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WOMEN’S APPOINTMENTS.

BIDAR DISTRICT.

Bidar Girls’ School:
Principal, until June 1st..................................................Mrs. Ernsberger.
Principal, after June 1st..................................................Miss Ada Luke.
Superintendent of the Hostel, and Headmistress of the
Primary Department, after June 1st....................Miss Minnie Huibregtse.
On Language Study, until June 1st.................Miss Minnie Huibregtse.
Evangelistic and Village School Work.......................Mrs. Ross.
District Medical Work..............................................Dr. Elizabeth Shanthappa.

EKELE DISTRICT.

District Work..............................................................Mrs. Jottappa Jacob.
Evangelistic and Village School Work.............Miss Ruth Partridge.
Conference Vocational School.........................Miss Ruth Partridge.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT.

District Evangelistic and Village School Work...............Miss N. M. Low.
Stanley Girls’ High School, Principal..............Miss Edith DeLima.
Stanley Girls’ High School, Vice-Principal
and Hostel..........................................................Miss Margaret Morgan.
Boys’ High School Hostel, until April 15th............Mrs. G. B. Garden.

HYDERABAD HINDUSTANI DISTRICT.

District Work..............................................................Mrs. Samuel Datt.
Zenana Work and Schools.................................Miss Gladys Webb.

NARAYANPET DISTRICT.

District Work..............................................................Mrs. O. David.
Evangelistic and School Work.............................Miss M. Simonds.

TANDUR DISTRICT.

District Work..............................................................Mrs. N. E. Samson.
Evangelistic and School Work.............................Miss Anna Harrod.

VIKARABAD DISTRICT.

District Work..............................................................Mrs. John Patterson.
Evangelistic and Village Schools.........................Miss Lillian Woodbridge.
Co-Educational School Principal, until June 15th.....Miss Mabel Morgan.
Girls’ School Hostel and Training School Principal..Miss Mabel Morgan.
Crawford Boys’ School Hostel...............................Mrs. John Patterson.
Crawford Memorial Hospital.............................Mrs. Canaran & Mrs. Patterson.

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS.

On leave for Language Study. (Telugu Language) Miss Maxine Coleman.
On Furlough in America:—Miss K. Metsker, Miss E. J. Wells,
Mrs. Ernsberger (after June 1st.)
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1939.

Hyderabad Women's Conference.

OFFICERS.

President: Mrs. G. B. Garden, Hyderabad.
Vice-Presidents: Mrs. M. C. Ernsberger, Bidar; Mrs. J. Patterson, Vikarabad.
Secretary: Miss L. Woodbridge, Vikarabad.
Assistant Secretary: Miss G. Webb, Hyderabad.
Statistical Secretary: Miss Simonds, Tandur.
Registrar: Miss A. Harrod, Tandur.
Historian: Miss R. A. Partridge, Ekele.

COMMITTEES.

Field Reference Committee.
Miss E. L. Whiting, Central Treasurer; Miss Gladys Webb, Field Correspondent; Miss DeLima, Miss Simonds, Miss Harrod, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss Low. Alternates: Miss Partridge, Miss Huibregtse.

Field Property Committee.
Miss Simonds, Miss Partridge, Miss Harrod, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss Margaret Morgan.

* Editing and Publishing Committee.
Miss DeLima, Miss Woodbridge, Miss Webb.

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

* Eckford Rest Home Committee.
Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss N. Low.

Credentials Committee.
The Field Reference Committee.

* House Furnishing Committee.
Miss Partridge, Miss Luke, Miss Huibregtse.

* Audit Committee.
Miss Mabel Morgan, with power to co-opt one from each station.

* Program Committee.
Mrs. Ross, Miss Huibregtse, Miss Luke, Dr. Mrs. Shanthappa.

* Conference Literature Committee.
Miss DeLima, Miss Coleman, Miss Luke, Miss P. Andrew.
* Evangelistic Committee.
Miss Harrod and all Evangelistic workers.

* Nominating Committee.
Miss Mabel Morgan, Mrs. O. David, Mrs. M. D. Ross, Mrs. J. Patterson.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES.

* All-India Literature Committee............................Miss E. DeLima.
* Blackstone Missionary Institute at Muttra....................Miss Webb.
* Union Medical College, Vellore.............................Dr. E. Shanthappa.
  Alternate..................................Mrs. M. D. Ross.
* Woman's Christian College, Madras........................Miss C. Christdas.
* St. Christopher's Teachers' College........................Miss C. Christdas.

Note:— Only Committees and Special Representatives marked * are nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Women's Conference.

HYDERABAD CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Boards of Christian Education:—
Mr. J. Patterson, Chairman: Miss Luke, Secretary: Mr. O. David, Mrs. M. D. Ross, Mr. N. E. Samson, Mr. P. Y. Rathnam, Mr. G. Sunderam, Miss E. DeLima, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss R. Partridge, Miss M. Simonds, Miss M. Huibregtse, Mr. K. V. Moses.

India Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society:—
Miss A. Luke, Miss L. Woodbridge, Mr. T. Devapriam, Mr. L. B. Jonathan, Mr. K. A. Joseph, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. O. Joshua, Miss P. Andrew, Mr. J. Lyman.

JOINT COMMITTEES.

STATE OF THE CHURCH:—
Mr. M. D. Ross, Mr. D. Gabriel, Mr. O. David, Mr. K. A. Joseph, Miss N. Low, Miss A. Harrod, Mr. O. Joshua, Mrs. Patterson.

(1) Caste Convention:— Mr. O. David, Mr. D. Gabriel.
(2) Social Service:— Miss E. DeLima, Mrs. J. Patterson, Mr. K. A. Joseph, Mr. E. Jacob.
(3) Aggressive Evangelism:— Mr. M. D. Ross, Miss A. Harrod, Miss Low, Mr. A. L. Plowman, Mr. G. John.

MEMOIRS:—
Mrs. O. David, Mr. B. J. Lyman, Mrs. Patterson.
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RESOLUTIONS:—
Miss G. Webb, Miss A. Luke, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Jacob.

BUILDINGS:—
Mr. J. Patterson, Mr. M. D. Ross, Mr. N. E. Samson, Miss Partridge, Miss Margaret Morgan.

MEDICAL WORK:—
Dr. B. V. Canaran, Dr. O. Shanthappa, Dr. E. Shanthappa, Mrs. M. D. Ross, Mr. P. Ashirvadam.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE:—
Miss E. DeLima, Miss Coleman, Miss Christdas, Mr. O. David, Mr. P. Y. Rathnam, Mr. A. Jude.

MOSLEM WORK:—
Mr. S. Patt, Mrs. M. David, Mr. N. E. Samson, Miss G. Webb, Mr. A. L. Plowman.

NOMINATIONS:—
Miss Mabel Morgan, Mr. O. David, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Ross, Mr. J. R. Luke, Miss C. Christdas.
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Hyderabad Women’s Conference
13th Annual Session
Hyderabad, Deccan.
November 23—28, 1938.

Opening:— The opening meeting of the 13th Session of the Hyderabad Women’s Conference was held in Stanley School drawing room at 4 p. m., November 23rd. Mrs. Ross led the devotions, bringing a very inspiring message.

Roll Call:— The roll was called by the Secretary and the following members responded: Miss DeLima, Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Garden, Mrs. O. David, Miss Harrod, Miss Huibregtse, Miss Low, Miss Luke, Mrs. McEldowney, Miss Mabel Morgan, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Partridge, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Ross, Dr. Shanthappa, Miss Simonds, Miss Smith, Mrs. Sunderam, Miss Webb, Miss Woodbridge.

Organization:— The following were elected as officers for 1938:

- President ... Mrs. Garden ... Hyderabad.
- Vice-Presidents. { Mrs. Ernsberger ... Bidar.
  { Mrs. Patterson ... Vikarabad.
- Secretary ... Miss Woodbridge ... Vikarabad.
- Assistant Secretary. Miss Webb ... Hyderabad.
- Statistical Secretary. Miss Simonds ... Tandur.
- Registrar ... Miss Harrod ... Tandur.
- Historian ... Miss Partridge ... Ekele.

Greetings:— Miss Whiting our Central Treasurer and Miss Coleman our new Missionary were introduced to the Conference. Mrs. Ross and the Misses Harrod, Huibregtse, Low and Webb were welcomed back from furlough. Miss Simonds brought greetings from Miss Wells. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of greeting to Mrs. Chitambar and the other members of the Conference offered to write to Mrs. Pickett, Miss Wells and Mrs. Parker.

Correspondence:— Correspondence was called for and the Secretary read a letter from the Blackstone Missionary Institute concerning our election of a representative on the Board of Governors.
Order of the Day:— It was voted that the election of Standing Committees, Special Representatives and Delegates to Central Conference and the Andhra Christian Council be made the order of the day immediately after the devotions at the Thursday afternoon session.

Memoirs:— A short Memorial Service was held for Miss Charlotte Smith. Miss Fallon read a memoir to her after which several members of the Conference paid short personal tributes and Miss Webb led in prayer.

Reports:— Miss Whiting, the All-India Treasurer, gave her report which was interesting and inspiring, and Miss Margaret Morgan read the long report of Field Correspondents' meeting in Lucknow. (See Report VIII)

Adjournment:— The meeting adjourned after prayer by Mrs. Sunderam.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session of the Women's Conference met at 1 p.m. on November 24. The devotions were led by the President, Mrs. Garden. The Scripture lesson was read by Miss Harrod, and Miss Whiting led in prayer.

New Members:— Miss Prakasham Andrew was presented by the Credentials Committee for Associate Membership in the Woman's Conference and there followed the beautiful Consecration Service for new members.

The transfer of Mrs. O. David from Associate Membership to Full Membership in the Conference was announced and a rising vote of welcome was accorded her.

Elections:— After the reading and approval of the minutes, the order of the day was called and the Conference proceeded to the election of standing committees, Special Representatives and Delegates. Ballots were cast for Field Correspondent and Miss Webb was declared elected. The members of the Field Reference Committee were elected as follows:— Miss DeLima, Miss Simonds, Miss Harrod, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Mabel Morgan and Miss Low. Alternates: Miss Partridge and Miss Huibregtse.
Women's Missionary Conference

Special Representatives were elected as follows:—

All-India Literature Committee ... Miss DeLima.
Blackstone Missionary Institute, Muttra ... Miss Webb.
Union Medical College, Vellore ... Dr. E. Shanthappa.
Alternate ... Mrs. Ross.
Woman's Christian College ... Miss Christdas.
St. Christophers Teachers' College ... Miss Christdas.

Miss Simonds and Miss Harrod were elected delegates to Andhra Christian Council. Alternates: Miss Margaret Morgan and Miss Low.

Ballots cast for delegates to Central Conference resulted in the election of Mrs. Ernsberger and Miss Simonds, with Miss DeLima and Miss Harrod as alternates.

