

Report of Chicago Mission Field for 1899.

Through the great goodness of our loving and merciful Father we are permitted to review the work of another year. My health has been good, and that of Mrs. Archibald all that could be expected.

Several weeks of the hot season were spent on Dewdangar, our mission station, during which time a house was built, which it is hoped may prove very useful. The greater part of December was spent by us both on a trip to Calcutta, for the double purpose of attending the Indian Sunday School Convention and for the benefit of Mrs. Archibald's health.

During these absences Miss Wright remained here and rendered efficient help in the general interests of the work. During Mrs. Archibald's illness in September, October and part of November, in addition to attending to her own work, Miss Wright taught her three daily classes—in the Bible and one in sewing, besides taking care of Mrs. Archibald and in every way rendering invaluable assistance, for which we hardly know how to be sufficiently thankful.

The attendance at the religious services has not differed much from that of former years. We have seen during the Sunday-school a rather more prominent place than heretofore, by often having the prayer-meeting of the day after the school, and exhorting all to pray for grace to live in accordance with the teaching of the lesson—in which case the preaching service of the day is held in the afternoon.

The boarding-school has been larger than ever before. The year began with eight, and closes with nineteen. The highest number at any one time was twenty-three, several of whom were young men recently converted from heathenism.

Seven tons were made covering a period of one hundred and forty-five and a half days, during which 1,260 miles were travelled, many books were sold and thousands of tracts distributed. The only months in which touring was not done were May, June and December. The chief centres of work have been the six sub-stations, which twenty-six visits have been paid, as follows: Akulampara four, Kimpely six, Tekkali six, Kasibidra four, Calingapatnam three and Kasi-cotta five. Widely engaged in this work the Lord encouraged and cheered our hearts. On one tour four were baptized.

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