr. Jewett was in Nellore and about thirty Christians in his mission. Now there are fifteen male missionaries besides the female missionaries, and well on to twenty-thousand church members. Can any of you form an idea of what there may be in another twelve years? Missions have now been at work in India for a century. The amount of work, number of workers, apparent success, &c., for the first half century, were dishearteningly small -not so the second half century - another century, and India will, at the lowest esti-mate, be far more Christian than the Roman Empire was after four centuries of Christianity. But India is only one country of many where this kind of work is going on with an ever increasing interest. There are some now born who may see the beginning of the world's Sabbath. How any one acquainted with the past history of the spread of Christianity, and the work of the past fifty years and the present interesting outlook all over the earth can be discouraged is past my comprehension. As to our mission here in Cocanada. I am fully persuaded that God will give us the people just as fast as we are able to take care of them and train them in the truth as it is in Jesus. month I made a short trip away to the north-west of this two day's journey. After I passed Samul-Cotta, which is about seven miles from here where there are some Christians, all beyond is a heathen waste. My soul was pained and my heart made sad as I passed through and near to many large towns and villages, and realized that no servants of the Living God were there. The people heard the gospel message in almost every case with interest, some of them with intense interest. Idols are not believed in as formerly. All that is wanted now is the faithful preaching of the Word of God, and ! multitudes of the people will sooner or later

Why is it that some of our ladies who are in independent circumstances do not come out on their own charges? It has got to come to this. Already some from Great Britain are doing this. As I feel now, and have always felt about this work of Missions, had I a million pounds sterling I

would still be a missionary.

Last Sabbath three from the English congregation were baptized. Another is received for baptism. Last evening a gentleman recently converted asked for baptism, others are anxious.

The Telugu part of the work is full of interest. A good many in all cases are enquiring. "India asks,—Who is Christ." Will not the answer be in a multitude of cases, "The Christ, the son of God, the Saviour of the world." A month ago five were baptized. Two of them were girls from

our girls' school.

We long to be able to put all our time into this blessed work of preaching. Buildings, &c., have taken much of my time. This year the preparation of a Telugu Testament in conjunction with Dr. Jewett presses heavily upon me. Soon we must start a school for training a ministry. Where and how it is to be brought about remains to be known. If any reader of this has about \$5,000 for land and buildings,-send it along. Before the money does its work I doubt not more souls will be gathered

REPORT OF THE CANADIAN BAP-TIST TELUGU MISSION FOR THE YEAR 1879.

---Cocanada (1874.)

REV. J. McLaurin, Mrs. McLaurin, Rev. A. V. Timpany. MRS. TIMPANY. Rev. J. Craig, B.A. Mrs. Craig.

In Canada. JOSIAH BURDER-Ordained Native Minister. M. DAVID -Colporteur.

K. PETER, Preachers.—Four Teachers in the station N. JOHN. and Five Teachers in villages. N. John.

The first of the year we took over the Mission from the Rev. J. McLaurin, who shortly after left with his family for a season of rest and change in Canada.

WORK IN THE STATION .-- The English part of this work is under the care of the Rev. J. Craig, and will

be reported by him. Services on the Sabbath in Telugu and a Sabbath school have been maintained with an average attend-

ance of from fifty to eighty persons at each. A weekly prayer-meeting on Friday evening has been kept up, and a female prayer-meeting every Monday afternoon has been conducted by Mrs. Timpany.

We found the buildings in the compound much the

worse for the severe storm of a month before. have to a large extent been repaired, and a Chapelschool house, a block of buildings for the Girls school, and an additional Boys' dormitory have been built. The cost of these buildings has been mostly met by funds given by the Christian women of my native land. A boat suitable to our Mission travel and work has also been built.

Our Mission schools and Telugu meetings have heretofore been held in a rented house. thankful to be in Mission buildings and have what before went to pay rent free to enlarge our efforts.

All this repairing and building and general care of the Mission took most of my time. My spare time was devoted to getting out a "Telugu Compendium" of Theology" and in the revision work of the Telugu

During June and July I met with a number of Mis-sionary brethren on this work under the auspices of the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society. It remains to be seen whether we can co-operate in getting out a Telugu New Testament. I am sorry to say that at present there is very little prospect of our being able

TRAVELLING ON THE FIELD .-- I have been able to do little in this way compared to what I wished and expected to accomplish. On returning from Bangalore the beginning of August 1 hoped to fully go over the field. But I found the old boat utterly useless and had to spend three months in building the new one. Since then I have seen the most important parts, and expect shortly to see the remainder of the field, and in conjunction with Mr. Craig complete the organization that has been commenced.