Reports: — The following reports were read and accepted:—

Union Medical College, Vellore ... Dr. E. Shanthappa.
All-India Literature Committee (See Report I) Miss Mabel Morgan.
Evangelism & Adult Education (See Report II) Miss Simonds.
Woman’s Christian College, Madras .......... Miss Christdas.
St. Christophers Teachers’ College .......... Miss Christdas.
Historian ... (See Report III) ... Miss Partridge.

Miss DeLima gave an interesting report of the Hyderabad Women’s Association for Educational and Social Advancement in which she told of some measures that have been brought about through the efforts of this organization.

Adjournment: — The meeting adjourned after prayer by Miss Christdas.

THIRD SESSION.

The third session of the Conference was opened with devotions led by Miss Whiting.

Transfer of Membership: — The transfer of Mrs. J. Jacob from Associate to Full Membership was announced and she was welcomed by the Conference.
Reports:— The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after which the following reports were read and accepted.

Andhra Christian Council meeting ... Miss Simonds.
Field Reference Committee (See Report IV)... Miss Margaret Morgan.
Field Property Committee (See Report V)... Miss Simonds.
Eckford Rest Home (See Report VI)... Mrs. Ernsberger.
Statistician (See Report VII)... Miss Simonds.

Mrs. Ernsberger reported that all accounts had been audited to the end of October 1938, and bank statements checked.

Miss Partridge reported for the House Furnishing Committee, that no new furniture had been purchased this year.

Adjournment:— After prayer by Mrs. Ernsberger, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. on the following day.

FOURTH SESSION.

The closing session of the Conference opened with devotions led by Mrs. Ernsberger after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports:— The Registrar reported that no one had appeared for the examination.

Miss Margaret Morgan reported for the committee on the organization of Missionary Societies among Christian women. After reading a letter from Miss Ruggles and the Constitution now in use by Societies in the C. P. Conference, the following resolution was presented:

That we organize a Conference Women's Society in Hyderabad Conference whose purpose shall be to co-ordinate the work of the various Women's Societies of the Conference, and that we request the Women's Conference to elect a President for that Society. That we further request each district to elect one representative to serve on the Executive Committee and that other officers such as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its members and that the Executive Committee begin at once to plan a program for the Societies. We recommend that it be our aim to have a Society formed in each district.
Miss Mabel Morgan reported her findings on the joint minutes for Bombay Conference. It was voted that instead of having joint minutes we print the District Superintendents' combined report in our Women's Conference Minutes. It was further voted that the Field Correspondent send each year to the Official Correspondent in America a copy of the Annual Conference Minutes.

The report of the Nominations Committee was read by Miss Christdas and accepted. It was voted that the Program Committee be deleted from the list of Committees.

**Elections:** Miss DeLima was elected as Representative from the Women's Conference to the Woman's Association for Educational and Social Advancement.

Miss Margaret Morgan was elected President of the proposed new Women's Societies for Hyderabad Conference.

**Miscellaneous:** The question of financial help for Dr. Shanthappa, so that she might be relieved for medical inspection of schools, was referred to the Field Reference Committee to see if help might be secured from the Medical Scholarship Fund.

Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Webb and Miss Woodbridge were appointed a committee to select portions from the Field Correspondents' report for printing in the minutes.

**Resolutions:** The following resolutions were read and accepted by standing vote.

That this Conference greatly appreciates Miss Whiting's presence at our sessions. Her keen insight and wide knowledge of all our problems, and her India-wide experience and information have been of great value to us. We thank her very much for her counsel during this Conference and for the constant service she renders to all the women of the Conferences of India year in and year out.

That inasmuch as Mrs. Ernsberger expects to go home to America before our next Conference, we express to her our sincere appreciation of her many years of splendid service in the work of our Conference. Her fearless courage and zeal in the growth and advancement of education for girls will be an inspiration to her successors and to those of us who have been associated with her during her years of service. Our love and prayers go with her.
That we express to Miss Mary Smith our gratitude and appreciation for her long and faithful years of service in the mission and assure her of our continued love and interest in her wherever she may be.

That we thank Mrs. Garden for so graciously presiding over our Women's Conference, and for her efficient help in many ways; and that we extend to her our best wishes for 'bon voyage,' for a pleasant and profitable furlough in America, and for speedy return to Hyderabad Conference.

Adjournment:— After prayer by Mrs. Garden the Conference adjourned.
Report of Committees.

I

ALL-INDIA LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

At the close of last year we had in the bank ... 29 2 5
We owed the All-India Literature Committee ... 143 4 0
The Field Reference Committee instructed Miss Whiting to pay toward this debt the amount we had in the Promotional fund which was ... 110 6 0
Received from the sale of Homecraft books ... 1 4 9
Received from Conference Literature fund ... 2 9 3
Amount in treasury from last year ... 29 2 5

Total Receipts ... 143 6 0
Paid to All-India Literature Committee ... 143 4 0

Leaving a balance in the bank ... 0 2 5

Respectfully submitted,
MABEL MORGAN.

II

EVANGELISM AND ADULT EDUCATION.

In the beginning of 1938 a request was sent from our Field Reference Committee to the All-India Educational Fund for help to establish Circulating Libraries in each of the districts of the Hyderabad Conference. There was granted to us Rs. 200 for this. Since there are six districts in the Conference each received Rs. 33 ½. We now have libraries as follows: Bidar 192 books, Ekeli 90, Tandur and Narayanpett 251 and Vikarabad 183 making a total of 712 books in our Village Circulating Libraries. Among these, are books suitable for both children and Adults, biographical, religious, devotional, stories and general reading.

The work of Adult Education was begun in our conference about the middle of June this year. P. Y. Rathnam, a graduate of Jubbulpore, was appointed to this. He visited the work which had been begun in Medak and Dornakal, studying their methods and then came to us. Since his arrival, he has worked in all of our six summer schools, and has personally started the work in nine villages. There are now 42 villages which are using this method, 229 learning to read and four of these reading the Bible.
The expenses for seven and a half months in 1938 was met by a grant of Rs. 220 from the Finance Committee and Rs. 200 from Bishop Pickett. For the coming year there has been granted from the All-India Educational Fund B. G. Rs. 300 which amounts to H. S. Rs. 348 to help carry on the work. The remaining amount needed Rs. 312 is not yet provided for but we have faith to believe that will come from somewhere for we know the work is His, and He, our Lord and Master is not poor.

Mildred Simonds, Chairman.

III

HISTORY OF HYDERABAD CONFERENCE W. F. M. S.

WORK — From 1935 to 1938.

Roll and Service of Missionaries.

At the close of 1934

Bidar
Mrs. M. C. Ernsberger
Miss M. Huibregtse

Ekele
Miss R. Partridge

Hyderabad
Miss G. Webb
Miss M. Smith
Miss C. Smith
Miss E. J. Wells
Miss E. DeLima

Sironcha
Miss S. L. Dodd, M.D.
Miss N. Naylor
Miss A. J. Lauck
Miss G. Patterson.

Tandur
Miss M. Simonds

Vikarabad
Miss N. Low
Miss M. Metsker

Returned from furlough
Miss Mabel Morgan
Miss Margaret Morgan

At the close of 1938.

Bidar
Mrs. M. C. Ernsberger
Miss Anna Harrod

Ekele
Miss R. Partridge

Hyderabad
Miss G. Webb
Miss Margaret Morgan
Miss E. DeLima
Miss N. Low

Narayanpet
Miss M. Simonds

Tandur
Miss M. Simonds

Vikarabad
Miss Mabel Morgan
Miss L. Woodbridge

Returned from furlough
Miss M. Huibregtse
Miss M. Coleman

(New Missionary)
In spite of a shortage of missionaries and another "cut" in funds from America, we are glad to report decided advance in all departments of work during the past four years. The boarding schools have all reached a high mark of efficiency, and in recognition of this H.E.H. the Nizam's Government has granted many concessions. The rural schools have increased in number and efficiency, due to a better grade of teachers being employed. A unified yearly examination is held in all schools on the districts. Children from caste communities are beginning to attend the mission schools.

Everywhere requests come for teachers and pastors, even from non-Christians. Attention has been given to rural uplift, so that villages are now cleaner wherever there are resident teachers. Better school houses, and dwelling houses with smokeless kitchens have been built. Worship services, carried on with reverence and dignity, have been instituted in all districts. Some advance has been made in eradicating the system of child marriages amongst our Christians. Reports show that more marriages according to Christian rites have been solemnized.

The adult literacy campaign has had a good beginning. Circulating libraries for workers and for semi-literates have been instituted in all the districts, and many village people are forming the habit of reading books.

There is greater co-operation between the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Foreign Missions, so much so that three ladies—Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Simonds, and Miss Margaret Morgan—were appointed to sit with the Cabinet. Three ladies Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss DeLima, and Miss Simonds—were invited to the Men's Finance Committee. Mr. John Patterson was the first man to be elected on the Field Reference Committee, with power to vote.

The pension plan for national workers, which was adopted by the Woman's Conference in 1934, came into effect the following year.

In 1938 the Bishop of the area, Bishop J.W. Pickett, visited all the districts for the first time. Mrs. Otis Moore, the Corresponding Secretary of the Des Moines Branch, who was in India as official representative of the W.F.M.S., visited all the work of the Conference, as well as the work of other missions. Her valuable counsel and her friendship were much appreciated.

BIDAR

Girls' School:—1935-1938, Mrs. M.C. Ernsberger.

The school shows steady progress. It is the pioneer middle school for girls in the Bidar District. In 1935 Kamalamma
Cornelius was the first girl from the school to enter college. She has been head-mistress of the school for the past two years. The enrollment for the year is 222, and the average daily attendance is 184. 70% of the children attending school are from the villages, 20% are children of mission workers, and 10% are non-Christians.

In 1938 the Junior League contributed Rs. 15 toward the travel expenses of Rev. and Mrs. Christian, who were sent out by our India Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society as its first missionaries to Africa. The League also sent a Christmas box to the Bhabua Mission, and five dollars to the Methodist Kindergarten in Nagasaki, Japan.

Through the efforts of Manikyam Kadana, one of the teachers, a Blue Bird Flock in the Government Marathi Girls’ School was registered.

Mrs. Moore, Bishop Pickett, and the Judicial Member of H. E. H. the Nizam’s Government inspected the school in 1938, the year of the thirtieth anniversary of its founding.

Evangelistic Work:—Miss Huibregtse, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Harrod.

On August 17, 1935 Miss Huibregtse and Dr. Elizabeth Shanthappa organized a Women’s Club with a charter membership of twenty-five.

In 1938 Miss Harrod, who went on furlough in 1932, returned, having been detained because of the ill health of her parents. Three new schools were opened by her in that year.

Medical Work:—1935-1938, Dr. Elizabeth Shantappa.

The year 1935 showed an increase, especially in maternity work. At one time there were seven cases in twenty-four hours. Because of the pressing need for more room additional buildings, including a ward for Christian patients, were erected. The same year Dr. Elizabeth Shantappa was elected lay delegate to the General Conference. She was accompanied by her husband to America and after an absence of six months they brought back with them their two months old baby girl.

In 1937 in-patients increased three-fold. This made necessary an increase in staff, and to meet this need training classes for nurses and compounders were opened on a larger scale. One interesting event in 1938 was the birth of two sets of triplets.

