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"Doctor ji" was a loved member of that host of women who publish the Glad Tidings. Like Dorcas, she was full of good works, and her works do follow her.
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Women's Appointments.

AJMER DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. Mott Keislar.
Ajmer, Avery Girls' School and Hostel .. Miss M. McNaught (by arrangement with the Church of Scotland Mission).
Bowen Boys' Hostel .. Mrs. Mott Keislar.
Tilaunia, Mary Wilson Sanatorium.
   Medical Director .. To be supplied.
   Business Manager .. Miss A. P. Buyers.
   Occupational Therapist .. To be supplied.
   Health Department .. Miss H. J. Fernstrom, (N. I. Conference).

BATALA DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. I. D. Revis.

FAZILKA DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. I. U. Daniel. (Until April 1st, 1938).
Village School Supervisor Miss L. D. Christensen.

HISSAR DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. James Shaw.
Hissar, Nur Niwas Girls' School .. Miss M. M. Coy.
Village School Supervisor Miss. L. D. Christensen, P. O. Hissar. (Quarterly Conference, Hissar).

LAHORE DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. C. B. Stuntz.
Lahore, Lucie F. Harrison Girls' School .. Miss G. P. Smith.
   School Work and Language School .. Miss L. Swords.
Raewind Christian Institute Mrs. E. M. Rugg.
APPOINTMENTS, 1937-38

MULTAN DISTRICT.

School Supervisor   .  Miss G. P. Smith.

PATIALA DISTRICT.

School Supervisor   .  Miss L. D. Christensen.

SIND-BALUCHISTAN DISTRICT.

District Work       .  Mrs. G. B Thompson.
Brooks Memorial Church       .  Mrs. G. B Thompson.
On Leave for special work in America  .  Miss Dorothy Speer, Miss C. I. Kipp, M. D., Miss C. C. Nelson, Mrs. F. C. Aldrich.
On leave in Norway  .  Miss Agnes Nilsen.
On Health Leave   .  Miss Ethel M. Palmer.
Officers and Committees, 1937-1938.

Indus River Woman's Conference.

President .......... Mrs. Thompson.
Vice-President ...... Mrs. Asghar Ali.
Secretary .......... Miss G. P. Smith.
Asst. Secretary ..... Miss A. Nilsen.
Statistical Secretary ...... Mrs. Thompson.
Field Correspondent .. Miss L. D. Christensen.

Field Reference Committee.
Mrs. Rugg, Chairman, Miss L. D. Christensen, Secretary, Miss Buyers, Miss Coy, Mrs. Keislar, Miss Smith. Alternates: Mrs. Stuntz, Mrs. Thompson.

Field Property Committee.
Miss Coy, Miss Christensen, Miss Buyers, Mrs. Rugg, Miss Smith. Alternate: Mrs. Keislar.

Committee on Education and Examinations.
Miss Christensen, Mrs. Asghar Ali, Mrs. Revis.

Auditing Committee.
Miss Buyers, Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. Revis, Miss Coy, Miss Christensen, Miss Smith.

Women's Missionary Societies.
Mrs. Asghar Ali, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. I. U. Daniel, Mrs. Keislar, Mrs. Stuntz.

Temperence Committee.
Mrs. Keislar, Mrs. I. U. Daniel, Miss Swords, Mrs. Rugg.

W. F. M. S. Furniture Committee.
Miss Buyers, Miss Swords, Miss Coy.

Summer Schools Committee.
Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Revis, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Asghar Ali, Miss Christensen, Mrs. Thompson.
Literature Committee.

Miss Christensen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stuntz.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium Board of Directors.

Miss L. D. Christensen (1st year), Mrs. Thompson (2nd year). Alternate: Mrs. Keislar.

Warne Baby Fold.

Miss Buyers.

Isabella Thoburn College Member, Board of Directors.

Miss Martha Coy.

Language School Committee.

The Field Correspondent, Mrs. Stuntz.

Credentials, or relations Committee.

The Field Reference Committee.

Kinnaird Training Center and Kinnaird College Visitor.

Miss G. P. Smith.

Punjab Christian Council Member.

Miss Martha Coy.

Mid-India Christian Council Member.

Mrs. Mott Keislar.

Conference Medical Board.

Mrs. Keislar, Miss Buyers, Dr. Tower.

Board of Evangelism.

Miss Christensen, Mrs. Asghar Ali, Mrs. Revis, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stuntz.

Board of Education.

Miss Coy, Miss Swords, Miss Smith, Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. Revis, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Asghar Ali, Miss Christensen. Alternate: Mrs. Stuntz, Rev. E. M. Rugg, G. J. Gill, Rev. L. Joseph, Rev. Mott Keislar, Rev. Subhan, Rev. Arjan Singh.
Official Minutes.
Sixteenth Annual Session.

FIRST DAY.

Day of Intercession.

Thursday, October 28.

Opening Session.

The Woman's Conference met with the members of the Annual Conference on Thursday morning, October 28, for the opening devotional period led by Bishop Chitambar. Following the hour of devotions papers were read by Rev. G. B. Thompson and by Rev. F. C. Aldrich on "The Aldersgate Experience of John Wesley."

At 2 P. M. the programme of the Board of Evangelism was held. Miss Nilsen gave a very helpful talk on "Personal Evangelism." The district superintendents of each of the districts were then asked to give three minutes reports of the work which had been done in their districts during the year, especially with reference to the Four Year Plan which was proposed by the Board of Evangelism and adopted by the conference a year ago.

Mr. Stuntz presented the plans for the International Missionary Conference to be held in the Orient in 1938.

At 5 P. M. a very impressive Communion Service was held in the out-door chapel of the Boys' School, by Bishop Chitambar.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, October 29.

Both Conferences met at 9 A. M. in the tent. The devotional service was led by Brigadier Mortimer, Secretary of the Salvation Army of North India. He read the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel and gave some very helpful remarks upon the Peace which Christ alone can give.
Organization of the Annual Conference:—Following the devotional hour the roll of the members of the Annual Conference was called and the conference organized. Miss Coy was welcomed back after her first furlough. Miss Swords our new missionary, was given a most hearty welcome to the work in this conference. Greetings were sent to some of the absent members.

Jubbulpore Refresher Course for Ministers, Epworth League:—Rev. E. L. King was introduced and spoke briefly on the proposed refresher course for ministers to be held in Jubbulpore. He also urged that more attention be given to the work with the young people, especially with reference to the training which the Epworth League provides, where there is enough enthusiasm on the part of pastors, missionaries and others to develope and guide the young people in this work. He stressed the value of the Epworth League for the young people of the villages giving as an example the splendid work being done by the Scotch Mission at Daska.

Reports:—After hearing the Reports of the District Superintendents of Ajmer, Fazilka, Hissar and Sind districts, and the District Evangelists' reports of Hissar and Fazilka districts, the members of the Women's Conference were excused to meet separately.

Organization of the Woman's Conference.  
First Session.

The Women's Conferences met at 11:15 in the Bangalow drawing-room.

Devotions:—Devotions were led by Mrs. Thompson. Her scripture reading was from Col. 3:12-17.

