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MISS E. M. PALMER

After fifteen years of splendid and devoted service for India Miss Ethel M. Palmer was called to higher service from her home in Compton, California, February 16, 1938. This had been her home from the time of her birth, April 18, 1892.

In 1922 she gave up her work among the Japanese and Mexicans in Compton to devote her life to the people of India. Her first five years were given to the Girls' School at Lahore, the last two of which she was its Principal. On her return from furlough she went to Hisar, where she became the founder and guiding spirit of a new school, into which she put all the fine resources of heart, mind and training, and where she remained until she went on health leave to America in Oct. 1937.
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Conference Roll Call.

Names.                        Year of joining the Mission.

1. Mrs. Mott Keislar, M. D.    ..    ..    1902
2. Miss C. C. Nelson          ..    ..    1906
3. Miss L. D. Christensen    ..    ..    1913
4. Mrs. G. B. Thompson       ..    ..    1915
5. Mrs. C. B. Stuntz         ..    ..    1916
6. Mrs. E. M. Rugg            ..    ..    1916
7. Miss G. P. Smith          ..    ..    1920
8. Mrs. J. Cummings           ..    ..    1923
9. Miss Anna P. Buyers       ..    ..    1923
10. Miss Martha Coy           ..    ..    1929
11. Mrs. I. U. Daniel        ..    ..    1929
12. Mrs. I. D. Revis         ..    ..    1929
13. Mrs. Asghar Ali           ..    ..    1929
14. Mrs. W. C. Thoburn        ..    ..    1931
15. Mrs. James Shaw           ..    ..    1933
16. Miss Lilly Swords         ..    ..    1937

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

1. Miss Grace Ayaram          ..    ..    1938
2. Miss Eileen Hakim          ..    ..    1938

ON SPECIAL SERVICE OUT OF INDIA.

1. Miss C. I. Kipp, M. D.      ..    ..    1910
2. Miss Dorothy Speer          ..    ..    1930
3. Miss Agnes Nilsen          ..    ..    1932

RETIRRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

1. Miss E. L. Nelson           ..    ..    1906
2. Miss A. M. Murray           ..    ..    1915
3. Mrs. A. Luke                ..    ..    1929
4. Mrs. George Eldridge       ..    ..    1929

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE DURING THE YEAR.

1. Miss Ethel Palmer           ..    ..    1922
Appointments 1938—1939.

Women's Appointments.

AJMER DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. Mott Keislar, M. D.
Avery Girls' School Principal .. Miss C. C. Nelson.
Mary Wilson Sanitorium
Superintending Physician .. Miss R. B. Tower, M. D.,
(N. W. I. Conference).
Superintendent of Nurses .. Miss A. P. Buyers, R. N.
Health Work .. Miss H. J. Femstrom,
(N. I. Conference).

BATALA DISTRICT.

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

FAZILKA DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. I. U. Daniel.
Village School and Evangelistic
Work .. Miss L. D. Christensen.

HISSAR DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. James Shaw.
Village School and Evangelistic
Work .. Miss L. D. Christensen.
Nur Niwas Girls' School .. Miss M. M. Coy.
" " " " .. Miss L. G. Swords.

LAHORE DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. C. B. Stuntz.
Lucie Harrison Girls' School
Principal .. Miss G. P. Smith.

MULTAN DISTRICT.

School Supervisor .. Miss G. P. Smith.

PATIALA DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. Asghar Ali.
School and Evangelistic Work .. Miss L. D. Christensen.
APPOINTMENTS 1938—1939.

SIND-BALUCHISTAN DISTRICT.

District Work .. Mrs. G. B. Thompson.
Brooks Memorial Church .. Mrs. G. B. Thompson.
Quetta English Church .. Mrs. J. N. Cumming.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Forman Christian College .. Mrs. W. C. Thoburn.
Raewind Christian Institute .. Mrs. E. M. Rugg.

On Leave for Special Work in America .. Miss Dorothy Speer.
On Leave for Special Work in Norway .. Miss Agnes Nilsen.

(Until March 1, 1939).
Officers and Committees
1938-1939.

Indus River Woman's Conference.

President .. Mrs. J. W. Pickett.
Vice-President .. Mrs. Keislar.
Secretary .. Mrs. Rugg.
Asst. Secretary .. Miss Lilly Swords.
Statistical Secretary .. Mrs. Thompson.
Field Correspondent .. Miss L. D. Christensen.

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

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

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

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

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

Temperance Committee.
Mrs. Keislar, Mrs. I. U. Daniel, Miss Swords, Mrs. Stuntz.

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

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

Literature Committee.
Miss Christensen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stuntz.
Mary Wilson Sanatorium Board of Directors.
Mrs. Keislar (Miss Christensen as Field Correspondent).

Warne Baby Fold.
Miss Buyers.

Isabella Thoburn College Board of Directors.
Miss Martha Coy (2nd year).

Language School Committee.
The Field Correspondent, Mrs. Thompson.

Credentials, or Relations Committee.
The Field Reference Committee.

Kinnaird Training Center and Kinnaird College Visitor.
Miss G. P. Smith.

Punjab Christian Council Member.
Miss Christensen.

Mid-India Christian Council Member.
Mrs. 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. Stutz, Mrs. Keislar.

Board of Education.
Miss Coy, Miss Swords, Miss Smith, Miss Nelson, Mrs. Thoburn, Mrs. Revis, Mrs. Thompson.

Public Health Committee.
Mrs. Keislar.

Central Conference.
Miss Christensen, Mrs. Keislar, (alternate) Miss Smith.
Official Minutes.
Seventeenth Annual Session.

FIRST DAY.
October 25th, 1938.

There was a reception to Bishop and Mrs. Pickett, Tuesday afternoon, October 25th, at 4-30.

SECOND DAY.
October 26th, 1938.

The Women's Conference met with the members of the Annual Conference for the opening session in the church. Bishop Pickett gave the Opening Address on "Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life", emphasizing the significance of "the Words". After Communion together Dr. Lucas gave an address on An Interdenominational Training School for Punjab Village Christians. Mrs. Pickett was introduced to the Conference. The reports of Hissar District and Lahore District were read. Then the meeting was adjourned.

First Session of the Women's Conference.

The Women's Conference met at two o'clock, October 26, 1938, at the Ladies' Bungalow, Lahore.

Mrs. Keislar led the devotions by reading from the 13th chapter of Matthews and speaking on God's Kingdom in India today as we see it.

The conference was organized.

At the Roll Call the following members were present:— Mrs. Keislar, Miss Christensen, Mrs. Rugg, Miss Smith, Miss Buyers, Mrs. Stuntz, Miss Coy, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Revis, Mrs. Asghar Ali, Miss Swords.

The following officers were elected:—

President .. Mrs. Pickett
Vice-President .. Mrs. Keislar
Secretary .. Mrs. Rugg
Asst. Secretary .. Miss Swords
Statistical Sec. .. Mrs. Thompson

Miss Aya Ram, the headmistress of the Lucie Harrison Girls' School was introduced to us and to Mrs. Pickett, who has graciously consented to be our president.
A letter of greeting was read from Miss Nilsen and word came from Miss C. C. Nelson that she was expecting to arrive on November 26th.