SCHOOLS.-The Boarding School at the station for both sexes has been kept up. Out of this school are to come our teachers for our Christian villages. In a number of these villages schools have been kept by the people thems: lves. Schools are urgently needed in many more of these villages. This want as well as that of houses will be largely met during the coming year. Houses will be built and teachers employed, the people bearing half of the expense. The prospect in these directions is quite as hopeful as could in reason be looked for.

Having now in the station suitable buildings and competent teachers we hope by another year to send up some pupils for the "Government Teachers' Examination," and steadily increase in that direction until we have an efficient staff of teachers male and fe-

A. V. TIMPANY.

PREACHING AND COLPORTAGE - There is a wide open door now for the preaching of the gospel. Idols

have lost their power over many, who now acknow-ledge the truth of the way of life through Christ.

The sales of the Colporteur have been small, not so much owing to the lack of effort on the part of the Colporteur, as to the small proportion of the people who are readers and also to the fact that Christian literature is spread by other means than our Colpor-

STATISTICS.—Readers of Rev. J. McLaurin's Report will note what he said about the troubles that had oc-cured through one of the Mission employes, and the remarks about the statistics. We have to a consider-able extent reorganized the field and give the following statistics as to the numbers of Christians at pre-sent: when I say "Christians" I mean church members.

There were baptized during the year At present there are in our churches in good... standing members

During the year we received from friends in India the following sums for our Chapel-school-house. To these and others who contributed to the Rev. J. McLaurin for this purpose we express our sincere thanks, as also to Mr. Wm. Craig, senior, the father of our missishers. Rev. J. Rev. J. McLaurin for this purpose we express our sincere thanks,

missionary, Rev. J. Craig.
Wm. Craig, Esq., (Canada) Rs. 621.10.3; W. S. Foster, Esq., Rs. 100.00; Dr. Paul, Rs. 20.00; Lt. Col. Carnegy, Rs. 100.0; Mrs. J. G. Ronchett, Rs.

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A. V. TIMPANY.

COCANADA .- SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

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During the past year most of my time has been spent in studying Telugu, but still I have been able to do a little work among the people.

ENGLISH SERVICES—The English services have been continued as in previous years. When it was decided in February that the house in Jugganaik-pooram was no longer needed for the mission-school and Telugu services, it was thought best to keep it for our English services and also for the meetings of the Cognada Total Abstinence Society. The expenses Cocanada Total Abstinence Society. The expenses have been defrayed by subscriptions. Our new chapel in the mission compound is too far away from Jugganaikpooram, where most of the members of our English congregation live, to be used for English services. We expect to make an effort before long to secure a building for work in that district of the town, so as to avoid the necessity of paying rent to the ex-

so as to avoid the necessity of paying rent to the extent of Rs. 20 or 30 a month.

Sunday school has been held regularly part of the time at 7.30 a.m., and part of the time at 8 a.m. During the first six months of the year I taught a class of young men and young women. Mrs. Craig has taught in this school regularly throughout the year. Our congregation meets for worship at 6 p.m. on Sunday, and on Wednesday evening a prayer-meeting is held.

The Sunday evening services have been well attended. The first half-hour of the Wednesday evening meeting has been spent in the study of the life of Paul, as recorded in the Acts and the various Epistles.

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TELUGU WORK.—In March I had the privilege of TELUGU WORK.—In March I had the privilege of making a short tour in company with Josiah, our ordained minister. This tour proved of much benefit in many ways. I saw some of our Christians in their own homes; I became acquainted with the geography of a large part of the field; and last but not least, both my tongue and my ear became more familiar with Telugu. In June I had the privilege of attending the Bangalore Conference, and after my return to Cocanada I took a class of small boys in the Telugu Sunday school. I have also conducted morning prayers in the chapel for some months.

