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Retired Member
Mrs. M. Tindale.
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Hyderabad Women's Conference for 1935.

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. Jacob.
Evangelistic and Educational Work..............Miss Ruth A. Partridge.
District Medical Work................................Mrs. E. Shantappa, L. M. P.

HYDERABAD ENGLISH DISTRICT

District Work............................................Mrs. G. B. Garden.
English Church.........................................Mrs. G. B. Garden.

HYDERABAD HINDUSTANI DISTRICT

Zenana and Educational Work......................Miss Gladys M. Webb.
Assistants.....................................................Miss C. Smith,
Miss M. Smith.

HYDERABAD TELUGU DISTRICT

Evangelistic and Educational Work..............Mrs. G. B. Garden.
Boys' High School Hostel............................Mrs. G. B. Garden.
Stanley Girls' High School, Principal.........Miss Margaret Morgan.
  "  "  "  Vice-principal..............Miss Edith DeLima.
Girls' Vocational School............................Miss Elizabeth J. Wells.

TANDUR DISTRICT

Evangelistic and Educational Work..............Miss Mabel Morgan.
Sironcha Co-educational School....................Miss Nell F. Naylor.
Clason Memorial Hospital, and
District Medical Work............................Miss Stella L. Dodd, M. D.
Sironcha Evangelistic and Educational Work....Miss Nell F. Naylor.
  Miss Ada J. Lauck.

NARAYANPET DISTRICT

District Work............................................Mrs. O. David.
Evangelistic and Educational Work..............Mrs. O. David.

VIKARABAD DISTRICT

District Work, until May 31......................Mrs. J. Patterson.
Evangelistic and Educational Work..............Miss M. Kathryn Metsker.
Mary A. Knotts Girls' School and Training School. Miss Nellie M. Low.
Crawford Boys' School, until May 31.............Mrs. J. Patterson.

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

On furlough: — Miss Anna Harrod, Miss Gail Patterson, Mrs. John Patterson (after May 31), Miss Mildred Simonds.
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1935

Hyderabad Women's Conference

OFFICERS

President ... Mrs. B. T. Badley, Bombay.
Vice-Presidents ... (Mrs. G. B. Garden, Hyderabad.
     (Mrs. J. Patterson, Vikarabad.
Secretary ... Miss G. M. Webb, Hyderabad.
Assistant Secretary ... Miss S. L. Dodd, M. D., Bowringpet.
Statistical Secretary ... Miss N. M. Low, Vikarabad.
Registrar ... Mrs. G. B. Garden, Hyderabad.
Historian ... Miss R. A. Partridge, Ekele.

COMMITTEES

Field Reference Committee
     Miss E. L. Whiting, Central Treasurer; Miss Margaret Morgan, Field Correspondent; Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Partridge, Miss Naylor, Miss Wells, Miss Low, Miss Webb. Alternates: Miss Mabel Morgan and Mrs. Garden.

Field Property Committee
     Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Partridge, Miss Wells, Miss Naylor, Miss Webb.

Editing and Publishing Committee
     Miss Webb, Mrs. Garden.

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

Eckford Rest Home Committee
     Miss Metsker, Miss Webb.

Credentials Committee
     The Field Reference Committee.

House Furnishing Committee
     Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Naylor, Miss Partridge, Miss Metsker.

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

Programme Committee
     Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Huibregtse.

Vocational School Committee
     Miss Wells, Miss Low, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Naylor.
Women’s Missionary Conference

All-India and Conference Literature Committee
Mrs. Garden, Miss Wells, Miss DeLima, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss Huibregtse.

Evangelistic Committee
Miss Mabel Morgan, all evangelistic missionaries.

Nominating Committee
Miss Naylor, Miss Webb, Miss Metsker.

HYDERABAD CONFERENCE BOARDS

Board of General and Religious Education:—
Miss N. M. Low, Chairman; Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss E. J. Wells, Miss E. DeLima, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss N. F Naylor, Miss K. Metsker, G. Sundaram, M. D. Ross, O. David, B. S. Moses, N. E. Samson, G. B. Garden. Co-opted members — Mrs. Garden, D. Gabriel.

Conference Board of Home and Foreign Missions:—
Miss N. F. Naylor, Chairman; G. Joseph, T. Devapriam, Miss M. Huibregtse, Miss R. A. Partridge, K. A. Joseph.

District Boards of Church Location:—
Bidar...................................................M. David, Dr. Elizabeth Shantappa.
Ekele...............................................................J. Jacob, Miss R. Partridge.
English.....................................................George Harris, A. L. Plowman.
Hyderabad......................................................Mrs. Garden, T. Devapriam.
Hindustani....................................................S. Datt, Miss G. Webb.
Sironcha..................................................G. N. Rathnam, Miss N. F. Naylor.
Tandur.........................................................L. B. Jonathan, Miss Mabel Morgan.
Vikarabad....................................................D. Gabriel, Miss M. K. Metsker.

JOINT COMMITTEES

State of the Church:—
Miss Mabel Morgan, Chairman; Miss M. K. Metsker, Miss R. E. Taylor, J. Jacob, J. R. Luke, S. Andriah.

Language School:—
G. B. Garden, Miss G. Webb.

Memoirs:—
Miss R. Partridge, Chairman; Miss L. Woodbridge, K. Ambiah, K. Jacob.

Resolutions:—
Miss E. J. Wells, Chairman; Miss M. K. Metsker, G. Joseph, J. Jacob.

Social Service:—
Mrs. R. Sundaram, Chairman; Miss E. DeLima, D. Gabriel, J. R. Luke, S. Andriah.
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BUILDINGS:—
M. D. Ross, Chairman; G. B. Garden, O. David, Miss E. J. Wells, Miss R. A. Partridge, Miss G. Webb.

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM:—
N. E. Samson, Chairman; Miss M. Huibregtse, T. Devapriam, G. N. Rathnam, Miss R. A. Partridge, L. B. Jonathan.

MEDICAL WORK:—
Dr. B. V. Canaran, Chairman; Dr. S. L. Dodd, Dr. O. Shantappa, Dr. Elizabeth Shantappa.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE:—
Mrs. G. B. Garden, Chairman; Miss E. J. Wells, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss E. DeLima, Miss M. Huibregtse, O. David, G. Sundaram.

MOSLEM WORK:—
S. Datt, Chairman; Miss Fallon, Miss Webb, Miss M. Smith, Miss C. Smith, M. David.

NOMINATIONS:—
Miss Margaret Morgan, Chairman; A. S. Abraham, Miss N. M. Low, Miss M. K. Metsker, K. A. Joseph.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES
Executive Board..................................................Miss N. M. Low.
All-India Literature Committee..............................Mrs. Garden.
Woman's Christian College, Madras...........................Miss DeLima.
M. R. C. C. Joint Board of Examiners........................Miss DeLima.
Union Medical College, Vellore..............................Dr. Dodd.
St. Christophers Teachers' College...........................Miss DeLima.
Journal

Hyderabad Women’s Conference.
9th Annual Session
Held in Vikarabad, Deccan,
November 28th to December 3rd, 1934.

FIRST DAY

Opening:— The Ninth Annual Session of the Hyderabad Women’s Conference convened in the W. F. M. S. bungalow at Vikarabad on November 28th, 1934, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Badley led the devotions, inspiring us to want to have more of the mind of Christ.

Roll Call:— The former secretary called the roll, to which the following members responded:— Mrs. Badley, Miss DeLima, Dr. Dodd, Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Garden, Miss Huibregtse, Miss Low, Miss Metsker, Miss Partridge, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Simonds, Miss Webb, Miss Wells, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Naylor, and Miss Kondiah.

Organization:— The following officers were elected:

- **President**... Mrs. Badley
- **Vice-Presidents**... Mrs. Garden, Mrs. Patterson
- **Secretary**... Miss Webb
- **Asst. Secretary**... Dr. Dodd
- **Statistician**... Miss Low
- **Registrar**... Mrs. Garden
- **Historian**... Miss Partridge

Introductions:— The Misses Morgan and Miss Naylor were welcomed back from furlough. Miss Margaret Morgan gave an interesting brief report from General Executive, stressing the fact that the spirit all through the meeting was one of hopefulness. Mrs. Cornelius and Mrs. Venkatachellam, two visitors, were introduced to the Conference.

Greetings:— The retiring secretary read letters of greeting from Miss Fannie Fisher, Mrs. Parker, Jaya Luke, and Miss Taylor; and Miss Low brought greetings from Miss Lauck. Various members agreed to send our greetings to our absent members, and to Miss Maskell.

Official Correspondence:— Dr. Dodd reported that the official letter had not yet been received. She read the report of the Central Treasurer and a letter from her.
Elections: — The election of standing committees was made the order of the day on Thursday, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Reports: — The following reports were given and accepted: — Statistical Report by Miss Low (See Statistics), Field Reference Committee report by Dr. Dodd (See Report I), Historian's report by Miss Partridge (Report VI), Vocational School by Miss Wells (Report II), and Evangelistic Committee by Miss Simonds (Report III). The Registrar reported that Miss Webb had appeared for her first Urdu examination and passed. Miss Partridge reported, for the House Furnishings Committee, that no new furniture had been purchased during the year. Dr. Dodd gave the report of the Credentials Committee, and on their recommendation Mrs. O. David was elected an associate member of the Conference, and Miss Lillian Woodbridge to full membership. Mrs. Ernsberger reported that all books had been audited to the end of October, 1934.

SECOND DAY.

Elections: — After another inspiring message by Mrs. Badley, and the approval of the Minutes, the order of the day was called and the Conference proceeded to the elections. Ballots cast for the Field Correspondent resulted in a majority vote for Miss Margaret Morgan, and she was declared elected. The following were elected to the Field Reference Committee: — Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Partridge, Miss Naylor, Miss Low, Miss Wells, and Miss Webb. Alternates elected were Miss Mabel Morgan and Mrs. Garden. It was voted to continue Miss Low as our representative on the Executive Board.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. Garden, and after a few changes, it was adopted and the nominees declared elected. (See list of Committees and Special Representatives).