Letters are to be sent by various members to those absent.

The chair appointed Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. Revis, and Miss Coy as the nominating committee.

Miss Christensen was reelected Field Correspondent.

The time for elections was set for 9-30 Saturday morning.

The following reports were read and accepted:

- Batala District Women's Work .. Mrs. Revis
- Fazilka .. .. .. Mrs. Daniels
- Hissar .. .. .. Mrs. Shaw
  read by Mrs. Asghar Ali
- Patiala .. .. .. Mrs. Asghar Ali
- Ajmer Boy's Hostel and District .. Mrs. Keislar
- Lahore .. .. .. Mrs. Stuntz
- Raewind .. .. .. Mrs. Rugg.

Miss Christensen gave a brief report of the work of the Field Reference Committee during the year and then she read part of her report of the Field Correspondents' Meeting. It had to be interrupted by adjournment and was postponed till the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and Mrs. Stuntz led in prayer.

THIRD DAY.

Second Session.

The second session of the women's conference was held on Thursday at 9-30 after the joint devotion in the church.

Mrs. Asghar Ali led in prayers.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Thoburn was welcomed to our conference and Mrs. Chatar Bujh and Martha Bua were introduced. An air mail letter from Miss Nilsen was read. Mrs. Thompson's letter to the Conference was read.

Our greetings and love were sent to Mrs. Chitambar and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Miss Coy read the report of the nominating committee. With one or two changes a unanimous ballot was cast for the committees as read.
Ballots were cast for the Field Reference Committee. The following members were elected:— Miss Nelson, Miss Christensen, Miss Buyers, Miss Coy, Miss Smith and Mrs. Keislar.

Miss Christensen finished reading her report of the Field Correspondents Meeting.

Miss Wooler of the Kinnaird Training Center gave a very comprehensive report of the work of the Center. Out of the 33 girls taking training there, six were Methodist girls. Three of the Lucy Harrison and one of the Hissar Girls' School teachers are from the Kinnaird Training Center. The Lucie Harrison School is one of the five Mission Practice Schools. Miss Wooler told us that Government is going to decrease their grant which will have to be replaced from somewhere.

Mrs. Stuntz and Mrs. Thompson were made alternates of the Field Reference Committee.

Mrs. Thompson's District report was read and accepted.

Arising out of the report of the Field Correspondents' Meeting, Mrs. Keislar was elected our one member to the Public Health Committee, a Committee for all of North India.

Also in accordance with the above report the question of the membership duration in the Women's Conference was discussed and it was moved that we memorialize Central Conference that the substitute motion be written as an additional motion with the insertion of the word "only". Reading:—“Members in the Women's Conference shall continue—only—as long as a member continues in the active work of the church. Whenever such relations are discontinued, membership in the Women's Conference shall automatically cease. Each member shall be examined by the Committee on Conference Relations once in six years, as to her work and character.”

Miss Christensen and Mrs. Keislar were elected as members to Central Conference and Miss Smith and Miss Coy as alternates.

The meeting adjourned. Mrs. Daniel led in prayer.

In the Thursday afternoon joint-session opened with prayer by Emanuel Joseph, a telegram of greetings was read from Bishop Chitambar.

The following reports were read:

- Multan District
- Patiala District
- Sind-Baluchistan
- District Evangelist
- Avery Girls' School
- Nur Niwas Girls' School
- Lucie Harrison Girls' School
- Middle School at Chak 135
- Raewind Christian Institute

.Gauhar Masih.
.Asghar Ali.
.Miss Christensen.
.Mrs. Mott Keislar.
.Miss Coy.
.Miss Smith.
.Miss Smith.
.E. M. Rugg.
FOURTH DAY.

Third Session.

The third session of the Women's Conference was held on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Cutting and Mrs. Valentine were introduced to the conference.

As recommended by the meeting of the Field Correspondents, we discussed and approved of the change in the By-laws in regard to the eligibility to membership, to read . . . those wives of missionaries who have charge of work. The words "for the society" to be deleted.

The following reports were read and accepted:—

- Auditing Committee .. .. Miss Buyers.
- Women's Missionary Societies .. Mrs. Asghar Ali.
- Temperance Society .. .. Miss Swords.
- Literature Committee .. .. Miss Christensen.
- Punjab Christian Council .. .. Miss Coy.

Summer Schools were held in Ajmer and Karachi and the six Punjab Districts held a joint Summer School in Raewind.

The Credentials and Relations Committee presented through Miss Christensen the name of Miss Ayaram for membership in the Women's Conference. Her name was accepted.

Miss Coy, Miss Buyers and Mrs. Revis were appointed by the chair for the resolutions committee.

The next meeting will be held at 8–15 Saturday morning.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Revis.

FIFTH DAY.

Fourth Session.

The fourth session was held at 8:30 on Saturday morning.

Miss Swords led the devotions.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following reports were read and approved:

- Mid-India Christian Council .. .. Mrs. Keislar.
- Board of Education .. .. Miss Coy.
- Conference Medical Board .. .. Miss Buyers.
- Field Correspondent .. .. Miss Christensen.
- Central Treasurer, Miss Whiting .. .. Miss Christensen.

Adjourned to meet at 3:30.

Miss Coy dismissed us with prayer.
Fifth Session

There was a short meeting called at five o'clock to receive the report of the Field Reference Committee on the acceptance of Miss Hakim's application to become an associate member of the Women's Conference.

Adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

The Sunday services inspired and rested us with the devotional meetings, ordination services and the lovely Candle Lighting Service when Miss Ayaram was welcomed into our Women's Conference as an associate member.

SEVENTH DAY.

The final session of the Women's Conference was held at 9:30 on Monday morning.

Mrs. Revis led in prayer.

Secretary read her report.

It was moved and passed that the report of the Statistical Committee that is to go into the Minutes be revised by a committee consisting of Miss Christensen and the secretary.

It was voted that the Missionary fund of Rs. 37-2-3 be divided evenly and sent to rescue work in Wuhu China and to our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Christian in Africa.

The resolutions were read in the Joint Session.

The Field Reference Committee sent in the names of Miss Buyers, Miss Nelson, Miss Christensen, Miss Coy and Miss Smith as nominations for Field Property Committee and Mrs. Keislar for alternate. Miss Coy to be Secretary. They were so elected.

We closed with prayer.
Reports of Committees.

Auditing Committee.

The auditing committee reports that all accounts with the exception of one, have been audited and corrections made.

Anna P. Buyers.