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A NEW STATION.—In December a visit was made to Akidu, a large village about four miles east of Lake Colair, with the view of selecting a site for a mission compound. We met the Rajah's manager, and made application through him for five acres of land situated between the village and the canal. A house on the opposite side of the village was offered for sale and has been secured as a home for the missionary while ab bungalow is being erected on the site we have applied for. From the beginning of 1880 that part of the Cocanada field which lies west of the Godavery river is to be known as the Akidu field. This new field contains over 300 church members. I need hardly say that we desire to see a school-house and a school in every village where there is a considerable number in every village where there is a considerable number of Christians. Our plan for the present is to give half the salary of each teacher in such schools, leaving the other half to be raised by the people of the village. We desire to aid in the erection of school-houses also, bearing however but a small part of the necessary expense. Our Society has not made any special grant for such work, so that I feel constrained to

solicit the aid of any who may read this on behalf of our work among the villages. Donations addressed to me at Cocanada will be thankfully received.

IOHN CRAIG

Cocanada, January, 1880.

Bimlipatam (1875.)

MARK LESLIE.) REV. R. SANFORD. Native MRS, SANFORD, TITUS EDWIN. Assistants.

We have found by experience that much labor is involved in fitting out a Mission compound with suitable buildings. Especially is this the case when the asie itself requires a heavy expenditure before founda-tions can be laid. We had hoped that December 31st 1879 would witness the completion of the building work undertaken. But our funds have come slowly.

work undertaken. But our funds have come slowly. Consequently we could not make rapid progress.

On the 1st of July, we moved into one of the outbuildings, newly completed, in order to be near the pwork in hand. On the 1st of October our school house for girls was ready. The school was then removed from the rented Bouse, to our own compound. Here also our Sabbath school and weeleday meetings have been held since the above date. It remains to troof the mission house in order to have a proper place roof the mission house in order to have a proper place

in which to live while pursuing mission work.

It has been quite out of our power to do any touring on the field during the year. This is a matter of deep regret, inasmuch as we consider itinerant preaching exceedingly important, and are anxious to be so en-

gaged.

The native helpers at this station have been variously employed. One has assisted me part of the time on the compound; and during the rest of the time he has pursued the work of Colportage. His reports indicate a hopeful state of enquiry on the part of many. Those who are able to read like to get the attractive little books and tracts issued by the Religious-Tract Society in Madras. Some, however, are of-fended whenever the name of Jesus Christ appears. We are led to look upon Colportage as a very useful branch of Mission effort.

Another helper has been employed on week days in the girls' school and on Sabbaths in the Sabbath school and conducting religious worship. Still a third, namely Anthony, who joined us in September last has been endeavouring to spread the knowledge of Christ in the towns and surrounding villages.

The best we could do in connection with building was to hold the usual Sabbath and week-day meetings, and keep up communication with our workers at

the out-stations.

We have two Sabbath schools, each consisting of about thirty members, the one is composed of English speaking children and young women. From the interest they manifest we are encouraged to believe that the truth is finding a response in their hearts. Most of these also attend the woman's weekly prayer-meet-ing under the charge of Mrs. Sanford and Miss Hammond. A few take part in prayer.

The other school consists partly of Telugu girls who are pupils also in the day school under Miss Hammond's care. These with the native teachers, our monds care. These with the native teachers, our own domestic servants and several young men from the town, make up the school. It affords an interesting department of labor.

There was but one addition to the church by bap-

tism. This was a man in middle life, engaged in the Telegraph Department. We were very well acquaint-ed with his struggles of mind from the time he came to enquire the way out of his distress till he asked baptism and a home with us. His removal immedi-

baptism and a nome with us. His removal immediately after baptism has deprived the church of the help which his presence probably would have been.

Vizianagram.—There has been a marked change in regard to the church at Vizianagram. Several of the native members removed to Chicacole shortly after the regiment was sent to Toungoo, British Burmah. Five have received letters of dismission and united with the church at Chicacole. Some have arranged to with the church at Chicacole. Some have removed to other places so the number of resident members is

very small.
Guriah Mitchell, the Colporteur, has pursued his work with a good degree of encouragement: V. Ven-katasawmy, the native preacher, conducted Christian worship regularly on Sabbath, and preached as he found opportunity in the streets and adjacent villages until, with his family, he went to visit relatives in Madras. He expected to return in a few months, but has not come yet.

Brother Williams has been active in sustaining the

JEYPORE.—At Jeypore we lost brother Kroothi asso Mahanty by death. He was stricken down suddenly while in the midst of preparations to start to the low country to meet us. He had with him three or four enquirers; on the 11th of July, he died,

leaving the influence of an earnest, upright Christian character among the lieathen whom he had sought to bring to Christ. We have not been able as yet to fill his place with an Oriya preacher, for the reason that none has come to our knowledge who is prepared and willing to go. The Christians there are holding on and praying for help to be sent them.