The service this hospital renders in and around Bidar is far-reaching. Child welfare work is one of the chief features of the hospital enterprise.
Women’s Missionary Conference

EKELE

Evangelistic:— 1935-1938, Miss R. Partridge.
Six months, Miss Woodbridge.

In 1935 emphasis was placed on strengthening village schools. Three high school graduates were employed as teachers, and the staff was further strengthened by the coming of two girls from Vikarabad Training School as brides for two young men in the work. A circulating library was established for workers and village Christians.

A much needed maternity ward was built with funds donated by officials and merchants in the town. Rs. 500 was also granted by H. E. H. the Nizam’s Government from the Jubilee Funds, for the building of another maternity ward. The building was completed in 1938. At the present time it is occupied by the girls of the Vocational School.

Narsama Kotiah, who for years had been helping the nurse, and who in late years was doing the work herself very efficiently, died rather suddenly in October.

The Christians built a house for the teacher in Kothur in 1936. Another house of large dimensions is being built for the teacher in the village of Baroon by the Christians and non-Christians. In 1938 two new schools were opened in the district.

HYDERABAD.

Hindustani Work:— Miss G. Webb, Mrs. McEldowney.

In the year 1935 the portico in front of the mission bungalow collapsed, which caused damage to part of the roof over the main building. Money was used from Miss Wood’s legacy to repair the roof.

In 1936 Miss Fallon, who worked efficiently for many years as assistant in the Industrial and Zenana work, was retired. In the same year funds from America were cut 50%, which necessitated cutting the salaries of the staff. Even the assistants who had given years of service took the 50% cut. The day schools for Moslem girls were closed the next year, and the school in Sultan Shahi for a community of sweeper Christians was strengthened. For the first time a teacher, Mr. Childs, who can live among the people with his family and give all his time to shepherding these Christians, has been employed.
In 1938 the Misses Smith, who had given years of valuable service to the Hindustani work, were retired. In October of the same year Miss Charlotte Smith, after a few weeks of suffering, passed away.

**Stanley Girls' High School:** Miss E. J. Wells, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss E. DeLima.

In 1935 a grant of Rs. 2,500 was sanctioned by H. E. H. the Nizam's Government for rebuilding on modern plans the primary department which collapsed the previous year. In sympathy with the Quetta earthquake sufferers, through sacrifice and service, the girls sent Rs. 125 to the relief fund. In 1935, for the first time, one of the high school girls won the Gokhale Scholarship, which enables the recipient to have four years of college study, plus Rs. 100 for books. The following year a second Gokhale Scholarship was won. A large number of day scholars who passed through High School in Stanley entered Nizam's College for further study. Up to this time the college had been attended chiefly by men.

In 1936 Miss DeLima, who had received her early years of education in Stanley School, was appointed Principal. This is worthy of record for it is the first time that a national has held such an important position in W. F. M. S. work of Hyderabad Conference. The father of one of the day scholars, to supply a pressing need, erected on the premises a dining hall for day scholars, to perpetuate the memory of his wife. In both 1936 and 1937 there were one hundred per cent passes in the High School.

In 1937 H. E. H. the Nizam's Government gave a grant of Rs. 1,000 from the Jubilee fund for science and games equipment. The school also received Rs. 45 from Her Highness, the Princess of Berar, in honour of her little son's first birthday. Later another gift of Rs. 600 was granted by H. E. H. the Nizam's government for building, and Rs. 375 for equipment.

**Evangelistic Work:** Mrs. G. B. Garden, Miss N. Low.

This work has kept pace with the times. Much attention has been given to instruction of teachers and preachers at Summer Schools, which instruction has been put into practice in the villages, resulting in better ventilated houses, cleaner surroundings, cleaner babies. Special attention has been given to hand work in the village schools. It is the rule for exhibits to be brought to the conference, where they are judged and prizes given,
TANDUR.

Evangelistic Work:— Miss M. Simonds, Miss Mabel Morgan.

There has been decided advance in the village schools. Better qualified teachers have been employed. Special attention has been given to rural uplift, beginning with better dwelling houses for workers.

In 1935 Tandur District was divided and Mrs. O. David, the wife of the District Superintendent, was appointed to the W. F. M. S. Evangelistic work of the new district of Narayanpet. That year Kohir Narsama of mass movement fame died in Vikarabad at a ripe old age.

Miss Simonds returned from furlough in 1936, and had charge of Narayanpet and Tandur Districts.

In 1938 the Laubach method of teaching adults was started on the Tandur District, and Mr. P. Yesurathnam, who was especially qualified for this work, was employed to give instructions in all the districts.

VIKARABAD.

Mary A. Knotts Co-educational School:— Miss Low, Miss Mabel Morgan.

In 1935 Urdu, which is the state language in the Nizam's Dominions, was emphasized in the school. A debating society was organized in the higher standards. A course of study in Telugu was introduced in the Training School. Hitherto all instruction had been given in English.

The cottage system was opened in the girls' hostel in 1937. A junior choir was organized, with boys and girls robed, and marching in processional at the worship services.

Evangelistic Work:— Miss Metsker, Miss Woodbridge.

This district has the largest number of village schools and more trained teachers than any other district. English has been added to the curriculum. Improved buildings with smokeless kitchens have been built for workers in some places. Villages are cleaner wherever workers are stationed. For the first time a Christian jathra was held in Kohir, which is the chief rural town in the district.
In 1937 Miss Woodbridge, a National, received her appointment from the Bishop to the evangelistic work of the district.

Vikarabad Training School:— Miss Low, Miss Mabel Morgan.

On checking over the list of students who have gone out from the Training School we find that out of the 49 students who have completed the work thirty-two are teaching, five are nurses, two are studying compounding, and one is an assistant to Miss Woodbridge in the district educational work. Seven completed the course in April and all are teaching. Two are in our Primary Department, and the other five in village schools. The enrollment this year is nineteen—ten boys and nine girls.

In 1936 Sironcha was separated from the Hyderabad Conference and added to the Central Provinces Conference.

SIRONCHA.

Girls’ School:— Miss Naylor.

In 1935 co-education was introduced.

Evangelistic Work:— Miss A. J. Lauck.

Rural uplift work was stressed in co-operation with the Government.

Clayson Memorial Hospital:— Dr. S. L. Dodd.

In 1935 Dr. Dodd was loaned to the All-India Tablet Industry, Bowringpet, while Dr. Linn was on furlough.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

Miss E. J. Wells, Miss Partridge.

The Vocational School was opened in Kukatpalli in July, 1935 with an enrollment of fourteen students. With the help of a trained nurse medical work was begun in the surrounding villages to great advantage.

Early in 1937 Miss Wells became ill and was compelled to leave her work for a time. In February, 1938 she went on health leave to America.

After much deliberation it was decided to move the school to a place that would better serve the rural Christian community. Ekele was chosen as the new location and in April, 1938 Bishop Pickett appointed Miss Partridge to the principalship of the school. The Kukatpalli property was sold to Government.
The new school opened on the W. F. M. S. premises in Ekele on July 6th, with an enrollment of six pupils. In a short time six others were admitted. The corner-stone of the new building was laid by Mrs. Otis Moore on September 22nd. For the present the boys and girls are housed in the hospital wards. For handwork the children are learning basket weaving, plain sewing, knitting, with good results. The new buildings, on the cottage plan, are under construction.

Respectfully Submitted.
RUTH A. PARTRIDGE.

IV

REPORT OF FIELD REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Field Reference Committee met in joint session with the Finance Committee on Jan. 21st. and we had another meeting in July.

At the Jan. meeting it was voted to pay Rs. 25 annually toward the Missionary Literature Committee of the Andhra Christian Council. It was also voted to pay O. S. Rs. 25 toward the publishing of a church paper in Telugu. It was voted to sell the old timber from the roof of the Zenana home and refund to the legacy account.

The joint committee favored investigating the sale of Kukatpalli property and moving the Vocational School to Ekele provided the land there was suitable for Agriculture. It was recommended that Rs. 2,500 now on hand be used to run the school from June 1938 for one year, after which the Finance Committee make arrangements to match the Field Reference Committee’s promise of Rs. 100 per month, with such an amount as may be necessary to carry on the education of boys and men.

It was voted to appoint a Secretary for adult literacy work on a monthly salary of Rs. 40 per month and Rs. 10 per month for travel, books and institutes.

A Provident Fund Scheme for Institutions was adopted tentatively for 1938. This called for 1 anna on the rupee from each teacher and one half that amount from the management.

At the July meeting it was voted to allow Miss Webb to use the balance of the legacy money together with the balances that could be accumulated from the reduction in Hindustani work and
the small sum gathered at home, to apply on the drainage work of the Zenana Compound, in case we did not get help from the Home Society.

Rs. 10 per month from the Medical Funds was sanctioned to go toward a practical nurse for Ekele Medical work. Rs. 76-8-0 per month from the Vikarabad Evangelistic Funds was set aside to be used as the salary of a National for W. F. M. S. Village School or Evangelistic work in any District.

It was voted to allow Miss Webb to sell the old Hindustani car and use the money to apply on the drainage work after fixing up the Vocational school car for her use the remainder of the year.

It was voted to accept as our 1938 estimates the figures of the Central Treasurer which were given as a suggestion for rounding out the amounts of all Scholarships and Biblewomen's appropriations to make them cover whole units of $25 or $35 and to give all amounts in even fives or tens of dollars.

The Medical Committee reported that Rs. 371 had been paid in on loans. Miss Susanna Rajappa has passed her first year of Medical study at the Ludhiana Medical College. It was voted to allow Rs. 10 per month from the Medical Funds toward a practical nurse for Ekele Medical work.

It was voted to sanction the use of Rs. 500 for building a cottage for the Vocational School, Rs. 50 for screening the verandah and Rs. 100 per month for current work from Aug. 1st.

The Committee voted to sanction the use of Evangelistic funds up to Rs. 30 per month for a Bible woman for Bidar Hospital.

MARGARET MORGAN,
Field Correspondent.

V

FIELD PROPERTY REPORT

The Vocational School property at Kukatpalli was sold to the Government for Rs. 14,000. All moveable equipment was transferred to Zahirabad where the school is established.
The Field Property Committee met in Zahirabad July 22nd 1938 with the Board of Governors for the Vocational School to determine the location of the buildings about to be put up. The plan was approved as well as the grant for Rs. 500 for building the cottage.

MILDRED SIMMONDS,
Chairman.

VI

REPORT OF THE ECKFORD COMMITTEE

Mr. Culver left Eckford in July to go to America and the Eckford Home is now in the care of the Mali.