Reports: — The following reports were read and accepted: — Union Medical College, Vellore, by Dr. Dodd; Women's Christian College, Madras, and St. Christopher's Teachers' College by Miss Low; All-India Literature Committee by Mrs. Garden; Executive Board by Miss Low. Dr. Dodd reported no meeting of the Trained Nurses Association this year, and her recommendation that it be dropped from our list of Special Representatives was accepted.

Printing the Minutes: — The secretary was authorised to edit and condense the Journal, and to order 375 copies of the Minutes printed at Moses & Co., Secunderabad.
THIRD DAY.

New Members:— After the devotions and reading of the minutes, the order of the day was the service for the reception into our Conference of our two new members, Mrs. O. David and Miss Woodbridge.

Memoirs: — A short memorial service was held, at which time Dr. Dodd read a memoir to Dr. Margaret D. Lewis and Miss Wells paid tribute to Mrs. I. Devadas. These memoirs were ordered printed in the Minutes.

Reports: — The report of the Eckford Rest Home, as given by Miss Metsker was accepted, and it was voted that we extend to Mr. Culver the privilege of renting Eckford for another year, provided the balance of the 1934 rent be paid by the end of February, or show evidence of being paid within a short time.

Miss Wells presented the report of the committee appointed to draw up a plan of retirement allowance for indigenous workers. The report was accepted and ordered incorporated in the Minutes. (See Report V).

Miss Wells also presented plans for the Vocational School which, after amendment, were accepted (See Report IV).

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

Miss Mabel Morgan and Miss Naylor were elected as our representatives in the Andhra Christian Council.

Appreciations: — The following resolutions were unanimously accepted:

1. Inasmuch as Miss E. L. Clinton took over the work of the Central Treasurer at a time when the task was especially difficult because of the reduced appropriations, and has given us such satisfactory service, be it resolved: That we express to Miss Clinton our very sincere appreciation of her sympathetic and efficient service, and wish her well as she returns to her own conference. Also that we extend to Miss Whiting a hearty welcome as she returns to her work with us.

2. We as a conference group wish to extend to Miss Simonds, Miss Patterson, and Mrs. J. Patterson our love and best wishes for bon voyage and a profitable furlough. We pledge ourselves to try to keep them in constant touch with us, giving them first hand information of the work on the field, in order that their furlough may be one of inspiration to the church at home, as well as a time of spiritual and physical recuperation for themselves.
A vote of thanks was extended to our president, Mrs. Badley, for the very gracious way in which she presided at the sessions of our Conference and for inspiring spiritual messages which she brought.

It was also voted to extend to Dr. Dodd our appreciation of her services, and our wishes for her happiness and success in her new field of work.

Adjournment:— It was voted that after the reading of the Minutes the Conference stand adjourned.
Reports of Committees.

I.

FIELD REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Field Reference Committee held meetings in July and December. The more important actions may be briefly summarized as follows:

The matter of the Family Budget System was referred to the Women’s Conference for action. It was recommended to the Foreign Department that they sanction co-education in both Primary and Middle Schools when it was approved and requested by the F. R. C.; it also recommended the continuance of co-education in the Vikarabad School. It joyously received the report of the repayment of Rs. 843 on Medical Scholarship bonds, and sanctioned the continuance of three medical and four nursing scholarships, and the payment of the salaries of nurses for the Vocational School and the Ekele Evangelistic Work. Financial statements were considered, but the making of estimates and financial adjustments was deferred. The Foreign Department was requested to lend Dr. Dodd to the Tablet Industry at Bowringpet for one year; also to approve of a health leave of six months for Miss Partridge.

The Committee received the report that the land for the Vocational School had been purchased with a clear title, plans for the repair of the building had been sanctioned, and the work of repair begun. It also sanctioned a budget and approved plans for the opening of the school.

A scheme for providing pensions for indigenous members of the Conference was favorably considered and referred to the Women’s Conference. Mrs. O. David and Miss Lillian Woodbridge were recommended for membership in the Women’s Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

STELLA L. DODD.

II

GIRLS’ VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

After two years of effort, land has finally been secured for this school. The tract lies along the highway and contains 75½ acres. It is beautifully located seven miles from Hyderabad, commanding a view of the surrounding country, and has an abundance of fertile soil. Bricks and lime are now being burnt in kilns on the place so that the present building can be prepared for immediate use.

It is hoped that pupils may be received and that work both in and outside the class-rooms may be commenced at an early date.

ELIZABETH J. WELLS.
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EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

Five of the districts of our conference have followed the Family Budget System of paying salaries. It is most encouraging to hear the enthusiastic reports that have come from some of the districts. It is felt that the church is really growing under this method of financial administration, and in the hope that such a system be adopted by all the districts of the conference, we submit the following resolutions:

Believing that it is for the best interest of the Church in India that it shall more and more assume the support of the pastor and his family, and the administration of its funds, we recommend:—

1. That both preacher and Bible woman be supported by the congregation which they serve.

2. That until such time as the congregation is able entirely to support its own workers, the support of the family shall be made up as follows:

   (a) Contributions from the church which they serve.

   (b) That which comes from the B. F. M. funds for the support of evangelistic work.

   (c) That which comes from the W. F. M. S. funds for the support of the Bible woman.

3. That assistants or office workers be paid by the one who employs them.

4. This fund shall be administered in each district by a finance committee, which is composed of the District Superintendent, the missionary in charge of W. F. M. S. work, and five representatives of the Indian church elected by the district conference.

5. The power to employ and dismiss workers shall not rest with this committee but with the district cabinet, of which the district superintendent, and the missionary lady in charge of W. F. M. S. work are members.

   Feeling an immediate need for a change in the Sunday School Course for our conference, we recommend that the Board of Education appoint a committee to secure a course of study which can be used uniformly in the conference, and which will be made available immediately.
We recommend that the districts have Sunday School rallies in which several Sunday Schools join together. We believe this will greatly increase the enthusiasm in the Sunday Schools of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE GARDEN.

IV.

PLANS FOR THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

A. Recommendations.

1. Whereas: It is believed that the Vocational School offers special opportunities (a) to the girls in our schools who are orphans and must, therefore, prepare to earn their own livelihood, (b) to those whose homes are in rural areas, (c) to those who by special aptitude for this type of education will be greatly benefitted by such a course, and (d) to some who have entered upon their studies when over-age;

2. Therefore, be it resolved that we recommend to those in charge of the work of this Conference that they consider the advisability of transferring some of such students to the Vocational School.


1. The Annual Conference has fixed the Middle School as the standard of the school.

2. The entrance requirement in 1935 shall be the completion of the Third Standard.

3. Girls mentally, morally, or physically unfit cannot be admitted.

4. Students shall furnish their own clothing, together with one pair of sheets and a good blanket as bedding.

5. All schools sending pupils must be prepared to receive them again if, during the three months probation, they prove unsuitable by conduct or health for the Vocational School.

6. The rate of board shall be Rs. 6/- per month for the first year, and Rs. 3/- for the second year, for each pupil.

7. A Government scholarship shall be O. S. Rs. 10/- per month.

8. A thorough theoretical and practical course in Elementary Domestic Science, Handwork, Small Animal Husbandry, and
Gardening shall be regularly carried on, in addition to the scholastic classes. Students are expected to carry both scholastic and vocational studies.

9. A special course is offered, in the Vocational section only, for those who have completed Middle School or above. It will cover a period of one year.

10. All applications should be submitted within April 15th of each year.

C. Proposed Application for Admission.

1. Name and age of pupil.
3. Occupation of parents.
4. School sending pupil.
5. Standard passed and date of passing.
6. General ability.
7. Special aptitudes.
8. Remarks.

9. If after three months probation the pupil proves unsuitable for this type of education, will the school or department sending, receive her again?

Signature of Pupil.
Signature of Principal of School or Sender.

This application should be submitted within April 15th.
Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH J. WELLS.

V.

PLAN FOR PENSION FOR NATIONAL WORKERS.

I. Funds over a 10-year period.

The funds shall consist of:

1. Assessment of 1% on W. F. M. S. appropriations for current work for the period from 1935 to the end of 1944.

2. Contribution of 6¼% of Local Missionaries and full members of the Hyderabad Women's Conference.

3. Interest on above funds.

The Central Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds.

The funds shall not be operative until ten years have elapsed.
II. Rules.

1. Pension may be paid upon retirement from service.

2. The age of retirement shall be 63.

3. The full pension may be claimed only after 25 years of service.

4. Should a person who has served 20 years desire to retire on account of continued ill-health, which has extended over at least six months, she may make application to the Field Reference Committee which will consider the matter and recommend to the Women’s Conference the proportion of pension she shall receive.

5. Should a member after having reached the age of retirement desire to continue in active service, she may make application to the F. R. C. which will consider the case and recommend the matter to the Women’s Conference. The decision shall be made by ballot.

6. The marriage of a member shall terminate her claim to a pension, but she may claim the amount, without interest, she has paid into the fund.

7. A member leaving the W. F. M. S. work may claim the amount, without interest, that she has paid into the fund.

8. Should a member reach the retirement age before the pension fund becomes operative, her case may receive special consideration from the F. R. C. and Women’s Conference.

9. Local missionaries shall, if funds permit, receive a pension of Rs. 50 per month. Should funds not suffice, the available money shall be prorated among the claimants.

10. Full members of the Hyderabad Women’s Conference who are not Local Missionaries shall receive Rs. 35 per mensem, if the funds permit. Should the money be insufficient, the available funds shall be prorated among the claimants.

11. Should a former contributor to the Pension Fund, having left the W. F. M. S. work and withdrawn her contribution to the Fund, afterward desire to return to the work, she must refund the amount withdrawn, together with the contribution she should have made during the time of absence, before she can be reinstated in the Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH J. WELLS.
VI.

HISTORY OF HYDERABAD CONFERENCE W. F. M. S.
WORK
FROM 1931 TO 1934.

