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Mrs. M. Tindale.
WOMAN'S CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS
Hyderabad Woman's Conference for 1934.

BIDAR DISTRICT
Girls' School, Principal..........................MRS. MARGARET C. ERNSBERGER.
Evangelistic and Educational Work...........MISS MINNIE HUIBREGTSE.
Hospital and District Medical work..........MRS. E. SHANTAPPA, L. M. P.

EKELA DISTRICT
District Work........................................MRS. J. JACOBS.
Evangelistic and Educational Work..........MISS RUTH, E. PARTRIDGE.
District Medical Work..........................MRS. E. SHANTAPPA, L. M. P.

HYDERABAD ENGLISH DISTRICT
District Work.........................................MRS. J. PATTERSON.
English Church.....................................MRS. G. B. GARDEN.

HYDERABAD HINDUSTANI DISTRICT
Zenana and Educational work..................MISS GLADYS WEBB.
Assistants,...........................................MISS C. SMITH.
MISS M. SMITH.

HYDERABAD TELEGU DISTRICT
Evangelistic and Educational Work..........MRS. G. B. GARDEN.
Boys' High School Hostel.......................MRS. G. B. GARDEN.
Stanley Girls' High School, Principal.......MISS ELIZABETH J. WELLS
" , " , " , Vice-Principal.............MISS EDITH DELIMA.

SIRONCHA DISTRICT
Evangelistic and Educational Work..........MISS ADA, J. LAUCK
Frances C. Davis School, Principal.........MISS GAIL PATERSON.
Clason Memorial Hospital, Doreas Baby Home, and
District Medical Work...........MISS STELLA L. DODD, M. D.

TANDUR DISTRICT
Evangelistic and Educational Work..........MISS MILDRED SIMONDS.

VIKARABAD DISTRICT
District Work........................................MRS. J. PATTERSON.
Evangelistic and Educational Work..........MISS KATHRYN MESTKER.
Mary A. Knotts Girls' School and Training School.MISS NELLIE M. LOW.
Crawford Boys' School...........................MRS. J. PATTERSON.

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS
Vocational School...............................MISS ELIZABETH J. WELLS.
On Furlough:—Miss Anna Harrod, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss Margaret
Morgan, MRS. SARAH PARKER. MISS MABEL E. SIMPSON.
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1934

Hyderabad Woman's Conference

OFFICERS

President .... Mrs. M. C. Ernsberger, Bidar.
Vice-Presidents .... Miss M. Simonds, Tandur.
Secretary .... Miss S.L. Dodd, M. D. Sironcha.
Assistant Secretary .... Mrs. J. Patterson, Vikarabad.
Statistical Secretary .... Mrs. G. B. Garden, Hyderabad.
Registrar .... Miss N. M. Low, Vikarabad.
Historian .... Miss M. Simonds, Tandur.

COMMITTEES

Field Reference Committee
Miss E. L. Clinton, Central Treasurer; Miss S. L. Dodd, Field Correspondent; Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss DeLima, Miss Low, Miss Partridge, Miss Simonds, Miss Wells.

Field Property Committee
Miss Dodd, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Partridge, Miss Simonds, Miss Wells.

Editing and Publishing Committee
Miss Dodd, Mrs. Garden.

Statistical Committee
Miss Low, with power to co-opt one from each station.

Eckford Rest Home Committee
Miss Metsker, Miss Huibretse.

Credentials Committee
The Field Reference Committee.

House Furnishing Committee
Miss Partridge, Miss DeLima, Miss Simonds, Miss Patterson.

Audit Committee
Mrs. Ernsberger, with power to co-opt one from each station.

Programme Committee
Mrs. Patterson, Miss Metsker, Miss Low, Miss Woodbridge.

Vocational School Committee
Miss Wells, Miss Simonds, Miss Low, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Dodd.

All-India and Conference Literature Committee
Mrs. Garden, Miss Huibregtse, Miss DeLima, Miss Wells, Mrs. G. Sunderam.

Evangelistic Committee
Miss Simonds, Chairman, all Evangelistic Missionaries.

Nominating Committee
Mrs. Garden, Chairman, Miss Patterson, Mrs. Ernsberger.
HYDERABAD CONFERENCE BOARDS

BOARD OF GENERAL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Miss Low, Chairman, Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Garden, Miss Simonds, Miss Wells, Miss Metsker, Miss Huibregtse, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Ross, Mr. Garden, G. Sunderam, O. David, Mirriappa David.
Co-opted Member, Miss DeLima.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:

G. Joseph, Chairman, Thomas Devipriam, K. A. Joseph, Miss Partridge, Miss Huibregtse.

DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION:

Bidar—M. David, Dr. Elizabeth Shantappa.
Ekele—J. Jacob, Miss Partridge.
English—G. W. Harris, George Venkatachellam.
Hyderabad—A. S. Abraham, Mrs. Garden.
Hindustani—Samuel Dutt, Miss C. Smith.
Sironcha—G. N. Ratnam, Dr. Dodd.
Tandur—T. A. Peter, Miss Simonds.
Vikarabad—D. Gabriel, Miss Metsker.

JOINT COMMITTEES

STATE OF THE CHURCH:

M. D. Ross, Chairman, Miss Metsker, Miss Taylor, J. Jacob, A. S. Abraham.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL:

George Garden, Miss Metsker.

MEMOIRS:

Mrs. Patterson, Chairman, Miss Taylor, L. B. Johnathan, D. Gabriel.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. Garden, Chairman, Miss Huibregtse, K. V. Joseph, B. N. Rajah.

SOCIAL SERVICE:


AUDIT:

M. D. Ross, Chairman, J. Patterson, Samuel Dutt, Mrs. Ernsberger with power to co-opt one from each station.

BUILDING:

M. D. Ross, Chairman, G. Garden, O. David, Miss Wells, Miss Simonds, Dr. Dodd.

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM:

N. E. Samson, Chairman, Miss Simonds, Miss Lauck, Miss Taylor, M. Luke, Thomas Devipriam
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Medical Work:—
Dr. Dodd, Chairman, all doctors.

Christian Literature:—
Mrs. Garden, Chairman, Miss Wells, O David, Miss Huibregtse, Miss DeLima, G Sunderam, Mrs. G. Sunderam.

Moslem Work:—
Samuel Dutt, Chairman, Miss Fallon, Miss Webb, Miss C. Smith, Miss M. Smith.

Nominations:—
Mrs. G. Garden, Chairman, Miss Simond, Miss Low, G. Garden, J. R. Luke.

Vocational School:—
Miss Low, Miss Simonds, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Wells, Dr. Dodd, John Patterson, G. Sunderam, N. E. Samson.

Special Representatives

Executive Board:—Miss Low.
All India Literature Committee:—Mrs. Garden.
Woman's Christian College, Madras:—Miss Low.
M.R.C.C. Joint Board of Examiners:—Miss Metsker.
Union Medical College, Vellore:—Miss Dodd.
St. Christophers Teachers' College:—Miss Low.
Trained Nurses Association:—Miss Dodd.
Hyderabad Woman's Conference.
8th Annual Session
Held in Hyderabad, Deccan, December 14th to 19th, 1933

FIRST DAY

Opening:—The eight Annual Session of the Hyderabad Woman's Conference convened in the Stanley Girls' School, Hyderabad, at 1-30 p.m. December 14, 1933. The former secretary called the meeting to order. Mrs. Ernsberger led the devotions.