There is a Women’s Missionary Society in Raewind. Sixteen women meet every week. Once a month they have the missionary program in the magazine “Bashir-ul-Niswan”. Twice a month they have a sewing circle and make things for sale or for the Baby Fold. Once a month the program is W. C. T. U. The dues for 1937 were Rs. 7-5-6 and the Thanksgiving was Rs. 16-3-6. From this they paid Rs. 12 into the Church Fund, Rs. 5 was sent to China and Rs. 2-2 to Bhabua Mission and Rs. 2 was used for cloth to make clothes for the Baby Fold.

Temperance Report.

In Raewind regular monthly meetings are held under the leadership of the pastor’s wife. Dues are sent to W. C. T. U. headquarters in Delhi. Donations are given once a year to the annual sale of the W. C. T. U. headquarters. In this way the Raewind group is contributing to the publication of literature and the building fund. The posters published by Mrs. Foster have been a great help in this work. Once a year a temperance drama is given.

It is encouraging to know that in Lucie Harrison Girls’ School there is a temperance band of about 30 girls who under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Singh meet twice a month. Every quarter one Sunday School lesson deals with the subject of temperance.

During the last year there has not been a temperance group among the Methodist women in Lahore.

Mrs. Daniels reports that while among the Sikh population there is not a large amount of drinking, still in personal work she has been giving teaching against use of drink and opium.

Ajmer Girl’s School has not a regular organized band; temperance teaching is given through programmes and regular Sunday School lessons.

Miss Christensen reports that at the Joint Summer School of the Punjab Districts temperance leaflets were distributed.

Mrs. Revis told of three men, who through the efforts of workers, have left off smoking the hukka.

In Patiala temperance teaching was given in connection with preaching and teaching by Mrs. Asghar Ali.

Edna B. Keislar,
Chairman.
Summer Schools.

Institutes have been held for all districts this year. In Ajmer the Rajputana group gathered for a week of very profitable instruction and inspiration as well. The subject was The Building of the Church.

In Sind the workers were called to Karachi for a time of spiritual uplift and help for the new year's work. They were privileged to share in the Karachi Convention.

In Raewind the six districts of the Punjab united in one institute. For some it afforded the happy privilege of meeting fellow workers whom they had not seen for years. It was also a time of blessing to many as well as preparation for carrying out the program of the year's work.

We are so grateful to the givers of this money for making it possible to have these institutes, for the workers go back to their work refreshed mentally and spiritually for their tasks.

Literature Committee.

Our conference committee is connected with the All India Literature Committee through its chairman. This year there will be a meeting in Hyderabad, in connection with the Central Conference. The fund controlled by this committee has made possible the publication of many beautiful supplementary readers and story books for children, as well as some for older readers throughout the vernaculars of India. For the Urdu publications write the P. R. B. S. This year help has been given to adult education projects, and the usual subsidies to the Women's Friend's. Two of these have been stopped, the Tamil and Urdu Editions because of lack of funds, and small circulation, due perhaps to the fact that there are other publications which are sharing the field with them.

As a conference committee we invite attention first to the new things in Punjabi which are concerned with Adult Education. Ilm di Kunji, Ujaro Puttar, Bi Bijjanwala, Daud di Danu nal Larai, Chune Hue Punjabi Zabur, Khuda sade nal, Khushi di Khabar, and Mark's Gospel. Keep in touch with the Adult Education output in Punjabi and Urdu through the P. R. B. S. and the Kharar Press. In Urdu, also, Ilm ki Chabi has been published and is available, also Talim-i-Baligon, Khushkhhabari, Khuda Hamare Sath, and a series of pamphlets for beginners, nine in number. Large type Urdu testaments are procurable. In Hindi there are among other things Laubach's Primer, and Story of the Cross, and Miss Chapman's books. Her beginning reader for women is splendid. For developments in Adult Education in Punjabi and Urdu, watch the Mogha Magazine, and consult Miss Ure, American Mission, Ambala. The Kharar Press and P. R. B. S. stock the books. A newspaper for semi-literates is also being
issued. For Hindi literature along this line write the Allahabad Tract and Book Society, Clive Road, or the Mission Press, Jubbulpore, or write Miss Graber, American Mission, Kasganj.

For libraries there are many good books obtainable at the P. R. B. S., Lahore; The Religious Book and Tract Society, Allahabad; the Kharar Press; the Phul Press, Lahore; Children's Literature House, Delhi (Karol Bagh).

For stimulating missionary interest two new books are available, Mary Slessor, Kharar Press, or P. R. B. S. and The Life of Kagawa, also at the same places.

An order of service book with six programs of worship is now available at the P. R. B. S. These are very simple programs and can be used with profit in villages.

Let us get acquainted with what is prepared and make them available to our people.

LYDIA D. CHRISTENSEN,  
Chairman.

Kinnaird Training Center.

The Kinnaird Training Center has had another very successful year in spite of the many difficulties by which it has been faced.

Results have been good in both classes and the girls who have completed their training course have had little difficulty in finding posts.

The school has moved back to its former quarters in the bungalow of the Z. B. M. Mission near Kinnaird High School. This is a very inadequate building for the school. A number of the students are housed in the dormitory of the Kinnaird High School. Thus they have been able to manage with a larger number of students than in former years.

In her very enlightening and interesting talk to the conference Miss Wooler announced the fact that within the near future the government intends to withdraw all of its scholarships for Christian students in the J. A. V. classes. This is a very serious situation, as it means that the majority of girls will not be able to have this valuable training unless the various missions concerned can make some adequate arrangements for their fees. It is to be hoped that at least some of the co-operating missions will be able to increase their grants to the institution.

The Training School has done splendid service in the past and we wish for it even larger success in the future.

GRACE PEPER SMITH.
It was our great privilege and pleasure this year to recommend for Associate membership in our Women's Conference two fine, capable young Indian women, Miss Grace Aya Ram, B.A., B.T., Headmistress of Lucie F. Harrison Girls' School, Lahore, and Miss Eileen Hakim, B.A., Headmistress of Avery Girls' School, Ajmer. Both are from fine Methodist families and through the quality of their service have given evidence of their fitness for this new responsibility. They were both received into Associate Membership and we are very happy to welcome them to the fellowship and responsibilities of our Women's Conference.

Field Reference Committee.

Punjab Christian Council.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Punjab Christian Council was held in Lahore April 26 to 28, 1938.

Some of the outstanding subjects under consideration were Temperance, Evangelism, Life and Worship in Rural Churches, Camps for Village and Secondary Schools, Punjab Christian Lay Workers' Training Camp, Conference on Self Support, Church Union, Christian Boys' Camp, Literature, Adult Literacy, the Tambaram World Missionary Conference, and the extensive Survey and Study of Economic Conditions Among Christians in Representative Selected Areas by Dr. E. D. Lucas and Mr. F. Takhur Das.

A significant fact noted regarding the Tambaram Conference was that fifty per cent of its delegates are to be from the Younger Churches.

The Adult Literacy, described as "a lively and popular child of the Punjab Christian Council", reported considerable progress up to the present and serious planning has been given to future possibilities and procedure.

A full report of the meeting may be had by referring to the "Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Punjab Christian Council".

The Mid-India Christian Council.