Roll and Service of Missionaries.

At the close of 1930 At the close of 1934

**BIDAR:** —
Mrs. M. C. Ernsberger Mrs. M. C. Ernsberger
Miss Anna Harrod Miss M. Huibregtse

**EKELE:** —
Miss R. Partridge Miss R. Partridge

**HYDERABAD:** —
Miss M. Smith Miss G. Webb
Miss C. Smith Miss M. Smith
Miss M. Simpson Miss C. Smith
Miss E. J. Wells Miss E. J. Wells
Miss Margaret Morgan Miss E. DeLima
Miss E. DeLima

**SIRONCHA:** —
Miss S. L. Dodd, M. D. Miss S. L. Dodd, M. D.
Miss N. F. Naylor Miss A. J. Lauck
Miss N. M. Low Miss G. Patterson
Miss G. Patterson

**TANDUR:** —
Miss M. Simonds Miss M. Simonds

**VIKARABAD:** —
Miss Mabel Morgan Miss N. M. Low
Miss M. K. Metsker Miss M. K. Metsker

**On furlough:** —
Miss M. Older Just returned from furlough:
Dorothea Anderson Miss Mabel Morgan

It is very interesting to watch the progress of the work since 1930. In January 1933, for the first time, a "cut" of 15% was made in W. F. M. S. appropriations. The result of this was the dismissal of inefficient Bible women and a reduction in the staff of teachers, doubling the work of each teacher, so that the work did not suffer much. Later another 15% cut was made, making a total cut of 30%. At that time salaries of all workers, including servants, were reduced 15%, and more workers were dismissed; consequently, the work did begin to suffer. The boarding schools could not admit more students, and many congregations in the villages were left without instruction. As never before the matter of self-support began to be stressed.
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BIDAR.

In 1931 Bidar entertained Annual Conference for the first time. The opening of the railway through that section, and increased motor service facilitated transportation. In August of 1933 Mrs. M. D. Ross who helped much in the work was called to her Heavenly Home.

Girls' School:— In 1931 the school boasted a record attendance of 160 pupils, with 16 in other schools. The third form was added to complete the Middle School, a new Government curriculum was introduced, and Ethics was made compulsory throughout the grades. Domestic Science was also introduced in the higher standards.

In 1932 the enrolment was 134 besides 16 in other schools. That year the first Government grant of Rs. 25 per month came to the school. In 1933 the enrolment was 82 boarders and 8 day scholars.

Evangelistic work:— Miss Harrod opened five new day schools in 1930. In 1931 the first students, Gideon and his wife, were sent to Vikarabad for training, after which they had charge of a day school and received fees. Their fees for the first month were Rs. 2.

EKELE.

In 1931 Thankofferings from the Des Moines Branch made possible the purchase of a car. The same year the W. F. M. S. cottage was completed by the addition of the verandah. The "Martha Dispensary" was built with money donated by Rev. and Mrs. K. E. Anderson, in memory of Mrs. Anderson's mother. Four day schools were opened in the district. In 1931 the first summer school for workers and the first jathra were held. The jathra has now become an annual institution. In 1934, inspite of "cuts", the well was completed.

HYDERABAD.

Hindustani Work:— At the beginning of 1931 Miss Older, after a term of successful service, left on her first furlough. The next year, when preparing to return to her work, she was called to Higher Service. The Misses Smith carried on the work until Miss Webb was appointed in 1933, having been transferred from Bidar. In 1932 the industrial work was closed, and in 1933, because of the reductions in appropriations, two day schools were discontinued.

Telugu Evangelistic Work:— In 1930 Miss Simpson introduced the bonus system into the village schools, with good results. It was based on the successful completion of each year's
school work. In 1931 a full government curriculum was effectively completed in almost every school. Regular worship services for village congregations were introduced.

**Stanley Girls' High School:**— Under able management the school continues to maintain a high standard of efficiency. In 1931 Miss DeLima was appointed to the Vice-Principalship, the first national to fill this office. In 1932 “Old Students Day” was organized. A quarterly magazine called the “Stanley Crescent” was started. For the first time girls went out in groups to the suburbs on social service and temperance work. Indian music was introduced in the school. In the hostel, the “family system” was begun. At the end of 1930 the enrolment of the school was 450, and at the end of 1933 it was 425.

**SIRONCHA.**

In 1931, for the first time, Sironcha entertained the F. R. C. The missionaries, being encouraged, invited the annual conference the following year. The journey to Sironcha in stages—by bus, then by train, then again by bus, and at last crossing the wide river—was very interesting.

**Girls' School:**— Miss Patterson introduced industrial work in the school. Gardening being one of the chief subjects, the girls grew the vegetables for the school with good success, and thus cut down school expenses and improved the health of the pupils. The girls were also encouraged to build, dig and carry away debris.

**Evangelistic Work:**— In 1931 the Venkatapur Circuit was separated from Sironcha District. The same year work was extended amongst the Kois and Gottias and a beginning was made to teach reading in their own language. About the same time motor roads were opened through Ahiri Circuit, making ten villages accessible by motor. Miss Lauck, who held an appointment in Sironcha in 1914, was reappointed in 1932, to relieve Miss Naylor who went on furlough. In October 1934, Miss Lauck met with a serious accident while returning from Hyderabad.

**Widows' Home:**— The Widows’ Home was opened in 1900. In 1930 the F. R. C. voted to close it, but because of promise of self-support it was spared the axe. In December of 1931, however, the axe fell, and the Home was closed. Arrangements had been made for taking care of all except four of the inmates. All the cultivable land was given over to the Girls’ School.

**Clason Memorial Hospital and Dorcas Baby Home:**— In 1931 friends in America made possible the purchase of a car, which has been of great service. The same year the missionary’s bungalow was completed, and all departments of the hospital were in working order.
TANDUR.

In 1931 greater emphasis was laid on better equipped schools, some trained teachers were secured, and closer supervision was given to the school work. With a view to rural uplift, Miss Simonds started a leghorn poultry farm, and encouraged and helped the workers to raise a good breed of poultry.

VIKARABAD.

Evangelistic Work:— In 1931 a full curriculum of the Nizam's Government was introduced in the village schools, and sports were organized throughout the district. In 1934 the "Nursama Memorial Dispensary" in Kohir was dedicated. Miss Metsker also secured a gift for the building of a church in the district. The site selected was in Momimpet, the same site which a Brahman gave as a gift for this purpose many years ago.

Mary A. Knotts School:— In 1931 a co-educational normal training class was started. The same year the water system was completed. In 1932 co-education was introduced into the Kindergarten first and second grades, with an enrolment of 81. In 1934 co-education was carried on into the Primary and Middle School, Urdu being taught as a second language. Leather work was taught as an industry.

YELLANDU.

In 1930 the Venkatapur Circuit was added to the Yellandu District. Miss Naylor was the first W. F. M. S. missionary appointed there. She organized the "Strila Samaj". At the Annual Conference of 1930 the Yellandu work was closed, Venkatapur circuit went back to Sironcha, and Miss Naylor was transferred to work in Sironcha.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

In 1918 the need was felt for a different type of school in this Conference, and estimates were made accordingly. Year after year these were reaffirmed and stressed. When the Conference was divided in 1925, the South India Women's Conference assumed the obligation for two-thirds of the appropriations asked from the homeland. In 1928 permission was granted by the Foreign Department to purchase the land and a site chosen, but finally could not be secured because of its location in a jagir. In 1932 a most suitable plot of ground was found and after two years of effort, the deed was registered in November 1934. It is located on the highway, contains 75½ acres of land for both dry and wet cultivation, has a mango garden, and a small bangalow with outhouses, all in bad repair. Work on the rehabilitation of the place was immediately begun, and it is planned to open the classes June 1st, 1935.
Memoirs.

MISS MARGARET D. LEWIS, M. D.

Again our hearts have been turned toward the Heavenly City, because one of our missionary family has slipped through the pearly gates. On July 22, 1934, Dr. Margaret D. Lewis, weary in body but unflagging in spirit, answered to the "Well done, good and faithful servant", and entered into the joy of her Lord.

Having felt the great call to service, Dr. Lewis entered the Northwestern University Medical School in 1894, where the strong opposition to women doctors made her work doubly hard. Her course completed, she was sent out by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to work in the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly. She was the only American doctor in that great city where she served royalty as well as outcaste in the capacity of both doctor and nurse, for in those pioneer days there were but few trained nurses. But in the midst of her heavy work she mastered both the Urdu and Hindi languages.

During her five years of missionary service it seemed to be her task to fill the unfilled places and to do the things from which others shrank back. At the close of her first furlough she learned of the great need for a doctor in Kolar and volunteered to go there, even though it meant learning yet another language. In 1909 she opened a dispensary in a small dark room, and treated many patients while she built the hospital in which she labored as a ministering angel until 1924 when, being weary, she asked for a change from the heavy responsibility of institutional work. She served as an evangelistic missionary in both Bidar and the Hyderabad Hindustani work. But after her furlough and retirement she was again called back to the Kolar hospital while another doctor had a furlough.

Dr. Lewis was a missionary in the very broadest sense of the word. Her keen intellect, her patience, her high sense of justice, and her fearlessness in standing for the right, fitted her for the many tasks that fall to the lot of a missionary, while her very strong faith and deeply spiritual nature enabled her by her own life to show to others the Great Physician.

She had remarked that her last term had been her happiest years of service. She longed to stay in India a bit longer, but the Loving Father had a better plan. One fellow-worker, on hearing of her promotion said, "How beautiful that she could just finish up her term and then retire in Heaven".

"SERVANT OF GOD, WELL DONE."
Kohire Nursama — called to be a saint—began life in an outcaste hut in Kohire. Married as a child, widowed as a young woman, sole-supporter of a large family of young children, she was also an ardent worshipper of the Hindu gods, to whom she made offerings far beyond her means. At first deeply resentful at the coming of the Christian message, later in 1909 she was gloriously converted and became a flaming evangel for Christ. Illiterate, yes—hear her pour out her prayer: “Oh God, why did you not send me the message when I was younger so that I might have learned to read and brought more souls to Thee?” —but few knew their Bibles as she did. To her Christ was a living Redeemer, a loving Father, the Saviour of the World.