Roll Call:—The following members responded to roll call:—
Miss DeLima, Dr. Dodd, Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Garden, Miss E. Gregg, Miss M. Gregg, Miss Huibregtse, Miss Low, Miss Metsker, Miss Patridge, Miss Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Simonds, Miss M. Smith, Miss C. Smith, Miss Taylor, Miss Webb, Miss Wells, Miss Woodbridge.

Organization:—Organization was effected by the election of officers as follows:—

President .. .. Mrs. Ernsberger
Vice-Presidents .. .. Miss Simonds
Secretary .. .. Dr. Dodd
Assistant Secretary .. .. Mrs. Garden

Introductions:—Miss Ada Luke and Miss Fallon were introduced to the Conference. Mrs. Ernsberger was heartily welcomed back from furlough.

Greetings:—The secretary brought greetings from Miss Lauck and Dr. Jaya Luke. Miss Wells read a letter from Miss Fannie Fisher, and reported greetings from Miss Margaret Morgan and Miss Naylor.

Official Letter:—The Official Letter having been delayed, the secretary read an unofficial letter from Mrs. Henderson, also a letter from Miss Hooper containing information from the Home base. The report of the Central Treasurer was also read.

Elections:—The election of the standing committees was made the order of the day, immediately after the approval of the minutes in the morning session of Saturday, December 16th.
Statistics:—The statistical report was read by Miss Low. It was ordered that the work of the Bidar Hospital be not included in our District Medical Report, but the Bidar school and evangelistic departments furnish reports of medical work if any is done. Miss Low, Miss Simonds and Miss Huibregtse were appointed as a committee to formulate suggestions for revising the Statistical Forms, the committee to report at the next Conference Session, suggesting a memorial to be sent to the Central Conference. The Statistical secretary was requested to make a note on all statistical forms sent out, referring to page 20, of the 1932 Conference Minutes.

Reports:—The Registrar reported that Miss Huibregtse had taken her first year language examination and passed. The Historian gave a brief report.

SECOND DAY.

Elections:—After the approval of the minutes, the order of the day was called and the Conference proceeded with the elections. Dr. Dodd, having received a majority of the ballots cast for the Field Correspondent, was declared elected. Ballots for the Field Reference Committee resulted in the election of Miss Simonds, Miss Wells, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Low, Miss Partridge, and Miss DeLima. Miss Metsker and Miss Patterson was elected as alternates.

Miss Low presented the report of the nominating committee, and after a few changes, it was adopted and the nominees declared elected. (See list of Committees and Representatives).

Council Expenses:—In keeping with the recommendation of the Field Reference Committee, it was voted to rescind our former action concerning Council expenses. It was ordered that the representatives to the various councils and boards be allowed third class fare, and when needed, up to Rs. 2 per day for board during the session.

On the recommendation of the Field Reference Committee, the secretary was instructed to try to secure the annual assessment for the Andhra Christian Council from the Conference Contingent Fund. Failing in this, to secure it by assessment upon each department of work. The Conference agreed to pay Rs. 30 as our annual assessment for the Andhra Christian Council.

Nominating Committee:—It was ordered that there be a Nominating Committee for the Woman's Conference, apart from the joint Nominating Committee, which committee shall
nominate only the committees for the Woman's Conference and the special Representatives.

Reports:—Dr. Dodd reported that there had been no applications for conference membership during the year, Miss Metsker that all books were audited to the end of the financial year, Miss Wells that there had been no work for the Field Property Committee. Dr. Dodd gave the report of the Field Reference Committee, Miss Partridge of the House Furnishing Committee, and Miss Taylor of the Evangelistic Committee. All reports were accepted, and that of the Evangelistic and Field Reference Committees ordered printed. (See reports).

THIRD DAY.

Greetings:—Greetings by wire were received from and sent to the South India Conference. A telegram from Dr. Hogg stated that the X-Ray showed unsatisfactory healing of Miss Lauck's fracture. The Conference paused for prayer for Miss Lauck, and ordered a telegram of greetings and sympathy sent to her.

Reports:—The following reports were read and accepted:—
Eckford Rest Home Committee by Miss Metsker, Executive Board by Miss Low, Woman's Christian College and St. Christopher's Training College by Miss DeLima, Vellore Medical College and Trained Nurses Association by Dr. Dodd, the All India Literature Committee by Mrs. Garden, the Vocational School by Miss Wells, and the Andhra Christian Council by Miss Metsker and Miss Partridge.

Printing the Minutes:—The secretary was authorized to edit and condense the Journal; to include in the Conference Report a picture of Mrs. Ross, together with a suitable memorial; and to have 400 copies of the Minutes printed at the Lucknow Publishing House.

FOURTH DAY.

Elections:—The secretary read the nominations of the Field Reference Committee as follows:—For the Field Property Committee, Dr. Dodd, Miss Simonds, Miss Wells, Mrs. Ernsberger, and Miss Partridge; and for the Building Committee Miss Wells, Miss Simond and Miss Dodd. These were elected as nominated.

Adjournment:—After the approval of the Minutes and closing prayer by Miss Wells the Conference adjourned.

(Signed) MARGARET ERNSBERGER, STELLA L. DODD
Chairman. Secretary.
Reports of Committees.

I.

FIELD REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Field Reference Committee held meetings in December and July. The principal actions taken may be summarized as follows:—

It was voted to sanction the payment of Rs. 8,000 O. S. for the land for the Vocational School, and Rs. 3,939 for repairs and running expenses of the School; also to accept the Rs. 10,000 O. S. granted by the Nizam's Government for equipment for the school.

From the Medical Scholarship Fund 3 Medical and 4 Nurse Scholarships have been paid, also a part time salary for a nurse in Ekele and some support for the hospital at Sironcha; the same payments will be continued for the coming year as far as funds will permit.

Financial Statements show that great care has been taken in reducing budgets to meet the reduced income, so no deficits are accruing. Recommendations for adjusting budgets were made with the hope of keeping only really efficient workers and at the same time look toward self-support in the indigenous churches.

Respectfully submitted,

STELLA L. DODD,
Secretary.

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your Committee presents the following recommendations:—

1. Realising the need for a forward programme of educational work in the villages, we advise that when necessary for the regular teachers to be away from their schools they provide a substitute teacher for such period, that the school may not lapse.

2. In view of the need for an improved religious educational programme for the villages, we look forward eagerly to the Course to be put out next year by Rev. E. L. King.

3. We urge that organised activities for a definite programme of Rural Uplift work be initiated, especially
classes for women in sewing, hygiene and sanitation, and child welfare.

4. That, inasmuch as Evangelistic appropriations were cut 15% for the first six months of 1933, and 30% since July 1933, that women not working in a school standardised according to the Central Conference basis of standardisation, or visiting in at least three villages, shall be discontinued from the pay-roll.

5. That we record our appreciation of the voluntary services of those women who have been discontinued from the pay-roll, and the loyal services of those who have never been reimbursed for their work.

(Sd.) MILDRED SIMONDS  
Chairman.
In Memory of a Friend: Annie S. Ross

“All you who loved me well, when I am dead
Look on my quiet face that laughed the while
It lived. Restrain your tears, and give instead
A gentle word, an understanding smile.
Oh, you who really love me, do not cry
To see me lying there my laughter stilled,—
I, for whom every day is strangely filled
With some sweet happiness. Gather me flowers
And pile them light for me to come and see,—
They will remind my spirit of the hours
Of joy I spent on earth. Think of me free
Of body’s pain, and you will find your grief
Changing to an overwhelming sweet relief.”