The Local Funds account is as follows:

Received form Miss Beale in Oct. 1937............. Rs. 660-13-0
" " Mr. Culver for wood....................... 50-0-0
" " " " for rent............................. 45-0-0

Total 755-13-0

Expended by advertising sale of Eckford........... 15-4-0
" " taxes and M. O. Commission................ 145-7-2
" " Mr. Culver's Electric Light & water bill from June 5 to July 7th. 26-2-0
" " Mali's salary and M. O. Com. Aug. to Oct. 45-12-0
" " Miscellaneous items........................ 6-11-6

Total 239-4-8

Balance 516-8-4

The funds on deposit with the Executive Board are as follows:

Closing balance December 31st 1937 was Rs. 6,639-9-0. The interest rate for 1938 was listed at 3%. I have sent for the statement and if it is different will let you know. Nothing has been taken from the account since it was turned over to me. The interest for this has not been added.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET MORGAN,
Secretary and Treasurer of Local funds.
VIII.
FIELD CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING.

A meeting of the Field Correspondents with Mrs. Moore was held at Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, on August 12—14, 1938. Among the considerations dealt with the following deserve special emphasis.

Co-education:—From the discussion on this subject, it was the consensus of opinion that co-education is generally approved in the Primary school, and that it is being carried on and is feasible in some places in middle schools. The following principles were approved:

1. Where co-education is being introduced, the transition from the separate schools for boys and girls should be gradual.
2. To consider a school co-educational there should be about an equal number of boys and girls, with equal opportunities.
3. Where the curriculum is not the same for boys and girls, adjustments can be made through hiring an extra teacher for the special subjects.
4. The committee does not approve of little boys staying in the girls' hostels.

There is need for a study of the educational program as a whole, to discover where it is balanced or unbalanced. Members of the Society should be willing to share available finances where they are most needed.

Home-making:—The following were suggested as ways and means of putting emphasis on home-making:

1. Giving married women opportunity for service.
2. Putting emphasis on the importance and value of service in the Christian home.
3. Cultivating the family and home through the church.
4. Correlating the home-making with class work.
5. Emphasizing vocational training in all schools.
6. Training boys as well as girls in cooking and home-making.

We are convinced that there are very few schools where home-making cannot be introduced into the curriculum if the principal considers it really important. If necessary, an extra year can be added to the course of study as has been done in Godhra. Successful experiments along this line should be known to others through such papers as CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and the WOMAN'S FRIEND.
Integration within the Church:— Our work must be centered around the church. Village people must be given the opportunity to bear responsibility. Women need to be given more definite teaching to enable them to take their rightful position in the church. It was voted that there be an exchange of Woman's Conference Minutes among Field Correspondents in order to circulate information concerning women's organizations in the various conferences, and that each Field Correspondent report this information to her conference in session.

There is also need for us to make contacts with groups outside the church, such as the All-India Women's Conference, educational movements, temperance societies, etc.

Constitution of Woman's Conferences:— A committee brought these two recommendations for amendments to the Constitution of Woman's Conferences, which were approved and ordered sent to the Woman's Conferences, for consideration and forwarding to Central Conferences by memorials if approved:

1. Referring to Central Conference Minutes of 1935 — 36, page 108, Article 4, B 1, insert “on the field” after the words “Quarterly and District Conferences.”

2. Referring to Central Conference Minutes, Article IV, D 1, the following was recommended as a substitute:

   It shall be the duty of the Committee on Conference Relations, in consultation with the Bishop of the Area, to examine the work and character of each full member of the Woman's Conference at the end of each six years period of service, and to make recommendations as to continuance of membership.

   (Inasmuch as the work and character of the members of Annual Conferences are reviewed annually and that of the missionaries by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society periodically, it was thought that the same consideration should be given to the other full members of the Woman's Conferences.)

Woman's Conference Minutes:— For the benefit of other conferences as well as of members in the conferences, it was suggested that the following items be included occasionally if not annually:

1. Appointments of Annual Conference.
2. Minutes of joint sessions of Annual and Woman's Conferences.
3. Reports of joint committees.
4. Report of Board of Education.
5. Constitution of Woman's Conference.
7. Salary scales and other rules for school and district workers.
“It is not death to die,  
To leave this weary road,  
And midst the brotherhood on high  
To be at home with God.”

When Miss Charlotte Smith heard the great summons “Well done, good and faithful servant” and left us to enter into the joys of her Lord, her last words were, “I am going Home.” Think of the great joy which must be hers today, “at home with God,” and in the fellowship of all the friends and loved ones who preceded her to that Heavenly Home!

Miss Smith was born in Hyderabad, and received her early education here, in Miss Blackmar’s School and St. George’s Grammar School. Her high school work was done in the Baldwin Girls’ High School, Bangalore, from which she had the honour of being the first graduate. She became a great student of Urdu, and also learned Persian.

It was in a meeting conducted by Rev. Studd, an evangelist from England, that she gave her heart to God. In 1911 she united with the English Church, during the pastorate of the Rev. Ross de Souza. Meanwhile, she had begun her work in the Hindustani Day Schools, so in 1922 she transferred her membership to the Hindustani Church, though until her death she remained loyal to both congregations.

Miss Smith spent thirty-one years in the work of the Hindustani Zenana Mission. At first she had the work of visiting and inspecting five day schools weekly, giving one day to each school, and holding Sunday School in one school each Sunday morning. She had the gift of imparting knowledge, and many of the teachers in government schools now were once pupils of the mission schools which she supervised and taught. In recent years a part of her time was given to visiting and teaching the women in their zenana homes. She was loved and respected by all whom she taught.
The former teachers of our schools bless her name for all she has done for them. When she suffered the great heartache of seeing our day schools closed down, she secured places for some of the teachers in Government-Aided or Government Schools. She also started, from individual subscriptions, a Pension Fund whereby she was able to provide pensions for two teachers and two ayahs who had been retired from mission service because of age. One teacher is still living and drawing monthly from the fund.

In later years her health was much impaired, but she continued to labour for the Master, not flinching one bit, though I often remonstrated with her not to do so much in her weak state of health. She was a great helper, and we co-workers had come to rely on her to solve our problems—so much so that I called her "Our Chief Commander". She was sometimes stern, but always helpful, for a heart of loving kindness beat beneath that stern exterior.

She went to her Eternal Home on the 4th of October, 1938, from the General Hospital, Madras, where she had gone, all too late, for treatment. She was never afraid or nervous, trusting her Lord always. She has left behind three sisters and me, her sister-friend, for whom a blank caused by her death will never be filled. The Christian's hope is our great comfort.

Miss M. FALLON.
District Reports

BIDAR DISTRICT.

Girls’ Boarding School.

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

At the end of the official year, our school enrollment was 228. The average daily attendance for the year was 184.

Of the children on the roll, 10% are non-christians, 20% are the children of Mission workers, and 70% are the children of village-christians.

The boarders are 100 in number, and the day scholars are 128.

There are 107 Christian day-scholars. Our 128 day-scholars walk to school from ten different basties or villages, some of them two, some of them three miles away.

In the three lowest classes there are 61 boys, making up 27% of the total enrollment. An extra teacher has had to be employed, at a cost of Rs. 25 per month, to care for the increased numbers.

Our examination results were good, 83% of the candidates being successful in the Board examinations.

We have had several distinguished visitors during the year. In January our new Talukdar and his wife visited the school. We gave them a tea party, after which our sixty Girl Guides and Blue Birds entertained them with a good program. Everybody in the Mission is very grateful to the Talukdar for the new road which he has constructed at Government expense, running the full length of the Mission property.

In January the Judicial member of H. E. H. The Nizam’s Council inspected the school, and recommended an increase in grant.

Bishop Pickett inspected the school buildings during the summer holidays. The families of the Subadar and Tahsildar visited us, showing a very friendly interest in our work. In fact, we have a great many visitors, as this is the only Girls’ Boarding school in the whole District. Many of them are especially interested in the home department.
Miss Urwick and Mrs. Crofton have both inspected the Guides, and two of our leaders attended the Blue Bird Camp held at headquarters in Hyderabad in October.

A very important occasion was the visit of Mrs. Moore, Sept. 23—27. Being our official W. F. M. S. visitor from America all were very happy to meet her. She inspected the school and a program was given in her honour. She wrote in our visitors’ Book as follows:— “It has been a great joy to me to represent the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in an inspection of this thirty-year-old project of theirs, the Bidar Girls’ School. I shall be glad to report the fine condition of the property, the simplicity and exquisite order of the hostel, the fine character and ability of the staff, the manifest interest of both staff and pupils in their work, and best of all, the earnest and joyful Christian spirit that is everywhere manifest.”

As ours is only a Middle School, many of our girls go on for higher education in some form. Since I came to Bidar twelve years ago, we have sent forty-three girls for higher training. Several girls have taken two, or even three courses. The total number of courses taken, in whole or in part, is sixty-one. Our girls have gone in the pursuit of knowledge to Hyderabad, Vizianagaram, Nellore, Madras, Mysore City, Kolar, Calcutta, Ludhiana, Delhi, and Lucknow. Many are now holding honourable and lucrative positions in church and state institutions. During the current year twelve Bidar girls have been holding government positions in the Nizam’s Dominions, and twelve have been enjoying the privileges of higher education. With our young women on the up-grade we feel that the outlook is bright for our growing Christian community.

There is a keen interest in Bidar in reading. This year our teachers have read 148 books, and the girls 560.

Our Junior League is still very active. We have 110 members. The boys and girls of the Primary sections of both schools attend. Our offering this year was for Africa, so we sent Rs. 15 to help defray Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Christian’s travelling expenses out to Southern Rhodesia, thus helping both Africa, and our India Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, at the same time.

Children’s Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Full-Member’s Day have been happy occasions, our girls contributing their full quota to make them a success. The tone of the school is good. The girls are keen on work and play, and on home, church and school. They are alert and happy.
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Our hearty thanks are due to the staff for their faithful work and loyalty, also to our Patrons and to the Government for financial support.

Bidar Evangelistic Work.

Missionary............................................................ ANNA HARROD.

After six years absence I returned to Bidar in March. The hot and rainy seasons came during those eight months so I have not visited a sufficient number of villages to form fair and just opinions of the work.

I have visited all of the circuit-centers but one and some of the nearby villages. We had our happiest times in the villages when Bishop J. W. Pickett visited us for three days in April and when Mrs. Moore visited us for five days in September.

During my visits to the villages I have noticed some pronounced improvements. The improvement that impressed me most was in the worship services. Before the services were very irregular, noisy and lacked a spiritual atmosphere. Now the services are held regularly, the people come in quietly and sit in their respective places as if they were sitting in the most costly pews. With reverence and understanding they go through a simple ritual, after which they listen to the word of God. When one leaves the place of worship held under God's own roof one feels that he has been in His own presence.

The second thing that impressed me was the cleanliness of the Christian section of the village.

The lovely little flower and vegetable gardens that the Bible Women and ministers are trying to cultivate in spite of the numerous enemies was my third impression of improvement.

My fourth but not least impression was the fact that the Christians have a greater desire to educate their children. At the present there are one hundred thirty girls and four hundred seventy-five boys enrolled in the schools. That is an increased enrollment of one hundred sixty. Three of the teaching staff are trained but some of the others are doing exceedingly well. For the first time we have two young men from High School teaching day and night schools. The two villages in which they are working have similar histories. For several years they have had no teacher or pastors. They had shown no special interest in
schools and very little interest in spiritual affairs. This year the urge for spiritual help and desire for education became so great that the one village appealed to the bishop for help after an appeal to the missionary failed.