When asked what she planned to do first when she reached Heaven she said, “I want to find my Savior and kiss and kiss His feet.” The hardships of her earlier years, the intense zeal for winning souls which led her on long journeys afoot to witness for Christ, her advanced age—all weakened her body so that she prayed earnestly for the Father to take her Home. Her prayer was answered on New Year’s night. What a glorious meeting with her Lord it must have been.
Sharnama Tukeram entered the Vikarabad Girls' School when a very young child. She was a beautiful little girl, bonnie and curly-haired, with a winsome manner. Her parents had come down to Tandur from Kallam in Oosmanabad District when the famine pressed sore upon that section. They found work but, far more important, they found Christ, and a few years later were the means of taking the Gospel back to their own people. After living a while in Tandur, they moved to Vikarabad and obtained employment in the mission.

Sharnama grew up and passed through the Middle School in Vikarabad, then went to Stanley Girls' High School. Here she endeared herself to both teachers and classmates. Returning after her High School course, she taught for several years in the Mary A. Knotts Girls' School. Desiring to be of larger service in the Kingdom, she took the English course of Bible study and training in the Blackstone Missionary Institute at Muttra, receiving her certificate from that institution. When she re-entered the Vikarabad work it was in the Evangelistic Department, where she served most faithfully and efficiently. She had much initiative and used all the training she had received in furthering the village work. She also helped for a period in the Bidar Evangelistic work.

In August 1932 she was married in Bidar to Mr. I. Devadas who survives her. She was called to Eternal Service February 1, 1934. Standing beside her bed in the Osmania Hospital, a group of heart-broken relatives and friends watched her wave her hand and point to the heavens in token of farewell as her spirit winged its flight. She had so endeared herself to the sisters and nurses in the hospital that they too wept with us at her bed-side. We laid her body away in the Narayanaguda cemetery to await the Resurrection summons.
District Reports.

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BIDAR DISTRICT.

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Girls' Boarding School.

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

The year closes with one hundred and twenty-two pupils on the roll. Of these ninety-nine are boarders, and twenty-three are day scholars. The average daily attendance for last month was one hundred and thirteen. Twenty per cent of these children are from the families of Christian workers, five per cent are non-Christians, and seventy-five per cent are from the homes of our village Christians.

We have on our staff eight trained teachers, including one trained graduate, and five untrained High School teachers. All except two of these are Bidar District girls. Lesson plans are submitted by all the teachers weekly. Fifteen teachers' meetings have been held during the year. Since July all our teachers have been studying Urdu.

I teach Mathematics and Scripture in the third form (or American eighth grade). In supervising, I have spent one whole day in each class, in the last four months, besides occasional visits and daily chapel.

Miss Huibregtse, our Evangelistic Missionary, is a trained primary teacher, and as she has had time she has very ably assisted in Arithmetic in Class A and Standard II. The children have improved greatly in speed and accuracy in the fundamental processes.

We have five girls in other institutions. One is in Stanley Girls' High School, two are in Nellore, and two in Madanapalli taking nurses' training. Two of our passed nurses have recently secured positions in the Victoria Zenana Hospital, Hyderabad, on good salary.

We continue to receive a grant-in-aid from the government of rupees thirty per month.

For the past year and a half the Boarding School has supported a village school, taught by one of our former students, trained in Vikarabad. She teaches and lives in her father's house.

Miss Hacon, the government trainer for the Girl Guides, visited us in July, and organized a flock of Blue Birds. The Guides and Blue Birds meet every Monday.
Women's Missionary Conference

The English Club is the chief social and literary organization in the Bidar schools. We have had magic lantern pictures, lectures by several prominent people, and a debate by the boys and girls. The programme is followed by songs and games.

This year a well-supplied reading table has been provided in the main hall, to supplement the work of the library period. We have added to the equipment and general appearance of the school by putting in six new tables and chairs for teachers, two blackboards, a bulletin board, a pictorial map, and a dozen new pictures.

Our new Taluqdar and his wife recently visited our school, and very kindly gave money for the distribution of sweets to the school.

During the year three of our girls have been baptized, and fifteen have been received into full membership in the church, after suitable preparation.

Our matron is a woman of good birth and education. Each week she has a special meeting for the smaller children, and they are very happy in taking an active part in this meeting.

The school is divided into six organized groups for work and the care of the sick, and these groups have a share in the discipline of the school.

This is the seventh year in which I have had charge of the Junior League in Bidar. There are ninety-eight on the roll, including boys and girls of the Primary Departments of the two schools. This year we embarked on a study of China. For six months we have thought and talked China—its geography, religions, gods, customs, clothing, industries, products, language, legends, games and festivals—and we are still going strong. We had a social with Chinese games and kite-flying. We hope to give a program to raise money to send to China for mission and relief work. We are doing our bit in building the House of Friendship, using as corner-stones the Chinese proverb, "Within the four seas all are brethren", and the words of Jesus, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold".

Are we down-hearted? No! Our total receipts for the year have been one thousand one hundred rupees less than last year. In spite of this, we have increased our staff by three, and the strength of the school by thirty per cent without going into the red, because of wise economics in other directions. We face the future with courage and unflagging faith in our invincible Leader.
Living in heaven, I think, must be like touring, only I’m sure they don’t have bad smells, sick babies, itch, dirty barking dogs, bed-bugs, snakes, bad water, and hot winds there. But certainly the internal joy you get is the same.

We made our way to the villages far and near, giving Christ’s message in the village streets and in the homes of Christians and non-Christians. We have shown pictures with our old magic lantern illustrating the “Life of Christ” to crowds ranging from fifty to five hundred. We treated 391 cases and derived one-tenth of our medical cost in fees. We had the fun of directing kitten ball games on Petromax flood-lighted fields. We taught untrained teachers Arithmetic and teaching methods while visiting in their villages. We supervised and inspected the schools. In all, we have had happy fellowship with our village Christians.

We have found the strictest economy necessary. We are most grateful to Mrs. Ernsberger and the girls’ school for their financial help to us. They are paying the salary of a former school girl who is now living with her parents, and teaching a village school. Then, too, they have shared our driver’s expense, making it possible for us to continue our 27 paid workers. Twenty-one of that number are Bible women and teachers, the other six do just the Bible-woman’s work. Our women have visited in 317 homes each week, teaching 1,094 women and children Bible stories, songs, and prayer. We believe that by so doing we shall build our future church on the rock foundation, Jesus Christ. Our workers have 26 Sunday Schools, in which there are 293 children.

In our 21 night schools, there are 169 in the lower Primary, 27 reading First Reader, 27 Second Reader, 5 Third Reader, and 3 Fourth Reader. Forty-five have passed to a higher grade in the night schools.

In our two day schools taught by paid workers (Ruth Peter and Esther Gideon), we now have 17 in the lower Primary, 5 in First Reader, 4 in Second, and 14 in Fourth. The number of passes was 27.

The total number of passes in the day and night schools for this year is 72. You may think this few in proportion to our enrolment, but when you consider the length of time schools are closed for plague and other diseases, this is a fair report. It certainly is a great stride forward over the past record for Bidar District. It is true our boys from Gideon’s school did not pass. We shall try again, and then instead of taking the same examination given to the boys of the boarding school, we hope this time they may have Kanarese copies of the conference examinations as given in other districts.
We have two women teachers who are self-support workers. In one of these schools the caste boys and the patel’s son are reading the Third Reader. The other is a new school recently opened by a former boarding school girl who is married to a village man. She has six children coming daily, and after three months study they showed great progress. May we here show the attitude of this woman’s husband by quoting his words? “Our village children want education. Has not the mission, through God’s grace, taught my wife to read? Now why should she not help others? Is it not God’s will?” We praise the Lord for such Christians, and pray that this spirit may spread.

Gideon has taught a man in his village to knit. That man made a sweater for himself out of village yarn. Our workers who came in to study for the Exhorters’ examinations have learned how to knit. The garments they made are on exhibit here at the Annual Conference. We hope they will now teach the village women.

At District Conference Samuel and Nursamma exhibited a pepper, the circumference of which was five inches, grown in their village school garden. We ate papayas at Yesados’ place from his garden. We admired the improved appearance of Multanies’ place. His flowers, his vegetables, and his papaya trees help to make his place pleasing to the eye. We have just begun to increase the interest in our villages in gardening and beautifying their surroundings. We have a long way yet to go.

We are directing our efforts as the swimmer does, to gain an end. The first striving and splashings seem to be over. We must learn new methods, use new materials, try new suggestions, just as the swimmer perfects his technique by learning new strokes. We have faith that with God’s help our workers will so improve our Christian community that the future Methodist Episcopal Church of India shall have a strong, faithful, educated contingent in the district of Bidar.

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BI Dar MISSION HOSPITAL.

Physician-in-charge ... ... ELIZABETH SHANTAPPA, L. M. P.

We entered the New Year fearlessly depending on Him who promised “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee,” and “As thy days so shall thy strength be”.

I think almost every one felt that this was the worst year we have had for some time, on account of the epidemics and heat. Every epidemic seemed to come in a virulent form and everything was in extremes. It was extremely hot and all our new-born
babies had a rise in their temperature during the day. Then we waited and longed for rain but there was no sign of rain for days together, and when it did come it was so heavy that some old houses and walls in the town began to fall.

All these happenings increased our work. We had just begun vaccinations against small-pox, when cholera started, and we had to begin inoculations against it. When we were just finishing these, there occurred some cases of plague, so we had to start in immediately with inoculations against plague. People rushed in hundreds for these inoculations, and we had to get vaccine from Headquarters by wire. It was soon controlled, so there were very few cases and deaths, compared with other years.