Organization:—The conference was organized and the following officers elected;

President: Mrs. Thompson.
Vice-President: Mrs. Asghar Ali.
Secretary: P. G. Smith.
Asst. Secretary: A. Nilsen.

Roll Call: The roll was called, and the following members were present: L. D Christensen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Rugg, Miss Buyers, Miss Agnes Nilsen, Mrs. I. U. Daniel, Mrs. Asghar Ali, Miss Martha Coy, Miss Lilly Swords, Miss G. P. Smith.
Introductions:—Miss Coy was welcomed back after furlough. Miss Lilly Swords was given a hearty welcome as our new missionary. She responded by telling us how happy she was to actually be in India.

Greetings:—Letters of greeting were read from the Nelson sisters and Mrs. Keislar, Miss Christensen brought Miss Palmer’s greetings to the conference. We all pray that she may soon be restored to perfect health and be able to return to India. Miss Buyers brought greetings from Dr. Kipp. We are happy to hear that she is quite well again.

The Secretary was asked to convey the greetings and sympathy of the conference to our dear Mrs. Chitambar who is not in good health and who could not meet with us this year. Miss Christensen was asked to send our hearty greetings to Mrs. Otis Moore who is now visiting our mission stations in India.

The list of absent members was then read and various members were asked to write them conveying our love and greetings.

Appointing of the Nominating Committee:—The following members were appointed by the chair to serve on the nominating committee:

G. B Smith
A Nilsen
Mrs. Asghar Ali.

Election of Field Correspondent:—Ballots were cast and Miss Christensen was again elected to serve as Field Correspondent.

Time of Elections:—It was voted that our elections be held in the first session of the Woman’s Conference on Saturday morning.

Appreciation of the services of Miss McNaught:—The secretary was asked to write a letter to the Scotch Mission in Ajmer expressing our sincere gratitude for the very efficient service being rendered by Miss McNaught who is in charge of the Avery Girls’ School during Miss Nelson’s furlough.

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned at 12:30 to meet again at 4 P.M.

Second Session.

Friday 5:10 P.M.

Devotions:—Mrs. Asghar Ali led in prayer.

Minutes:—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.
Reports:—The following reports were heard and accepted:

Women's work in Batala District, Mrs. Revis.

" " " Fazilka " Mrs. Daniel.

" " " Patiala " Mrs. Asghar Ali.

" " " Ajmer " Mrs. Thompson.

" " " Boys' School Hostel Raewind, Mrs. Rugg.

Adjournment:—The conference adjourned at 5:40 to meet after the Joint Session on Saturday morning.

Third Session.

Saturday, 12 Noon. October 30, 1937.

After the meeting in Joint Session where the reports of All-India Institutions and the Raewind Christian Institute reports were read the members of the Woman's Conference adjourned to meet for its elections.

Devotions:—After the singing of "What a Friend we have in Jesus" Miss Swords led in prayer.

Introductions:—Miss Grace Aya Ram and Miss Ella Singh were introduced to the conference. We are very happy to have these two fine Methodist Young women with us and hope that they may become members of the Woman's Conference before long.

Elections:—Ballots were cast for the members of the Field Ref. Committee. The following members were elected:

Miss Buyers, Miss Coy, Mrs. Rugg.
Mrs. Keislar, Miss Christensen, Miss Smith.
Alternates: Mrs. Stuntz, Mrs. Thompson.

Reports:—The following reports were heard and accepted:

Language Schools............ Miss Christensen.
Kinnaird Training Center..... Miss Smith.
Warne Baby Fold............. Miss Christensen.
Education and Examinations... Miss Smith.

Resolutions Committee:—The Committee on Resolutions was appointed by the chair as follows:

Miss Buyers,
Mrs. Revis,
Miss Coy.
Report of the Nominating Committee:—The Report of the Nominating Committee was read. It was accepted as whole.

Adjournment:—The session adjourned at 12:30 with prayer led by Miss Christensen.

Fourth Session.

Saturday, 3 P. M.

Devotions:—The session opened with devotions led by Mrs. Daniel. After the singing of "I am Coming to the Cross," Mrs. Revis led in prayer.

Minutes:—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Reports:—Miss Whiting's report was read by Miss Christensen. It was accepted.

The following reports were heard and accepted:
Conf:rence Medical Committee . . . . Miss Buyers.
Field Reference Committee . . . . Miss Christensen.
Summer Schools . . . . . . . . . . . . Miss Smith.
Punjab Christian Council . . . . Miss Christensen.
W. F. M. S. Furniture . . . . . . . Miss Nilsen.

Adjournment:—The conference adjourned for tea at 4:30 P. M.

Sunday, October 31st.

The sunrise service on Sunday was led by Mr. Rugg, with a goodly number in attendance in the outdoor chapel. The conference sermon was a most helpful and timely one. Padre Bhajan urged each Christian worker present to awaken to the great opportunities before us and to prepare ourselves better to win souls for Christ. Throughout the entire day the services brought blessing and inspiration to those who attended.

Fifth Session.

Monday, 9 A. M. November 1.

Devotions:—After the singing of "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Miss Buyers led in prayer.

Minutes:—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Reports:—The report of the Committee on Woman's Missionary Societies was read by Miss Nilsen. It was approved. Miss Nilsen reported a sum of Rs. 29-0-6
which had been collected for missionary work. After some discussion as to the disposal of this money it was voted to send Rs. 10 to the Warne Baby Fold and the balance to the Mission Claimant's Fund.

The matter of a suitable objective for missionary support for the Women's Missionary Societies was discussed and the new committee was asked to find an objective for missionary work for another year.

Greetings:—A telegram of greetings to the conference from Misses Gabrielson and McLeavy was read. Our greetings were sent to them through Miss Nilsen.

Field Property Committee Election:—The names proposed by the Field Reference Committee for the new Field Property Committee were read. They were elected.

Statistical Secretary:—Mrs. G. B. Thompson was elected to the office of Statistical Secretary.

Report of Temperance Committee:—The report of the Temperance Committee was read by Mrs. Revis and accepted.

Number of copies of the Conference Minutes:—The roll was called and each member present responded by stating the member of Conference minutes desired.

Minutes:—The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Adjournment:—The conference adjourned with prayer.

Closing Session.

The closing session of conference was held on Monday afternoon in the tent. After hearing the remaining reports the appointments for the coming year were read by Bishop Chitambar. Following the reading of appointments a service of consecration was held in the out-door chapel.
Reports of Committees.

Resolutions Committee.

1. We the members of the Indus River Conference both Ministerial and Laymen express our deep appreciation of the help and sympathetic understanding of our problems as shown by our presiding Bishop and brother, J. R. Chitambar. We much regret that Mrs. Chitambar has been unable to be present. Her leadership in the Women's Conference and presence among us all has been greatly missed.

2. The absence of Mrs. Stuntz and Mrs. James Shaw on account of illness is much regretted and we trust they may be well soon. We deeply regret that on account of illness Miss E. M. Palmer was compelled to take leave in America and we shall pray for her recovery and return to work in India.

3. We thank Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rugg and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Joseph for looking after our physical comforts and planning such an excellent programme for the week of Conference. They shall deserve a week of rest after we are gone.