The young men are doing excellent work. One school has an enrollment of sixty-one and the other forty-eight pupils.

During the last eight months two hundred twenty-seven books and one hundred sixty-one slates have been sold.

After hearing the splendid reports about the work of the circulating libraries in other districts we opened one in June with fifty-three books and booklets. With the help of our District Superintendent, Rev. G. Sundaram, and the aid received from the Literature Committee the number has been increased to one hundred ninety-two. Since the opening of the library three hundred four books have been read. Some of the readers are so keen on reading that it will not be long until they have read all of the books. We have had some wonderful testimonies on the usefulness of the library. One lady came to me and said, "I wish you would try to get my husband interested in studying and reading during his leisure time". I promised to help her if I could and gave her several library books to read. A few weeks later she returned and said "There is no difficulty now about getting my husband to read, he reads until late in the night".

During the first two weeks of August the Summer School for pastors and teachers was held. It is held yearly for spiritual inspiration and study. A new feature of the school was dining arrangements for all. It was a time for good fellowship, when seventy-six young and old people sat together at a common table. The pastors' wives especially enjoyed it. They said it was the first time that they had been able to attend all of the sessions. One lady said "This is the first time in my married life that I have been able to go for a walk".

We thank our co-laborers for advice and inspiration, those at home for prayers and financial help, but most of all we thank Him who said "without me ye can do nothing".

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Local income ... ... ... O. S. Rs. 12,120.

The above statistics and work of this year, when compared with other years, shows a steady increase and progress made along all lines. This is very encouraging and stimulating to us.

We were forced to take additional helpers as the work was too heavy, especially in the out-patient clinic. The rooms were not sufficient to accommodate the increased number of in-patients and we had to convert some kitchens, verandahs, Nurses' Rest room, and store room into wards. Many times we had to ask the patients to bring their own cots. Some friends of the patients, who saw this need, sent some cots as gifts to the Hospital.

Maternity work, too, is increasing every year, and one unusual but interesting event took place at the beginning of the year. Two sets of triplets were born within one week (three girls to one mother and three boys to the other.) We had twins born also during the year. We are glad to report that many are taking advantage of our hospital, and come in time for a safe delivery.

As we stop and look at the growth we feel we need more rooms, more workers, more money, more land for expansion, better water supply, and better lights. Our local income collected from fees and Thank-offerings is encouraging, but this income is barely enough to meet the daily needs.

Hospital Sunday was observed as usual and the collections in cash and kind amounted to O. S. Rs. 450. This helped us to get our linen supply for the year. We are grateful to the Telugu and English M. E. Churches in Hyderabad, and to the churches in Ekele and Raichur, and to the Tablet Industry in Bowringpet for their Hospital Sunday contributions. We were very pleased to receive a gift from the English Sunday School in Hyderabad, and we used it for linen for babies and mothers in the Maternity Ward.

We are always glad that our helpers work faithfully and willingly. We could not have done our work successfully or carried this heavy responsibility without these people and their help. We thank God for His blessings on our work and for the health and strength He gave us to do our share for His Kingdom.
EKELE DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

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

In taking stock of the year's work I cannot help but praise God for help and guidance. With extra responsibilities this year I claimed more than ever His promises. In many perplexities He supplied the "grace sufficient."

Much time was given to helping the Christians with cases in connection with the bondage system under landlords. Working in co-operation with the Government, we were able to bring about the release of many young men, even older men who were working out the allotted terms, down to the second generation.

The Christians realizing that much of their depression is due to their own ignorance are very anxious that their children should be educated, so that they may have a better chance in the world than they have had.

From many villages come the requests for teachers and preachers. We can only urge them to take the request to the master who said "Ask and ye shall receive." We urge too that they build a house for the teacher. We are praying that in some way the heart hunger of these people will be satisfied. In some places the Christians have built houses.

A desirable site was secured recently in the village Baroor. A meeting was held with the Christians to raise the necessary funds for the building. The response was encouraging. The first night Rs. 56/- was raised in money, besides several pledged a week's labour, also loan of bullocks and carts. The non-Christians have asked to share the privilege as they intend sending their children to the school. Next morning the foundations were marked. Very soon the building will be in progress, under the management of the Christians.

By request the District Superintendent and I visited the house of a non-Christian, who gave a generous donation to the cause. With the keenest attention he listened to the Gospel story. Great was his surprise when I told him it was all true and written in our shastra which he could learn to read within three months. Over and over he begged the teacher to come regularly and get him started. He is now learning according to the new method.
The fearful epidemic of Cholera hindered school work. The teachers gave their time unreservedly in caring for the sick. Many recovered because of the timely help rendered by the teachers and preachers. In spite of difficulties six out of the eleven schools took the examinations with a result of 76% passes. For the first time there will be a fifth standard in two schools.

Two of the teachers left in the middle of the year for higher study, one to Jubbulpore and the other to Lucknow. Both their places have been filled.

The summer school as usual proved profitable. Instruction was given in teaching methods. A new Sunday School course of study was taught, and lectures given on food values.

The circulating library service has been strengthened by an organized system. Many new books have been stocked. The workers too are reading more than they have before.

Our yearly jathra was held in April during Bishop J. W. Pickett's visit. It was the best attended jathra. Early in the evening, drums were heard in the distance, and by sundown the people came from different directions with "joyful noise" carrying aloft banners, some very high, guided by guy ropes, gaily decorated. As each group advanced the reception committee with our own banner, met the group and they all danced, advancing to the meeting place. The number of banners fastened to the posts which supported the shed, denoted the number of groups, and the smaller flags the number of villages. There were about 1,500 people assembled. The program that followed was interesting. One day school dramatized the "Nativity" very creditably. The Bishop's messages to the people were inspiring and will long be remembered.

In September we were favoured by a visit from Mrs. Otis Moore. She attended a worship service in a village, also had the opportunity of seeing a day school in session. She was impressed by the discipline and eagerness of the children to learn.

The Lauback method of adult literacy was begun last August when P. Yesu Rathnam spent one week in a village with a teacher. Later he gave three days of intensive instruction at the summer school. The teachers have taken back with them the necessary charts for teaching adults.

The medical work continues. Especially the high caste people come and stay for days at a time, appreciating the Christian fellowship and wholesome environment. They are always loathe to leave. Through this ministry friendships have been made with high caste people,
I thank God for the share He has given me in this great work. I take the opportunity of thanking all patrons for their interest and support of this work.

Co-Educational Vocational School.

Missionary ... ... ... Ruth A. Partridge.

Very unexpectedly, at the beginning of the year, to my great consternation, I was notified to meet with the board of Governors as I was being considered as the future Principal for the Vocational School. In April when Bishop J. W. Pickett visited the Ekele District he appointed me to take charge at once. The decision was made that the school should be reopened in the Ekele District.

Forthwith operations began, for removing livestock and other equipment from Kuketpalli to Allipur was a tremendous job. Miss Margaret Morgan rendered valuable assistance in this and stored in Stanley School furniture and other things until wanted.

The Board of Governors, with the Field property committee, located the site for the new buildings according to the cottage system.

Much red tape had to be gotten through with Government to obtain a permit to build and to open the school. Getting in the material preliminary to building was a long drawn out process. Meanwhile village Christians having heard of the new project were asking for their children to be admitted.

In June, most of the waste land was cleared and roots dug out in preparation for cultivation. Before the heavy rains, four different kinds of seed were sown. The roots which were dug out make good fuel for cooking.

On July 6th, an impressive service was conducted by our District Superintendent, on the verandah of the bungalow, when the first six pupils were admitted. Including the guardians of the children, there were 30 present. The parents of the children promised to give grain and other food stuffs instead of paying fees.

John Prakash who is a tailor by trade and his wife who is a trained teacher, were employed on the staff.
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School began on the 8th July, on the front verandah of the bungalow. In a short time other pupils were admitted. At the present time there are six boys and six girls. All of them have made rapid progress in their studies. Two of them can read readily from the Bible, having come from day schools while in the first standard. All the rest were quite new.

They were used to living the simple life, that is they gave no thought for the morrow, had no sense of responsibility, they were used to eating when hungry, that is if they had anything to eat, slept when sleepy, and worked only when driven to it. They had no idea of sanitation, nor of the rudiments of cleanliness.

A problem all too serious faced the boys, that is the association with girls. Some hard fights took place before the boys became reconciled to the new idea. I am hoping these 12 children will be well disciplined before new ones come. There are ten on the waiting list now.

For hand work, the children are learning basket weaving, sewing and knitting. At the Summer School the baskets made by the children were auctioned, this had a bad effect on the heathen teacher who was teaching the work. She immediately struck for increase in wages, so the children are now completing the work on hand without her assistance and these baskets will be brought to the conference.

Not one of them knew how to hold a needle; now the boys have made shirts for themselves and the girls little jackets. They have made washcloths out of cotton yarn, with bicycle spokes for needles.

The boys work in the field from 7 to 9-30 a m. while the girls care for the poultry and cook two meals. The boys cook the evening meal while the girls work in the field. The boys have helped to make the driveway from the bungalow to the high road, with the cart and bullocks have hauled stones for the building, and have helped in ploughing and fencing the field.

The children have their own flower garden. Every Sunday one of them has a turn in cutting and arranging flowers in a vase for the table for the Sunday service. This they have enjoyed much.

They have enjoyed the vegetables raised by themselves showing a preference for beans and tomatoes.
The boys and girls, with the help of the farm man, have harvested the ‘bajari’ crop. The yield was more than we expected. Three seers of seed gave a crop of 164 seers, from virgin soil, also some fodder for bullocks. Three other kinds of grain will be harvested later.

In September the corner stone of the new building was laid by Mrs. Otis Moore. An impressive programme was given by the children. Taking for their motto the word “Emmanuel” they had it written on a banner. Two boys carried it while all came marching and singing. Then each one gave a verse from the Bible, referring to the motto. Including the parents of the children there were 100 present. Mrs. Moore’s message was inspiring and will long be remembered. The children have advanced spiritually. The teacher who is a good singer has taught them many songs, so they sing a great deal even while at work. They have learned to pray; every little thing is made a subject of prayer. A hen was missing one night, so the boy keeper prayed that God would keep the hen safe. When the hen was found next morning he knew that God answered his prayer. Another lad was having difficulty in learning basket work, he was crying over the job one day. That evening at prayer hour he prayed for God’s help in the matter. He is doing all right now.

It is said —

“Large streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow”

So we believe this Schools in the stage of organization is the beginning of a great work. We believe that this School will fill a great need toward the economic uplift of the village Christians.

I thank our District Superintendent, The Board of Governors for their help. I thank the teachers for their splendid service.

HYDERABAD TELUGU DISTRICT.


Principal ... ... ... ... MISS EDITH DELIMA.
Vice-Principal ... ... ... MISS MARGARET MORGAN.