There was an epidemic of typhoid fever, also, but inoculations against it were something new to the people, and only a few hundred could be coaxed to take them. We noticed that our Christian people were always the first to come and some came from long distances for all these different kinds of inoculations. We were pleased to see that there were no deaths amongst these people. Thus, you see, our work this year was chiefly of the preventive type.

Our cry for more wards keeps on. Some people have paid rent in advance so that they may get the first claim on a room when needed.

Our maternity work also keeps on increasing. We had 187 maternity cases this year. We are glad to report that there were very few complications, as it has become a routine thing for most of them to come to the hospital for delivery. There is an urgent need for more maternity rooms.

We were able to begin Child Welfare Work on a small scale this year. The room was built by our kind neighbor, Miss Huibregtse, who is in charge of evangelistic work, and she and her friends have also contributed toward the up-keep. We began by teaching mothers how to bathe babies and children under three years, and gave a clean new frock, a towel, and a piece of soap to start with. We had about eighty children in one afternoon. Now we have a few women who come regularly and learn sewing and knitting, and listen to simple talks on "The Care of Mother and Babies".

Hospital Sunday was observed on February 11th. There was a big gathering of Hindus, Mohammedans, and Christians. As usual, the school children helped in the programme. Our hospital staff took an active part giving a welcome song and the history of Medical Missions in the form of a song. The Hospital Sunday programme really began on Saturday night. The school girls and boys got up a benefit programme and sold tickets, and the money raised was given as a collection on the following morning.
Another interesting feature of the Hospital Sunday service was the baptism of a little girl of ten years. She was a patient in the hospital three years ago, and her people thought she would always be helpless and a burden. But to-day she is in the Girls' Boarding School, happy and bright, and able to walk (only a little lame in one leg). She is in the third standard, and is a good Christian girl.

This year the collection was in a little different form. We received, as usual, such gifts as soap, cloth, pins, etc. In addition, there were gifts of money, wood, and stones because people knew we had started a ward for Christians, and expected the Christians of this community to build it.

Our helpers worked very hard this year. Their willingness and cheerfulness was an encouragement to us. The Bible woman continued her work faithfully, paid her visits regularly, and people appreciate her company.

In closing, we praise Him for all His blessing, and for the privilege of being used for His service.

**EKELE DISTRICT.**

**Evangelistic Work.**

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

At the close of last Annual Conference it was found necessary for me to take two months sick leave and afterward one month in the station to recuperate. Annual Conference coming earlier than usual this year has given me very little time in which to carry out the extensive programme I planned at the beginning of the year. Looking over the incompleteness of my programme I can only say, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press forward."

At the District Conference which was recently held there was much enthusiasm as recommendations were brought in for more extensive work for the coming year. All of us realized that much ground was lost by the omission of the usual summer school this year so, to make up for it, we decided to hold summer school for workers early in January. I was not able to do regular touring during the summer months but visited the nearby villages in the evenings, holding meetings with the Christians who have been left without instruction. In one place we found the young people were gathering together themselves in the evenings for song service and prayer. They beg for a teacher to be sent to them, but we cannot comply with the request.

In another village the young men have taken things into their own hands and intend to have a teacher at any cost. The site
selected for the teacher's house is where some Hindu temples stand signs of their former heathenism. These are to be demolished and walls built with the stones. These young men are very zealous; every evening they gather the crowd together for song service and prayer, which they direct themselves.

The work in the dispensary has gone forward. Many maternity cases were conducted. Women from different casts have come, some times earlier than necessary because they liked the environment, have camped here at the same time, drawn water from the same well, and visited and enjoyed each other's company. They were interested in the Bible pictures on the wall, depicting Christ's compassion on the sick.

Immediately after the rains I toured over the greater part of the district, and inspected some of the schools. The workers had made good use of the flower seeds that were given to them, so all of them had beautiful flower gardens. People from other parts of the village would come to see the flowers, and all of them have secured seeds so they too may have gardens of their own.

While on tour the early part of the evenings was given to preaching to the high caste people, invariably by invitation, at the public court house, or in a private court yard. The message was always received with interest from beginning to end, and the invitation was given for us to come again.

Once a special campaign was held for reaching the high caste people in and around Ekele. Everywhere the people attended in crowds, sometimes the entire village turning out. They listened with interest, asked questions for information, bought Scripture portions, and every place they asked us to come again. There was much conviction of sin, and many expressed their desire to live better lives but did not know how. It was very evident that they are heart hungry, are tired of following a form of religion that does not satisfy.

I am indeed thankful for the Mission House which is so conveniently located. It has become a real community center, the dispensary adding much value in service. Zenana women come in groups, sometimes for medicine, but very often to spend a few hours of freedom and fresh air. Christians passing by stop to eat their lunches and to visit. Young men come with their books and slates for lessons, older people come just to talk and to hear the gramaphone. Women who have had their babies here come to show how well the babies are growing. All this makes life very busy and interesting.

While on tour regular meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life of the Christians were held. Although it was harvest time, yet the people attended well and listened attentively to the
message of “Christ of Cavalry”, which was the theme throughout. I heard women telling absent members of the family of Christ’s sufferings.

I take this opportunity of thanking the friends on the other side who are doing their share in giving the “Good Tidings” to the people of this land. The Bible women also send greetings to those who support this work.

HYDERABAD HINDUSTANI DISTRICT

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... GLADYS M. WEBB.

“I longed to fight the battles of my King,
Lift high His standard in the thickest fight,
But my great Captain bade me wait———”

In such words I may well summarize this my first year in the Hindustani Evangelistic work. My heart has been with the other workers in the zenanas and day schools, and I have longed to join them, but it seemed to be the will of my Captain that I tarry behind the lines until I became better prepared for more active service. I have done the office work and general supervision, and spent the major part of my time in the study of Urdu. For until I can speak and understand the language, I cannot expect to do much either in the homes or in the schools, were both teachers and pupils speak only Urdu.

The active work has gone on through the efforts of my faithful assistants—the Misses Smith, Miss Fallon, and Mrs. D. Datt. Just how much has been accomplished during the year would be a difficult question to answer. All Moslem work is slow in producing outward results. We do find, however, many evidences of an increasing tolerance of and interest in Christianity. We believe that God is touching the hearts of Mohammedans in this great city of Hyderabad, and that in the future we shall see many more definite results of our labors in spreading His gospel.

Miss Mary Smith, who visits and teaches in about forty zenanas, gives the following report: “There continues a spirit of inquiry in the people amongst whom we work. They are reading the Scripture; they are looking for something new. They are wondering whether the Christian is satisfied with his faith. Lately I met a woman who said that her father, who is a priest, would appreciate hearing the Christian message. After some days I called on him. He talked for an hour and a half, and the burden of his talk was the apparent restlessness of people in the West, their readiness to accept any new faith, the great number
of denominations, etc. But he admitted that some of his ideas were wrong, and concluded, 'I would give up my faith if it were proved that the faith of Abraham was the same as that of Jesus Christ'. Another man whose daughters and nieces have been studying for a long time read an article stating that the Gospel of Mark does not exist, only the translation, and became very indignant because his daughters were being taught such 'unreliable' books. He later repented of his harsh words, however, so we are still teaching them'.

During this year we have conducted four schools for Mohammedan girls, and one for Marathi Hindu children. The total enrolment in these five schools was 158, and the attendance has been good. Sunday Schools have been held regularly in all the schools, to which most of the children came bringing their meagre offerings. They seem never to tire of telling the Bible stories and singing the Christian lyrics they have learned. Miss Fallon also conducts a Sunday School for sweepers' children in Sultan Shahi.

Miss Charlotte Smith has taught and supervised in four day schools, and in a few homes where the young girls have had no chance of learning. In September one of our teachers died and she and Mrs. Datt carried that extra work until another teacher was employed. Miss Smith writes: "The brother of two of the girls whom I teach told me that they were people of old ideas, but since there is such a change in the economic and social life of the world, he thought that his sisters and wife should learn something. Addressing his sisters he said, 'This memsahib is very simple in attire and her hair is not cut; I would like her to teach you.' After this introduction I was taken to see their sick father, who also made an effort to tell me that he wanted them taught. A few months ago one of our old pupils died of cholera. Before she became ill she pleaded with her husband to allow her to visit the school and her old teachers who, she said, had done so much for her, but her request was not granted, though only a wall divided her house from the school". So lacking in freedom is the life of some of our women.

Miss Fallon writes: "So little we can give and yet so much in the great truths of the Gospel. In one home the folk had let part of their house, and of course, there was the inevitable purdah. Through this purdah, which was the worse for wear, I could see a man whipping an evil spirit out of a poor insane woman. The mother was pleading for her daughter, but to no avail. It was heart-rending, and yet, according to the non-Christian mind, such things ought to be done. Not all of our experiences are so disheartening, however. Only last month quite an educated Mohammedan woman of rather high position asked me to explain why we called Christ the 'Son of God'. When I did and put before her His purity,
love and power she said, ‘Now I too can call Him Son of God! One man said that he did not know how to celebrate Christmas because he knew so little about the Christian religion. I asked him if he knew that Christ died for him and he answered, “No doubt He died for the salvation of all”. Such expressions from the lips of these people make our hearts glad”.

To all of you who have given such loyal support to this work through the years, we wish to express our gratitude. And we ask that you will pray for us as we attempt to carry out some of our plans and ambitions for the coming year.

HYDERABAD TELUGU DISTRICT

Stanley Girls’ High School.

Principal ........................................... ELIZABETH J. WELLS
Vice-Principal ..................................... EDITH DELIMA

‘Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men.”

How many times during the past year we have had occasion to exult in God’s goodness to us and in his guidance! We praise that His presence has been more real as the burdens have pressed more heavily; that His promises have been more precious as they proved to be our only way of escape; and that His love has been sweeter as the disappointments and sorrows have driven us closer to His side for refuge.