May the Lord of the harvest speedily raise up a worker for that needy part of the field.

At the three divisions of the Mission, as above mentioned, we have raised funds is provide for the

mentioned, we have raised funds to provide for the expenses incident to the sustaining of Christian worship. Besides this we have contributed toward the support of the Madras Auxillary Bible Society, the Tract Society, and several local institutions demanding Christian aid.

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Bimlipatam, January, 1880.

Chicacole (1878).

Rev. W. F. Armstrong. | Suthenah, Preacher. Mrs. ARMSTRONG. Mis. Armstrong. Appayah, "Bagavan Bayrah, Pr'r. Paulus, Colporteur.

The year under review has been one of encouragement. Relieved in large measure from building and other preparatory work, we have been able to devote more time to purely evangelistical labours than during

more time to purely evangelistical labours than during any previous year.

Services, ETC.—Two preaching services are held every Lord's day. That of the morning is followed by a Sabbath School, the children of the day school and others being taught in several classes by the missionary and his wife, the two native preachers who live in town, and two Christian Eurasian ladies. The afternoon service is in English on every alternate Sunday. Besides the regular attendants—who are the majority of the English speaking community in town—this service often draws in several natives who town-this service often draws in several natives who understand English.

understand English.

A'weekly female prayer meeting has been maintained during the year. A meeting for enquirers has been held on Tuesday afternoons during the latter half of the year; this has proved to be a very interesting and profitable service. There has been more preaching in the bazaar and other parts of the town than heretofore. The chief feature of the year's work, than heretofore. The chief feature of the year's work, however, has been house to-house visitation. We have visited a large number of homes, mostly those of our school children, some of them repeatedly, Mrs. Armstrong going inside where the women are, while I remain without, or in the reception apartment, conversing with the men of the house, and others who soon gather around.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.—We have been permitted to see some very encouraging results from this work, and the end we believe is not yet. The case of one woman may be specially mentioned, who, when the year under review began, was shrouded in the dense darkness of heathenism, but who is now we trust in darkness of heathenism, but who is now we trust in the presence of the Redeemer. Her heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the message of grace and salvation conveyed into her home by Mrs. Arm-strong. A few weeks ago she quietly passed away after a short but painful illness, leaving a testimony which we cannot but believe will be powerful for good. Others give evidence of a saving interestic Color. Others give evidence of a saving interest in Christ; several have requested baptism. There seems to be a spirit of enquiry abroad, not only in town but also in the rural parts of the field. Our prayer and hope is that He, from whom all good cometh, may carry on to a triumphant and glorious issue the work which

on to a triumphant and glorious issue the work which He has so evidently begun.

PREACHERS.—At the beginning of the year, Appalanarasiah, our chief native helper, was called to his rest. His memory is a rich legacy to our mission. Suthenah and Appaya have been engaged in this work during the latter part of the year. These, with Bagavan Bayrah, who has been with us from the beginning of our work here, form our present staff of preachers. The two former who live in town, and a young man who is attending school with a view to young man who is attending school with a view to employment in mission work, have been taken over a large part of the Acts of the Apostles during the year. An hour each day has been devoted to this study,

TOURING.—Not so much of this important work has been done as at the beginning of the year we hoped to do. Still several short tours have been made, aggregating about seven weeks. Besides this, Bagavan Bayrah has travelled over a large part of the field alone.

GOFORTAGE.—This-important branch of our work has been carried on as usual. Paulus, the Colporteur, has spent more than half his time among the villages; the remainder in town. The sales have averaged a little over Rs. 11 per month. Upwards of 5,000 books and tracts have been sold, and a large number of handbills given away. All this Christian literature scattered over the field cannot fail, with God's blessing, to be productive of good.

SCHOOLS.—Two schools have been in successful operation throughout the vest under the superinged.

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operation throughout the year under the superintendence of Mrs. Armstrong. The boys' school numbers about 100, and the girls' 40. Bible instruction and the singing of Christian hymns form the chief feature in both schools. And the progress in both has been very encouraging, though secular instruction has not been neglected, as the results of the Government examinations testify.

The pupils of both schools, with their teachers, attend Sunday morning service, and the classes which are formed for Bible instruction immediately after.

Several of the older boys seem to be seriously enquiring after the great salvation; one promising lad gives evidence of being converted, and has asked for baptism. Thus the Master has set His seal of approval on this branch of our work. And we believe Mission schools will always enjoy His smile, so long as they are conducted with Christ as the centre,

the first, and the last.