4. All of us have been conscious of the assistance given us all by Mr. and Mrs. Gill, their Staff and the students of the Raewind Christian Institute. The dramas given on Saturday and Sunday evenings were much enjoyed by members of the Conference. The latter on stewardship is recommended for use in other stations.

5. The presence and message of Brigadier Mortimer of the Brigade Headquarters of the Salvation Army, Lahore were an inspiration to us. We extend our cordial good wishes for the work of the Salvation Army.

6. We most heartily welcome to our Conference Miss Lilly Swords, a new missionary and wish her a long and useful life of service for Christ in India.

7. The return of Miss Martha Coy for service is gladly recorded. We wish for Miss Agnes Nilsen a pleasant and useful furlough in her homeland of Norway, and shall pray that she may be able to find new recruits and develop much more interest in India within the Stockholm Area, before her return to India is due.
8. We wish for Rev. and Mrs. Aldrich a furlough rich in fellowships and associations with their children and friends in America, and God willing, a safe return to India for service when furlough days are over.

9. We welcome back Dr. and Mrs. Keislar and trust that this may be their best term of service in India.

10. The presence and messages of Mr. and Mrs. King, friends of many years, has been a delight to us all. Our Church is fortunate in having those of tried experience to visit the conferences and churches and bring before our young people fresh appeals for service. Mr. King is well equipped to stimulate our thinking and teach us to find better ways of doing things. The gospel of weaving as demonstrated so practically by Mrs. King is a real asset to the Christian community as a whole. We shall all do well to invite them to our various stations and districts.

11. With a real sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His love and sustaining help for those of our number who have been in grief during the year, and for His abiding presence with us all in the work assigned us, we look with faith and hope for a year of enriched service and greater fruitfulness in leading others to Christ and strengthening the Church of Christ.

The Resolutions Committee.

Temperance Work.

The Temperance Band in Lahore Girls' School carries on its regular work. One teacher has volunteered for this work and takes a great interest in it. Weekly meetings are held. The girls themselves, often prepare the programmes. Our girls usually compete in the medal contests and representatives are sent to the Punjab Temperance Convention which meets annually.

In the districts although there is no Temperance organization as such, nevertheless work is done by the distribution of tracts, and by definite teaching on Temperance to our village congregations.

The new Government of India is laying great stress on the need for Prohibition in India. We feel that this is one way in which we can co-operate with the Government to bring about better conditions in our land.

The Temperance Committee.
Summer Schools.

A successful District Conference and Summer School was held in Ajmer District.

The workers of Hissar and Patiala Districts were taken to the Saharanpur Convention this year instead of having the regular Summer School. Reports were that the Convention was very good and that many received a special blessing in their lives.

In Fazilka District a Summer School was held. Besides the small group of workers a number of village laymen were called in for the institute. Specially good messages were given by a visiting minister Rev. Shadi Khan. We believe that many returned to their villages with new spiritual life and inspiration for the service which the Master is calling them to do.

In Batala a joint Summer School was held for the workers of Batala, Lahore and Multan Districts. Bishop Chitambar was able to be present part of the time. A fine spirit was manifested throughout the summer school. Some were convicted of things in their lives which were not in accord with the will of God. An honest effort was made by them to straighten the crooked paths. We pray that they may go on until they have the assurance that their hearts are right before Him.

Board of Evangelism.

A programme was given by the Board of Evangelism on the day preceding Conference. The emphasis was on personal evangelism and a living vital experience of Christ in our Churches and village congregations. Reports were given by each district of the progress made in the working of the Four Year Plan adopted last year.

The new Board of Evangelism met the first of November to consider what our emphasis should be for the coming year (1). We urge upon all workers in the districts continued efforts to get places of worship, however simple, established in each place where we have Christians, and regular evening worship to be conducted, and the prescribed Bible teaching to be given.

2. As far as possible we should make plans for holding *jalsas* and conventions in central places, and
for securing the attendance of a larger number of women at these gatherings. Where practicable, booths might be arranged to add to the attraction.

3. We urge emphasis upon securing cleanliness and beauty in and about the homes of our village people. Small prizes might be offered, such as framed Christian pictures to excite interest and stir up enthusiasm.

4. We should make this year an added effort to find and train village leaders and prepare them for the service of consecration as leaders of worship in their congregations. To this end we would urge greater effort in getting the attendance of these men at the Raewind Chaudhri School.

5. Special arrangement should be made for the taking of examinations in the prescribed courses for village people. Special examiners should be chosen, and where possible people should be called into centers and the examination day made a special occasion.

6. We urge strenuous efforts toward reaching our goal of having every Christian in our districts literate within five years.

7. In conclusion we quote from a letter written to us by Mrs. Chitambar who, we greatly regret, could not be with us in our conference sessions. "My suggestion is that we do intensive work in the Church this year with the slogan 'Every member a new man or woman in Christ Jesus.'" Then as they surrender themselves get them active to serve others. Also lay before them their responsibilities to show the proofs of their 100% loyalty to the Lord in surrendering their all to Him and bringing in the tithe into the Church treasury. In short, help them to be filled with missionary zeal. If we get busy whole-heartedly with His help and under His guidance, aiming at reaching the very last person in the Church, we shall have results beyond our expectations. It will be very difficult to get up so far; the victory will come on our knees and within a short time we shall see a new life—His life in the Church—a self-supporting and missionary Church."

Chairman, L. D. Christensen,
Secretary, Mrs. Asghar Ali.
Report of the Committee on the Four Year Plan of Evangelism.

SUGGESTED WAYS AND MEANS OF CARRYING OUT THE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF EVANGELISM AS SANCTIONED BY CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Let each district choose one or more villages in which to do Intensive work along the following lines:—

1. Make special effort to thoroughly Organize the Village Church. Let every City Church distribute its workers in various mohullas for evangelism after a Course of Training.
2. Set aside a Special Place for Worship.
3. Arrange for Daily Evening Worship, following a prescribed course.
4. Seek to abolish non-Christian customs, and Establish Christian Customs. Make much of the annual Family Day by united worship as a family, and social gatherings in order to renew Family Fellowship and set to win non-Christian members to Christ.
5. Stress the Teaching of Stewardship, with emphasis on Tithing.
6. Arrange for Christian Conventions and Melas.
7. Distribute and sell Christian Literature, endeavouring to reach every literate person. Make use of the students in our schools for this and such other work as they can do, that they may grow in the work of vital Christian service.
8. Establish a Day or Night School in each of these selected villages. Make use of either the Laubach system of teaching reading, or the new Moga System.
9. Carefully select, train, and consecrate Chaudhris for work in surrounding villages; Organize singing and praying bands.
10. Make experiments in various kinds of village uplift work along social and economic lines. Keep in touch with the Rural Work Committee of the Punjab Christian Council, Rev. E. D. Lucas, 3—Empress Road, Lahore.
11. In view of the special movement on among the Depressed Classes, we urge that a sympathetic and understanding attitude be shown toward them in their search for the true Light, and that we make every effort to prepare them for reception into the Christian Church.
12. As there is a close relationship between bodily and spiritual needs it is very fitting that along with evangelistic work, we emphasize the need of Total
Abstinence from all alcoholics, drugs and tobacco, Temperance work puts us on the same platform with non-Christians and gives us a chance to reveal Christ and the clean life before them.