It is very presumptuous for one who has been away from the work for six months and who resumed duty less than a month ago to write any report. I write with diffidence about the work in which I still feel very much as an apprentice.
At the beginning of this year the 200th anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience was commemorated in various ways. Special Chapel Services prepared by Miss Morgan were used throughout the school; Miss Webb led group meetings with our staff and a Retreat was held at Osmansagar by the combined Staffs of our school and the Boys' High School to study Wesley's life. The heart warming experience at Aldersgate meant a deepening of the religious life of John Wesley and while we could not duplicate Pentecost or Aldersgate, yet it was our earnest hope to deepen our own spiritual lives so that it would mean for each one of us a new Pentecost and our own Aldersgate.

When Bishop Pickett was touring Hyderabad Conference during the heat of summer, we were very glad that we were able to have him with us for the service held in honour of our outgoing High School girls and boys. He gave them a most inspiring message. He also received a large group of our girls and boys into full membership of the Church and as he laid his hands on the head of each kneeling member at the altar and pronounced his benediction, God's presence seemed very near and real and I am sure it was an experience which they cannot easily forget.

The academic year closed with the usual Middle School Conference Board Examination and the Government High School Examination. Of the 21 we sent up for the Middle School Examination 19 were successful and of the 12 who appeared for the High School, 10 were successful, 8 passing in the Second Division and 2 in the Third. Their present whereabouts provides us with interesting information: 4 of them are serving as teachers in our Mission schools, two are being trained as nurses, one will soon be married, and 3 are studying in college. Of these, Asima Rahman, a Muhammadan girl has joined the local men's college. These are very encouraging signs especially in a Muhammadan city like ours. Hence it fills us with hope for the future where age old customs which were once considered necessary are gradually being put aside.

I considered it a privilege to begin my six months' leave by attending the Ashram at Sat Tal with Miss Luke, Miss Christdas, and two teachers from the Methodist Boys' High School. This is the Ashram which is conducted by Stanley Jones, during summer. Sat Tal is at the foot of the Himalaya Mountains and the Ashram covers a vast extent of 400 acres.

The attendance this year was the largest yet and there were representatives from almost every continent. What was most impressive was the friendship and fellowship that prevailed in spite of diversities of colour, race, culture, tradition, and language. The
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Kingdom of God was the central theme and added to the inspiration of the majesty of the mountains, the glory of the lake and the joy of friendship was the deeper inspiration of the earnest messages brought daily to the group by Stanley Jones. The Mountain top experience was glorious but the real test comes when the Christ of the mountain is to become the Christ of daily living. While in Sat Tal, Miss Luke and Miss Christdas attended the refresher classes of the Summer School of Education and were greatly benefited. I do hope Hyderabad will continue to send its delegates to Sat Tal every year. You will pardon me now if my report becomes personal.

Since I was in North India, I decided that this was an opportunity for some sight seeing, for getting glimpses of the work of our church in North India and for visiting some outstanding educational institutions. The plan was exceedingly attractive but its achievement was strenuous. My travels took me to various cities in the North and South. When we realise that the North is the birth place of Methodism, we cannot wonder at the extent of the work and the exceedingly large number of schools. I took the opportunity of visiting such national Institutions as Shantiniketan and Sriniketan which are associated with Rabindranath Tagore, the Poet; The Vidya Mandir Training School and the Tanning and Spinning Schools in Wardha associated with Gandhiji and Dayal Bagh in Agra. This last named Institution is entirely a national enterprise and is a complete unit in itself having its own Educational and Medical Institutions besides carrying on all kind of Industries on modern lines. I am extremely grateful to the visiting Bishop of this Conference for the invaluable help he rendered by helping me to plan my tour and for giving me introduction to various people for whose friendship I shall never cease to be grateful. During all my travels I felt that though the problems of our country seemed appalling and insurmountable yet with Christ nothing is impossible.

While almost completing my vacation it was with deep regret that I heard that one of our best teachers had resigned to take up a government post in Madras and this brought me to Hyderabad earlier than I expected.

Very recently one of the managers of a radio store in the city, a Brahman gentleman, presented the school with a radio. We could never have afforded this luxury for so many necessities are pressing in upon us. The girls were very excited and invited the gentleman to the school. I think it was the first time that Mr. Iyenger attended a Christian Chapel Service and he was greatly impressed. After our service of thanksgiving and cheers and
garlands, Mr. Iyenger who is usually very reticent asked if he might speak. He began by saying that that was the happiest day in his life for he realised the joy of giving and concluded by saying that if his business prospered according to our prayer, he would present a radio to every Institution such as ours. It was difficult to say who was the happier— the donor or the recipients.

The other day we casually remarked to a gentleman that we needed blankets for the village children but we did not have faith to expect them and, to our delightful surprise, we received some the next evening. All these kind friends and gifts remind us of the promise that God gives to us far above what we can even ask or think.

During my absence from the school it was very gratifying to hear the girls write so appreciatively of the staff, Miss Webb and Miss Morgan. It was not a cause for wonder when, on my return to the work, the school paid such a glowing tribute of affection to Miss Morgan for her motherly care and spiritual guidance as I too consider it a great privilege to be a co-worker with her. Her deep spiritual life, her sympathy which extends beyond the limits of the school, her calm patience and her invaluable co-operation and help have been tremendous factors in the working of the school. Miss Webb has won the hearts of all of us by her cheerful willingness to help in every activity of the school. She has been a very valuable addition to our staff. Her enthusiasm in the class room and her efficient work have been an inspiration to staff and students.

In these times of great political, social and economic upheavals in India, our schools stand as a challenge. We are striving not only to make them efficient schools but Kingdom of God centres so that their influence may permeate in this Muhammadan State, for it is only as Christ becomes pre-eminent that we can have real success in our work.

We are very grateful to our District Superintendent and the members of the Conference for their sympathetic interest and help especially in times of difficulty and we extend our warmest thanks to H. E. H. The Nizam's Government and to our friends and patrons in America who by their practical expression of love are carrying on a great work in our land.
HOSTEL REPORT.

Stanley Girls' School reopened after the summer holidays with their Principal absent and greatly missed by all. We enjoyed the letters that came now and then from Miss DeLima as she was going about through India and we had a foretaste of the interesting and instructive experiences that she would be bringing back to us.

Our enrollment this year has been 585 and all departments full to capacity. There are 139 girls in the hostel of whom 135 are Christians. Of these 99 are our own Methodist girls while 36 are other Mission girls. Since our High School is the only one for Christian girls in this vicinity we have many besides our own Mission girls in the High School. We have 51 village girls of whom 25 are the daughters of our preachers. If we had good Primary schools in our villages 12 of the girls in our hostel could be living at home and going to school in the village.

We are continuing our student government this year as we find it develops the girls in the carrying of responsibility. We are often surprised at the respect and consideration shown by the girls toward their President who is one of their own number, and at the dignity of the President as she leads the girls in their meetings.

One of the outstanding events of our school year was the visit of Mrs. Moore. She met not only our staff and students but also a group of our girls who have gone out of the school into the work of teachers, doctors, nurses and homemakers. As she stood and watched the students pouring into the school in the morning and then followed them into the chapel service and from there into the class rooms she said she was especially glad to take back a report of this school which had been for so many years largely supported by her own Branch. She said her visit here would be one of the high points in her travels through India. Her stay was a great inspiration to all of us. We had hardly met her until we felt at home with her and realised that she was one who understood all aspects of our work and could be depended upon to help in solving difficult problems. Her visit to our school will long be remembered. From Hyderabad she took side trips to Dornakal and Medak and visited the work of other Missions in Hyderabad, being keenly interested in all phases of the work.

During the summer schools of Vikarabad and Hyderabad Districts some of our staff made their contributions to the various programs and enjoyed the contacts with the village workers.
We have very much appreciated the help of Miss Webb. Her experience as a teacher and her ability and willingness to adapt herself to any need have made her invaluable to the school both as an organizer of the Kindergarten and in the teaching of Religious Education in the Middle and High School classes.

The trend of education now is toward more vocational work and we are trying to introduce more of such work. An old hostel building which was condemned for further use was dismantled and the material used for a shed for vocational work. Weaving and various forms of hand work have been started as a result of the ideas received by our teachers at Chilkur and from the recent Conference of our Hyderabad Women Teachers. We very much appreciate the efforts of Miss Nundy our Divisional Inspectress, to give inspiration to the women teachers of Hyderabad. Now since Miss DeLima has returned armed with the charkas, taklis etc. and with many ideas for vocational work we expect to see great improvement along vocational lines of work.

The aim of Hyderabad State is to take over all the Primary Education and allow our Mission and other aided schools to carry on the Middle and High School work. We are also asked to make Urdu and Telugu the media of instruction in our schools. This will be a difficult period of transition but we realize the need of more use of the vernaculars in teaching children.

Miss DeLima was heartily welcomed back to her work at the end of October. An emergency in the sudden leaving of one of our teachers made it necessary for us to call her back a little sooner than she would otherwise have needed to come. It is needless to say we are delighted to have her here again. We are expecting to see many new ideas put to work in the school as a result of her wandering up and down through India.

We have greatly appreciated the spirit of comradeship among our co-workers and wish to express again our gratitude to our patrons in America for their continued support.

HYDERABAD TELUGU DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Report.

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

In examining the village schools we have met opportunities which are a real challenge. Children want to come to school; day scholars come to the night schools and pupils of the night schools come to the day schools. You have heard it said that village girls
will not come to school. We found in one day school eighteen eager girls being taught. The only boy in the school was the son of the teacher.

One hundred men and women attended an evening service in a particular village. The demeanor and the attention of this group impressed one. After the service their leader presented their petitions for a full time preacher and his wife to teach them and for baptism. During the discussion concerning their requests the women remained to listen. They all seemed to be of one mind with respect to their needs.

The Conference Adult Education Secretary spent several days in two of our villages teaching adults to read with the use of the adapted Laubauch charts. He also conducted a class for teaching adults at our Summer School when the teachers and preachers caught some of his enthusiasm and fourteen of them are now using these charts in their respective villages.

One of the interesting features of the Summer School was the knitting class. How eager each one was to receive his or her materials when with patience and pleasure the knitting practice progressed. Miss Ada Luke a teacher of the Stanley Girls' High School gave a series of lectures on the nutritive value of foods and different ways of cooking food stuffs in common use. The interest of the men and women in these subjects was shown by their numerous questions.

There were one hundred and thirty-five pupils who took the annual examinations of whom ninety-one or sixty-nine per cent passed. An encouraging factor of the analysis of the examination results is that there are seventeen more in the three upper primary grades than there are in the first grade.

HYDERABAD HINDUSTANI WORK.

In no other work of the Conference have there been so many and such drastic changes during the past year as in the Hindustani Evangelistic Work. The closing of schools and zenana work and the retirement of loyal workers who had given their best years in service in this field brought heartaches to many of us. At first we were wont to say, with the poet, "Change and decay in all around I see", and to feel that were the work closed now it would mean years of wasted effort. But as our vision broadened
we came to see that change often means not decay but progress. Furthermore we cannot say that our efforts in the past have been wasted, for we have no way of measuring the true results of our labours. However, with the emphasis that is at present being placed upon the building of a strong indigenous church, we came to feel that we were not justified in spending money wholly for the education of non-Christian children, when there are so many Christians in our conference who have no shepherd.