We look forward to a new year in hope, yet knowing not what will befall us there. May He who is mighty to save be with us.

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Tuni (1878.)

Rev. G. F. CURRIE. JEREMIAH, Preacher. Mrs. Currie. TIMOTHY,

The year just closed has brought to us, on the Tuni field, perhaps greater than usual alternations of pleasant and unpleasant experience. At times we have had much encouragement, and have indulged in many hopeful anticipations as to the results of our labour. At other times we have been not a little depressed and saddened in view of the formidable difficulties and hindrances with which the work has been beset. Much of our attention has been occupied with secular matters connected with the mission, and could not therefore be given to direct evangelistic labour. therefore be given to direct evangeistic iabour. Ine necessity of withdrawing so much valuable time from the preaching of the Gospel among the people has occasioned us no little regret. Yet we have the satisfaction of believing that the time spent in secular work has been profitably occupied in preparing for the future as well as the present wants of the mission. Returning to our station in January, after an absence of a few-weeks on account of illness, we resumed

Returning to our station in January, after an absence of a few-weeks on account of illness, we resumed building operations, and until the end of April were employed in erecting a house on the new compound, to be used temporarily as a dwelling-house by the missionaries, and afterward more permanently, as a school-house chapel. On the 2nd of March a Church was organized consisting of six members, all of whom had come with us from Cocanada, and were received by letter from the Church located there. On the case by letter from the Church located there. On the even-ing of the same day the ordinance of Christian baptism was administered for the first time in connection

with our work at Tuni.

A few weeks of the hot season were spent at a hill station, from which we returned in July and entered again, with recruited strength upon the work of our own field. The new house was thankfully taken possession of, and though still quite unfinished, was found much more comfortable and convenient than the premises we had previously been obliged to occupy.

premises we had previously been obliged to occupy. During the months of August, September and October an opportunity was afforded for evangelistic work which we endeavoured to improve. Many villages where we had preached during the previous year were revisited more or less frequently; and in many others the way of life was proclaimed for the first time. Four preaching tours were made during the year, two to Nukkapilla, where large audiences were addressed at a Hindu festival, and at a weekly fair: one to Annayarum and vicinity, where several fair; one to Annavarum and vicinity, where several

This-important branch of our work long as usual. Paulus, the Colportore than half his time among the nainder in town. The sales have and comparatively little opposition was encountered. In addition to the tours mentioned our native preachers have visited other parts of the field alone, and have brought back favorable accounts of the reception given to them and their message by the people. Bazaar preaching at the weekly fair in Tuni has also been regularly kept up, except when we have been prevented by sickness or absence from the station. An awakening interest in the truth has been observed in certain sections of the field, and we cannot but hope that some have been renewed. But desiring nope that some have been renewed. But desiring further evidence of conversion, we have not thus far urged any such to receive baptism. The work is one that requires great patience. In due time we hope to be permitted to gather in the ripened harvest.

Since the close of October we have been kept busy

contending with disease of one form or another, and the effort to restore health has left us little time for other work. Jungle fever and other diseases have been prevalent among us, prostrating for a time both Missionaries, and disabling both preachers and their wives, so that for several weeks the work on our field has been quite broken up. But the close of the year finds the health of all our working force much improved; and we expect soon, with renewed strength and hopefulness, to resume our accustomed duties.

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Tanuary 1880 ·	G. F. CURRIE.						

Bobbili (1879.)

REV. G. CHURCHILL | Mrs. CHURCHILL

My last year's report left me in the midst of what seemed a vain endeavour to make headway with my temporary house in this place. Till the very last day of the old year I was unable to get workmen of any kind.

kind.

It seemed something of a coincidence that on New Year's day everything changed, masons, coolies and landies came ready to work New Year's morning, and my house was commenced in good earnest. Having to wait for material and to purchase as opportunity offered, made the progress much slower than it otherwise would have been, but by the end of March the building was so far along that I decided to move before the hot season. We arrived here April 3rd expecting to find two gooms tiled and ready to receive us. Instead not even one was quite finished and for some days. expecting to find two rooms tiled and ready to receive us. Instead not even one was quite finished and for some days we were anything but comfortable. By dint of hard work a few weeks found things in a better state, but a couple of months were required to bring matters into anything like a civilized condition. The weather became intensely hot in April but the rains began about the middle of May, much earlier than usual, and for two months rain fell nearly every discovered and are recommended. afternoon and evening. In June a well was dug and after that sometime was occupied in putting in the foundations for a godown and building a wall on the east side of the compound as a protection against vermin from an adjoining