I am sure that this is exactly what Annie S. Ross would say to all of us tonight if she could speak to us audibly. How do I know? Because she said almost the same thing to her husband before she went to heaven. “I know”, she said one day, “that this disease can never touch me, I shall go on and live forever. I am perfectly all right.” And then just before her spirit left the tired, pain-ridden body she lifted her head and said, “Open all the windows.” She was getting ready to take that lovely voyage to Heaven.

And when she stepped into Heaven on the evening of August the 9th, 1933, I am sure that the first ones to gather around her to welcome her were the boys and girls of India who had gone on before her; for next to her love for her home and family I think Mrs. Ross loved the children of India. Boys and girls now grown to young manhood and womanhood, in Raichur, Vikarabad, and Bidar, where Mr. and Mrs. Ross have lived during their twenty years in India, will never forget the friendship of Annie S. Ross. Many young men in these places owe their special training to Mrs. Ross’ interest in them and their future. I remember very vividly, how during my first term in India, boys and girls who came to our High School spoke with very great love and respect of “our dorsani” who was Mrs. Ross. Many times I said to myself “How wonderful to have boys love you like that.”

She was always deeply interested in her school work. When asked why she did not come in to Hyderabad oftener and give the rest of us a chance to get better acquainted with her, she would reply, “I just can’t leave my school.” For she was not merely the principal, she was correspondent, and teacher, and mother also. Even a part of her Bidar bungalow was used for school purposes. “I don’t believe I would want to be in India if I didn’t have a school to work in,” she often said. How good God was to let the Indian children have her for twenty years.

What beautiful faith she had in God. Those who were with her during the last weeks she was here on earth have
Annie S. Ross.
seldom seen such absolute confidence and faith in the dearness and goodness of God as Annie Ross had. As her body grew weaker her faith grew stronger. She never complained, but she did say, "I would be glad if God would let me live a little longer to work for Him in India." Well, I think all of us would have been glad,—but God needed her in Heaven. I know He did or He would have let her stay with us.

One of the most beautiful messages that I ever heard of a mother sending to her daughter was the message that Mrs. Ross sent to Nora Alice who went to America just a little while before Mrs. Ross went to Heaven. "Don't grieve for me, Nora dear, I shall just be upstairs waiting for you." How real and near and beautiful Heaven seems when some one whom we love has gone there.

Of course, earth seems a bit lonely for those who are left behind, but how we do thank God for the fragrance that remains with us after a friend has passed on.

If we should see beyond today
As God can see,
If all the clouds should roll away
The shadows flee;
O'er present griefs we would not fret,
Each sorrow we would soon forget,
For many joys are waiting yet,
For you and me.

If we could know beyond today
As God doth know,
Why dearest treasures pass away
And tears must flow;
And why the darkness leads to light,
Why dreary paths will soon grow bright;
Some day life's wrongs will be made right,
Faith tells us so.

"If we could see, if we could know"
We often say;
But God in love a veil doth throw
Across the way;
We cannot see what lies before,
And so we cling to Him the more,
He leads us till this life is o'er;
Trust and obey.
DISTRICT REPORTS

Bidar Girls’ Boarding School

Missionary .................................. MARGARET C. ERNSBERGER

Four ladies have served this school during different parts of the year, Miss Low, Miss Griffin, Miss Webb, and the present incumbent. In March Miss Low was suddenly called to the Vikarabad School, and after my arrival in June, Miss Griffin returned to her work in Belgaum. After a brief stay here, Miss Webb was transferred to the Hindustani Work, which had been without a missionary for nearly three years. Each of these ladies made a distinct contribution to the work while here, and are remembered with loyalty and love. I count myself happy to be back in Bidar, where I spent five years previous to my furlough.

The work of the school is moving along smoothly, and with increased professional interest on the part of the teachers. This is largely due to Miss Low’s influence. Real interest has been shown by all the teachers in the preparation of lesson plans for the last six months. Miss Griffin wrote all the patron letters,—no small task, as every missionary knows. Miss Webb introduced into each class the religious Education text books needed for the Charter House Course. We are having greater satisfaction in the Department of Religious Education than ever before. The Geography classes are also grateful to Miss Webb for the five beautiful maps which she presented to the school.

Owing to the thirty per cent cut in the funds from America, no special effort has been made to get boarders into the school. At present there are 82 in the Boarding Department, the day scholars bringing the enrolment up to 100. We also have three girls attending Stanley High School, four the Vikarabad Normal Training, and three nurses in training in Nellore and Madanapalle. Another nurse finished her training in July, and has a post in a mission hospital near Coonoor.

A teacher who completed her training in April returned to the staff in June. We are fortunate in having with us this year Miss Theodore, a trained graduate teacher, whose mother tongue is Kanarese. Her influence is felt for good throughout
Our excellent matron is a mother to both the staff and the girls. Each Sunday she conducts a meeting partaking of the nature of a class meeting, or a conduct assignment class. The girls take part with ease and freedom. This class is also reading Pilgrims Progress.

Our Junior League for the primary girls and boys of both schools is enjoying the study of Mr. King's 'The Marching Church.' Mrs. Lydia James has long been my capable assistant in this work. Four of our girls, after preparatory lessons by the pastor, were received into full membership into the church. The State Trainer for the Girl Guides Association, in October enrolled the first Bidar Company of Guides. A higher sense of honor, and a greater willingness to serve are manifest in our school since guiding came in.

The girls in our higher classes attended, in October, a co-educational Epworth League Camp, under Conference auspices. On account of heavy rains the girls from other schools fled, but ours stuck it out, and covered themselves with glory. Occasional public programmes have brightened the lives of the girls, the last one being on Thank Offering Day.

The first Hydrabaed Imperial Service Lancers this year came to Bidar for camp and military practice. Our girls were invited to see their entry into Bidar, also their manoeuvres from Mission Hill. This was a new and thrilling experience.

Our English Club was founded by Mrs. Anderson nearly eight years ago. The staff of the two schools, and the boys and girls of the Middle School Department meet each fortnight, in our bungalow, for a literary and social evening. We have recently discussed such topics as, "An Appreciation of Gandhi", "Indian Art and Music", "The Life and Literary Works of Tennyson".

Doctor Elizabeth Shantappa, and the nurses and compounders of our mission hospital have looked carefully after our health. During the seven years we have been under their care not a single boarder has died.

We are glad to report that the Government has not only renewed our Grant-in-aid, but has made it permanent.

All hail to our splendid W. F. M. S. organization, and to our staunch Patrons! Through their energy, gifts and prayers, this work has not only been kept alive, but in spite of the depression, it has increased in efficiency and improved in morale.
Do you remember the first time you were told to dive and then swim? You murmured a prayer, looked about and then in you went. You landed flat, splashed about, coughed, thought you had swallowed the whole pond and then you came up to find it was still there all around you, and you had to go some to keep up in it. Just then some one from the shore called out a suggestion or two, you prayed a silent prayer and tried to do as told. Some one got into the water and lent a hand,—showed you how to float. You had more courage then. This water that seemed your worst enemy, about to drown you would it? With God's help would you determine to learn to swim? To have more patience, endurance, faith and grit and co-operate with the water, paddle with it, and yet not be drowned by it? Do you remember that first swimming lesson? Life is like that.

I was appointed to evangelistic work in Bidar district December, 1932. Well, the first year is always the best year and the worst year. I have had more thrilling experiences than I have time to record here and more discomfort and unhappiness too.

