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Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram
Miss Delia M. Houghton

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home to His immediate presence our sister and co-worker, Miss Delia M. Houghton, we the members of the Arcot Mission, desire to place on record our deep appreciation of our colleague’s life and service in India. Hers was a life of true consecration and steadfast faithfulness to duty; and of her it may indeed be said that she was “faithful unto death.”

Miss Houghton spent thirty-two years of strenuous activity as Superintendent of Nurses, first in Schell Hospital and later bearing the heavier responsibilities and meeting the wider opportunities of the Cole Dispensary and Hospital connected with the Vellore Medical School.

She was one who helped to raise the whole status of the nursing profession. At the time of her early efforts, nursing was looked upon as a form of menial service, not quite respectable, and entered into chiefly by those with little education, who could see no other way of earning a living. At the time of her death, the Vellore classes were filled with intelligent and capable students of matriculate grade. Testimony has come to the superior quality of Vellore trained nurses, and to the high place of esteem they hold throughout the Madras Presidency. Miss Houghton still lives on in the lives of the many nurses who owe to her their training and their inspiration.

Just as these years of service came to their end, and Miss Houghton was looking with reluctance upon the prospect of leaving her adopted country, the problem was solved by this sudden call of her Master. From active service here to higher service there, with only a few days’ interval between who could wish for a happier ending to a busy life?

"The victory of life is won,
The song of triumph is begun—Alleluia".
Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram

Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and inscrutable love to take from our midst our friend and colleague, Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram, we the members of the A. A. Mission Agricultural Institute, the Serakdu Pastorate of the S. I. U. Church, the Area Council and Arcot Co-ordinating Committee hereby place on record our deep loss at the passing of a faithful, consecrated worker in his many sided activities to build the kingdom of God in India.

Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram entered the service of the A. A. Mission under the direction of Dr. F. M. Potter, as a teacher in Voorhees College High School, where he filled an important place as superintendent of the hostel, leader of Boy Scouts and in many of the activities of the Church and community.

In 1925 he responded to the challenge of the Agricultural Institute to join its staff in the difficult task of pioneering in a new and at that time, unappreciated field of rural education and work. He gave unstintingly of his energy and enthusiasm to this effort. We owe a debt of gratitude. God only can repay for the heroic service he rendered for fifteen years. As Headmaster of the school, as manager of the Farm, as an elder and leader in the Church, as the director of the village extension service and as leader in many and varied civic and community efforts, his services were invaluable.

His efforts were not confined to the immediate task for which he drew his salary. His interests extended to worthy efforts for every working hour of his time. He laid a sound foundation for the 6th Vellore, Boy Scout troop, now widely known all over India. The Government recognized his leadership in Rural Reconstruction by awarding him the King George Coronation medal in 1937. His Counsel was sought on Panchayat Boards, Co-operative Societies, Teachers Associations, Village Improvement Societies and Grama Sangams. He had a wide circle of
Hindu and Mohamedan friends, before all of whom he ever had a clear and firm Christian witness and testimony.

Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram was a man devoted to his home and family. He recognized the fundamental nature of the Christian home in its silent, persuasive witness in India. Hundreds of Hindu and Moslem visiting friends, here saw exemplified the Christian home at its best. Our heartfelt sympathy and interest goes out to his widow and four young children, whom we commit to God's loving care.

Workers in the field of rural service, for which he was so eminently fitted after his fifteen years of training as the right hand man of the Principal of the Agricultural Institute, are so few in India, that humanly speaking, he can not be spared. But, we bow before the Father with childlike submission, knowing that all he does is well done. We accept the challenge to shoulder the additional responsibilities he laid down. Heaven has been enriched but we temporarily are the poorer. May the soul of our faithful departed brother, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and increase in the knowledge and love of the Heavenly Father, and go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service.
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- Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Wierenga and son Richard
- Miss G. Dodd
- Dr. Ida S. Scudder

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- Miss Mary E. Geegh

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- Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Piet
- Miss Florence Walvoord from Japan

**Death:**
- Miss Delia M. Houghton, April 25, 1941
- Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram of the Agricultural Institute
- Mr. A. Samuel of the Union Mission Training School
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FOREWORD

It is a delicate task to review the past one year’s work of the A.C.C. at the end of the very first year of the new organizations of the Arcot Coordinating Committee and Area Councils which have taken the activities of the old Arcot Assembly on their shoulders. One has to render his or her heartfelt gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the merciful way in which He has been guiding and promoting this baby of a year old for whose birth Dr. F. M. Pottor, Secretary of the Home Board, was solely responsible.