There have been two meetings of the Council at Jubbulpore since we arrived in India last November. Both meetings have been packed full of interesting and inspirational features. The whole area which includes the Central Provinces, Central India and Rajputana seems to be awakening to new life.

The most important development in the last two years is the work among the Bhils, the aboriginal tribes of the area. Thirty thousand have already been baptized and churches are being established among them. A noteworthy thing in this work is the
great change in the social conditions among the new Christians. The Bhils are great drinkers of country made spirits. In the communities where they have become Christians this habit has been given up and liquor shops closed.

Another movement toward Christianity is among the Bhalais or weavers, a great sub-caste who, in an area stretching from Khandwa to North Rajputana, are now considering what religion to accept. A few weeks ago, from a distant village, a deputation of these people came in to one of the district centers asking that teaching be given to them. They had been Christians years ago and now with this new movement have come back to the pastor asking not only that they be shepherded but that their caste friends in other villages be baptized.

The Christian Council has stressed adult education and a brilliant work is being done in certain villages of the area. Evangelism has a strong part in the work of the council and two Counsellors on Evangelism are giving of their time and effort to assist the churches of the area to advance. Through these inter-denominational bodies working throughout India much is being accomplished in coordinating the work of missions.

Edna B. Keislar.

Board of Evangelism.

Last year we agreed on placing emphasis on several points, believing they were essential in the building up of the church in our part of India. They are as follows: (1) Continued effort to establish places of worship in which there will be regular services of worship; (2) teaching the prescribed course of study to as many as possible, in preparation for an examination leading to the granting of a certificate; (3) finding and training village leaders; (4) pushing the Adult Literacy Campaign;—a literate church in five years.

At the conference a program was given, with reports of progress along these lines. It was evident that very few places of worship had been established and very little real progress made in the securing of regular services of worship, daily. Bishop Pickett gave us some valuable suggestions about simple places of worship, and methods of securing participation in worship by the people themselves. We hope this year these suggestions will be tried in many places.

Conventions have been held in various places with marked spiritual benefit. Among those to be mentioned are the Rajputana Convention, now a very large and important one, for all churches in Rajputana; the new one begun in Karachi, with a large and enthusiastic attendance; smaller ones in Fazilka and Multan, but of real blessing to the groups attending. We urge the increase in number of these small conventions. One at Raewind had mela features combined with it.
Chaudhri Institutes, two in number, were held in Raewind, which had a fair attendance from most of the Punjab districts. They studied the prescribed village course, were granted certificates, were instructed in personal religion and in methods of conducting worship, as well as how to build better mud houses. Those who were unable to read were taught by the Adult Education Method, and some made good progress.

Adult Literacy has not yet caught the imagination of our constituency. In a few places there has been marked success with a few, but this campaign needs to be vigorously pushed.

For the coming year we urge more systematic and continued effort along all these lines, as we believe they are contributing factors in the extension of the Kingdom and the building of the Church. And through it all there must be the one goal before us, bringing men and women into vital contact with Jesus Christ. Without this inner life in Him, all is vain. May we not hear our Master say to us as to them of old, “Fear not, little flock, it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”

Board of Christian Education.

The schools of the Conference have reported progress and much to encourage during the past year, both in secular and religious phases of the curriculum.

An item of particular interest at the present is a new project proposed by the American Presbyterian Mission in which it is probable that the Methodist Episcopal Mission will be asked to join. Due to the fact that the greater number of smaller schools scattered here and there could not be financed and staffed to carry on the best type of work, it is being proposed to concentrate funds, equipment, and staff into a larger consolidated, centralized school where better work can be done. In view of this possibility the Board of Education requested the Annual Conference to memorialize Central Conference to grant permission to cooperate in such a project should the invitation be given.

Report of Conference Medical Board.

While there is an increase over last year in the number of physical examinations of the members of the Woman’s Conference, still some have failed to have their examination. We urge each member of the Conference to have an annual physical examination and to send her report to the chairman of the medical board. Because of the increased strain on both physical and nervous energy, due largely to the reduction of staff and finances, the importance of annual medical check-ups is becoming increasingly imperative.

E. Keislar, Chairman.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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 un-presented 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 of 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. Khudawand Yisu Masih ki Zindagi ka Ahwal, 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.
5. Ten Stories (Chosen from the first book in the I. S. S. U. series. Lessons II to XIII, omitting VI and X)
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 Selected Psalms. To study and memorize 1, 15, 23, 103.
   - 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. Paster Hsi.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Romans.

2. Masih ka Namuna, 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).

6. Memory Work, Romans VIII.

7. Suggested Reading. Life of Livingstone.

OPTIONAL WORK.

1. Hebrews, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians.

2. Third Book in the I. S. S. U. Teacher Training Course.

Note.—Number 1 in first year, numbers 1 and 4 in second year, and all of third and fourth year except the story-telling and memory work must be written.

All questions oral and written will be arranged for by the Committee of education and examiners, and sent by the registrar to the examiner. Unless one month's notice is given the registrar is not authorised to send out questions.

In the story-telling the examinee must be very strictly graded on the METHOD of story-telling as well as on the correctness of the context of the story.
By-Laws for Auxiliaries

of the Women's Missionary Societies of Indus River Conference.

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 ministries 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 order."

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, and as far as possible follow the programs that are prepared and appear in the Kaukab-i-Hind and Indian 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.
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 appointments 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 or 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.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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 Districts.

Hissar District.

Wife of District Superintendent: Mrs. James Shaw.

I am sorry that this year, because of sickness I have not been able to do God's work as it should be done. Please forgive me.

Whenever the opportunity and health permitted I have gone to near-by villages with my husband or Miss Christensen, or some friends; for I enjoy that kind of work.

35 women and girls have been baptised and brought into the church, this year.

When Mrs. Moore came to Gangwa the women, themselves arranged the program. Gifts of grain amounting to 160 pounds were brought in for the pastor's salary. One little girl took a neckless off her neck to give to Mrs. Moore who will take it to America.

The people of Hissar District were well off for the first part of the year but the rains of June and July failed and a bad famine has come to us. Many people have nothing to eat or drink and are leaving their homes. Government is still distributing help. Have you ever experienced a famine, and will you send help, too, to these hungry Christians? James 2:14-17.

Patiala District.

Wife of District Superintendent: Mrs. Asghar Ali.

Our Patiala District is mostly in a Native State where a great many Sikhs live. It is the largest of the three Phulkian States of Punjab. The city of Patiala is a very beautiful place, surrounded by lakes and gardens. We have our headquarters here because it is the central place for the work of this area.

There are many surrounding villages where we go to teach and preach. We have a "tonga" (horse cart) which takes us easily to many villages every week. There are many Christian families that we visit. Sometimes I go alone and can gather an interested group anywhere, of women and children. Some families have sent their children to our mission schools, who come back to their homes and spread the knowledge they got. They have told me, when I was telling them a story, that one of the girls also taught them that lesson. There are four mission schools in our district.