I went out with my aim for the touring season, "To see what had been done by those who preceded me, to give my testimony for Christ and to make friends for Christ." During the first four months, I spoke in 127 villages, visited in over 1300 homes; Christian and non-Christian; inspected Sunday schools, day and night schools and preached in the streets. Some of my experiences while doing this are told in my patron letter, which many of you have read. During this time I was most grateful to my very fine assistant, Deevanama K. Joseph, for guiding help and also for the co-operation of our Indian workers.

I was happy and sad. Happy over what already had been done and sad over what had not been done and could not be undertaken with the new cut in funds. What to do? A question to pray over, ponder over and with God's help solve.

After the summer holidays, we began our summer school for those workers who have had little opportunity for education. During the first month and a half, we studied the simple suggestions for agricultural improvement and health improvement as set forth in our simple text book to be studied in the third and fourth standards of our village schools during this coming year. Since no simple geography could be found to suit our village needs, we wrote one in Kanarese, giving short stories on India, Holland, America,
China and the far north. We learned songs to be taught this year in the villages, learned methods of story-telling, and made charts for the teaching of Arithmetic, uniformly developed as to difficulty for standard two. We copied the Vikarabad chart for standard one. We made an outline to help our Sunday school work. We studied a short course of historical stories on India and other subjects to help us in our village work.

During the next month and a half these workers were helped to prepare for their first year's exhorters examination. We are glad to report that all will be able to study the second year's work next year. A few will have to repeat an examination or two of this year's work.

We are very grateful to the women who have helped to make the summer school a success.

Now let me take you with me to see one of our outstanding schools. Seven o'clock. Gideon, the teacher is pounding the iron rail which serves as a gong. School time and here come the little boys, fourteen in all to sit on the front veranda where the school is held. Singing, Bible read by one of the boys, prayer by another one and then the day's work is begun. Classes—Reading, writing, arithmetic; with sums done mentally through game and play which would surprise you. Hygiene, agriculture, sewing, history, geography and carpentry all according to the time table but sad to say, Gideon does not have a clock and the sun must be his guide. We hope some day, he must have a time piece to help him in his splendid work. Schools like these have what influence on the community? Bapo is a boy in Gideon's school. His parents are Hindus and when they are doing sacraments to their gods or eating dead flesh, what do they say? "Bapo is not home to-day. He can not eat and do as we do for he has learned better in the school. He will fast to-day." Bapo is not punished for doing as the Christians do, and some day when Bapo gets a little larger may be his parents, too, will do as Bapo does. Some of the children have already won their parent to Christ. Our Christian villages need such schools as these to lift them to an intellectual Christian living.

District conference with its sunshine and storms is over and we have set out on a new year. We have tried to think of plans for the future, where-by we might increase Christian-fellowship in our villages, plans to increase knowledge; spiritual, mental and moral in the village home. We have set as a motto, "Let us make our village a place where Christ would like to go." These are but plans, with God's help and guidance only, can they become a reality.
Physician-in-charge ... Elizabeth Shanthappa, L.M.P.

This year has been a year of blessing to us. We heard of depression all over and cuts everywhere but we had progress in our work and finances even better than in the past years.

We praise Him for all these good things. We began our year with strong faith in Him and He answered our prayers and the desires of our hearts.

The work in the out-patients increased and most of the time we had two hundred to three hundred patients in both departments (men and women) in one day. There was an increase in the number of in-patients also. We were able to add a few rooms this year and the wards and verandahs and sheds were full most of the time and with all these more rooms were needed.

Our maternity work was most encouraging this year. We had one hundred and fifty-three maternity cases this year. Our four wards for maternity cases were kept full all the time and we had seven or eight mothers most of the time and had to put the extra cases in other wards.

Eye work was also very encouraging. We had more eye work both operative and refraction work than any other year. Having a separate block for eye patients helped to attract more patients.

Our Bible woman is an interesting person. She knows several languages and helps to entertain the women and children in the waiting room and signs to them and tells them the stories and Gospel messages while they are waiting for their medicines. She visits nearly every patient (men, women and children) in the wards and comforts them and prays with them while they lie restless and suffer and encourages them while getting ready for operations.

We were able to add three more little wards for eye patients by the help of a generous gift from Rev. Gunckel (in U. S. A.) a friend of our District Superintendent Rev. Ross.

We are very glad to report that our local income was very good this year. We raised Rs. 8,338 locally. This includes free-will gifts and fees for visits, and operations. The income from friends in U. S. A. was also more than other years although some of the regular patrons did not send their gifts this year.
We get all classes of people and it makes our hearts glad to see the fetters of caste system breaking. High caste and low caste and Mohammadans and Christians all draw from the same well and do not mind using the same wards, and non-Christians are not bitter towards Christians. They are beginning to understand that Christianity stands for love and service.

Our people are learning to give and help the hospital. They are very much surprised to hear that people in foreign lands are sacrificing and sending gifts for those whom they have never seen.

One Hindu merchant built a small room to show his gratitude for three maternity cases in his family conducted safely here. Another man is building another room to show his gratitude for curing his wife who suffered from dribbling of urine caused by badly managed labour in the village. She made pilgrimages to several large cities and as a last resort she came to us. Another headman of a village started another small room as a free-will gift after recovery of his son from typhoid fever. A Mohammadan contractor gave us money for annual white-washing of our hospital. Another railway contractor has just given a gift of money to build a small room in his wife's name.

Hospital Sunday was observed.

The service was held in the hospital verandah instead of in the church and all the patients who could walk and their relatives and friends attended the service. The school girls and school boys got up a nice programme for the occasion. The pastor prepared a special sermon for the occasion. The people brought gifts of money and many useful articles as linen, soap, lanterns, pins, basins etc. The whole sum in kind and cash was about Rs. 150.

We take this opportunity in thanking our friends and patrons both in India and America. I wish some of you could see the results produced by your prayers and gifts. Many homes were made happier and better and many learnt to know the Lord Jesus better.

We thank Him also for the share of work we had in His Vineyard.

EKELE DISTRICT.
Evangelistic Work.

Missionary ... ... RUTH A. PARTRIDGE.

It has been a very difficult year because of the outbreak of the bubonic plague, which began last February. The
people delayed going into camp, consequently the disease went with them when they did go, after awhile it seemingly abated; at the first down pour of the monsoon rain the people returned to their village homes, before they could even settle down the plague started up with greater force, at the same time the monsoons were in full swing. In pouring rain the people went back to camp, the hastily erected huts of brush and grass gave little or no protection against the driving rain and sharp winds; complications of the disease set in, people were dying from pneumonic plague and influenza; the sick were lying on wet mud floors with damp clothing.

All day long the plague stricken were brought in carts to the Mission dispensary for treatment, remedies proved useless, only five per cent recovered; what we were able to do to relieve suffering did not even begin to touch the need.

I realized that the better way was to use preventative measures. The Government had sent out a doctor to inoculate, but no one came near him for lack of confidence, so he went away. On request the Government again sent a doctor to tour through the villages, he worked in co-operation with us, thus rendering valuable service. The local doctor also was supplied with serum and medicines. I toured through the villages as far as possible and persuaded the people to get inoculated against plague, then brought them to the doctor and assisted him in the work. The Christians especially responded and came in great numbers for inoculation.

In caring for the sick and comforting the bereaved contacts were made which otherwise would have been impossible. I was invited into their homes to administer medicine with my own hands and to tell them about the loving Saviour.

The non-Christians were much impressed by the fortitude of the Christians during the trying time, some of the finest of the students attending school succumbed to the disease, they died like Christians, giving clear testimony to the love of Christ.

One of the doctors, a Hindu, said: "There are Christians in village R—they were courteous and helpful, and they live like Christians." Another said, "You missionaries do have a wonderful influence over the people throughout the villages, personal contact does count for much, you do not realize the extent of good you have done, now that the ice is broken, people will come for inoculation of their own accord."