It is very gratifying to note that in the first year we met as members of the A.C.C. we felt that we were in a closer and more intimate organization than we had ever been before. It was eagerly and at times sagaciously watched as to how this new organization would work. I am sure that the doubting souls will be cleared at least partly of their doubts and will come to believe, in the course of a few years, that this is the right procedure to Indianize the activities of the Church and Institutions and gradually to evolve into the Indian Church and its support.

We are thankful to our benign Home Board for the deep and far sighted policy and outlook with which they remodelled the whole Assembly work and brought it under this scheme of Area Councils and A.C.C. There may be drawbacks in this new venture but the advantages are great and are towards the successful growth of the Kingdom of God.

In summarizing the advantages of this organization I would like to point out the spiritual, moral and social value of this new, smaller and more effective organization. The very size of the A.C.C. can be compared to the Executive Committee of the old Assembly and as such the committee can meet in various stations of the Mission and oftener without much expense. The presence of a selected number of members from all over the Mission area, in different stations, enables both the locality and the members of the A.C.C. to study each other more closely and vitally. The members do get first hand information of certain problems with which they
are faced in the Committee meetings and in closer groups they are able to devote more attention and time to study the questions deeply. Members come together more or less in a spiritual close fellowship and with the feeling of one family and brotherhood. Any differences of opinion soon disappear and each one understands the other rightly and feels the responsibility that is on his or her shoulders. Serious problems and apparently controversial matters are tackled very smoothly and unanimous conclusions are always arrived at.

The Area Councils for the very first time unite all the activities of the Area and a new sense of fellowship and oneness is felt which brings more responsibility on the leaders of the area. Church centredness is becoming a reality through these organizations and it is hoped that in the years to come the Church of Christ will be the real source of blessings to all the activities connected with our work.

"Having the eyes of your heart enlightened that ye may know what is the hope of His calling what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and what the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe—" may this supplication of the Apostle be the outcome of the A.C.C. and Area Councils in the years to come.

We welcome this one year old child and offer our richest blessings on it for its successful growth in every way.

May God bless us.

Rev. S. Ponmurangam,
Chairman of the A.C.C.
Philip Leon in a certain book speaks of the world going mad, he writes,

"A tide of homicidal mania is rolling toward us." "The men of ideas are sitting like Canutes on their thrones watching the tide and protesting, protesting, protesting. They are telling the empty skies that the sea is a very naughty sea indeed.

Slowly the men of arms are marching up. They lift each little Canute upon his little chair and quietly put him away. They themselves line up along the shore. They clench their mailed fists and fling them out towards the sea. With blood curdling threats they dare the tide to come on.

A few months pass by. The men of ideas have nearly all been removed to the rear. They are still protesting this time however no longer against the sea but against the men of arms for not having dared it enough. For now with their feet almost wetted by the flood, the warriors themselves have recoiled in horror and are busy raising up walls of steel and digging, digging, digging."

What shall cure us of our mania?

Religion?

"I and many others like me have grown up to look upon religion as dope."
Much of what passes under the name of religion is dope. The real thing, however, is not dope. It is an emetic. It makes us sick—sick of ourselves. Only self-sickness will cure us of our mania."

Over against this tragic picture we would proclaim, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19:10. Some one else has said "Jesus saves us by His ideals, His example, His task and His Cross".

The tide of present world events overwhelm and lead to utter despair were it not for those memorable words of Jesus Christ and His life to substantiate every statement He made. Ideals and action combined in perfect harmony: He protested rather by proclaiming, and not like little Canutes sitting on their thrones, He came down from the throne and mingled with men. Ideas and Action; Ideas and a Life; Conflict and a Cross; Tragedy and Triumph; How else can one set about it to cure the world of this homicidal mania?

"By unrighteousness man prospers, gains what appears desirable, conquers enemies, but perishes at the root," so say the sages according to Rabindranath Tagore.

The cure of this homicidal mania does strike at the root as witness the lives of those who follow in the footsteps of Christ. Set forth in these pages you will find symbol and sign of just such a work going on; the work of Missions and our Indian Church Board. Herein one will find expression of joy and achievement, despair and discouragement and yet withal deep beneath and underlying the outward sign, a spirit of power and ineffable love.

Like the warm current of the Gulf stream making itself felt as far north as Archangel in the Arctic Regions, so this spirit of power and ineffable love prevails with great or less degree as it is permitted to exert its influence by the will of man.

Our Indian Church Board has to do with the work of the Church as distinguished from Institutional work. This involves oversight of 147 village schools and 273 congregations. 218 men and 69 women are
employed as teachers. The men are intrusted with the spiritual teaching of these village congregations and the teaching of the children during the week.

Many problems peculiar to India with its caste system and low economic level impede our progress. Despite such handicaps great changes are taking place and God’s spirit will have its way in the hearts of men.