13. In order to adequately carry out the aforesaid plan, time should be set aside for heart-searching and prayerful preparation.

14. The responsibility for pushing this work will be in the hands of an Executive Committee chosen by and from the Evangelistic Board of Indus River Conference. (The Board chose the following: Miss L. Christensen, Chairman, Miss W. M. Gabrielson, Secretary, Miss McLeavy, Rev. T. B. Bhajan, and Khushiya Mal).

Watch...Pray....Work....The Harvest is Ready.

Rules for Audit.

1. At the time of the yearly audit the missionary holding funds shall present to the auditors her bank book along with a signed statement of unpresented checks, cash in hand, and assets and liabilities up to the end of September.

2. Vouchers shall be required for all expenditures of rupees five or more. They shall be filed flat in order of entries in the Account Book and numbered in red to correspond with the numbers in the book. In order to facilitate the work of the auditors all amounts spent or received shall be underscored in red ink.

3. Receipts for all moneys shall be in duplicate, carbon copy to be kept, numbered and filed for audit. The Auditing Committee recommend uniform receipt books for districts and also for schools, except that the name of the individual school may appear on the receipts.

4. All entries and totals must be made in ink, and all credit or debit balances shall appear in red ink.

5. Not more than one entry shall be made on a line in the Account Book.

6. Auditors shall take time to see that regular items like Society grants, Government grants, salaries, etc., appear regularly.

7. No auditor shall be allowed to audit books which she herself is taking over. Should an auditor by later appointment, take over books which she herself has audited another audit shall be arranged for.
8. There shall be two auditors for every set of books; the Auditing Committee having power to co-opt another missionary, if necessary.

9. Where a work in a school or district is divided by Bishop’s appointment the money for each department shall be sent to each missionary direct from the Central Treasurer.

10. Any question arising in an audit shall first be referred to the Auditing Committee; then if necessary, to the Field Reference Committee.

11. The Chairman of the Auditing Committee shall, in consultation with her Committee, make plans for the yearly audits at least two months in advance.

12. All missionaries must have a letter of authorization to operate an account, before taking over a bank account. Sufficient notice must be given to the Central Treasurer to make possible the sending of such a letter.

13. In taking over account there shall be a statement in the Account Book, on a separate page, signed by both parties, showing:

(a) Bank Balance
(b) Unpresented Checks
(c) Cash in Hand
(d) Assets and Liabilities

Miss Whiting suggests that all those who handle W. F. M. S. funds should at the end of every month draw up a balance sheet. A sample balance sheet is shown below.

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Bible Readers’ Course.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Khudáwand Yisú’ Masíh kí Zindagí ká Ahwál, P. R. B. S., Lahore.
2. Muqaddas Kitáb ká Ahwál, Pahlá Hissa, P. R. B. S., Lahore.
3. A Wonderful House, Dr. Allen, P. R. B. S., Lahore.
4. Dharm Tula, Urdu or Hindi, P. R. B. S., Lahore.
6. Memory Work. Matthew V, VI, VII.

SECOND YEAR.

3. The Care of the Baby.
5. Ten Stories (Chosen as above. Lessons XIV to XXIII).

THIRD YEAR.

1. John, James and ) 1, 15, 23, 103.
   Selected Psalms.) For study only, 6, 32, 38,
   ( 51, 192, 148-150, 78, 136,
   22, 72, 19.
5. Twelve Stories. (Lessons XXIV to XXXVI, omitting XXVII. Examination to be a Model Lesson taught before the examiner).
6. Memory Work. (See Psalms indicated above).
7. Suggested Reading. Poster Hsi.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Romans.
2. Masihá Namúna, P. R. B. S., Lahore.
3. The Beacon Method.
5. Story-Telling. (Lessons XXXVII to L. omitting XXXVIII). Examination to be a Model Lesson taught before the examiner).
ART. I. Name.—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Society of Indus River Conference.

ART II. Affiliation.—This Society shall be affiliated with the International Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART III. Purpose.—The Purpose shall be the same as the Mother Organization. viz. "To know Him and to make Him known; to aid in making possible the realization of His Kingdom for all peoples and in all areas of life; to share with womanhood and children through education, social uplift, healing ministers and evangelism, the abundant life in Christ; to enlist and maintain trained women as missionaries; to assist in the promotion of the missionary spirit throughout our world parish; to seek with women of all lands fellowship and mutual help in the building of a Christian world over."

ART IV. Membership.—Membership shall be composed of all who contribute the minimum fees for its work.

(1) Missionaries may contribute dues on the basis of home membership, Rs. 3-0-0 per annum.

(2) Indian women may contribute according to ability, with a minimum of a pice a month.

(3) Membership may include men also, as Extension members.

(4) Where no auxiliary exists, individuals may belong as Extension members by sending in their contributions to conference.

ART V. Officers.—The Officers shall be the usual ones in any organization, according to the local need. The TREASURER shall be the custodian of all funds through the year, and turn over these funds at conference to the Secretary appointed by the Woman's Conference.

ART VI. Meetings.—Meetings shall be held monthly, or at least eight during the conference year,
and as far as possible follow the programmes that are prepared and appear in the Kaukab and Witness.

**Art VII. Further Plans** may be presented to the Women's Conference each year and decisions made by this conference shall govern the disposition of funds or any plans or devices that will further the work.

W. M. Gabrielson, Secretary.
A. H. Nilsen.
H. Gauhar Masih.
G. Asgar Ali.
Mrs. James Shah, Committee.

I. Constitution of the Woman's Conference.

**Art I. Name.**—This conference shall be called the Woman's Conference of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia.

**Art II. Purpose.**—This conference shall be associated with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in aiding the Church in the evangelization and education of the people of Southern Asia.

**Art III. Meetings.**—The Annual Meetings of the conference shall be held at the same time and place as the Annual Conference, at which time, officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, reports heard and counsel taken with reference to the work of the Church within the boundaries of the conference.

2. All important recommendations to the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society through the Foreign Department shall first be acted upon by the Woman's Conference.

3. This Conference may delegate any of its functions to the Field Reference Committee, or other committees.

**Art IV. Membership.**—The Conference shall be composed of full members and associate members who are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A.—Full Members shall be:

1. The wife of the Resident Bishop.
2. All women after completing two years of Associate Membership who meet the following requirements:
(a) Have completed a high school course or its equivalent and who have had two years further educational training.

(b) Have been recommended by the Woman's Relations Committee and elected by a majority vote of the members of the Woman's Conference present and voting.

(c) Women who have not met the educational requirements, but who have passed a two-year course of study as prescribed by the Central Conference Commission on Courses of Study.

B.—Associate Members shall be:—

1. All women who have completed a high school course or its equivalent and wish to consecrate their lives to the maintenance and development of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ, and who, have been recommended by their Quarterly and District Conferences and the Woman's Relations Committee, and elected by a majority vote of the Woman's Conference present and voting.

2. Women included under (A, 2) who are accepted by the Woman's Conference but are not subject to appointment by the Bishop.

C. Application for Membership,—Candidates shall present a written application for membership, on the prescribed form, to the Credentials Committee of the Woman's Conference.