There is no record of the valiant work done by our preachers during the epidemic. They walked miles in order
to take back medicine for the sick, they sat by the stricken when their own relatives deserted. They brought people from long distances for inoculation, sometimes when it was raining heavily. It can truly be said that they did not spare themselves.

Schools: In spite of hindrances by plague and by heavy rains the schools showed some progress. Written examinations were given to the students before promotion, and the results were beyond our expectation. For next year a definite programme for systematic inspection has been worked out.

As never before people are eager for the Gospel message. The uplift of the depressed classes through Christianity is making an impression on the non-Christians, they cannot help but notice that they are cleaner and happier. Those of them who hitherto spent money on drink now that they are Christians, spend money on clothes.

Recently in a village the Patel—head man, sent a message for us to hold the meeting in front of the "Kacheri" court house so that it would be convenient for all to attend. The entire village population turned out to attend the meeting. The contrast was marked, the Christians, especially the school students looked so much cleaner, their faces fairly shone, they brought mats to sit on so as to keep their clothes clean, whilst the others sat on the ground. The young men led the singing to the accompaniment of improvised musical instruments. All listened to the message—"Christ of Calvary," with profound attention. The leader in that village is not a paid worker, he himself learned to read in another village and having come over to earn a living is giving more than his spare time to holding night school and training the Christians.

It has been encouraging to hear some of the Christians testify to what Christ means to them.

The Christians are taking a bold stand for Christ. From a distance the Christian flag may be seen floating in the breeze wherever there is a Christian community, this was especially marked during the plague epidemic.

On behalf of the Bible women and for myself I express our thanks to all the patrons for their continued support of the work in spite of the depression. We thank you for your great part in giving Christ to the people of India. We thank the officers of the W. F. M. S. who through untiring effort bring things to pass. We ask for your prayers and for your continued interest in this work.
Hyderabad Hindustani Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Local Missionary .. .. .. .. MISS M. SMITH.
Assistant .. .. .. .. MISS C. SMITH.

Miss Charlotte Smith writes:—In looking over the past year we have certainly felt that God has directed our path and cleared away the clouds from before us. For the first half of the year there was no shortage of work or workers, but when the second cut came we decided to close one school that had been reduced by ravages of plague and another because the teacher wished to go to her sister who was stationed out in the district.

The supervision of four schools and some teaching houses has been my work. These houses pay small fees for the tuition. In one house they asked me to leave saying it was sinful for pupils to hear that Jesus is the Son of God, but after two months I was called back to continue my tuition. In another house the old gentleman had showed an antagonistic spirit for years and had tried to close up the school and stop our visits. His little daughter had attended our school and was fond of singing and repeating texts. When he learned what sort of instruction she was receiving he withdrew her from school and got her married to a rich merchant in Bombay; but the poor girl died after the birth of her first baby. I was surprised when the old man sent for me to teach his daughter-in-law English. When I went to the home they treated me as they would one of their Marshids. The old man was very happy to see me, wept over the thought of his daughter having been taken away so soon, and prayed for the Almighty to bless and prolong my life. The house which he has now rented adjoins our school house, so the whole family gets the benefit of Christian instruction daily.

The Sunday-schools were well attended throughout the year. In October the children gave an interesting and instructive program which the new missionary, neighbors, and friends all enjoyed. Praise God for His goodness to the children of men.

Miss Mary Smith writes:—We report this year's work with a great sense of dissatisfaction in the work that we have done. In the first part of the year we had fears of the work being closed entirely; the cut in January and another in June were discouraging, but the news that there was a likelihood of the work being closed up gave us an opportunity to examine our faith and see whether we could ask the people among whom we work to look to us and receive the blessing that is in Christ Jesus. But the Lord did not allow the temptation to be
greater than we could bear. In July Miss Webb was appointed to the Hindustani work, the atmosphere cleared up, all discouraging rumors ceased, and the work continues, the results of which are not entered in the statistics but are recorded in the Book of remembrance, for nothing is lost that is done in His name.

Since June the work has been reduced to five day schools, 200 houses on our visiting list, and a dozen houses where we teach the young women to read and write. The Industrial Work is entirely closed. The staff is reduced by two teachers and one Bible Woman. In the 40 houses which I visit I am always gladly received. May He, who can do all things, draw these dear people into His fold.

We wish to express our thanks to the many friends in America whose hard work and determination and real love for the Kingdom have enabled us to carry on the work and have helped and strengthened our faith in the Lord.

Miss Fallon reports:—This year has been a blessing to the people I visit. They have learned to pray to our Saviour, and ask us to pray for them. They are beginning to see how much greater Christ is than any other prophet, and the only reason they give for following their own is that He came last. One man, well informed in his own faith, says that if there were any way whereby his ignorance and superstition could be overcome, and which would give satisfaction to his heart, he would follow it whatever the cost. A mother and daughter are studying the gospel and say they will study until they find the truth. May the Lord help us to keep open the door of opportunity for them.

HYDERABAD TELEGU DISTRICT.

Stanley Girls' High School.

Principal .. .. ELIZABETH J. WELLS.
Vice-Principal .. .. EDITH DE LIMA.

The year has been one of sudden changes, of sorrows and burdens and yet one in which Christ's presence and power have been peculiarly manifested. Miss Morgan had planned to complete the school year before going on furlough but the state of her sister's health changed her plans so that she sailed early in March and I took charge. We rejoice in the news that health conditions have greatly improved and that we may expect the two sisters to return at an early date.

The reduction in our appropriations has been a hardship, yet God has helped us to come through the year in good shape.
Our hearts are full of gratitude for the faith and heroic efforts of those at home who believed God and accomplished the seemingly impossible task of stemming the tide of financial slump. While the cut amounted to thirty per cent we asked our teachers to accept a reduction of half that amount. They responded loyally and no word of complaint or grumbling has been heard from either Christians or non-Christians.

In August we lost our great leader, Rev. Charles E. Parker, who had always been a true friend to this institution. A mighty man of prayer, of prophetic vision and indomitable faith, together with an insatiable zeal to labour for the Master—it would seem that his life was indispensible to the work of this district and conference. But after one short week of illness he joined the host triumphant and no one has come to take up his task. In fact it would require several consecrated men to fill his place for he was a great man.

An epidemic of measles early in the year was very disturbing and more recently a wave of influenza has gone quite thoroughly through the school as well as through the city. These two epidemics have greatly interrupted the work of the school but in spite of it all, classes have been held regularly and faithful work is being done.

The enrolment, excluding withdrawals, is four hundred and twenty-five of whom one hundred and eighty are in residence. The latter are a happy family, carrying on their housework of cooking, sweeping, and washing under a system of self-supervision without any matron being in charge.

Last April twenty girls appeared for the Board Middle School examination and seventeen were successful. Sixteen sat for the Government High School Examination and three secured certificates which entitle them to admission to College. Five private candidates also completed their work and secured High School certificates. From among our staff and students, six young women entered Normal Training schools in June, two joined the Madras Women's Christian College and four went to Lucknow to enter the Isabella Thoburn College. On the part of many there is a great desire to continue their education so that more and more we are besieged by students for loan scholarships. We find our young women remarkably faithful in repaying these loans when they have finished their course. To them and to other young women in institutions of higher learning we look for the burden bearers and the leaders of the future, so feel that the best available training is none too good.