Miss Christensen brought Mrs. Moore one time to see us.

Some of our Christian men are States employees. One or two of the wives go with me to the villages.
Fazilka District.

Wife of District Superintendent: Mrs. I. U. Daniel.

I am very sorry that due to my severe illness I could not visit many places, but I was always remembering the work in my daily family prayers. I trust God will hear my prayers and much blessing will come upon the work.

I accompanied Miss Christensen on a tour of the villages of Bahawalnagar Circuit.

Then we arranged a convention in Chak number 137 to which Miss Jamil-ud-Din and Miss Swords came as visitors. Many men, women and children attended for three days. When they returned home many witnessed of changed lives. Another convention was held in Galamkoti.

Wesley Day was celebrated in many places with services and prayer.

Ajmer District Report.

It has been a satisfying experience to come back to Rajputana after an absence of many years. In the early years of the century just after the famine of 1899 and 1900, I was appointed to the Ajmer Girls' School which at that time was composed largely of children rescued from the stricken villages nearby. These children were given different types of education. Many of them married and made their permanent homes in Ajmer. Today they and their families form the major part of the congregation in the Methodist Church here, making a real contribution to the Christian life of the community.

In touring the district we have been gratified to find the eagerness of the people to be taught. In one village we found a community of several Christian families from low caste groups. These Christians were living in homes owned by themselves and were independent economically. In each family visited we found some members of the family who could read. There was a mental alertness not common to the average low caste non-Christian groups. One man was such a proficient penman that the wealthy landowner of the area used him as his scribe and Hindu priests called him to help write the sacred books for their temple. It was difficult to distinguish between his beautiful writing and a printed page.

At one of the most distant parts of the district we found one of our Bible women overwhelmed with the opportunities with which she is attempting to cope. Here hundreds of Chamars (leather workers) are seeking to understand the Christian message. They are begging for night schools so that they can be taught. The pressure of making a livelihood makes it impossible for them to leave their work during the day. As we sat talking with them
two young men with earnest faces came up. They were pupils of the Bible woman. While they sang Christian hymns their needles moved in rhythm as they made shoes.

The Bible women have had the privilege of two inspirational conventions this year, once at the time of the Rajputana mela when hundreds of Christians of all denominations come together annually. The other was at the time of the summer institute in August. We had three outside speakers, Mr. Ogden of Kasganj who has had years of experience in the work of adult education demonstrated effectively the possibilities in new methods. Miss Christensen gave us a picture of her experience in the village church. These addresses were practical and stirring. Mr. Fazl Masih brought a vivid description of the movement among the weavers in a district a few miles from Ajmer. There are indications that over a wide area in this part of India a moving toward the Christian faith is near at hand. India is being reborn. May the followers of the Christ rise to meet this new day.

Edna B. Keislar.

Hissar, Patiala and Fazilka Districts.

**District Evangelist**

- Miss L. Christensen.
- Mrs. Shaw.

**Wives of District Superintendents**

- Mrs. Asghar Ali.
- Mrs. I. U. Daniel.

**Village School Supervisor**

- Lydia D. Christensen.

It has been a privilege to have a share in the giving of the Gospel to the people of these southern Punjab Districts. It is a very large area with villages widely scattered, and a great variety of conditions and peoples. And the work is also varied.

In Hissar City we have a reading room where books, mostly religious, and papers, are available to the public, and numbers make use of the opportunity. One of the workers in the city is rejoicing in having been used to win some new converts, who are wide awake and interested. There is also a new spirit of inquiry and search for the truth among new groups in surrounding villages. The converts from the leatherworkers in Sirsa continue to grow and are a joy to us. In one of the new schools, there is a small, though very interesting group of children.

It was a pleasure, after a lapse of years, to visit Patiala District once more. The schools are much the same in Patiala city as before, though there are children from there who have entered the Hissar School, showing an increase in interest in education. But there is a new work opening up in the villages, which is a source of joy. A group of chaudhris are giving a leadership to the
Christian church there which is full of hope and promise. Both men and women in these villages are coming right out for Christ. And that is more difficult in a native state than in British territory. The school in Budhlada has made real progress along all lines. The church located there has also grown in spiritual depth; especially was this noticeable in the lives of some of the women, who had had real experiences of Christ. One of them had definitely yielded to Christ and was growing in her daily life. Another had an experience of healing in answer to prayer which made an impression on her and on others. In another center a blind boy was made happy by receiving a certificate for passing his examination in the Bible course. He was a very intelligent Bible student and it was a joy to us to be able thus to reward the pupil and teacher, too. This blind boy, now learning so well these lessons in Scripture, is already developing into a witness and preacher to his non-Christian friends and relatives.

The three schools in Fazilka District have done very good work this year. They are building surely a group of Christian boys and some girls who will be future leaders. The Reading Room in Fazilka has made a real contribution to the leavening process of the Gospel in that city. Many come daily to read the books and real interest is manifest in learning more about the Christian religion. A start has been made in the literacy campaign, but few workers have yet caught the vision of the possibilities. Recently I visited one of our Bible women where two women had reached the place where they could read their Mark's Gospel. They were thrilled that at last they could read the Word of God. Mark's Gospel has recently been prepared in Punjabi in large, clear type for just such beginners. These same women also passed in the village course in Bible.

Two conventions were held out in the Bahwalnager side of the district. They passed our expectation in interest and spiritual depth. The people came from surrounding villages into the central village, to share in the services and in the worship of God. In each of these conventions a communion service was held. Some had not been privileged for years to participate. One evening service will never be forgotten. We were outdoors and a dust storm which was brewing, burst on us. But the preacher held his audience in which a few non-Christians were present, so well that the service was scarcely interrupted by the coming of the storm. His subject was, "And His Name shall be called Wonderful!" It is a message we shall not forget, given by an Indian evangelist.

Our three southern Punjab districts united with the northern ones at Raewind, for our yearly Workers' Institute. We had two weeks of fellowship and preparation for the new year's work together. Many of us saw the possibilities of even our little flock, wholly yielded to the guidance of the Spirit and we enter
the new year with the promise of His abiding Presence. "He will never leave thee nor forsake thee. He is faithful that promised."

Mrs. Moore's visit while at a time when it was not possible to see much of the village work, was a blessing to all of us and she endeared herself to us all by her broad vision, understanding sympathy, and wise counsel.

**Batala District, W. F. M. S. Report, 1938.**

*Thanksgiving.* I am thankful to God that He has again given me this opportunity of telling you something about our work in this District.

*Staff.* In this large District there are 8 Bible Readers and Evangelist Teachers, and 2 School Teachers who teach in Primary Schools. They are both connected with the W. F. M. S.

*Revival Month.* The most important work this year was the observance of the Revival month. February 13th was observed as a day of prayer throughout the District. During the month 77 villages were visited, 270 meetings were held, attended by over 15000 people, 138 persons professed to have experienced new spiritual life, and 4,185 Tracts were distributed, 11 Bibles, 16 New Testaments and 733 Gospel Portions were sold, and 15 persons were baptised. Rupees Ninety were received in collections for Benevolences.