D.—Duration of Membership:—

1. Members in the Woman's Conference shall continue as long as a member continues in the active work of our Church. Whenever such relations are discontinued, membership, in the Woman's Conference shall automatically cease.

However, in case a member wishes to take leave for a year or more for the purpose of further study or for health reasons, her name may remain on the roll for the time, but she may be excused from attendance at Conference, or work on Committees.

2. If any member absents herself from Conference for three consecutive years without being officially excused, her name shall be
dropped from the Conference roll of membership.

ART V. Privileges of Associate Members:—Associate Members of the Woman's Conference shall have all the privileges of full members except voting for, or being members of, the Field Reference Committee.

ART VI. Consecration Service:—Full and Associate Members shall be taken into the Woman's Conference in a special Consecration Service which has been arranged and accepted by the Central Conference.

ART VII. Appointment!
A.—Full Members.
1. Missionaries receive their appointment from the Bishop not as members of the Conferences, but in accordance with the rules of the Missionary Society under which they work.
2. Other full members are subject to appointment by the Bishop.
B.—Associate Members:—Associate Members are not subject to appointment by the Bishop, but are employed by the Manager of Managing Committee of the work in which they are engaged.

ART VIII. Officers:—The officers of the Conference shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, and a Field Correspondent to be elected annually and such other officers as seem necessary.

ART IX. Committees:—The Conference shall elect a Conference Relation's Committee, such committees as the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may require, and any other committees deemed necessary.

ART X. Relationship to the Annual Conference:—The Woman's Conferences shall work in co-operation with the...Annual Conference.

ART XI. Method of Amendment:—On recommendation of two-thirds of all the full members of the several Woman's Conferences present and voting, shall suffice to authorize the next ensuing Central Conference by a two-thirds vote to alter or amend any of the provisions of this Constitution; and also, whenever such alteration or amendment shall have been first recommended by a Central Conference by a two-thirds
vote, then as soon as two-thirds of all full members of the several Woman's Conferences present and voting shall have concurred therein, such alteration or amendment shall take effect; and the result of the vote shall be announced by the General Superintendents.

COURSE OF STUDY.

For Associate Members of the Woman's Conference.

For those seeking full membership in the Woman's Conference (Note Art. IV, A, 2, c, of the Constitution, page 107 of the Minutes of Central Conference, 1935-36).

FIRST YEAR.
2. Discipline: Paras 1—75 in the 1932 Discipline. (After the publication of the new Discipline for India the subject-matter pertaining to the above will be the basis for study).
7. Reading:
   "The Child in the Midst"—Dr. Bryce.
   "A Covenant Keeping God"—Warne.

SECOND YEAR.
1. Bible: Epistles.
2. Discipline: The remaining portion not covered in the first year.
4. Comparative Religion: "Out of their Own Mouths"—Buck.
6. The L M N-tary and X Y Z-dary of the W. F. M. S.
7. Reading:
   "How to Teach Ideals" (Indian Edition)—Dr. Charter.
   "Ideals That Have Helped Me"—Warne.

(These books will be stocked by the Lucknow Publishing House, Lucknow).
Reports of Institutions.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium,
Tilaunia, Rajputana.

During this past year in our work in the Sanatorium, we have had many things for which we have been thankful and we have also had some things which have been difficult. I want first to mention the pleasant things and the first one of these is the lovely fellowship with various members of the staff, and the splendid co-operation we have had from them. In this connection, I want specially to mention the service which the nurses have rendered. It is not always easy to find nurses who are willing to work in a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Many are afraid of the disease, others, I think, feel that they do not want to work with the same type of patients all of the time. They fear that work may sometimes become monotonous, for there is not the variation of work which is found in a general hospital. The nurses we have had this year have, almost without exception, served with a beautiful spirit of love and sympathy. Most of them have served as though they felt it a privilege rather than a task to make patients comfortable and happy. Numbers of times during the year when an emergency has arisen, without a word or request being spoken nurses who were off duty have put on their uniforms and gone to the wards to ask whether there was anything they could do to help. I have greatly appreciated knowing and working with this group.

The second thing, for which we have been very thankful, was the help given to us during the six months when we did not have a resident doctor. Dr. Arulananthan, of Brindaban, spent one month in Tilaunia and Dr. Nilkanth Austin, two months. During July, August and Part of September, Drs. Tower and Burchard of Brindaban made frequent trips to supervise the work. We are very thankful to all these for their help. We do have a doctor now, which is another thing about which we rejoice.

We have also been pleased that people outside our own Mission have shown marked interest in the
development of Tilaunia. These have included people of other Missions, also Government doctors and others.

Of the difficulties, the two chief have been, not having a Medical Director and our lack of equipment. We have felt very keenly our need for a Medical Director and also this lack of equipment. Both are absolutely necessary if Tilaunia is to be able to give the best kind of service. No one can expect a physician to be happy working in a sanatorium which lacks the equipment necessary for treating tuberculosis by modern methods. And, equipment without a doctor to use it would not help us. These two great needs must be considered together. I am happy to be able to tell you that the need for a Medical Director will be supplied if equipment can be provided. A. W. F. M. S. Doctor who has had much experience in India has offered her services on this condition.

Time after time people have come to us to inquire about bringing patients to the Sanatorium. They have liked the location and the climate and the accommodations offered but when the question about an X-ray was asked we have had to admit that we do not have an X-ray to guide us in the treatment of patients. Next would come the question about Pneumothorax treatment and again we would have to answer in the negative. I believe all of us like to give not only our best but the best and it is difficult to have to tell people who come to us for help, that we do not have the needed equipment. We may give our best and the best that we have but that is not enough if, it does not adequately meet the needs of the patients.

Those of you who have sent patients to the Sanatorium, know what it means to be responsible for them during the long months they must remain there. I believe that with the equipment for which we are asking the length of the period of treatment could be materially shortened and thus in the end lessen the expense to the schools.

The need for an institution like Tilaunia is great and the opportunities for service are also great. We are continuing to have many non-Christians come to us. This is a door of opportunity, not only to serve them physically but spiritually as well, which we should push open further. Before we can open that door wide, our two great needs must be supplied.
Tilaunia Sanatorium needs the help of everyone of you. How many of you will help us, first by your prayers, also by your gifts and by helping to arouse interest so that we may secure the staff and equipment which we so badly need?

The statistics for the year are as follows:

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I am sorry to have to report this number of deaths but of the ten who died, seven were admitted in the last stages of the disease when nothing could be done for them.

Respectfully submitted.

Anna P. Buyers.

The Avery School Report.

The School Hall was filled with a large gathering of friends belonging to different Church Groups Ajmer on 5th November, 1936 to bid farewell to Miss E. L. Nelson and Miss C. C. Nelson on the eve of their departure for America. As Miss E. L. Nelson was retiring from work in India a life-size portrait of her, presented to the school, was unveiled. Farewell speeches which sincerely expressed appreciation and gratitude to God for their sacrificial lives of service were read, and a drama was staged by the girls. The staff accompanied the Misses Nelson as far as Tilaunia where they spent a lively week-end with the missionaries and nurses of the Sanatorium.