The Girl Guides are flourishing, in two companies of forty-eight members. While we have one company of Blue Birds
of twenty-four. The Guide Captain was recently honored by being chosen and sent to Lahore to the All-India Guide Encampment by H. E. H. the Nizam’s Government. She derived much inspiration and benefit from the trip.

The spirit and service of song continues to be a great factor in lives of the students. To sit and sing for an hour or two is one of the most pleasant forms of recreation and their supply of songs seems to be never-failing.

Athletics is very popular, also, and sports are efficiently supervised by the senior teachers. Some inter-school matches have taken place during the year. A Literary Society in the High School has taken a keen interest in debating and won a debate with an English School. This made them quite happy as they were manifestly at a disadvantage on account of the language.

The religious activities have kept up and the students take their turns in leading the Epworth and Intermediate League meetings as well as occasionally having charge of the Sunday School. Thus they are preparing for greater duties and we hope from among them shall come many who will be counted great in the Kingdom of God, because of their sincere faith and devoted life.

Hyderabad Telegu Evangelistic Work.

Missionary  . .  .  .  .  .  ELIZABETH J. WELLS.

The Telugu Evangelistic work has had three different supervisors during the year, Miss Simpson caring for work the first five months, Mrs. Parker having charge of it for the following five months while I have held it the past two months. The Bible women have greatly improved the quality of their village Day Schools and have done good work in visiting the homes.

A Summer School was held in July in which the Bible women attended and took part. Much spiritual benefit was received by them. It is earnestly hoped that in the coming year there may be more funds available for this important work and more continuous supervision and leadership.

SIRONCHA DISTRICT.

Frances C. Davis School.

Missionary  .  .  .  .  .  GAIL PATTERSON.

For several years I have had the habit of choosing some motto for the year. I keep it near me to read frequently.
This time I selected a quotation from "Gossip",—"To be to the Eternal Goodness what his own hand is to a man, always there and always ready to respond instinctively with ever growing skill and deftness to the slightest wish and moving of God's Holy Will." Only the merciful Heavenly Father can know how far I have fallen short of such an ideal, but it is such a lofty aim that I have chosen it again for another year.

The year has brought extra problems, extra burdens, and responsibilities, but it has brought blessings, too. If much of the time has been in the valley, there have been many sunlit heights. As usual I have had much help and satisfaction from the willing faithful teachers. We have the same staff as last year with one exception. Keturah has come back from Guntur High School and has been a real help to me and to the girls. Next April Jemima will finish High School and will join our staff. She continues to get high grades. Out of the four girls taking Government Examinations in Nursing two passed with Honors and one just barely missed honors. Our girls in Sironcha and the ones away at school have made us happy by their earnest efforts to achieve. Educationally this has been the best year that we have had.

In the Boarding side of the work the report is less cheerful. The land formerly cultivated by the widows has come to us and I had high hopes of making our school more nearly self-supporting. I helped an earnest Christian young man to go to Moga for training. He will learn there how to co-ordinate school work and farm work. In the mean time, I assumed the burden of farm management and it has proved to be a burden. The unusually heavy rains flooded our oil plants and destroyed most of the crop. The castor plants grew, but as yet we have not secured the worms to eat them nor the teacher to show us how to care for the worms. The very late rains gave the foxes a very good chance to eat our peanuts so the yield is not good. It seems useless to plant large quantities of peanuts unless we have walls instead of fences, and so we are slowly building more walls. The girls carry the smaller stones and the mixed mud but the larger stones have to be dug and hauled and the masons paid twenty-eight cents each day to lay them. So we are gradually getting a field walled in for next year. As the field is also an orchard the fruit will also be protected from thieves. While not all of our dreams have come true, some of them have been useful in showing us how to plan for another year.

A few dreams have really come true. The girls have had the best garden that they have had for years. An abundance and variety of fruit and vegetables has helped much in cutting down food expenses, at the same time keeping the girls
healthy. We have had very little illness this year. Our chief crop achievement has been sweet potatoes. They have been abundant in quantity and excellent in flavor. The next best is egg plant. These are staple supplies for the girls and they save us many rupees, but there are various others, tomatoes, beans, squashes, and Indian vegetables.

We believe that we have reason to rejoice in the spiritual as well as the physical and mental progress of our girls. They had a great spiritual feast at the Thank-Offering time and showed great self-denial in saving their money for it. Mr. M. R. Simon, a young Indian M. A. who is doing special work among children, came and held meetings for a few days. He preached earnest, heart searching sermons and some of our girls evidenced deep conviction. I believe much good was done. And so the blessing of the year have out numbered discouragements, and we can thank God for His help and guidance.

Evangelistic Work.

Missionary . . . . . . . . A. J. LAUCK.

After seventeen years I returned to renew my acquaint­ance with Sironcha District. Arriving in January, Miss Taylor and I started out on tour at once, and in the course of the next few months visited all the villages where we have workers, and some others as well. There have been a number of baptisms, and an increase of spiritual life in earlier converts.

With one exception, the Biblewomen and Village School's staff are “Sironcha folks”, and their familiar faces—though some were but little tots when I knew them before—have meant refreshing. We have opened four new schools during the year, but closed five others before the end of the year, so have but ten schools at present. The prospects for this part of the work are brighter than for the past three years.

As you know, the great extent of our area, and the need of touring much of it still with ox-carts, means many days occupied with mere travel. We are happy to say, however, that the continued improvement in roads enabled us to visit Venketapur by motor and to use motorable roads on both sides of the Indravati River. This river separates us from Bastar State. Though Dr. Dodd’s appointment is to District medical work as well as to the Hospital, we have continued to carry medicines with us, and over 3,000 treatments have been given. In one village there was scarcely a household that had not one or more members suffering from Koi rogam, a disease I have not met with in other areas where I have worked. This disease offers a needy field for research and investigation.
During vacation of School and Biblewomen, duties engaged me at headquarters. A little rest after the F. R. C. meeting of July in Hyderabad extended beyond the month planned for this, on account of the death of my cousin's husband, the Rev. C. E. Parker. In returning to Sironcha came the accident that laid me by. Prayer has taken the place of the activities of the body on behalf of our District.

This year, the monsoon rains began early, continued long and heavy, and thus cut lamentably short the time of touring before District Conference. And then too tours were cut yet shorter by late and exceedingly heavy rains. We were thankful, however, that such conditions did not extend into District Conference time. The session was a time of great spiritual blessing and renewal, and therefore the prospects for the coming year are of great promise. "Blessed is he that watcheth, that his garments may be kept white."

After District Conference, some of the schools were visited to complete arrangements for a Village Schools' Rally. This new venture is to be held at Christmastide in Sironcha. We hope to stimulate fresh interest in Village Schools, and through them to co-operate with a Rural Uplift Committee which was formed of local community leaders in Sironcha in the past month.

CLASON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.
DORCAS BABY HOME

Missionary .. STELLA L. DODD, M. D.
Assistant .. ELIZABETH WALKER, L. M. P.

In-Patients:—Only 428 in-patients means better health in the school, less malaria. Never before have we bought so few Cinchona tablets. We hope it means that we are seeing some effects of our fighting malaria and mosquitoes for 12 years.

Out-Patients:—405 visits in homes is a bit above our average, and considerable above the numbers reported by other mission hospitals. Most of the calls have been in Sironcha, though we have made a few trips to Chinnur and Ahiri.