*District's Christian Community.* There were 448 Baptisms this year. The total number of Christians is 10,937.

*Pastoral Support.* We thank God that as the Congregations of this District are increasing in their numbers, so they are also making progress in Self-Support i.e. from June 1932 all the male workers have been doing their work on Self-Support. Although sometimes our workers have some difficulties, still they are all doing their work quite happily. The total amount of Collection for this year amounted to Rs. 1,355.

*Education.* There are two Primary Schools in which 77 Children are being educated. Besides these about 50 boys and girls are reading in Lahore, Raewind and District Board Schools. One young man will appear in the Matriculation Examination from the Tugalwal High School, Gurdaspore, next March. Two young girls who have studied up to High School and College, will be sent out to work in March.

*Outlook.* We have great hopes from this District. Day by day it is expanding. This year two new centres of work have been opened. There is a large number of real inquirers. The harvest is quite ready and we pray God that in the time to come they may reap a full harvest so that the Church of God may be a means of glory to His Name.

*Mrs. I. D. Revis.*
Sind-Baluchistan District.

Women's Work.

To go back this year to our former station in Karachi has been a great joy to us. It had been seven years since we had lived here and we see many changes in the District. Sind now has its own Provincial Government. Karachi grows by leaps and bounds. Many beautiful buildings and fine apartment houses are being put up. Business progresses. The coming of the Imperial Airways has given added importance to the city. It truly is a privilege to have a share in the great work of bringing in God's Kingdom in this part of India. Our hearts have been gladdened by the coming of Padre and Mrs. Kalim as our co-workers.

The English Methodists have, at last, sent a Padre to care for the Chaplaincy in Karachi. We have welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin and have enjoyed fellowship with them as we have worked together.

This leaves us free for the Indian work. We feel there is in Karachi an exceptionally fine opportunity for work among the educated classes. It takes time to make contacts and win confidences and we pray for the wisdom needed to make all these count for the Kingdom.

One of the first mohallah meetings I attended was in Cooly Corps where live the servants who work in the Army Barracks. There the municipality have given grants of land and our people are building their own two-room houses. Our Christians are keen and very independent. I was especially pleased with the work among the women. They have their regular meetings every week for which they make all plans. They are well organized and are doing good work. Once a month, at least, they send a band from among themselves to hold meetings for the women in other mohallahs. They are also keen on social service.

In Drigh Road Mr. and Mrs. Judd have a very fine school for both girls and boys. It is always a joy to visit in that great Air Port. We have purchased an Airplane case from the Depot and one of the Air Force lads is helping to make it into a room for the school. He has also shown his interest in collecting funds for Padre Judd among the other Air Force men.

Last month we visited Quetta, the first time I had been there since the earthquake of May 1935. Each time we visit that far away city on the Frontier we are impressed with the heroic spirit among our people there. After the earthquake, our Church Hut was the first church building to be erected in the entire city. It is shared alike by the English and Indian congregations. Mr. and Mrs. Cumming are still living in their 2 room tin hut. They are a great help and inspiration to Padre Devji Karson as they all work together, in the face of tremendous difficulties, to win Baluchistan for Christ.
In August our Bishop came to be with us for District Conference which was held at the same time as the Karachi Christian Convention. Our District workers were able to attend the meetings of the Convention as well as the sessions of District Conference. Bishop Chitambar preached each evening in the Evangelistic services held in our Church. The Church was crowded, people had to sit in the aisles, and on the floor in front of the front seats. They came night after night to listen as the Bishop gave his uplifting messages. The spirit of Christ was among us and we believe permanent good will come from these services. We were very sorry Mrs. Chitambar could not be with us as she was ill.

The work of the Brooks Memorial Church goes on as usual. Many of the old friends were there to greet us. Truly, through the years God has blessed our English Church in Karachi and made it a blessing, not only to those who live there but to many who come to spend a few years, months, or even weeks in the city. Our hope is that our English work may have even a wider influence in bringing people to know God better. We thank all those in the homeland and in India who contribute to this work and ask for your continued interest and prayers.

Mrs. G. B. Thompson.
Reports of Institutions.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium Report

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Patients in the Sanatorium October 1, 1938. 30.

There have been six fewer patients in the Sanatorium during the past year than in the previous year and the number of patient days is also less. Last year the number of discharges exceeded the admissions—this year it has been the reverse. We end the year with six more patients in the Sanatorium than we had a year ago. We are glad to be able to report only two deaths.

The year has been an unusual one from many angles. From October to January we were badly handicapped by inadequate medical supervision. Arrangements were made with Dr. Anderson of Ajmer to supervise the work from January 1st, 1938 until the arrival of Dr. Tower in August. In order to make possible more adequate supervision the Sanatorium was moved to Madar in January and later at the March meeting the Board voted to recommend to the Society at home that the Sanatorium be permanently located at Madar.

Since moving to Madar the X-ray and Fleuroscopic facilities of the Victoria Hospital in Ajmer have been open to us and arrangements were made for sending patients for such examinations two days a week. While this has been of inestimable value it does not lessen the need for an X-ray plant of our own. We must have an X-ray in order to do really efficient work. At this time there are four patients for whom Fleuroscopic examination is badly needed but all of them are too ill to be taken to Ajmer.

We still lack about a fifteen hundred rupees of the amount needed to purchase the plant. The question of electric supply for an X-ray is an important one and we were gratified to learn that the Ajmer Electric Supply Co. is willing to run a line to Madar. This has solved a difficult problem for neither the plant at Tilaunia nor the one in Madar was adequate for modern X-ray equipment.
Since Dr. Tower's arrival in August seven patients have received regular A. P. treatments. Ten minor operations have been done. No major work has been attempted because of lack of electricity and X-ray.

One of the most gratifying things during these past months has been the change in the attitude of the patients. Last year because of the lack of medical supervision they were badly discouraged and as a result often unco-operative and many disciplinary problems arose. Now their attitude is very different. They are no longer discouraged, they have become very co-operative and disciplinary problems are comparatively few. The improvement in the cases for whom operative work has been done has been marked.

The Sanatorium appreciates all the co-operation which your Conference and you as individuals have given.

R. B. Tower, M. D.
Anna P. Buyers.

Avery Girls' School Report.

This year there are 124 girls in the school—80 in the Primary (the Church of Scotland part of the school) and 44 in the Upper Primary and Lower Middle (the M. E. part of the school). Of the 80, 31 are Methodist girls, 30 Church of India North and 19 Non-Christians. Of the 44, 20 are Methodist, 22 Church of India North and 2 Non-Christians. There are 52 girls in the Hostel—all Methodist girls but 5. The Middle results are not so good as last year. Only 3 girls passed out of the 6 sent up. Two of these are continuing their studies in the Nasirabad High School and one in the Savitri Girls' High School here. Three old girls of the school are reading in classes VIII, IX and X of Nasirabad School. Two have gone to join the new "Home School" in Beawar. One old girl, who passed her Matriculation from the Gange High School Delhi, has gone to Bareilly to take training in the Government High School as she was not able to gain admission to any Mission Training Centre.