In these reports coming from the Circles you will find certain trends which augur well for the future of our Indian Church.

Women’s Work heretofore separately managed under the Women’s Evangelistic Board, now finds place within our Indian Church Board. Important changes are contemplated. The employment of a new type of worker is envisaged, one who shall be able to assist the Pastor in social and family relations, a Deaconess qualified and able to instruct illiterate Christians and new Christians. More attention is even now being given to the women of the village which will increase as plans develop.

Women’s work receives further impetus as witness the new centre at Muttathur of the Southern Circle under the direction of Miss Wyckoff.

Serkadu Circle invites you to come to the Annual Festival at Zion Hill and watch the central act of worship there. More than 3,000 Christians from our villages travel on foot upwards of twenty miles to be present at this great festival. The Christian message received from the West is being moulded to Eastern thought and pattern.

The Northern Circle with its sparsely settled villages has given great attention to evangelism.

Chittoor Circle with its Ashram in the town and new villages taken over year by year centers about one of our Indian Church leaders in Rev. Arthur John.

The struggles of the Central Circle until it secured shepherds for its two flocks are over. Rev. Alexander Ratnam, the Chairman, is now ready for greater advance.
Vellore Circle faces the task of self-support for town and village work with intrepid faith. Problems bristle up on every side.

Western Circle under the hand of our Mission business man has made a start towards building proper places of worship. Other circles have taken up this course as well.

Church Union has been the subject for deep thought in the governing Bodies of the Anglican, the Wesleyan and the South Indian United Churches for some time. During the sessions of the Madras Church Council meeting in Ranipet when this subject was being discussed, time was taken to attend an important function at St. Mary's Church. The acting head of the Madras Diocese attended for the purpose of handing over this Anglican church for the use of our Ranipet congregation. Thus, even while we discussed ways and means of coming together in Church Union, a living illustration was given of the tie that binds into one brotherhood all followers of our Master.

NORTHERN CIRCLE
Rev. John D. Muyskens, Chairman.

I begin this report by repeating the last paragraph of my report of last year, when I wrote:

"In trying to assess what we are doing or aiming to do, it seems to me that we fail exactly at the point, where we ought to find our chief success, viz in the building up here on earth of a Visible Church of Christ, which in the purity of its life, in the love and devotion it bears to Christ, in the zeal that it shows in His service and in witnessing to Him, in the transformation that it brings about in the physical surroundings and economic and social life of its members, and in its fellowship and unity wherein it shows itself to be a colony, God's chosen instrument, to bring to men the knowledge of His Grace in Christ. Too, too little of such a Church do we see in the scattered, small groups that call themselves by Christ's name in the widespread area of the Northern Circle. That that may be the fruit which His Spirit
graciously grants upon her manifold labours, we need to reconsecrate ourselves to the Lord who calls us forth to His Harvest.”

I shall have to repeat all of that this year. Our statistics seem to indicate a small growth all along the line, but I happen to know that there are people enrolled on rolls, some even as communicant members, who never all year long darken the doors of our churches, or who only on the rarest occasions when some special need drives them to seek the ministrations of the Church do so. Our rolls show a total Christian Community of 2,983 as over against 2,889 last year, a gain of 94, and an increase of 3%. There are 963 communicants now as over against 904 the previous year, a gain of 59 and an increase of 6%. Communicants form 32% of the total community, which is an improvement of 1% over the previous year. It is quite likely, however, that if we applied a more rigid test than we have so far done, we should have to erase enough names so that all these apparent gains would be wiped out.

Fortunately though there are other matters in the statistics that are indications of better things. In 1939 we baptized only 14 adults and 84 children, in 1940 27 adults and 107 children, and this year 29 adults and 117 children. Adult baptisms are likely to be of people who have come out of the darkness of the old faiths into the marvelous light of Christ’s Gospel. At least, this stream has not completely dried up, and it seems to be increasing in volume. The Gospel is being preached in season and out of season. Some of our workers have a live evangelistic zeal; in almost all our area at special seasons special evangelistic effort has been made. During its special week of effort Madanapalle enlisted some 60 volunteers; bands of volunteers have gone out with our evangelists in Punganur and Burakayalakotta; Arogyavaram carried out a well directed effort for over two weeks during the holiday months.

The Churches report a very encouraging increase in receipts during this past year. They collected Rs. 5,585 as against Rs. 4,548 the previous year. The people at Arogyavaram are responding to the challenge to support their Pastor, Mr. Henry Lazarus, B. A., B. D., and are also
collecting funds for a new church building. In all the Churches there has been some success in the effort to lay on the hearts of independent Christians the obligation to support the Church in their midst.