Dispensary:—Thirty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-one treatments stands almost 8,000 above our highest previous record, in spite of the fact that we are insisting as never before that all save the very poorest pay for medicine. This leads us to believe that there is a growing appreciation of the value of medicine over quackery. Perhaps our labour has not been in vain even when we sometimes felt that it was.
Itinerating:—We have done no itinerating for we just could not stretch our finances to cover the expense of district work. "Sunny" cannot run without gasoline, and we have never owned a bullock, so our fifty cases reported were just chance patients who came when we were travelling or called for out cases.

Staff:—Our staff has been reduced in numbers as well as in salaries. Even so we ran a whole year without a credit balance once showing in our books. We decided that we must give up the doctor who came to us in January. However, the F. R. C. voted us a little help from the scholarship fund so we have kept her. She is well worth keeping. The patients like her very much. Nurse Shantamma slipped away to be with Jesus, leaving us a pair of twin babies. There were complications and severe anemia, but the floods were so high we were completely shut off from the world and the medicines that might have saved her came too late.

Students:—We are pleased with the reports of our students in Nurse training. Thara and Kanikama passed the Government examinations with distinction, and Piari passed high.

Self-Support:—Since everyone talks self-support, we too have figured a little. During the year our fees have equalled one fifth of our appropriations. If we include gifts and sales we have raised locally 42% of our appropriations.

Fields and Garden:—Throughout the year Mallu’s roses have added a bit of cheer. Excessive rain injured the summer garden, but winter gardens are doing fine. The watermelons were making us smile till the floods came, then the kiddies with much disappointment watched them sink to a watery grave. The peanuts suffered too, still there was a fair crop but the jackals did not leave enough to replace the seed planted. We had so hoped to enclose a part of the field with a wall, but rupees ran out long before it was completed, and we hesitated to run up a deficit in the face of such financial stresses, even though the cost of fencing would pay for a wall in a few years. But the fruit has made up for our disappointment in field products. We are taking oranges off before they are ripe to save the trees from breaking. Today Mallu brought in a papaya weighing almost six pounds and good as it was big. We have papayas and bananas almost all the time. There are just now 22 bunches of bananas on the plants. It is amazing how much fruit little tummies can stow away. If Florence cannot find a banana in the house she pulls my dress to go out to the tree and try her luck there.
Babies:—Babies will grow up. We promoted eleven of our happy family leaving only thirteen of our own. The house seemed pretty empty, but we thought we could not admit any more when appropriations were reduced and gifts had stopped; but of course when Nurse Shantamma died we could not turn away her babies, so Jack and Jill were duly enrolled in the family record. They are such darlings, growing just like American babies. Faithful old Mallu’s daughter died and he brought us a tiny girl weighing not quite four pounds. How his old face lighted up when we said we would name her Rose. She is still a tiny bud, but may be bigger some day. Florence is the star performer,—every one loves her and she furnishes a lot of free fun. Lois is a close second, but she is so fat she cannot so quickly get out of one mischief into the next. How we do enjoy them. Ada and Manora are real little mothers to the little ones. We are so thankful that we have not had to close up our happy Baby Home.
Our year of 1932 closed with prophecies of cuts, suggestions of closing work and warnings to keep within our budget. Well, the cut came, two of them,—nine of my workers I asked to seek other employment, those remaining took a reduction, and I have kept within my budget.

In a recent report I have heard of Evangelism in the Telugu area, the following was said, “The decrease of foreign funds has not decreased evangelism.” In looking over my own district I know this is true. Twenty-five miles from here there is a Kanarese village which used to belong to another district. (Ours is mostly Telugu.) A preacher had been stationed there for a short time but in the shifting of district lines, the village came to our field and the preacher was transferred elsewhere. However the people did not forget what they had learned. During their occasional trips to our headquarters they asked us when we were going to send them a teacher and upon our infrequent visits to their village they sang for us as lustily as though they were not a pastorless village. Six months ago a Kanarese man was found for them. They gave him a house,—a small one it is true but such as they had for themselves. They gave him of their grain and vegetables and when they had money in their hands shared with him. Two weeks ago we were there for a Quarterly Conference. They gave up their whole day to us. Coming to our camp in the morning for communion service, and entertaining us in their homes during the afternoon. While we were there several men from a village we have never visited, came asking for baptism and for a preacher, saying they would build him a house and support him. They had heard through their relatives in this village of the new way and they wanted to become one of us. We are to visit them soon.

Last year there was a preacher living in a village two miles away from M—He was not able to come here every day and yet was here frequently and the Christians knew that he belonged to them. They always welcomed him when he came and gave of their substances for his support. But the time came when he had to go to the help of a large town whose preacher had failed in the work. Then he was seven miles away from M—We were holding a summer school in a centre about a mile away from this village. One evening I went to call upon them. I was never received more cordially anywhere.
Each one insisted that I must at least put my foot in his house and have prayer with the family. They were coming to our camp that evening, they said. I returned home, had my dinner but they had not yet appeared. Our evening service was over and it was after nine o'clock still no sign of them so we thought perhaps they had changed their minds and we went to bed. At ten thirty we heard the drums and knew that they were on their way. Since I had seen them all in the evening and it was so late I thought that the preachers could entertain them so I did not get up. But after their arrival they insisted that my presence was necessary so there was no escape. They had brought a thank offering of rice and other grains. Then for an hour they sang, one of the preachers talked to them a while and after prayer they returned to their village. There was no question about their sincerity, even though no preacher lived among them. "We have given up all our former practices" they said, "And now we worship the true God and Him only."

Nursappa is a very small man. He reminds me of a mosquito. He is here and then he isn't. But when he is here he talks all the time. He lives in a village where there has never been a resident pastor. When I tour in his vicinity he always appears with some request. About a month ago I had just arrived at a certain village and was resting for a few minutes when I heard the familiar "salaam amma" and there was Nursappa at my elbow. He says "I have a new daughter and I want to know what to name her. My oldest daughter is Mariama, the same name as that of the mother of Yesu Swamee." I suggested that he call her Santosama (Joy). "Yes that is the name I want" says he and off he goes to his village. Another day he appeared at the door of my bungalow and with him were several non-Christians of high caste. They were on a business trip to another village. He said "We are going to stop here tonight and I want to see some pictures of Yesu Swamee. We are going to celebrate Christmas this year in our village and I want these." I had some Christmas pictures which had been sent me from home and I gave him a few also some to his companions. They were all very much pleased. Then He wanted to hear my victrola. After hearing two or three Christian records I put on a comic one. They laughed at that but Nursappa said "I prefer the songs that tell about Yesu Swamee" Nursappa is truly an evangelist. Yesu Swamee means more to him than anyone else. There are others somewhat like him in our district.

I fully believe that "Man's extremity is God's opportunity" and perhaps it is now that He is trying to teach us to depend
on Him and not on His money. The Lord made Gideon decrease his army to three hundred men before he would let him go against the Midianites. Is He any less powerful today?

Mary A. Knotts Girls’ School

Missionary .. .. .. NELLIE M. LOW

In an attempt to analyze the work of the Boarding school with which we are connected we realize that the amount and variety of activity has increased and this has made it necessary for our teachers to assume more and more responsibility in order to conserve the best interests of the work as a whole.

One of our teachers has labelled the books in our library in accordance with a system she learned in college and is serving as a librarian; another wrote the general letter for the patrons and sent out all the letters for the school. The heads of the three departments have taken care of the details of the work in their respective buildings.

It was with some reluctance and misgiving that we consented to a proposition made by one of our nationals to extend the experiment in coeducation to include all the forms of our Middle School as well as the standards of the Primary Department. Some of the resultant features of uniting the whole of the two schools are a better staff, provision for two departments of the Middle School one in Telugu and one in English and Telugu, special teachers for Urdu and Leather Work, and the opportunity for boys and girls to study together. This adventure is still in the experimental stage but it is one which we feel bids fair to become a permanent feature in our educational system.