Last January I handed over the entire management of the Tuitional part of the school to Miss Hakim, the Head Mistress. Besides teaching in several of the classes she supervises the work of the teachers and helps them in every way she can. This year we have a young enthusiastic staff who gladly co-operate with their own country woman. Miss Hakim has weekly staff meetings and is helping the teachers to share with her the responsibility of not only making the school an efficient one but of getting to know the girls individually and the personal problems they are facing.

Recently I have introduced a "Star" System into the six "Houses" of the Hostel. Each "House" has a family of about 9 girls of mixed ages. The older girls are learning to take more
responsibility for the younger ones and to develop a spirit of love in their "House". I meet with the "Big Sisters" of the "Houses" on Saturday to face with them the problems they are meeting, and to find with them God's answer to them.

Last year good playing fields for the outdoor games were prepared. The interest of the girls in team games has been greatly developed this year through the keenness of the Head Mistress and Staff. The Girl Guiding was helped by a visit from the All India Trainer and by one of the staff attending a Training Camp in Naini Tal in the holidays.

The girls and teachers take much interest in the Epworth League. In March a concert was given in aid of the Warne Baby Fold, Bareilly. Rs. 120/- were raised. It is a joy to see the young people of this part of India beginning to take part in shouldering some of the responsibilities of their country. Another concert was given in August in aid of the Madar Sanitorium and Rs. 137/- were raised. From this week members of the League are undertaking to visit the patients in the Sanitorium and to provide a Programme for them twice a month.

What we are working for in School and Hostel is that the girls may find that Christ has the answer to every problem, that they can be in living touch with Him and find the answer. Learning now to find the mind of Christ in the details of their school life, they will continue to do so in their future homes and so take their part in building up a Christian Church that is to lead their nation into the knowledge of Christ.

M. McNaught.

Lucie F. Harrison Girls’ School, Lahore.

Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His continued goodness to us during the year that has just passed. Truly He has led us day by day and given us strength for every task.

It has been a good year in the school and we have seen progress in various departments. We believe there is a better spiritual atmosphere than a year ago. Constant effort is being made to raise the scholastic standard also. Much credit should be given the members of the staff who have labored so diligently and faithfully to bring about the results which we desire to see in our school.

The enrollment is at present 165, of whom 121 are in the primary department and 44 in the middle classes. There are 120
Christian children in the school. In the primary classes 16 boys are reading. Our hostel family now numbers 88.

Ten girls were sent up for the Govt. Middle examination in February. All of these were successful except two who were compartmented. The results of all the classes this year were much more satisfactory than those of the previous year. Special attention is being given to the improvement of the Needlework and Domestic Science training. The Domestic Science inspectress has this week, in her inspection of the work of the school, reported improvement over the work done last year.

We were very pleasantly surprised when our Govt. Grant in Aid was slightly increased this year.

The interest in the Girl Guide work continues, and the Guides and Blue Birds have many happy and profitable hours together under the direction of the four teachers who have been trained for this work.

Our net-ball team brought honor to the school this spring by winning the shield in the tournament in which several schools participated. The daily supervised games are an important factor in keeping the children strong and fit for their school work.

The health record has again been remarkably good. We thank our Father many times for His care over the girls in the respect. Special attention is given the weaker children and every effort is made to build them up. An abundance of good wholesome food is supplied to all so that the majority improve during the school year, and are usually free from the illnesses which attack the under-nourished child.

After Mrs. Edwards left us in May we were without a matron for a few months, but with the faithful assistance of several teachers and the assistant matron we were able to manage until early in October when Miss K. Singh came to us for this responsible position. We feel that she came in answer to prayer, and we are happy that she has a real interest in the spiritual welfare of the girls. Our prayer is that she may be the means of leading them to give themselves fully to Christ so that they may seek His guidance in all that do.

Recently we have made a beginning in self-government in the school. The girls elected their own preceptresses. We were interested to note that they were quite capable of choosing the most worthy and dependable girls for this responsibility. Each preceptress has charge of the girls of one dormitory room. It is her task to see that the girls of that group carry out their duties promptly, and that they learn how to be neat and clean in their habits and obedient at all times. She is also to settle little matters of dis-
cipline which arise within her family group. The girls have themselves organized the morning quiet hour groups and these are proving of real spiritual benefit to them.

Not long ago in one of our Sunday afternoon meetings with the older girls, several were led to give themselves to Christ. Afterwards, when we were discussing ways in which we might render some service to Him one of the girls suggested having Sunday afternoon prayer groups with the younger children. This suggestion was adopted, and all those who volunteered for this service are now leaders or assistant-leaders of a small group which meets every Sunday for Bible Reading or a Bible story, prayer and song. One of the senior teachers has volunteered to meet with the group leaders each week and help them in their preparation for this service. The motto we have chosen is “By love serve one another”. Already we have seen a marked difference in the spirit of some of the girls.

During the year nineteen girls were prepared for Church membership by our pastor Rev. Chatur Bujh who also received them into the church in a very impressive service.

We are grateful for the help given by our District evangelist, Miss Christensen, who has from time to time given us a very helpful message at the morning chapel service or at the teachers’ prayer meeting.

Miss Lilly Swords, our newest arrival in India, has assisted in the hostel supervision during the past few weeks since her return from Landour language school. She has been learning many things about life in India, as well as teaching the girls some things about how to live.

Our staff consists of ten trained Christian teachers, including one B. A., B. T., four J. A. V. trained, one J. V. and four S. V. trained teachers. Through the goodness of our ladies in America the salary for a National worker has been continued. This enables the school to have for its headmistress a trained graduate teacher. Miss Aya Ram has come to us directly from her teachers training course and has already been able to give the other teachers many valuable suggestions. We are happy indeed to have one of our former pupils as headmistress. We believe that she has a splendid contribution to make in the work of the Kingdom.

In all the activities of the school we try to keep ever before us our aim, which is, that every girl may come to accept Jesus as her Saviour and King and that she shall give her life to Him for service, as He may direct.

Grace Pepper Smith.
Multan District Village Schools.

The schools in Stuntzabad and Chak 134 continue to provide an opportunity for a number of our Christian children to become literate and to receive some religious education.

The year that is past has been a rather difficult one as there has not been the full quota of teachers for the entire time. Recently however, we have been able to secure the help of a young graduate who as headmaster of the central school has begun work very enthusiastically. Due to his visits to the villages of that vicinity the attendance has increased greatly until there are now about 180 students in the central school and more than 30 in the branch school. The children are becoming much more interested in their school work and the various activities connected with it. The parents have contributed to the games fund by bringing donations of cotton or other produce with which to pay for the games equipment. The Boy Scouts band is to be organized and the boys are enthusiastically planning to work and to pay for their uniforms.