The first of October Mrs. Churchill was taken dangerously ill and for more than a month most of my time was occupied in taking care of her. As soon as her health permitted, work on my permanent house was begun and for sometime it went rapidly forward till an attack of intermittent fever from which I am now slowly recovering, ladd me by and most of the work was stopped. At the present writing the foundations for the main part of the house are done and filled up with earth and a large part of the foundations for the verandas and pillars are also finished. A couple of weeks ahould see everything ready for the walls. Such is a brief outline of the work of the year. In direct mission work something has been attempted.

Mrs. Churchill carried on her work at Bimlipatam for the first three months of the year, and on April 1st handed over to Miss Hantmond her girds' school of thirty-six pupils, as well as the charge of the other work in which she had been The first of October Mrs. Churchill was taken dangerously

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On our first coming here numbers of people came to see us, no doubt mostly from curiosity and to most of them sounething was said on the subject of religion, principally by Mrs. Churchill, as my own time was almost entirely taken up with out-door work. A number of boys from the Government school also came frequently to see us, and on the second Sabbath after our arrival here, a class to study the Rible was formed. the Bible was formed.

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In a short time so many came that two classes were formed, Mrs. Churchill taking the smaller boys and I the young men. The attendance has been fluctuating, sometimes many, sometimes but few, and sometimes none of the young men, though many of Mrs. Churchill's class continued to come till her illness.

A Sabbath morning service has been held in the verandah work.

and to some of the nearer villages, and have spoken and read to the people of the great salvation. Usually I have had at-

to the people of the great salvation. Usually I have had attentive listeners, but sometimes not.

Mrs. Churchill attempted a girl's school for a couple of months. In all thirty-two Brahmin girls came and had their names enrolled, but they came so irregularly that it was decided to give it up till a house could be procured in town, as the one excuse given was that it was too far for the girls to walk every day to the Mission house. So far no suitable house is to be had. Mrs. Churchill has tried to show herself friendly to the women of Bobbili, visiting their houses, singing and talking to them when they would listen. In such work she has greatly felt the need of a native Christian woman to go with her.

Just before her illness two educated Hindoos consented to allow her to teach their wives regularly.

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During six months of the time we have been here, we have had our former teacher with us from Binlipatam. He has been useful in many ways. He taught in Mrs. Churchill's girl's school, prayed sometimes and assisted her in her Sunday afternoon, class, assisted me in the morning in explaining a chapter and went out with me sometimes Sabbath

evening.

But as he did not seem to have strength to come out openly and seemed to wish to occupy a neutral position where his influence would be of little consequence, we thought it best to allow him to return to his friends at Bimlipatam, so at the present time we have no native helper, but the need of a

present time we nave no matter nearest, out and good one is very great.

While the last three months have been a time of illness, anxiety and trial, the Lord has been merciful and gracious to us and the close of the year finds us still an unbroken family and with health returning, as we hope, to enable us

to go on again with our work.

May our Heavenly Father make us grateful for all His blessings and make us of some service in his vineyard. G. CHURCHILL

BOBBILI. December 31st, 1879.

GENERAL STATISTICS 31ST DECEMBER, 1879.

STATIONS.	Baptized.	Added by letter, &c	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter	Died.	Present number.
Cocanada Bimlipatam Chicacole Tuni Bobbili Total	119 1 1 2 2	1 7 7		1	5	1 1 1 8	402 29 17 8

These statistics are for the entire fields connected with the several stations.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Ouebec.

We have been informed on excellent authority that the financial position of the Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec is more satisfactory than it has ever before been at this season of the year. What is there to prevent a strong effort being now made, not only to get quite out of debt, but to have the treasurer's books at the October meetings show a good balance on the right side, with which to begin next vear's work?

We do not believe that the Lord's people more willingly give their money to pay off a debt, than for the purpose of entering to engage in new work through the door their MASTER has set so wide open before them in India.

CENTRAL BOARD MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Central Board to the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, was held on the 16th of July, in the Jarvis St. Church parlor, Toronto.