When mission support was withdrawn from our day schools in October of last year, Miss C. Smith and Mrs. D. Dutt were given the task of opening and conducting a school in Sultan Shahi, our large sweeper muhalla which had long been without a worker. A building was rented for church and school, and various schemes used to interest the people in the new undertaking. While we recognized and appreciated the patient work of the two ladies, all of us felt that our greatest need was a married couple who could live in the place. We were very happy, therefore, when through the interest and help of Bishop Pickett we secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Childs of Bareilly. The school re-opened in July with a good enrollment and much interest. Recently that interest seems to be lagging a bit, but we hope it is only temporary and will soon be revived. The children have planted an attractive flower garden in the little compound in front of the school, and are helping to keep both the school and compound clean.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mrs. Moore. For her visit the sweepers themselves, under the leadership of Mr. Childs, collected sufficient funds to limewash the inside of their little chapel, put up decorations, arrange a splendid programme and tea, and buy a small gift for Mrs. Moore. One man was baptized that day. Rev. Datt and I took no part in the arrangements, as we wanted it to be their day.

The day school for Marathi Hindu children, taught by our Christian teacher, Ramyabai, was continued through personal gifts from Miss Margaret Morgan, until my return to India in February. Then in October we received from H. E. H. the Nizam's Government sanction for a grant of Rs. 12 monthly for the school. We are very grateful for this grant which, together with monthly fees of about Rs. 5, is sufficient to pay the teacher's salary and the rent on the building, thus taking care of the entire support of the school.

Miss C. Smith and Mrs. Dutt retired from the work at the end of May, and on Oct. 4 Miss Smith passed on to her Eternal Rest. Miss M. Smith expects to retire at the end of December. It is impossible for us to express adequately our appreciation of the
patient untiring service of these three workers who gave a total of more than eighty years to the work among Moslem women and girls of Hyderabad city. "Verily they shall have their reward."

I wish also to express my gratitude to Mrs. McEldowney who carried on the work during my absence; to Miss Morgan who spent so much time in supervising repairs on the bungalow, and helped in many other ways; to Rev. McEldowney and the boys of both the English and the Hindustani churches for their help in our Sultan Shahi work; to the many other local people who have helped us; and especially to the kind friends and patrons in America who have made this work possible.

Tandur and Narayanpet Districts.

Missionary ........................................ MILDRED SIMONDS.

This has been a year of unusual interest in several ways. Early in January it was my very great pleasure to have three life long friends, sisters, from America visit me. Their boat was late so they missed three or four Christmas dinners. Perhaps it was good for their digestion but there were some disappointed people here. One place especially, Chengole. One would think that I was personally responsible for the boat being late by the way the people talked to me. But the only thing for me to do was to meekly apologize and to say that I was sorry. The very evening of my friends' arrival, as we were sitting at the dinner table, here came Nursappa and some of his village people from Chengole insisting that I bring these three American ladies out to their village that evening. They had never seen so many white people at one time before. My guests were somewhat tired from their journey but they were good sports so out we went. The children sang for us and they all had a chance to see four white faces at one time.

The next day we started out for a two days tour and two Christmas dinners. My eleven year old Ford decided that life was too strenuous and stopped dead on the road. It took a good hour's work to persuade her to proceed on her way. Then again she grew stubborn right in the railway station yard, and we had to call the station porters to push her around for awhile. Both my driver and I were very much ashamed but joy came to us later when these friends after returning to America interested some others and if they didn't send me $50 to renew the youth of this same Ford. We got a new battery, gave her a coat of ducco, a new top, new covers, new spark plugs; now both her looks and her disposition are very much improved.
In June of this year, a full time Secretary was appointed to promote the work of Adult Education in our Conference. He has been visiting the different villages, spending ten days in a place. In this length of time it is possible to get the Laubach method of teaching adults started and to get the village teacher converted to the method. Then by working in our Summer Schools the system can be explained to all. In my two districts he has worked in four villages. So far nine villages have taken up the method. There are seventy adults learning to read and four are reading the Bible.

It is a little over two years since I began trying to plan for the reading of our village people. I had become burdened about a particular school where a number of children were reading in the fourth standard. There was no likelihood of their going on for more education than they could get in their own village. There was nothing in the village for them to read. Even the teacher had nothing in his house but his Bible and a few textbooks. What about the future of these boys. After all the effort to bring them up this far must they now lapse to illiteracy? From them, my mind went out to all the children reading in our village schools. After they had learned to read, what then? From them my thought traveled back to the teachers and preachers. Very few of them were reading. Salaries were small and after spending what they felt they needed for food and clothes there wasn’t much left to buy books. If they weren’t reading how could we expect those whom they were teaching to form reading habits? One of the teachers came to me now and then asking for something to read. I looked at my own bookshelves and as far as Telugu books of profit and interest to them was concerned my own shelves were almost bare. There was however, on these same shelves a catalogue of the Christian Literature Society and I began to study this. There I found listed, simple and interesting stories for children, biographical books and those for general reading, stories and devotional books and those on religion; almost anything one could want. Another thing I found was that they were very cheap. So I decided the best way to get a thing started is to begin on it. I took what money I could possibly spare from other things, bought as many books as I could, and took them to our next monthly meeting. The eagerness with which they were received almost surprised me. Thus our Circulating Library was established. The plan was that the books be taken one month and returned the next and others then taken. The books the teacher reads and those he is instrumental in having read are credited to his account. New books are purchased as they are published and I have the money to buy them. Now in my library there are 175 Telugu books and 76 Kanarese. Then my English books are eagerly read by those who know English. I have decided that it is much better to have my books read even if they do sometimes come back with grease
spots on them and look a little the worse for wear that to have them remain in my book case being eaten up by the insects. From the first of November 1937 to the first of November 1938, 122 people on my two districts have read 525 books. Of these 50 school children have read 112 and 32 village people have read 56. There are at this time 175 out being read. This includes the Telugu, Kanarese and English.

It was a great pleasure having Mrs. Moore visit us this year. It was arranged for her to come to my districts the last of September and the first of October. As a rule the rains are over at that time and the weather is delightful. However this year Dame Nature outdid herself in trying to teach us that it was not our business to limit her to one beaten track. The rain did not come down in gentle showers, it came in a deluge. Tanks and rivers overflowed, cars mired down on the sardaks (Gov’t roads) and everything out of doors dripped. We had planned to take her to six different places on each of our districts but because of the terrible roads managed to get to only two in each. We have no church buildings or school houses and trees are not a satisfactory shelter when the monsoon does her work. It was either raining outside or so wet underfoot that there was no place to sit or stand so we had to crowd as many people as we could into the preacher’s house or on to his verandah. There they gave as much as they could of the prepared program. However I am sure that she will not forget us for I don’t believe any other place treated her quite as we did. She had to get out and push the car when we got stuck in the mud. She crossed the overflow place of the Dalthabad tank in a cart drawn by men. The roaring and dashing of this young Niagara was so great that bullocks would have been frightened and there would be danger of upsetting the cart. In the last place we took her to, there was no verandah, and the preacher’s house so small that we tried the out of doors. In the midst of her talk to the people it began to rain. We put up an umbrella over her but the downfall increased so she had to stop and we came home.

Yet in spite of overturned plans we have many things to be thankful for. We feel that God is leading us, even sometimes by overturning our plans. We are thankful for the devoted men and women who are serving in the villages, we are grateful for the movement among our young people towards this work; we rejoice that God called us to have a part in it and most of all and above all that “God is with us.”

MARY A. KNOTTS CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL
AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Missionary ... ... ... MABEL MORGAN.

Our total enrollment this year is 206. Of this number 111 are boys and 95 girls. There are 36 day scholars, 32 of these are boys.
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In the Middle School there are 68 pupils; 35 boys and 33 girls. In the Primary classes there are 119 children; 67 boys and 52 girls. Out of the total number of pupils 191 are Christians. We have 85 girls in our hostel and about the same number in the boys' hostel.

We have a staff of twelve teachers and all but two are trained. Three of the men teachers are former students of the Crawford Boys' School in Vikarabad and five of the young women are our own girls. We are very happy to have our own boys and girls back with us as teachers.

We have 50 villages represented in the school. The highest number of children from any one village is 22. There are 14 villages where there is but one child from each village, and 13 where they have two children only, from each village, in the school.

Our purpose in giving all these figures is that you may see the proportion of boys and girls in the school and also that we may see the number of villages represented. The children come from four Districts and some of them from a long distance, as this is the only Middle School for these Districts. While the vernacular of the majority of the children is Telugu we have English from the first class, as the Government examination for the High Schools is given in English. Urdu is also taught as it is the Government language.

The boys and girls are showing an increasing interest in the devotional meetings of the Epworth League. The topics are of a very practical nature and the members are doing very good work in the preparation and discussion of the subjects.

We are using the Charterhouse Course of Study in our Religious Educational classes. Our Third Form class is studying "The Good Fight" which is a study of the life of Paul. Miss Thomas, their teacher reports great interest shown in the class. When discussing the subject, "Why are you a Christian?" one boy said "Christianity gives us Jesus Christ, who shows God's love." He contrasted the life of Christ with that of Buddha.

They were writing some prayers for use in their own villages and were thanking God for fresh air, strength and beauty, and for the peace seen in nature and one boy said, "Give us the peace in our hearts that we find in nature". Another said, "Help us to work so that we may have a village of plenty, and a village of brotherhood, where high caste and low caste are one." In April a class of 39 boys and girls were received into full membership in the church.
On checking over the list of students who have gone out from the Training School we find that out of the 49 students who completed the work 32 are teaching, five are nurses, two are studying compounding one is an assistant to Miss Woodbridge in the district work and one is up in Rangoon. Seven completed the Training course in April and are now teaching. Two are in our Primary department and the other five are teaching in village schools.

Our enrollment in the Training School this year is 19, 10 boys and 9 girls.

A short time ago we took the Senior class on tour. We visited one of our former students who is married to one of our girls and is at work in a village. He has a very neat home and a fine garden of flowers and vegetables. With the help of his village Christians he put up a small building for his school. However the school has outgrown its quarters so some of the classes must sit out of doors. The teacher is very anxious to build a larger house and is trying to find ways of earning money for it. He took some of his Christians to the jungle where they got some honey which he strained and put up in a bottle and sold. With that money he is buying a few stones for the new building. He will need much more but is trying to think of other ways to help raise the money needed. Along with his work he is praying for help. He said, “Prayer can do much.” He has a place a short distance from his home where he goes alone for prayer and he told us of wonderful answers to prayers he has had.

We visited another village where we found many sick people. We had with us simple remedies and the girls and boys of the Training school helped to wash bad sores, treated bad eyes and helped to wash and comb the hair of the little children. The boys in the class helped to clean dirty drains. They also helped in the night school. They are thus learning more of the needs of the village and we hope will be able to do better work when they are ready to go out, because of these tours.