This year we have begun having organised games—Basket-ball and Volley-ball—two evenings a week. The girls were so eager to begin that they gave up their free time to clear and mark the playing grounds. Already they are playing well and developing a real team spirit.

The Guides and Blue Birds continue to enjoy the fun of guiding and owe much to the training they get through these organizations. Four of the School Guides and I went to Jaipur to meet Lady Baden Powell when she visited Rajputana this year. It was
a thrilling experience for us all to shake hands and speak with the World's Chief Guide.

The Epworth League brings the young people of the Church into fellowship with one another and is helping them to realise their responsibilities as Church Members. They take a leading part in the Sunday School which is held in the School Hall. Some of them decorated the Church beautifully with flowers and palm leaves for the Palm Sunday Service.

Eight girls appeared for the Anglo-Vernacular Middle Examination this year all of whom passed. Six of them have joined Class VII of the Scottish Mission Girls' High School, Nasirabad, and two, who were studying in the Government Girls' School here, have joined Class IX in Nasirabad. Another, passing Class VIII in the Government Girls' School here, has gone to Brindaban to take up nursing. Two girls have gone from a lower Class of the School to take vocational training in the Canadian Mission School called Sunder Garh-Neemuch.

The Primary School has now adopted the Moga Method of teaching Hindi and Urdu. Both teachers and children find it very interesting.

The health of the girls has kept very good during the year. Dr. Tower of Brindaban, while relieving in Tilaunia, kindly came with Miss Fernstrum for the Annual Medical inspection of the girls. Twenty girls and three teachers went to Tilaunia for tonsillectomies and are all now very fit.

It has been a real joy to me to act as a link between the two Missions and Churches by coming to work in this School, and to see the teachers of both Missions living and working together in full cooperation. It has been an added pleasure to live with an Indian Colleague, Miss Hakim, a graduate of the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, and to see the fruit of Christian education in such women, who in Jesus Christ have entered into freedom and who are sharing the responsibility of bringing that freedom to their own sisters.

MARGARET MCNAUGHT.

Nur Niwas, Hissar.

Nur Niwas has had during the last year much of blessing as well as some of what, from the human standpoint, seems misfortune. We are deeply grateful for the former, and when we remember that "All
things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and that we are instructed to give thanks in all things, we do not chafe under the latter.

There are at present fifty girls and eight little boys under the care of the matron in the hostel. The building which was begun a year ago, on faith, is now completed. It will be used for little boys.

Last March four girls appeared for the Government Middle Examination. All were successful. One is now in teacher-training, one in high school, another is teaching with her mother, and arrangements are being made for further study for the fourth. In addition to the fifty-eight boarders, twelve children attend as day pupils, three of whom are Mohammedans.

The children are still keen about the industrial work. This year the fifth class also are paying a small fee earned by their work in the gardens. There is a group of Blue Birds under the leadership of one of the teachers.

The school as well as the entire community profited much from the visits during the year of Bishop J. R. Chitambar, Dr. Donahue, of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Biscoe.

It has been gratifying to note the girls' interest in their Epworth League work. Even during the absence for some months of a sponsor they carried on a programme of their own.

Several articles made by the school sewing classes were sent to the W. T. C. U. for their annual sale.

We realize a great loss in the death of the wife of one of the school workers, but the influence of her beautiful Christian life continues.

We appreciate the wonderful spirit of co-operation and loyalty on the part of entire staff during Miss Palmer's illness. Gratitude is also due Miss Agnes Nilsen who so ably and willingly carried the burden of the school in addition to her own district work.

We regret the necessity of Miss Palmer's going to America, but trust that she may soon be restored to perfect health and that before long we may welcome her back.


During the year progress has been made along several lines. Constant effort is being made to raise
the standard of instruction and to instil a spirit of self-reliance into our girls. Each staff-member has co-operated in the endeavor to build strong Christian character, realizing this to be the greatest aim of the school.

The enrollment during the year has reached 172. At present there are 156 on our rolls, 111 of whom are in the Primary Dept. and 45 in the Middle classes. In April we decided that we would have to close the 9th class which had been started a couple of years previously. We feel that it is more economical for our girls to attend other high schools of Lahore as our numbers do not justify establishing a high school at present, and our income is not adequate to meet the requirements for a high school staff.

The results of our 3rd Middle Class in the Government examinations this spring were quite disappointing. We are now trying our best to make up the deficiencies in the teaching of Arithmetic and other subjects in which the students have great difficulty. It is our aim and expectation that the next year's results will be much better.

There are at present eleven staff members besides the principal. Only one of these is untrained, and as she is a B. A. she expects to go for her teachers' training the coming year. Much credit is due the entire staff for their fine spirit of co-operation and their faithfulness during the entire school year. Their work has been done conscientiously and happily, sometimes under very trying circumstances.

The girls are taking keen interest in sports. We have two Net-ball teams and two Badminton teams. The matches which our teams have played with those of other schools are proving of great value in developing good sportsmanship and a spirit of competition. The younger children have regular organized games under the supervision of their teachers. We believe that the daily games period has much to do with keeping our girls in such good health.

The Girl Guides have done well under the leadership of Miss Shunkar Das and Miss Ella Singh. There is also a band of 24 Blue-birds under the direction of Miss Randle and Miss Mallu Chand. The training in Hygiene, cleanliness, first-aid, helpfulness to others, and in games and songs, will be of lasting value to the girls. It was the great privilege of our Guides and Blue-birds to this spring attend a Guides rally in which more than 1,000 guides participated.
This function was held in honor of Lady Baden Powell, the World’s Chief Guide. This was an experience long to be remembered, and great was the excitement of those who attended when they came back to relate what a wonderful party they had had 'n the beautiful grounds of Government House.

The health of the girls has been exceptionally good this year. We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for His continued answers to prayer in sparing our school from the frequent epidemics which are so common among children. We are endeavoring continually to correct physical weaknesses found amongst the girls. Results of giving extra articles of diet, medicine when prescribed, insisting on plenty of exercise and, for some, extra rest periods, all of these, have proven most gratifying and some of the more delicate ones are developing into healthy and more normal children, able to carry on their regular school duties.

As we look back upon the year that has just passed our hearts are full of gratitude to Our Father for His many kindnesses and His continual guidance. He has granted strength for every task. It has been a pleasure to work with this group of Indian Christian women who have given of themselves so unstintingly to further the progress which we desire to see in our school. It is our prayer that each child who attends our school may be led into a definite experience in Jesus Christ, that she may consecrate her life to Him fully, and that she may be used of Him toward the bringing in of His Kingdom in India.

We wish again to express our deep appreciation of every gift which comes from America, for the support of girls or teachers. May these gifts of love bring in rich returns.

Grace Pepper Smith.
Reports of Districts.

Ajmer District.

Ajmer District has suffered a loss this year in the transfer of the Misses Gabrielson and McLeavy to North-West India Conference. Both ladies were very eager to return to their old Conference and our best wishes go with them for their work in Bulandshahr.

