REV. FRANK KURTZ

Mr. Kurtz was born of German Mennonite parents in Clarence Center, New York. When he was six years of age his parents moved to Michigan and it was there that he was baptized as a lad of eighteen. After graduation from Kalamazoo College, he studied in the University of Chicago.

In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz were married and sailed for South India. After learning the Telugu language at Ongole, they went to Vinukonda in 1895, where they worked until 1902. A part of this time they also had charge of the Gurzalla station. In March 1902 they came home on furlough, Mr. Kurtz returning in 1903 and Mrs. Kurtz the following year. That same year they opened the station at Madira.

Madira is one of the newer stations in the Telugu mission. It is spoken of as being one of the most fertile and most fruitful fields for Christian effort in the Telugu Mission and is rapidly becoming self-supporting. There are now nine organized churches in this field. The church membership numbers about three thousand at the present time.

On November 17, 1928 Mr. Frank Kurtz was appointed as Mission Secretary of the South India Field.