The roof of the Primary Department—which was in reality a dilapidated bungalow—gave us a surprise by collapsing suddenly. We had often looked at its old and termite-eaten timbers and shaken our heads dolefully saying, “Something must be done about it”. But knowing the emptiness of our exchequer, we hoped it would stay up a while longer until better days come. In March the Chief Inspectress of Schools had observed the condition of the roof, and had written stern remarks about it in her report, but she, too, knew we could not afford a new one together with all the other alterations and repairs which would be involved when once work was begun. School closed in April, the children went home and the doors were locked. Five days later a shower of rain fell and with it the roof also fell. Necessity had forced the repairs upon us. We did the work thoroughly, taking out partition walls to make larger class rooms, extending the assembly hall and adding a platform, inserting windows, doors and ventilators and building on two large verandahs, together with an office for the teachers. Now we have a commodious, light and airy school house which is both convenient and beautiful. Already the trials attendant upon its building have sunk into insignificance, and
we hope soon to be able to forget the expense which up to this time has not been fully met. The house was dedicated on August the second, Nawab Zoolcader Jung, Secretary of the Home and Judicial Department of H. E. H. the Nizam's Government being in the chair. The Primary Department furnished the program. It was a very happy occasion.

The results of the Government High School examination were better this year, nine girls having received certificates. Of these four have joined colleges for further study, two are teaching, one has married and the two others are continuing their work. Three former pupils—Seromony Moses, Mary Lyman, and Prakashama Andrew—completed their Normal Training in March, and have joined the staff of their Alma Mater. They are doing splendid work as teachers. In April Chanda Christdas passed with high marks her B. Sc. examination and is now an assistant professor of Chemistry in the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, while Kamala Andrew Daniel finished her medical course in Ludhiana and is at present working in the same school as Demonstrator of Medicine.

I recently had occasion to check upon the partial roll of our former students and found that fifteen are lady doctors, nine others are studying in medical colleges, eleven are college graduates, twelve are now in Arts Colleges, nineteen are High School, Normal trained teachers with six more who will soon complete their training, while a great host of untrained High School young women are serving as teachers in the schools of the city and of the districts.

Recently in visiting a hospital in company with some of our students, we met a former class-mate. Immediately a most animated re-union began and I over-heard the remark, "Stanley girls are always so happy to get together again". The loyalty of our former students and friends is very gratifying. When our building work was in process, the matter of suitable and sufficient furniture for the Primary Department weighed heavily upon us. A letter stating the needs was sent to our alumnae and patrons and brought in gifts ranging from one to sixty rupees, and aggregating a total of five hundred and twenty-five. Thus already fifty-one of our little students have new chairs and desks, and the headmistress has a new table for her office. Several other pieces of furniture are yet to be made with the balance in this fund.

Mrs. Charles Cornelius very kindly sent two dozen new blankets to be given to the students who cannot buy for themselves. These give the girls a very warm feeling toward their benefactress. A Mohammedan official has twice sent money for much needed new books for the school library, while a devout lady in America has recently made it possible for us to get a supply of new Bibles to be distributed at Christmas.
Miss DeLima, with a bus load of teachers and girls, continues the Social Service work in the three former centers, while plans have just been framed for undertaking similar efforts in a bazar section of the city which is very near the school.

Early in March the teachers made an excursion, ninety miles by bus, to see the Nizamsagar reservoir and dam which was recently completed by His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government. It cost a vast sum of money and required several years to construct. But great tracts of land, hitherto arid and barren, are now fertile fields, fruitful orchards and luxuriant gardens, because of these waters. So, also, in India the Water of Life has reached many hearts that seemed stony and sterile and has caused them to bear a rich harvest far beyond human expectations. God grant that we may always be channels to bear this great gift to the thirsty ones!

To those consecrated, loyal and faithful friends who have not counted their comforts as dear unto themselves, but have sacrificed so much in order that the Master's little ones in this and other schools might have a chance to know Him; to those who have interceded for us at the Throne of Grace; and to all who have in any way helped forward the work of the Kingdom in these parts, we render our humble sincere gratitude.

"But still with honest purpose toil we on;
And if our steps be upright, straight, and true,
Far in the east a golden light shall dawn,
And the bright smile of God come bursting through".

TELUGU EVANGELISTIC WORK

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... MRS. G. B. GARDEN

St. Paul must have been very familiar with much the same sort of situation that we face in district work here in India when he wrote those words to the Corinthians, "Now there are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are diversities of ministrations but the same Lord".

Very unexpectedly one day we dropped in to see the work of Grace, a young woman who is so crippled by infantile paralysis that she could not complete the nurses' training course which she started after completing third form. "What can an untrained cripple girl like that do in a village", I said to myself. I found my answer as I walked up to the tiny house in the village where Grace lives. It was about ten o'clock in the morning, but gathered in front of her village home were half a dozen women carrying babies with sore eyes. There was a little girl whose leg had just been bandaged, and there were several cases of children covered with itch. To my amazement, Grace was treating them. After an hour or so of visiting in the homes I said to the women, "Shall
I take Grace away?" "Oh no! Who will take care of us when we are sick if you take her away?" So I left my little cripple in her village and thanked God for the work she was doing.

Another day I called on Ruby. I had been to visit her school, and was very much discouraged because it was far from first class. When I arrived on this particular day she welcomed me into her spotless mud-walled home. She herself was as neat as though she had especially prepared herself for my visit. I complimented her on her clean, neat house and her attractive appearance. Her face lit up. "Won't you come and see the homes of the village people, too? I have tried to get all the Christian women to keep their houses clean and give their children baths every day. We have very few cases of itch among the children of this village. Come and see!" And so I left her village saying, "She may not be a teacher, but what a splendid pastor's wife she is."

And then there is Rebecca. She has never studied beyond third form, neither has her husband. Now what kind of a school could people so nearly illiterate have? Well we just would not expect too much, then we wouldn't be disappointed. So we sat down on a mat on the ground to sit through two hours of night school, where fifteen children were gathered in a circle around the light of a Deitz lantern. The sky overhead was the roof of the schoolhouse, and the walls were made of whitewashed mud. Imagine our surprise when the entire devotional period—Bible reading, praying, singing—was done by the children. Nine people in this village can read the Bible. As many more can and do lead in prayer. The entire congregation, not only the children, can repeat the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer. Children are studying in the first four grades. Shall I dismiss Rebecca because she does not have high qualifications? God brings in His Kingdom, which is a kingdom of loving hearts, by means of consecrated hearts in men and women.

SIRONCHA DISTRICT

Frances C. Davis School.

Missionary ... ... ... GAIL PATTERSON

At the close of six years in Sironcha it is rather natural to want to take stock and see what has been accomplished, what dreams have come true and what dreams have failed to materialize, and what has been the advance in the physical, intellectual, and spiritual lives of our girls.

Dr. Dodd thinks the health of the girls has improved very much. One of our girls, after two years in high school, took a laboratory technicians' course, and now makes various kinds of
tests. The girls are examined for malaria, hookworm, syphilis, etc. Careful care and diet through the years has built up the physique of many of the handicapped ones.

The boarding has seen many changes. Stone floors have replaced badly broken cement ones. We have a septic tank, and the bath-room has been reconditioned so that more girls can bathe at a time. That means more frequent bathing. Four years ago Miss Low built a new kitchen, and started the family system of cooking and working. The girls like it and it has been continued. More abundant supplies of fruit are being raised, and water was piped to the orchard, enabling us to plant many new trees. Walls have been built around the fields in place of outside bamboo fences, and hedges started to replace the inside ones.

We dreamed of supplying trained workers enough to fill places in the medical, school, and evangelistic work. In the six years eight of the pupils and teachers have gone for teacher training, eleven for high school, eighteen for nurses training, two for sewing, and one for Bible training. We have had three senior and three junior nurses pass this year. The hospital has all the trained help it can afford, but there is not yet a supply of trained nurses for village work. Our nurses do not stay unmarried long, but they have not married village workers.

Our staff has changed greatly. With a few exceptions, especially Ada Luke who gave efficient, consecrated service for one year after I came, the first half of my term was filled with a succession of rapidly changing, inefficient teachers. Now all of our teachers are trained but one, and we have a girl in training for the place. Our lowest qualified are Middle School and trained, while three have had high school plus training. We are getting a staff of which we can be justly proud.

The largest lack has been in village workers. Sending so many girls for training has temporarily lessened the supply, but we hope that stage will soon be over. However, we can only train girls; we cannot guarantee that they will marry village workers. To increase the supply we started a one-year Normal Training Class with ten pupils. Their progress has been very encouraging. Our Headmaster is enthusiastic about village uplift work and we believe his enthusiasm will be contagious. Cottage industries are being taught to the girls so they can help the people in the villages to use their spare time in earning a few extra pice to relieve their awful poverty.

There has been a sharp decrease in the number of overtimers in our school. Six years ago there were still many famine orphans enrolled. They had had a poor start, and their presence in the school had a bad effect on others. Six years ago there was not a single
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girl in Middle School who had passed every year. Now we have some in every class from first to sixth.

Six years ago there was an active girl guide organization. Two years ago it died out for lack of a leader, but it has been revived this year. The girls who were too old for Girl Guides have been organized as Rangers.

The number of books in our library has trebled, and a new bookcase has been built for them. There is a plan for circulating magazines among the teachers so they are read regularly. Dr. Dodd has contributed "Hygiea" and "International Journal of Religious Education". I have contributed some and the school buys others.

Six years ago we had many girls who were difficult to control. The number has been steadily lessened, and we have very few now who can be called troublesome girls. We very seldom find any attempt to cheat in school work or examinations, and there has been a gain in truthfulness and obedience. These are the practical tests by which we measure the piety of our girls. We believe they are growing in grace and knowledge of Him.