We were very happy to have Mrs. Moore with us. The girls and boys gave a program to welcome her and thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

We deeply appreciate all the blessings we have received this year and the splendid co-operation of the members of the staff and others who have rendered faithful help this year, without which, it would not have been possible to carry on the work. We thank our friends in America who have continued their support.
This year has gone by quickly but we have carried on our work with greater enthusiasm. There have been one or two outstanding changes in the personnel of the workers. There has been a separation of the educational work from the evangelistic as was voted last year. We have closed some schools due to the fact that several of the teachers had reached the age of retirement and retired this year and some on account of inefficiency had to be dropped, therefore there is a decrease in both the number of schools and of pupils.

There are 15 standardized schools throughout the district with an enrollment of 463 of whom 398 are Christians and 65 non-Christians. The ravages of epidemics have reduced the percentage of attendance. One of our faithful teachers, G. David, administered help during the epidemic of cholera to the sick and dying and was himself attacked by it but by God's grace he was spared to us.

266 children took the examination and we are glad to report that 207 were successful. When we compare the results of this year with those of last year, there is an increase of 49%. 19 pupils of IV Standard received certificates at the close of Summer School and the hand-work of the children was exhibited at the same time. It was surprising to note originality on the part of some of them in the specimens of handicrafts which were sent for the exhibition.

Idleness is the root of much of the trouble of village life and one of the best remedies is a good game. Just recently when Training school boys were on a visit to one of the villages, they taught the young men some new games which they keenly enjoyed.

We are trying to teach our village people the value of foods and are encouraging them to grow vegetables of different kinds. I am glad to report that every school has a garden in which there are either flowers, vegetables or fruit. The garden is cared for by the children. In Kohir there is a fine garden with mango, guava and lime trees and different kinds of vegetables. In Machadpally the teacher has English vegetables in his garden. He has given out seeds to the village people and the patel. One evening we had a class in cooking for the village crowd to show the food values of tomatoes and other vegetables. The Training School girls cooked tomatoes that the village man grew in his garden and Miss Morgan showed them how to extract the juice. The Training boys also had a share in the cooking and showed them how to
make pea-nut toffee. A lecture on food values was given and suitable songs sung to advertise seeds for cultivation. Thus the Training School is beginning to get a real vision of the great possibilities of work in our villages.

In August Summer School was held for two weeks to which old students came for new inspiration. Part of the time was spent in the study of new methods and part of it equipped them for Bible teaching and preaching. They went away having received a great benefit through the meetings of old friends, contacts with old teachers and more experienced leaders, from quiet time of prayer and fellowship to get a new vision for daily task. Model Lessons were given by some teachers from Hyderabad and they were greatly appreciated. Mrs. Patterson gave a demonstration on how to make homes attractive. The Pastor of the Church, who had specialized in Sunday School work in Coonoor this summer had a part in the program.

Adult education has received considerable attention this year. Mr. P. Y. Rahtnam, the Conference Secretary for Adult Education, gave demonstration lessons during Summer School and helped to start it in two villages. There are 115 adults learning to read. What a wonderful transformation. We are trying to make the people see that education is useful and necessary for the life and uplift of the village itself.

Women's clubs have been started in the villages. The women teachers are teaching sewing and cooking and thus a beginning has been made in uplift work and we hope in future the villages can be developed into centres from which knowledge can be radiated.

The need of a lady doctor is very imperative in the villages. I wish we could have one good child-welfare centre where mothers from the surrounding villages may come to learn how to care for their babies. We had been able to help a little with simple medicines but there needs to be much follow-up work.

Such virtues as the dignity of labour, self-respect, truthfulness can best be implanted in childhood by its mother and I am beginning to realise that we ought to lay more and more emphasis on child training and mother craft in our Evangelistic program so that we can be more hopeful of a progressive future.

The teachers and preachers have read 324 books this year. They borrow books from the office every month and keep them in circulation among the literate villagers.
Since there is no school house in Machadpally, the teacher is making plans for raising funds from the village people and from the sale of honey which the children gather from the forest and from the sale of toffee, tomato juice and pea-nut butter.

We have been privileged with visits from Bishop Pickett who came to us early in the hot season and later from Mrs. Moore, Secretary of the W. F. M. S. of the Des Moines Branch. The Christian people in Kohir greeted her with India band at the railway station. In the evening a reception was held in her honour and the school children gave a fine program. We spent a happy evening in spite of the rain. At a late hour in the evening the school children from a neighbouring village came walking from a long distance to welcome her. She was interested in everything she saw and was pleased with the music of the enthusiastic crowd. Miss Mabel Morgan who was in the district work some years ago accompanied us and was delightfully surprised to see the growth of the work. I am very grateful to her for her continual support in my work and for her very valuable suggestions.

I thank all the friends in the district for their sympathy and co-operation and I thank all the ladies in America who have been and are still helping with their money and prayers to carry on this work which is full of difficulties yet so full of opportunities. I thank God for the privilege of having had another year in Vikarabad.
District Superintendents’ Combined Report.

Retardation in Christward movements, reported from other sections of the Telugu field on account of political attitudes, social movements, or national loyalties, was not evident in the reports from the seven districts of our Hyderabad Annual Conference at its recent session.

True there was a note of urgency expressed more than once, that political changes now taking place might make the unfinished work of today more difficult tomorrow. It was evident that a new situation is emerging and that this new situation must be met by a new policy and new methods, especially with regard to the establishment of the Christian Way of Life in village communities.

In some districts the pastor-teacher arrangement has been abandoned so that picked men could give their entire attention to pastoral duties in a group of villages formed into pastoral charges. The system of deducting tithes and collections from workers’ salaries has been abandoned on at least two districts. Emphasis is being placed more than ever on the selection and training of voluntary lay leaders, to enable them to make a fuller contribution to the life and service of local congregations. The presence of paid teachers in a village should not be allowed to stifle the voluntary services of ordinary church members. At the same time the call is still insistent for more and better trained full-time paid workers. With less than twenty ordained men available for our 800 village congregations, we cannot hope to adequately take care of our present situation, let alone the calls from dozens of new villages asking baptism. Trained men directing voluntary helpers is our immediate goal.

Another important change in attitude, indicated from reports read, was the insistence that the Gospel was not the exclusive property of depressed class people. It is meant to be shared with the spiritually hungry of all castes and classes, and Christians from depressed classes can have a real part in the sharing if they live worthily, pray earnestly, and witness bravely before the whole village. Less emphasis is placed on specialists and more on the corporate witness of local congregations. The good news is observed to be spreading rapidly through the family connections of Christian families in other villages.

A good number of people from the Mala group are included in this year’s baptisms. High caste people and Muhammedans are showing increased interest, but very few from these groups have actually been baptized. Hyderabad is one of the leading Muhammedan cities in the world. Street preaching is prohibited.
Mr. Datt works through his reading room lectures, weekly worship services, prayer services, and personal interviews. He reports that out of the six people he baptized this past year, one was Marathi, one Arya Samaj, one Hindu, and three Muslims. There are others among the sincere seekers, but only those who accept Christ unconditionally are permitted to receive baptism.

A very good picture of our work amongst the depressed classes is given by the superintendent of the Bidar District:— "A cruel social custom has consigned the Madigas to ignorance, serfdom, and degradation, and robbed them of their very soul. Mahatma Gandhi, sensitive to the needs of India, has given to these people the beautiful name of 'Harijans'— people whom God loves. Christ has come to them and liberated them from inhibitions and fears; given them a greater sense of the cleanliness of body, home and surroundings; taught them higher ideals of truth and honesty; and brought to them salvation. The response has been varied. To the cave of Mirzapur come Christians who believe in drawing apart, individually, from the world for meditation and prayer—the direct descendants of the Bhakti saints. In Nirdodhi are the mystic type, who under the leadership of a saintly teacher, worship God with awe and devotion. Across the river in Cheemalapad are people whose love for God is expressed in music carried on even after midnight. In Kamtan the women members of the choir come dressed in white saris; while the young high school preacher of Godgi, ignorant of the cruelties of caste and steeped in the progressive thinking of the present generation, feels at home with the Brahmin and the Madiga, the village official and the cooly, and preaches Christ to the entire village. Several Christians have graduated themselves to the class of artisans by becoming carpenters, tailors, stone cutters, and masons. They receive higher wages and are no longer subject to the tyranny of the landlord. Having acquired a new trade and new self-respect, these artisans build for themselves houses with two rooms, windows and tin roofs. They wear more and cleaner clothes. They send their children to school and even pay fees of four annas per month. A new sense of economic independence seems to be in the horizon of our people.

The statistical report is rather encouraging. Two districts report over a thousand baptisms each, and other districts approaching that high mark. Increases are shown in the number taken into full membership, the number receiving Holy Communion, the number of worship services conducted, the number of Christian weddings celebrated, and the number of funerals conducted by Christian rites. Family devotions are reported to be observed in over two thousand homes.

In the field of medical service our Bidar Hospital alone reports 110,000 patients treated during the past year, 224 of whom were...
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maternity cases. Our Vikarabad doctor gave himself unspiringly during the two epidemics of plague and cholera — over 7,000 inoculations were given and hundreds of sufferers treated.

Our educational institutions continue to enrich the Christian community. Our Methodist Boys' High School, though a comparatively new institution, has already contributed 61 of its alumni to Christian service in our Telugu field. Twenty-one others are at present continuing their studies in various colleges. In a group of 16 Christian high schools in various parts of India, our Boys' High School tied for second place in the number of Christian boys graduating this last year. Stanley Girls' High School also continues its reputation and outstanding position in this field. During the past year our Conference Vocational School commenced its career as a co-educational institution in a new location with a new curriculum and a new principal, Miss Ruth Partridge at Ekele.

Another milestone in the Indianization of our Conference program was reached during the present conference session, when two Indian ladies were appointed as Principals of Vikarabad Co-educational School and Bidar Girls' School. This places every institution in our conference under the supervision of carefully trained and capable nationals.

Every district superintendent spoke with great appreciation of the visits of Bishop Pickett and Mrs. Moore to our Conference during the past year. Bishop Pickett summarizes his impressions in the following words:—

"I am clear in my judgment that a really great work of church building, character transformations, and personality enrichment is in process in the Hyderabad Conference. The development of our worship program and its enthusiastic adoption by many of our people, the preparation of candidates for full membership and their eager acceptance of responsibilities of the new relationship, and the turning to Christ of many new groups are wonderfully encouraging. I am dedicating myself anew to this task as one of your patrons in the work."

Every district superintendent and every pastor in our Conference wishes to join with our Bishop in that act of dedication.

The cablegram just received from the Board of Foreign Missions stating that our appropriations are maintained, and the encouraging news to hand from the Ohio Conference inspires us to face the new year with enthusiasm. Our thanks are due to all our patrons and friends who are partners together with God in this great enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PATTERSON,
(For the Hyderabad Conference.)
Thirteenth Annual Report of the
General Statistics for Hyderabad Conference
For the last complete conference year preceding July 1, 1938.

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