As the Baptist Union is to meet in Toronto next October, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in the Alexander St. Church, during the day in the parlors of which the pattern measure of which the pattern measure of which the other measures of the other mea

evening of which the platform meeting of the General Foreign Missionary Society is to take place. An earnest wish was expressed that, if possible, the presence of Mrs. Armstrong of Chicacole should be secured.

The report of the treasurer shewed a balance of \$225 in the bank. \$100 of this was voted for "Village teachers" in the Cocanada and Akidu fields; making in all \$1,300 sent by the Women's Society of Ontario to India since last October. The remaining \$125 will be reserved towards the first remittance for next year's work. It is earnestly hoped that the Circles in connection with this Society will faithfully collect and forward to the treasurer, Miss Jessie M. Lloyd, 222 Wellesley St. Toronto, by the first week in October, all the monies they may be able to gather. Let the Board for the next year be put in a position to become responsible for quite as much, and more, from the new "estimates" as was taken from those for this

Prince Edward Island.

The annual meeting of the Central Board of the W. M. A. Societies of P. E. Island, was held at Tryon, on July 6th, 1880, during the Association.

The President, Mrs. E. N. Archibald occupied the chair. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, followed by the singing of the hymn "Rescue the Perishing."

Reports of the Central Board were then read. The Treasurer's report showed that less money had been received this year than last. From the reports of our various societies, we are glad to learn that some of them are in a hopeful condition, and feel deeply interested in the work carried on by our sister missionaries.

Monies received at this meeting amounting to \$1.80; from East Point \$100; \$50 constituting Mrs. J. A. Gordon and Miss Anna Scott life members. Receipts of the year \$155.

The Central Board was much pleased and cheered a short time ago by a letter from Mrs. Armstrong. We regret exceedingly to learn that her failing health compels her to leave her loved employment among the benighted Telugus. We hope to have a visit from her when she returns to her native land.

Rev. J. B. Woodland was present at the meeting and added much to the interest by his kindly remarks.

ADA J. HOOPER, Sec. of the Central Board. P. E. L Bedeque, July 10th, 1880.

Nova Scotia.

HEBRON.-The W. A. Society, formed by Mrs. Armstrong before her departure for India, has held no meetings for a number of years. As nearly as we can learn they were well attended for a time; then came a falling off until it was thought best to discontinue them. We hope this was not on ac-count of a want of interest in the cause. One of the little band of laborers who left these shores nearly seven years ago went from among this people, and it would be strange indeed if Rev. G. F. Churchill and his work should be forgotten by them. Could you enter one of our Sabbath evening missionary meetings and hear the fervent prayers that are offered for Foreign missions in general and "our missionaries" in particular, you would be assured this is not the case. The large attendance and good atten-tion to intelligence from the different fields brought before the people by the pastor speaks more loudly

Since the beginning of the year we have had the pleasure of ordering twenty copies of the LINE, and hope their monthly visits will be the means of for-

warding the work.

We feel much sympathy for our sisters who have made such sacrifices to carry the light of the Gospel to those who sit in darkness, and hope their labors will be greatly blessed. As our highest happiness often arises from our having performed faithfully the work placed in our hands, so we trust they find much joy in toiling on even when the flesh grows weary and they almost faint by the way. And when the Master comes to call them will he not say "Well done"? May we who are surrounded by home comforts and loved friends each try to do our part in the great work, so that we too may hear Him say, "She hath done what she could." B. K. C.

Return of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

The following extracts from a private letter written by Mrs. Armstrong, and dated Chicacole, May 20th, reached us just too late for our last issue. said: "This woman's missionary work is an inspi-It will be interesting to her many friends to know ration to my life. From month to month, when I Rev. G. F. Currie, Tuni.

how she came to return so suddenly and accom-

panied by Mr. Armstrong:

* * "Katie has been very ill. * * * She is better-at present but the doctor says she ought to go home. This coupled with my own evident need-of a change, decided us, and I began to get ready, and kept on till I got the Landies off to Bimli; then I was to follow in a palkee, Mr. A. accompanying us to Madras. But I could not quite manage it. The palkees came, but I was utterly unfit to go. Then my good man came to the conclusion that if this was the beginning of the journey, there was little hope of a satisfactory close to it, and he began to look about to see if he could not leave too. Miss Hammond came and took charge of the books, the school, etc., while I rested. In less than a fortnight we got rid of all our unnecessary belongings. I am sure the Lord was in it, for we had gathered a good many things about us in these ten years. * * * At four about us in these ten years. o'clock to-day we hope to leave for Madras, this time to keep together on our homeward way, and hope to reach Nova Scotia a little before Convention. It has all been very sudden but I do not know that it is any the worse for that. The buildings are finished—just that and no more the last touches Miss Hammond will see done. My husband was very anxious to remain, but I think there is some good reason for our going. There is a great deal of interest here in town. do not think it is going to lessen by our going. may strike deeper, and not be so showey, but I do think to be thrown on themselves for a while may only make them stronger in the end. We have quite a strong church in Chicacole now. Including ourselves, twenty-four partook of communion, all resident in town, and a large-proportion of men able to work for the spread of the gospel. I trust they will be faithful to the charge laid upon them. Several are anxious to be baptised who cannot get ctear from their relations. They will come along in time. If the Spirit of Life is in them they must grow and the fruit will appear. *