SIRONCHA EVANGELISTIC WORK

Missionaries ........................................ ADAM LAUCK
............................................... NELL F. NAILOR
This year has been a peculiar one both in circumstances and opportunity; yes, and in results. All out-stations in this vast district have been visited several times. People have been accessible and even eager as never before. There is increased co-operation between village leaders and Christian workers in most centers of the district. This indicates the changing current of thought, due to all the past years of evangelism. The response of the people, though they have not accepted Christ, shows that they have not rejected Him. They gather readily for meetings, and sometimes this year crowds of fifteen hundred have been present. This is astonishing in an area where villages, as here, are scattered through the jungle. Formerly people came for medicine, showing little desire to hear the Gospel message; now many are as ready to receive teaching as medicine. Mr. Samson's spiritual and spirited messages and lantern lectures have helped greatly towards this end.

Serious illness among the workers, not even sparing District Superintendent and missionaries, was due in part to an enforced tour to a distant part of the district in the heavy rains, when swollen and bridgeless rivers, all but impassable roads, and drenching rains had to be negotiated in small ox-carts with bamboo
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mat covers. These illnesses interfered with some of the shorter tours planned for the rainy season; nevertheless, all stations of the Mission were visited before District Conference. There have been 121 baptisms during the year.

The villages are asking for more teachers than can be supplied. The common people are beginning to realize the advantages of some education. In this remote region government schools are few; herein lies an opportunity, an obligation, and an advantage over more urban conditions, because it is remote.

Where there is a school in the village it now becomes the rallying point for the villagers, taking the place of the patel's house, where they formerly gathered. At the Mission's District School Rally, held in Sironcha for four days, ten schools were represented. From one school fifty miles away two of the local School Committee came, and from another four. This was a very enthusiastic occasion. Such a rally is to be a permanent feature of our educational policy. We hope for more teachers trained for village work, and for more definite and extended interest in rural uplift activities initiated by the C. P. Government, and with which the Mission is co-operating in Sironcha. We have opened two schools and employed two more trained teachers.

To strengthen the observance of Christian festivals, Bible messages in Telugu suitable for Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving, have been printed and pasted on the backs of beautiful picture cards sent from America. All village workers have been supplied for distribution to the Christians, school children, and inquirers. Temperance texts also are prepared for distribution to all Government schools, as well as mission schools.

The intimate relationship between educational and medical work and the evangelistic missionary's message is illustrated in the following story: A missionary needed logs. While she was selecting them, in a village where we had no work, moans from the patel's house and shrieks as for the dead sent her to investigate. Her visit and medicine resulted in saving the patel's life and his remaining eye. Gratitude stirred the interest of the villagers, and thirty of them petitioned for a teacher, that their children might learn to read "the Christians' Book". That was six years ago. For health reasons we have had to remove the teacher from this village. The patel has recently died. His young son, who learned in our school, has gone to another village and voluntarily undertaken to teach the children in return for his food and—if they are able to pay it—Rs. 2 a month in coin or in grain. We hope this will show the way to some of our Christian boys, who have had some education but cannot go on to higher school, and are out of employment. In that same village another man came to buy slates and books that his children might go on
with their lessons by themselves, even though the teacher has been taken away. Education self-propagated in a small way.

We acknowledge with thanksgiving our Father's hand in protecting, and even defending, life on a number of occasions this year. It has deepened our consciousness that God is with us, and we can safely entrust all things to Him. His is the harvest-field, and He must send the laborers; ours to “pray the Lord of the harvest”—so the responsibility is ours after all. We pray that the laborers may be of His choosing, not ours.

The loyalty, courage and faith of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society leaders to their accepted responsibilities has inspired and touched us very deeply.

CLASON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND DORCAS BABY HOME.

Superintendent ........................................... STELLA L. DODD, M.D.

In many respects the past year has been most difficult and disappointing. Financial stresses, sin in high places, unfaithfulness in those whom we trusted, over-work due to a reduced staff, anxiety over an approaching furlough with no one at hand to take over the work, have all contributed to make us physically below par. So we welcome a change, while at the same time we desperately long to hold on a bit longer.

Our in-patient work has again fallen off a bit due to decreased numbers in the schools. Maternity work has been the highest in our history. Two babies have made us especially happy. One girl of three and a half pounds looked like a weazened monkey. Imagine our surprise when her mother, who used to be one of our attendants, brought her in a few days ago and she tipped the scales at fifteen pounds though only eight months old—proof that it is wise to select a trained mother. A sick mother's wee man weighed only two and half pounds when he was five weeks old, but has now climbed up to eleven. His mother and grandfather are ready to worship us for saving him.

A severe epidemic of measles in the midst of a most extreme hot season gave us many anxious weary hours, for we had to be nurse as well as doctor. All the babies and several other small children had them. Our bonnie twins who had never been sick before succumbed to complications following the measles, and our wee Rose just seemed to wilt away with the heat—a darling bud to blossom in the heavenly garden.

Dispensary work, as usual, has been our big job, the number of treatments again reaching over thirty thousand. Our out-calls
numbered about four hundred. But district work has been almost untouched. We just cannot be in two places at once, and our staff has been inadequate for the work here. We have been assured that we could get Government aid if we would take up leprosy work in and near Chinnur, but we just cannot do it when we have no assistant and each trip means almost two days out of the station.

Our student nurses are keeping up their good records. Thara passed her Government examinations with distinction, and returned to us in June. Word has just reached us that Ruth has passed her junior and Kanimama and Piari their senior examinations. Would it not be wonderful if we could add them all to our staff?

The heat killed many of our papaya trees, and the bananas just dried to the ground before the fruit matured—though we had eaten a lot before the heat came. The orange trees did not even blossom. Of course the rains brought up new trees so there is promise of fruit later on. But the watermelons have made us smile, and the roselle and sweet potatoes are the finest ever.

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Our Baby Home is now almost empty, as we wanted it to be when we must leave. Dona, Bangaram and Christine have been promoted to the Boarding School. Kamala went to Hyderabad to a babyless home, and how they do love her. Dear roly-poly laughing Lois will go to another home in Hyderabad as we go out to Conference. A little girl, whose own life was saved in the Baby Home a few years ago when her mother was sick, wanted a little sister, so Martha found a nice home but still comes to us for the day. Sukanthala, who used to help care for the babies before she married, lost her little son at birth while I was away. She asked for a new baby that Nurse Sarah had admitted, but it, too, slipped away. On my return she asked for Velma who was ten months old, but was the smallest we had. Velma had already been promised, but the woman who was to have her said, "I still have a son but Sukanthala has just lost two sons, so let her have Velma." So out in a village surrounded by non-Christians, Velma is growing fat, being loved and cared for as a baby should be. Florence attracts many by her merry chatter, but Ada and Manora extracted a promise that they might keep her for their own little sister, so she has not been given away. We have had several requests for babies that we have not been able to supply.

In a few more days I shall be leaving Sironcha for a new and untried venture in tablet making—in order to keep an institution going while another doctor has a furlough—then to America, but my heart will be in Sironcha. I leave with a heartache because the fate of our work here still hangs in the balance.

We again wish to express our gratitude to you who have upheld us with your love, your gifts and your prayers.
As I begin this, my last report for my fourth term of service in India, I can scarcely refrain from looking back over the twenty-eight years which have slipped away since I first came to this land. Volumes might be written, comparing the then and the now, of those who were then sowing the seed but have now gone to the glory-land, of those who were then in the ranks but are now on the retired list, of others, who were then young but now face retirement a few years hence. Just now, however, we are looking back only on the year 1934, taking notes of how it points to the future, and the new signs of victory.

The first two months of this year were spent in an intensive campaign. The Bible Women stayed at home and cared for the schools and the home congregations, while District Superintendent, the lady missionary and the preachers divided the district into sections and were to visit all of our 556 villages, Christian and non-Christian, although we really reached only 316. Neglected congregations were to be revived and the gospel preached among the caste people.

D — was, years ago, one of our mission stations. A preacher was living there and he had a fairly good school. But his wife died and he was transferred. His successor failed to meet the situation, the people lost interest, and for many years the place had received only occasional visits from a preacher of another village. The house had fallen and the place was really a "deserted village". During the last cold season plague had broken out among them and the people had moved out into huts. It was a lovely bright morning when we drove up to the place and were directed to the huts of the Christians. They were near the shore of a large tank, and we found a camping place among some beautiful trees nearby. It had been a long time since an automobile and a white woman had visited them, so the children poured out of their encampment like so many flies and quickly surrounded us. There were children in all stages of dress and undress; the small boy arrayed only in the string around his waist and the tuft of sacred hair waving comically from the back of his head, the little girl with only a wisp of cloth about her and her head looking as if it had never made the acquaintance of a comb, the child lugging on his hip a brother or sister nearly as large as himself. They asked all kinds of questions, but chiefly about the motor car. After a time I wended my way over to the Christians' huts. A young man with a bright intelligent face turned down a cot which had been leaning against a hut, and invited me to sit down. Then several of the grown people gathered around. They said, "What
is this? You leave us all this time without a preacher or teacher”. I answered, “We gave you a preacher, paid his salary and built him a house. You wouldn’t listen to him, nor send your children to his school, and when he went away you let the house fall down. Now we have no money to pay a preacher nor to build him a house”. They replied, “It is true the people in those days did not appreciate what was done for them, but the village leaders of those days are now dead. We young men are now the leaders. We had just a taste at that time, and now we want our children to have a chance. We have a good house we will give where the preacher may live. At our harvest time we will give him such grain as we ourselves eat. We will listen to him and do what he tells us to do, and we will send our children to his school”. That evening when all the people had come in from their fields we called a council meeting and the matter was thoroughly discussed, a paper was drawn up agreeing to the proposals of the morning; and each leader put his thumb mark to the document. Three months later a preacher was found for them. They received him gladly, cleaned up the house for him, and are now glad to have their teacher and their school.