Miss Gabrielson had carried on the work in Phalera, while Miss McLeavy had been most zealous in touring in the district. I have been able to visit each station in the district only once during the year, though I hope to visit three or four of the circuit centers after Conference which comes early this year. Touring is always a joy to Mr. Thompson and myself. We feel that real progress is being made in our village work. In Srimadhopur we have a splendid village school. The Bible woman who is in charge of it sends her pupils to the Government school for their examinations. The results have been very gratifying. She teaches the outcaste children who would not be allowed to study in the Government school. Special seating arrangements are made for them when they go for their examinations. We also have schools in Reengus, Pisangan, Parbastan and in Kuchaman where a retired worker keeps up his school work. In all of these places the evangelistic work is being faithfully carried on. Regular Temperance teaching is also being given.

Our workers are interested in adult education and a real effort is being made to teach our people to read. In our District Conference one of the Bible women gave a fine demonstration of how to teach an older person to read. It was very successful and our workers were surprised that the man could read the first page in his reader after the first lesson. We believe that real progress will be made through these efforts to do away with illiteracy among the village people.

Mrs. G. B. Thompson.

Batala District Women's Report, 1937.

We thank God for giving us another opportunity to present our report of the Batala district after a year of absence on leave. At the very outset we would re-
request the members of the Conference to remember us in their prayers.

It was at the last annual Conference held in November, 1936 that we were appointed again to the Batala district by our beloved Bishop. During our absence the district work was supervised by the Rev. C. B. Stuntz and we are very grateful to him for taking a very great and personal interest in our district. As a result of first-hand acquaintance with the district work he recommended to the New York Board that the Batala district work should not be closed down. We are rightly proud of the fact that as regards work, our district is second to none; while as regards the number of Christians it is only second. We hope Mr. Stuntz’s recommendations will be accepted and the work will be allowed to go on.

Christmas Day:—Christmas is celebrated with great zeal by our village Christians. They organize small singing bands, go round rejoicing and greeting their friends, and hold special services of thanksgiving. Last year four such bands came to the headquarters from different villages. We were ourselves privileged to attend and take part in four different services on Christmas and Rs. 13/- was received in thanksgiving offerings. Non-Christians marvel at the change which has come into the lives of these people, who but a few years back were passive idol-worshippers.

Revival Month:—At least a month beforehand we make plans for the Revival Campaign so that all the local congregations in the district may know when they will be visited. The campaign was launched on the 15th of February and we spent the 14th in prayer and preparation for it. All the villages were visited and meetings were held, sometimes lasting until two in the morning. No hardships or difficulties were undergone. The only adventure we had was when our tonga broke down twice and we had to return to the headquarters to get it repaired. But the trip was resumed uninterruptedly. 159 meetings were conducted attended by 5,668 persons. 186 persons were baptised; 9,865 Gospel portions and tracts were sold and distributed and Rs. 72-3-9 realized in offerings. 50 persons received new life.

Chaudhri Jalsa:—On March 8, 1937, our beloved Bishop was present in our midst and Chaudhries from all over the district assembled to welcome him. Many of them had travelled over 20 miles just to see and hear their Indian Bishop. These people had come with
their singing bands. At 1 P.M. a special service was held in which 664 Chaudhries were present. Rs. 65-3-0 was given in collections. Our good friend, Rev. C. B. Stuntz was also present with us. The messages which these two friends brought to us gave us great encouragement and our Chaudhries have gone back to their villages full of new hope and joy. On March 9, a special service was held in the Sunnaiyan Church in which our two worthy guests took part. Services were also held for the workers which were of great spiritual value. We all re-dedicated ourselves to God's work. We thank God for the visit of these two friends.

Places of Worship:—Our people have a great respect for the places where they hold their services. The local congregation makes itself responsible for opening and shutting the place before and after the service. They repair the place and keep it neat and trim. In many places the Pastor is given a free house and if he happens to be a new man he is entertained by various members of the congregation in their homes for days together. Whenever we visit the district these friends make themselves responsible for our entertainment.

District Conference and Summer School:—At the very wise suggestion of Mr. Stuntz the three districts of Lahore, Multan and Batala held a joint Conference at Batala from September, 18—29. These days were days of great spiritual awakening for all of us. Useful personal work was done and helpful sermons and Scripture talks were given by Rev. Stuntz and Miss Christensen. Our Bishop was also present with us for a short time and we all enjoyed his visit this second time too.

Our Hope:—Batala District is a great centre of work in the Indus River Conference. The State of the Church re: self-support, local leadership and Christian brotherhood, is praiseworthy and a sure sign of the fact that we have a great future before us. Let us remember Rom. 10: 10 and go forward with our ministry.

Mrs. I. D. Revis.

Hissar and Patiala Districts.

Missionary:—Miss Agnes Nilsen.

District Superintendents' wives:—Mrs. James Shaw, Mrs. Asgar Ali.

Hissar District.

During the past year we have come to realize the truth of the words of the prophet Isaiah: “As the
heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." The year has been very different from what we thought it would be. Several of the plans we made were not fulfilled. Certain doors were closed and others opened. But through it all we have learned to say "Thy will be done," because we know that His will and His plans are always the best.

The illness of Miss Palmer necessitated the district evangelist's spending part of the year in the Hissar Girls' School.

Special attention has been given to the villages surrounding Hissar. The coming of a new village worker and his wife during the year has meant much to these villages. Several have accepted Christ and others will be baptized after having received more instruction. Two "Chaudhries," leaders for the village congregations, were consecrated by Bishop Chitambar on the occasion of his visit to Hissar in March.

God has richly blessed the work in the sweeper mahalla in Hissar. There is evidence of real spiritual growth among the people. At Christmas time they decorated their homes and put on a beautiful Christmas program entirely arranged by themselves.

In March permission was granted to the Indian Christian Congregation to use the Church building belonging to the Church of England for their services. This was a source of great joy to all the Christians in Hissar. Formerly the services were held in the school hall.

The Reading Room continues to be a blessing and proves to be of great importance in the bringing of the Gospel to the educated non-Christians of Hissar. More pictures and Bible verses for the walls have been supplied, also some more literature.

Two new village teachers have been employed during the year. They are also giving part of their time to adult education.

100 Temperance tracts have been distributed each month in the district.

The visits of Bishop Chitambar, Dr. Donohugh and Mr. and Mrs. Biscoe were much appreciated.

Mrs. Shaw, wife of the District Superintendent, has rendered a very valuable service. The Bible women have worked faithfully.
Patiala District.

The work in the villages surrounding Patiala city has been very encouraging. Several have accepted Christ and have completely left their old ways and traditions and have put their trust in the only true and living God. In certain of the villages in the district plans are under consideration for the building of worship places for the Christian communities. The developing of leaders (Chaudhries) for the village congregations is being stressed. Special attention is being paid to the work among the depressed classes.

There are five village schools in the district. The one at Budhlada is recognized by the Government and is regularly being visited by the Government Inspector. This year all the pupils who appeared for the fourth class annual examination were successful. In these schools special emphasis being laid upon Christian teaching.

At Bhatinda services have been held in English among the English Speaking Railway Community. A Christian family have very kindly opened their home for such services. Both Anglo-Indian and Indian laymen—and women take an active part in the work in this place.

Bishop Chitambar and the Indian evangelist, Mr. Bakht Singh Chabra, visited the district, and their messages proved a great blessing to the people.