* The birds are peeping and calling me to this last day's duties. I could not sleep and have given this time to you." get clear from their relations. They will come

Late advices state that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had safely reached London, England, and expected to sail for Nova Scotia on the 3rd of August.

6The Consecrated Hen.

A young girl had a great desire to do something for the cause of Missions. Having little she could call her own, what do you think she did? She consecrated the proceeds of a hen to the Lord, for his work. The eggs and increase (if I mistake not) amounted the first year to two dollars, the second year to three dollars. Now I am sure that if all young people were willing to make some similar sacrifice in order to give to this noble cause, the mission work would not languish as it does at the present time. I think I hear some fond mothers who are so anxious about their loved ones respond: "We need all for ourselves." Have you ever cast into the treasury of the Lord of your penury while the rich are giving of their abundance? Have you ever almost shrank from their gaze as you slipt your offering in, wishing no eye could see save One? If not, you have never realized the love, the joy of that widow who gave her whole living. The same Jesus who applauded her, still sits over the treasury and with loving eyes marks well what sacrifices we make and the object of our giving; while he is constantly imparting the blessing which "maketh rich and addeth no sorrow" to all those who give cheerfully for the advancement of His Kingdom. "The gold and the silver are mine, the cattle upon a thousand hills are mine, saith the Lord.

Calton, Ont.

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Ar the close of a missionary meeting connected with the W. F. M. S., a woman came forward and send my little to the treasury, I feel that with my own hand I am helping to unlock forces which will speedily bring the kingdoms of this world to our Lord and His Christ." Another, in uniting with the society, said: "I am no longer simply a part of this village; but by this act I am made conscious of my relation to the whole world." -Southern Missionary Herald.

A Remarkable Story.

A remarkable story has just been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The story has been related by Sir Bartle Frere, and rests entirely upon his authority. Sir Bartle asserts that he met "with an instance, which was carefully in-vestigated, in which all the inhabitants of a remote village in Deccan had abjured idolatry and caste, removed from their temples the idols which had been worshiped there, time out of mind, and agreed to profess a form of Christianity which they had deduced for themselves from the careful perusal of a single gospel and a few tracts." These books had been left among them, not by a missionary, but by a merchant who had never spoken cf Christianity. This is certainly an extraordinary instance, but no man, who believes in the power of the Spirit of Truth, will pronounce it impossible.

Modern Missions.

The paper presented by Professor Christlieb at the Evangelical Alliance at Basle, is full of interesting-statements in reference to the extent of modern missions. He gives seventy as the number of Protestant Missionary Societies-twenty-seven in Great Britain, eighteen in America, nine in Germany. The enrolled converts from heathenism amount to 1,650,000, a larger number having been brought from idolatry in 1878 than the whole number of Christian adherents on missionary fields at the beginning of the century. The ordained missionaries from Christian lands number 2,500, and the native preachers and catechists, 23,000. The income of Protestant missionary societies, \$5,-762,000, of which one half comes from Great Britain. A Christian literature has been given in more than seventy barbarous languages, and 600,000 scholars are in mission schools. Truly the Kingdom of God advances - Christian at Work.

Notes.

MANY of our subscribers will find, by looking at the dates on the address labels of their papers, that their subscriptions expire with this number. They will confer a favour by sending the renewals as promptly as possible.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the mission, which we re-print entire, has crowded sister Belle out of her corner this month. Several other communications are also held over.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION-ARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from June 22nd to July 24th, 1880.

Paris Circle, \$24.42; Woodstock \$11; Belleville, \$2; Cheltenham, \$3; Thedford, \$3; Beamsville, \$12. Total, JESSIE M. LLOYD, Treas.

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