At no time has the students in our Training School lacked in interest. There has been an expressed eagerness on the part of each to learn. More emphasis has been placed on practice teaching in which the students as a whole have made good progress as is evidenced by their attempts to teach and their ability to evaluate the teaching of fellow class-mates. Urdu and leather work are new subjects this year while both the boys and the girls have had training in carpentry. The girls have worked just as vigorously in sawing and planing and have derived as much satisfaction in making things as have the boys. The girls made a book shelf, a stool, a bench, and wall brackets.

There are ten students in the senior class and seven in the junior class, more than half of whom come from Bidar, Hyderabad, and Tandur districts.
The Girl Guide laws and games are a means of helping our girls become more self-reliant and helpful to others. They gave voluntary service in our school sick room when needed and for several weeks when many were suffering from sore eyes in an adjacent village these girls took turns at the time of the Company meetings and went to this village to treat eye cases and itch.

The captain of the Guides was honored recently by being sent as a delegate from the Hyderabad State to the All-India Guides Camp held at Lahore where she obtained additional knowledge to make her more efficient in Guiding.

In the Primary Department the children are developing a sense of the need of keeping the class rooms and compound neat and clean through having an opportunity to grow flower to cut the grass and to make things clean and sanitary.

In the evenings some of our teachers and girls have paid regular visits to our mission hospital where through their music songs and prayers they brought good cheer to the patients.

The leaders of our Junior Sunday School and Junior Epworth League merit commendation for what they are helping the Juniors become. In their games at their socials and at school they have a happy time together. They are developing a spirit of reverence in worship which is beautiful to see. They are growing in Christian citizenship which is manifested by their reactions in various situations. The annual Junior League meeting was one which elicited inspiration. The appearance of the Junior Processional of more than one hundred gave proof to the facts that this is a group which possesses much latent power and which is the hope of the future church.

We are glad for the privilege of service and feel that the future is bright with the prospects of that which we believe can be accomplished in and through the nationals with the help of Him who promised never to leave or forsake.

District Evangelistic and Educational Work.

Missionary M. Kathryn Metsker

The work on Vikarabad district with its three-fold ministry to mind, soul, and body, is an ever increasing responsibility which needs constant supervision, patience, faith, and courage to surmount hindrances and difficulties which abound in the villages. Nevertheless we have cause to rejoice over some real successes and advancements which have been made dur-
ing the year. One has only to observe the Christian Com­
munity in the district to be aware of a new influence which
has manifested itself in better homes, cleaner villages and
higher standards of living.

Advancement in education is evinced by an increase in
the number of pupils throughout the district, the help given
by local communities in erecting new school houses, more
regular school attendance and an increasing number of
students who came from surrounding villages to attend the
central school.

Spiritual growth is manifested in regular attendance of
Sunday School and church, increased giving to the cause of
Christ, non-participation in Hindu festivals and feasts, and
above all in consistent Christian living.

Social advancement may be observed in cleanliness, in
sanitation, and in the new attitude of mind in accepting
new methods and better ways of improving the social life
of the village. The night school is the impetus for new life
and activities to the young men in the village. New boldness
and courage has come with enlightenment of mind. The scout
movement has penetrated into the jungles and its members
have done many worthy deeds which have been highly prais­
ed by government officials.

In certain villages the pastor has become the leader not
only of the Christians but of the other communities as well.
One village has removed the manure pits to a field some
distance away; the villager is building windows in his home;
seeing the petromax lanterns in our schools has caused Hindus
to purchase some for themselves; one worker built the first
tennis court in his village which was immediately patronized
by the leading citizens of the place. In a few weeks the
Government middle school had followed his example and built
one for its own use; when the preacher white-washes his
house and cleans his compound, his example is followed by
the members of the community; in cases of sickness, in
matters of arbitration and land disputes, in making moral
decisions for his people the influence of the pastor is almost
unparalleled. A mighty challenge for service in the villages
presents itself to the present day graduates of our institu­
tions.

Half the year has been spent in touring the villages.
For the first three months the plan was to camp in each
centre from seven to ten days visiting surrounding villages
hitherto not on our itinerary. In July we held a two weeks' summer school which was perhaps the most representative
of any held previously. Certain new objectives were selected
for the year and some have already been achieved. During the rainy season most of our attention was centered on housebuilding and repair. Three new school houses and a dispensary have been built and several houses repaired. The plan to build a smokeless stove and a latrine in the home of every worker is slowly materializing.

The interest shown by the Hindu community in our uplift program is unique and gratifying. Better school houses and cleaner surroundings have been the means of attracting many high caste children into our schools. Three of our workers have been offered teaching posts in Government schools. In the yearly thank-offerings, now held in each village where there is a worker Hindus have contributed a considerable share of the total collection. Numerous times we have been asked to give kalakshapems for the Hindu group. Upon one occasion the merchant who planned the night's programme called his relatives from the surrounding villages and paid the band master for beating the drums.

A new spirit is abroad in the villages. As during the mass movement era the villager was moved by the Spirit of God to renounce Hindu worship and follow Christ, today he is moved to improve the spiritual, moral and economic conditions in his village. Our share in this new movement is indeed a privilege and demands higher consecration and devotion to a task which will ultimately lead our village congregations into their rightful heritage in the Kingdom of God.
### General Statistics for Hyderabad Conference

*For the year ending June 30th, 1933*

#### Women in the Church

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**District Statistics for**

For the year ending

**Educational Institutions**

**June 30th, 1933.**

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Statistics for Medical Work in Schools and Districts Hyderabad Conference

For the Conference year ending June 30th, 1933

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Eight Annual Report of the

Clason Memorial Hospital and Dorcas Baby Home

Medical Report for the Year ending June 30th, 1933.

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   (1) Missionary Doctor,—Stells L. Dodd, M.D.
   (2) Other Foreign Workers,—0.
   (3) (a) Native doctors 1, (b) Native nurses 3, (c) Other workers 7. Total Staff 12.

2. Hospital:
   (1) No. of bed
   (2) Number of in-patients
   (3) Number of patient days
   (4) Average days per patient
   (5) Number of major operations
   (6) Number of minor operations
   (7) Obstetrical cases in the hospital

3. Babies:
   (1) Number enrolled
   (2) Baby Days
   (3) Number of days per baby
   (4) Average babies per day

4. Out Patients:
   (1) Obstetrical cases
   (2) First Visits
   (3) Return visits
   (4) No of itinerating treatments
   (5) Total out patient treatments

5. Dispensary:
   (1) First calls
   (2) Return calls
   (3) Total Dispensary treatments
   (4) Number of minor operations
   (5) Number of preventive inoculations

6. Property:
   (1) Land,—extent in acres
   (2) Number of buildings
7. Income:

- (1) From Hospital patients 601
- (2) From Dispensary patients 470
- (3) From outside patients 150
- (4) Appropriations 4,620
- (5) Government subsidies none
- (6) Sale of drugs and supplies 302
- (7) Other sources:
  - (a) Foreigners 386
  - (b) Nationals 22
  - (c) Miscellaneous 366
- (8) Total Income 6,927

8. Expenditures:

- (1) Salaries and wages 2,239
- (2) Drugs and supplies 1,494
- (3) General upkeep (includes food, water, light, etc.) 2,642
- (4) Repairs 256
- (5) Extension, land and buildings none
- (6) Other expenses (includes motor) 625

Total Expenses 7,256