The services of Mrs. Asgar Ali, wife of the District Superintendent, and the Bible women have been greatly appreciated. But the workers are few, and we need more labourers for the great harvest.

Summer School.

No summer school was held within the districts this year. All the workers from Hissar and Patiala districts attended the Saharanpur Convention. Bishop Chitambar was Chairman of the Convention, so our District Conference was held one day previous. Many missionaries and Indian Christians from the surrounding towns and villages were present at the Convention. It was a great privilege and opportunity for our workers to attend such a large gathering, and the Convention was a great blessing to them all. We are praying that all of our workers may be the means of winning many souls for Christ during the coming year.
Reports of districts

Fazilka District.

Missionary:—Lydia D. Christensen.

Wife of District Superintendent:—Mrs. ILM-UD-DIN Daniel.

That new life is stirring in the villages where we have been touring is evident. There has been much to make us think of Paul's statement, "A great and effectual door has been opened unto me, and there are many adversaries". This is shown mainly in hindrances through unavoidable circumstances, yet there has been much to encourage. It is clear that the Spirit is directing the work of the Kingdom in this area. I have been gladdened by the increased interest of parents in the education of their girls and their desire to send them to Hissar. And the lives of these girls are as lights shining in a dark place when they return to their villages for the holidays.

We have been privileged to have some special "jalsas" or Conventions lasting three days, in some parts of the district, which have been a blessing to the Christians. The visit of Bishop Chitambar, our Indian Bishop, was a time of great blessing to us, also. One service conducted in the Railway Institute for the English-speaking people was marked by unusual attention and interest. These people living in that far-removed town seldom have the privilege of hearing a message from God's Word by a minister of the Gospel. It was a joy to be with these same people at Easter and to bring them a message. This whole area is open to the Gospel, and affords great opportunities for presenting the Word of God. It is a native state under a Moslem ruler who is very tolerant, and especially kind to Christians. We hope soon to get land for a Christian Church there. All through the part of the state where we tour are groups of Christians from established Churches farther East, who have come with their landlords out to this newly-irrigated country to better their lot. Little by little we are finding them, here and there in little villages. Some have not had a Christian preacher visit them for two or three years, but are true to their faith. To such a village we were taken by one of the Christian laymen who was giving his time generously to God to take us around to some of these places previously not known about. What a joy it was to have a service with these humble Christians! After
the summer heat abates somewhat we are returning to that region for further touring among them.

At present our village schools are limited to three in this district, but we hope to have two more before long, when we get proper arrangements made. Suitable teachers are not easy to find, for the difficulties are many. The teacher must not only be a good Christian, well-trained, but of a firm and amiable disposition, in order to control and interest the children and to stand in well with the parents, for there is no compulsory education to depend on. Barkat Masih (The Blessing of Christ) is such a teacher. His teaching results are almost like magic and his Christian influence in and out of school is fine. He takes an active interest outside of school time in definite evangelistic work. 'Tis such as he we need, and whom we pray the Lord of the harvest to send into his ripened fields. More and more we see the need of these schools in the building of the Church of tomorrow.

We are also very definitely reaching out to give systematic instruction to the large numbers of uninstructed Christians. This year, along with other missions of the Punjab we are using a course of twelve lessons for village Christians, one lesson a month, with examinations and certificates for those who are successful. We read in the Psalms, "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light." And realizing what the wonderful Word of God has meant to us personally and as a people, we long that to a greater extent these little ones of His in the villages shall share in the joy of the knowledge of this Word. It is thus Christian character is made. 'Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee.'

In our district center we have opened a Reading Room, in which we have placed books in English, Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi, and God is using it to interest and enlighten many minds and hearts. It has been going just two months, but daily from thirty-five to seventy come to read and examine the books, and papers. People of all classes and faiths, children and grown-ups, people of little education and highly educated ones come. A large picture of Jesus, with his arms outstretched in invitation hangs on the wall, and near it in large letters the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This is a silent message, which often leads to interesting conversation with those who come. Other Scripture texts also give their messages to all who come.
One young man who has spent six months in Stanley Jones Ashram, visits the Reading Room, and says he is ready to follow Christ in baptism. Others with little previous contact with Christians, but who are quietly seeking the truth have opportunity to learn of Him whom to know aright is life eternal.

Mrs. Ilm-ud-din Daniel, wife of the District Superintendent, has been with me on tour, and is well-known and loved by the village people, and does efficient work, when privileged to be out among them. And since the holidays I have with me a young woman, Louisa Jamil-ud-din, who has a real call to missionary service, and who gives splendid service among children especially but also among the women. She is a trained teacher and so knows how to bring the message more effectively. In our programme for adult education, also, she is taking great interest.

Our Summer Institute, though the numbers were small, was a time of blessing and inspiration. Throughout, some of the village laymen were present, and we felt that for them, especially, it was a source of help and spiritual uplift. We had with us, Rev. Shadi Khan who gave some great messages on the cross of Christ, and its application to our daily lives. It was a call "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified," and to live in the power of His resurrection.

We covet your prayers for the building up of the Kingdom of Christ in this area. We thank you for your past interest and gifts.

Lahore-Multan Districts.

Mrs. Stuntz has been in charge of the women's work and village school work of Lahore District this year. It is always a joy to our village women when the "memshahiba" can visit them. Mrs. Stuntz takes a special interest in the physical welfare of the people, often supplying them with remedies for their all-too-common ailments, or taking them long distances to the hospitals for treatment or to be admitted as patients.

We regret that immediately following the summer-school held at Batala in which Mrs. Stuntz helped, she came down with typhoid fever and at Conference time was still in the hospital. Prayers for her complete and speedy recovery have been offered by many, not only by those of the mission family, but by our Indian brothers and sisters throughout
the Conference. We are happy that there have been no serious complications in connection with her illness and hope that she may soon be quite well and strong again.

Multan District has had a most difficult year. Our beloved friend and sister, Doctor Gauhar Masih, better known as "Doctor jee" has been failing in health since before last Annual Conference. During her very serious illness during the entire year, she bore patiently the intense suffering and great weakness, only pleading that God's will might be done in her life. On September 6 God released from her tired body, her beautiful spirit to be with Him forever. Her readiness to go was a great inspiration to the many friends who visited her during her last illness. We praise Him that her suffering is over, we thank Him for the example of her beautiful life. But we feel our loss of her most keenly. May He raise up other women consecrated to the great task of leading their sisters to Him!

Because of his wife's long illness it has been impossible for Padre Gauhar Masih to spend much time in the villages of his district. Although the workers have carried on faithfully, their need of leadership is very apparent. There have been many serious problems to confront.

The schools in Stuntzabad and Chak 134 are continuing with a good attendance. There are now four teachers in the main school and two in the branch school. We expect some of the pupils from these schools to continue their education in our boarding schools.

On account of the heavy responsibilities in the Girls School it has not been possible for me to supervise the village schools of Multan District very closely this year. These schools are 160 miles from Lahore. We can only expect efficient work done in our day-schools when there is closer supervision of them. We hope for the time to come speedily when there may be more district workers to help develop the village work.

We thank God that in spite of many difficulties many of our simple village Christians are standing true to Him. We long to see a real awakening in the hearts of those who do not know Him fully.

Grace Pepper Smith.
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