G—is a Kanarese village which had become interested through their Christian relatives in another town. They had been begging for a teacher but one was hard to find, as most of our workers speak only the Telugu language. But they were quite insistant, saying that they would do so much toward his support. Finally we sent a young married couple to them. But as time passed he was not getting the support promised and was having a hard time. The village of B—had been asking for months for a preacher. They offered to build him a house, give him grain, follow his teachings, and send coolies and carts to bring him and his possessions to their village. After talking the matter over, we decided to transfer the preacher from G—to B—. We told him of our decision and sent him out to his village to pack up. He returned home and announced that he was transferred. Then there was great excitement. Finally the people gathered in a council meeting that lasted all night. The result was that their leader was sent to headquarters, as fast as his feet would carry him, with a signed petition for their preacher to be allowed to remain with them. They promised to support him and listen to his word, and if they failed to do so one man promised to pay a fine of Rs. 100, another Rs. 50 and a third Rs. 25. What could we do in the face of this but let their preacher stay on. Other arrangements must be made for B—.

From our standpoint, as we look at the fields, they are ripe unto the harvest. Every village we visit gives promise, not only from the low-caste people, but from others as well. But where are the workers, and where is their support? How can we supply this need? With the lessening of funds from across the seas the
prospect is really dark. But there is another side. We too often
forget that the work is His, and when our plans fail it is because
He has something better. Man's extremity is His opportunity, the
time when He shows His power. What a blessing it is to be
engaged in a work which cannot fail because He is back of it.

As I close the work of this year, it is with a heart full of
gratitude for the privilege of serving here, and a prayer that the
coming year in this district may record a wonderful harvest.

VIKARABAD DISTRICT.
Mary A. Knotts Girls' School.

Missionary .............................................. NELLIE M. LOW.

Just to be engaged in a task that demands all my time, my
talents, my power and more; a task so big that two could give full
time to it, but so challenging, so full of opportunities and
experiences that satisfy, cannot but call forth praise.

Since last June thirty-four new pupils, of whom fourteen are
girls were received in the Primary Department. The twelve boys
who came from Sironcha and joined our Middle School as day
scholars adjusted themselves so quickly to co-education that one
might conclude that they had always attended such a school.

In the reorganization of the work of the school at the
beginning of the new year, more duties were delegated to the
teachers. The heads of the departments prepare the office copy of
the monthly grades, and make up the fee bills for the pupils in
their respective buildings. The office assistants, both full time
teachers, have done a large part of the office work outside of school
hours.

Through experience the girls are learning to become more
independent. Formerly the day on which the girls left the school
to go home for vacation was a very trying one for the missionary,
such was not the case the last time they went. That day the
missionary observed the girls' preparation for going. They left on
trains leaving at five different times of the day. Each girl
brought her own things and placed them on the luggage cart, then
waited until a group was gathered around the cart and the signal
was given to start. What fun it was for the little girls to climb on
the luggage and ride to the station! The older girls rode in the
tonga with the matron who went to buy the tickets and remain
with the girls until their train left. At the station each girl put
her own parcels on the train, and they went away even more
happily than they did when they were given too much care.

The Training School has had a good year. There was a change
of staff last June, but fortunately the two new teachers are
experienced and trained. Their good influence over their students is an encouraging feature of their work.

The new course of study, says the Headmaster, has been found most satisfactory. The advantages of using a vernacular as the medium of instruction are self-evident. The processes of teaching and learning are simplified, and the value of the training of our young people who will enter village work is enhanced. The new books contain information concerning the subject matter to be taught in the Primary school, and methods to be used in connection with the definitely prescribed subject matter. Through the cooperation of the district missionaries, an opportunity was afforded some of the Training School students to go with their teacher to a few district village schools, where they taught and gained a better knowledge of the needs of a village school.

The Training School teachers assisted as instructors in the Summer School held for about one hundred workers of the Hyderabad and Vikarabad Districts. One who attended this school stated that, "The three periods a day of demonstration teaching of primary subjects left an 'I-can-do-that' feeling."

The spiritual tone of the lives of the boys and girls is good. Last Easter the Rev. John Petterson gave a series of messages for our young people when he so vividly depicted the life of Jesus, especially those phases of his life which can be brought to bear upon the experience of boys and girls, that Jesus was made more real, and all were drawn nearer to Him.

Last month twelve of our Training School students and ten of our teachers spent five days at our Conference Epworth League Camp. There were more than one hundred students and teachers in attendance. It was held in a beautiful, quiet place near a large tank. The key-note sounded at the camp was to be like Jesus. Several well-qualified speakers gave those who were there much food for thought. At one assembly meeting when a speaker was telling of Aggrey of Africa, a man who found God, one of our Training School young men was gripped by the facts that Aggrey was a man who had a great love for his own people and his one purpose in life— as to help them. He felt that Aggrey's was an example worthy to be followed.

District Evangelistic and Educational Work.

Missionary ................................................M. KATHRYN METSKER.

What a joy it is to enter new villages and say to those who have never known the love and compassion of Christ, "The Master wishes to come and abide with you always, bringing peace and righteousness, and establishing among you His kingdom of Everlasting Love". This year two such villages have been given
resident pastors, and neither the depression nor the drought has been able to quench our zeal or keep our work from moving forward. Christian ministry to the villages is a creative adventure in character building, preparing citizens to live under changing social conditions, training minds to cope with the problems of life, and building an Indian Church which shall be self-supporting and self-propagating. Vikarabad District presents a challenge to give and to share that which we possess, and also to seek for better equipment that others might enter more abundantly into the fellowship with Christ.

Our goal for the year has been higher standards of living for our village Christians, a more uniform program of worship, regular attendance at church and Sunday School, observance of Christian festivals, better schools and methods of instruction, cleaner surroundings, and above all else, loyalty to Christ and to the church. A fine spirit of co-operation on the part of all district workers has made the goal a little nearer at the close of the year than at the beginning. When Dr. Pickett visited our conference and convinced us, out of his experience, that a proper form of worship was possible in the villages, we began at once to put his suggestions into operation and the results have been very successful. A visitor once remarked that the church service in a certain village which he visited unexpectedly one Sunday morning was as well conducted as one might find in the city. The song book which was printed especially for this district has been very helpful in the program of the church.

In order to keep pace with other parts of India our district has made an increase in the number of Christian weddings this year. Six Christian weddings, where both the contracting parties were of legal age, and six engagements have taken place, showing that the mind of the village Christian is slowly turning in this direction.

While helping in the regular program of the church, our special interest has been centered on village education. Although we have much to attain in future, when we compare our village schools of today with those of a decade ago we can see that advancement has been made, and the signs are hopeful for future progress in rural education. A better qualified personnel has made it possible to raise the standard of our schools, until this year we had eleven young men pass the fourth standard examination, receiving diplomas which entitled them to enter vernacular Middle School. The curriculum and time table have been revised, and suitable text books provided for each school. A college trained assistant has added to the efficiency of the touring party and to the work of the district.

The most important event of the year was the dedication of the new buildings in Kohir, with Bishop Badley and friends from all over the conference in attendance to rejoice with us. Both
church and dispensary are fulfilling the wishes of those who gave of their means that the Gospel of ministry and healing might establish and strengthen the Kingdom of God in Kohir.

A friend in the homeland has given funds for the erection of a new church in Momimpet. We expected to start the building during the rainy season, but being unable to secure a title to the land we have been delayed.

We have cause to rejoice over the increased friendliness of the caste community throughout the district. More of their children attend our schools and caste distinction seems to be on the decrease.

With gratitude and thanks to Him who has made one family of the peoples of the world, with courage unabated, we look towards a new future when the Kingdom of Love shall be established in Vikarabad District.
### General Statistics for Hyderabad Conference

*For the year ending June 30th, 1984*

#### Summary

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#### Women in the Church

- **Christian**
- **Non-Christian**

#### Bible Institutes, Training Classes and Summer Schools

- **Number of Missionaries**
- **Indigenous Teachers**
- **Enrolment**
- **Number of Bible Schools and Classes for Children**
- **Average Attendance**

### Methodist Responsibility

- 400,000
- 200,000
- 383,000
- 75,000
- 250,000
- 1,560,000
Statistics for Medical Work in Schools and Districts Hyderabad Conference

For the Conference year ending June 30th, 1934.

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For the year ending

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Ninth Annual Report of the
Clason Memorial Hospital

Medical Report for the year ending June 30th, 1984.

1. Staff:
   (1) Missionary Doctor—Miss Stella L. Dodd, M.D.
   (2) Other foreign workers—0.
   (3) (a) Native doctors, 1; (b) Native nurses, 3; (c) Other workers, 6; Total staff, 11.

2. Hospital:
   (1) No. of beds ... ... 30
   (2) No. of in-patients ... ... 324
   (3) No. of patient days ... ... 7,631
   (4) Average days per patient ... ... 24
   (5) No. of major operations ... ... 8
   (6) No. of minor operations ... ... 5
   (7) Obstetrical cases in the hospital ... ... 15

3. Out-Patients:
   (1) Obstetrical cases ... ... 7
   (2) First visits ... ... 67
   (3) Return visits ... ... 198
   (4) Number of itinerary treatments ... ... 519
   (5) Total out-patient treatments ... ... 784

4. Dispensary:
   (1) First calls ... ... 5,697
   (2) Return calls ... ... 22,344
   (3) Total dispensary treatments ... ... 28,041
   (4) No. of minor operations ... ... 7
   (5) No. of preventives inoculations ... ... 0

5. Property:
   (1) Land-extent in acres ... ... 1½
   (2) Number of buildings ... ... 7
6. Income:—

(1) From hospital patients  ...  ...  565
(2) From dispensary patients  ...  488
(3) From outside patients  ...  ...  227
(4) Appropriations  ...  ...  3,874
(5) Government subsidies  ...  ...  0
(6) Sale of drugs and supplies  ...  430
(7) Other sources:—
    (a) Foreigners  ...  ...  132
    (b) Nationals  ...  ...  23
    (c) Miscellaneous  ...  ...  1,147
(8) Total income  ...  ...  6,886

7. Expenditures:—

(1) Salaries and wages  ...  ...  2,080
(2) Drugs and supplies  ...  1,722
(3) General upkeep (including food, water, light, etc.)  ...  1,763
(4) Repairs  ...  ...  276
(5) Other expenses (including motor)  ...  889
    Total expenses  ...  ...  6,936