A night school for adults has also been started by one of the teachers. Other adults are becoming enthusiastic about learning to read and it is to be hoped that other such night schools will be established.

More stress is being laid upon self-help and upon becoming fitted for a useful and independent life. Greater responsibility is being laid upon the parents for their help and cooperation in the matter of their children’s education.

At the beginning of the school year in April several boys from this village school were sent to Raewind school to continue their studies in the Middle classes and three girls came to our Lahore girls’ school and are now reading in the 1st Middle class.

The pastor’s wife has rendered a great deal of help in the teaching of the Scripture classes and sewing classes.

We pray that the coming year may see great progress and a greater increase in the number of children and adults who are taking advantage of their opportunity for an education.

To those who are continuing their support of this work we want to once more express the gratitude of our village people who because of their great poverty would be quite unable to improve their condition were it not for the gifts of those friends in America.

Grace Pepper Smith.
Nur Niwas, Hissar.

In September of this year our school had its tenth birthday. The closing decade has been one of normal growth. The ten acres of brush covered land have gradually been cleared and leveled. Buildings, orchards and vegetable gardens now take the place of the scrubby jungle. The number of boarders has increased from twelve on that opening day to seventy at present with fifteen more attending as day pupils. The school began as lower primary with a staff of three teachers assisting Miss Palmer. It was first recognized by the Government as a Primary school, and a few years later as Vernacular Middle. The staff was then increased to five. The first class to be presented for the Government Middle Examination appeared in 1934 and consisted of two Christian girls and one Muslim. This year’s class consists of five girls—all Christian.

In 1933 a program of partial self support was begun for the Middle classes. Three hours of Industrial work daily was added to the schedule and an extra year granted for the completion of the Middle Course. For this work they were paid at the average wage rate and paid in return a boarding fee of Rs. 2/- per month and bought all school supplies except text books. This program is still in use and proves more or less successful according to the type of supervision available.

During the earlier part of this year some changes in the staff were necessary, and at present we regret to report the resignation of Miss Lilawati Cornelius, who has for the past five and a half years most faithfully and capably carried the responsibility of the Upper Middle classes, and whose Christian spirit has been a help alike to both students and fellow workers.

The spiritual development of the girls has been carried on in the usual way of Bible classes, Sunday services, evening prayer services, morning quiet time, and Epworth League. A junior group was begun by Miss Cornelius just previous to vacation for the instruction and practice in a more real Christian experience among the younger children.

In May Aldersgate meetings were conducted for the school and community. Rev. James Shaw and Miss L. D. Christensen brought the messages.

In September most of the Staff attended the Saharanpur Convention.

Interest in Adult Literacy was aroused among the girls and before going home for the Summer vacation those who thought they could teach some one while at home were supplied with copies of “Ilm de Kunji”. Though not a great deal was actually accomplished it was encouraging to hear their reports of efforts put forth. One girl tried to teach her mother so that she could read her letters.
One of the outstanding events of the year was Mrs. Otis Moore's visit in April. Hissar gave a demonstration of the worst she can do in matter of weather, but Mrs. Moore faced it without complaint. We all greatly appreciated and enjoyed her visit with its encouragement and advice.

Some improvement has been done on the buildings this year. Much needed rooms were added to one section of the servants' quarters. Roofs and walls were also repaired.

Nur Niwas acknowledges deep indebtedness to its founder, Miss Ethel M. Palmer who for nine years carried the burden of administration and directed its growth. Her loss is keenly felt but we are grateful for the years of service that she was permitted to give and all who came in contact with her in any capacity will long cherish her memory.

We are grateful for the encouragement and assistance given us by our Pastor and District Superintendent, Rev. James Shaw and our District Evangelist, Miss L. D. Christensen. Lastly, we render an offering of praise and thanks to God for His care and direction along the way.

MARTHA M. COY.

Report of Raewind Christian Institute

For October 31 1937 to October 31 1938.

The total enrollment is up to the highest previous record and the income from fees has been slightly increased. The teaching staff has done fair work and the outcome of the last matriculation examination 59%, government middle examination 3 out of four, and the annual inspection was fair. The headmaster and his wife and the pastor and his wife have cooperated with the management in carrying out new plans in the school and hostel.

The staff should receive regular increments but this is impossible in our present budget. A teacher of manual arts is needed and also a science teacher but funds are not available.

The outstanding developments of the year are the addition to the work curriculum of the hostel of a weaving course and to the village school program of a village schools' supervisor.

Adult education is receiving attention. A course for chaudhris was conducted in March and another in September and more than 20 were taught to read and to teach others reading by the Laubach method. The village schools at Bhamba, Ladheke, and Manak are doing some work for adults as well as their regular work for Christian boys and girls.

ELLEN F. RUGG.
STATISTICS.
Evangelistic Statistics for Indus River Conference for the last complete conference year preceding July 1, 1938.

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MEDICAL STATISTICS.
For the last complete year preceding Dec. 1, 1937

I. Name of Hospital and Training School for Nurses.
1. Official name of Hospital or Dispensary: Mary Wilson Sanatorium
2. Other names by which known: Tilaunia Sanatorium

II. Hospital Board
(a) Foreign: Bishops of Southern Asia Field and missionaries from 7 Northern India Conferences
(b) Nationals: 1 Indian Doctor

III. Statistics.
1. Staff
(1) Missionary nurses: A. P. Buyers
   H. J. Fernstrom—Health Department
(2) Native doctors 1. 3 months (4) Other workers (a) Foreign
   1. 3 months (b) Native 1
(3) Native nurses: (a) Graduates 3
   (b) Students 9 Total (3) 12 Total (a) and (b) 1
     3 months
   Total (2) and (3) 14 Total Staff 15

2. Hospital
(1) No. of beds 80 (4) Average days per patient 183
(2) No. of in-patients 62 (5) No. of major operations
(3) No. of patient days 11525 (6) No. of minor operations 56
     (7) Obstetrical cases in hospital

3. Out-Patients
(1) Obstetrical cases (3) Return visits 2035
   (include obstetrical visits)
(2) First visits 851 (4) No. of itinerary treatments given
   (include obstetrical visits)
   (5) Total out-patient treatments 2886
      (Sum of 2, 3 and 4)

4. School Health Work
(1) Number of schools visited 20
   (a) By nurse 20 (3) Number of health talks given 16
   (b) By doctor
(2) Number of health examinations made 1550 (4) Number attending health talks 1754
   (a) By nurse 1550 (5) Dist. Conferences attended 3
   (b) By doctor 132 and nurse

5. Income
(1) From hospital patients (2) Appropriations of Society
   Rs. 3449/- Rs. 8075 8 0
   For Hospital Rs. 8075 8 0
(3) Other Sources: (a) Nationals Rs. 125/- (b) Miscellaneous Rs. 3663/-
   Total Income Rs. 15,312/-

6. Unit of Local Currency Used In 5, $ 1.00 = Rs. 3/-