The constant temptation is to become so immersed in the routine labours of our 12 village schools and the externals of management and financial support of workers in some 25 occupied villages and the supervision of small Christian groups in some 15 more villages that are without resident workers that our supreme purpose is largely or almost completely lost sight of. 'This ought ye to do and not to leave the other undone.' Government regulations are becoming increasingly burdensome. In this past year our Punganur School has become a complete Higher Elementary School. We must satisfy Government by setting apart a worker as a prevocational teacher and arranging for one definite field of prevocational work. We have put our piece of wet land to use and have started agriculture. May the guavas and the oranges and the papayas and the mangoes and the gram and the ragi grow! Government says that there must be so and so many girls in our schools. How are we to make the parents send girls to school? To qualify for aid we must have so and so many pupils attend per teacher. But what if they do not come? Our Central School at Kothapalle with its Boarding Department and its various forms of effort at Rural Department is a model of its kind and positively not duplicated anywhere in this section of the Chittoor District. But what if the very people we most desire to serve seem not to appreciate this type of service and the numbers that attend the school remain far below Government requirements?

Opportunities for service abound. Of our 910 pupils in our 12 schools 745 are non-christians. Day after day these children are under our instruction. 39 teachers and 5 evangelists are in the employ of the Circle. With the early ordination of Mr. Henry Lazarus we shall have four ordained men engaged in the work of this circle. Last year the grants-in-aid from the Government increased by almost Rs. 1,300/-. Through the devoted efforts of Rev. John Satyanathan it was possible to help one sadly oppressed village of 14 families to move to a delightful new site of their own. They chose for their new village the name of 'Satyapur'. 'Town of Truth.'
From time to time we meet together to look at our work. In June all the workers assembled to think chiefly of the problem of Adult Literacy, under the leadership of Mr. B. E. Devaraj of Nandyal. In September we spent two days together trying to face the implications of ‘caste’, especially as we find it manifesting itself in some form or other right within the Christian Church. Our ordained men both Missionary and Indian met on Horsleykonda for a four day retreat. To some extent we believe we are securing an awareness to our task, our own absolute insufficiency to meet that task, the necessity of dependence upon Him who has called us to that task and the relation that our own small piece of work bears to the great Christian enterprise.

Women's Evangelistic Work—Northern Circle

Miss Sarella Te Winkel,

Scanning the horizon of the past year of work with the seven Bible Women of the Northern Circle, no outstanding mountain peaks loom up on the sky-line. However, all has not been a dead level. The merging of our department of work with that of the Indian Church Board has made a change in some of our methods of administration. The Bible Women now receive the salaries directly from the Circle Chairman which relieves the women missionary supervisors of this financial responsibility; a welcome relief, for most of us find the keeping of accounts an irksome task.

Another feature of the new order is that now the Bible Women and the missionary women who are associated with them in their work attend the meetings held periodically for all the village teachers, catechists and evangelists of the Circle. These general meetings are not held every month because of the expense involved, but Mrs. Muyskens and I invariably have our monthly meetings for our Bible Women even when there are no meetings for the others. At these monthly meetings we give out supplies of magazines, consider plans for the work of the new month and pray together for our work. We take time also to discuss the lessons
assigned for the annual Bible Examination which is held for all our workers. For this study we have this year a simple commentary on the Gospel of Mark and a small book on ‘“Village Preaching.”’ A few years ago, as per rulings then in force, women who had given many years of service were excused from attending these examinations, but now all excuses have been ruled out and even the oldest seniors are called upon to renew their youth and appear for these examinations. Practically all of our Northern Circle Bible Women belong to the near-pension-age group who cannot read without glasses and most of them had to get new glasses this year to make it possible for them to do the necessary reading for the Bible Examination.

As one after another of our group of older women must be retired from service we are praying that from the younger generation of teachers in our schools there will come to us new co-workers, women of real consecration and special talents, eager to make the most of the great opportunities that await the right type of Christian woman to carry the light of the Gospel into the dark corners of this sunny land.

In addition to having monthly meetings to give our Bible Women the fresh inspiration and help which they need, we have during the past year sent one of them to a conference for women where the subject was Church Union, a conference held in a centre south of our area where representatives from many denominations met. Two other Bible Women of our group were sent to a special School of Music held for some ten days in another Mission area to the north of us. These women all enjoyed very much these experiences and have been eager to share with others the things they learned and the inspiration received.

The efforts made to enlist volunteers to accompany me for social-evangelistic work in the villages in connection with the weekly trips of a doctor and a nurse from our hospital have been moderately successful. There are a number of our Christian women whose Spirits are willing for such service but because of other duties they find it difficult to be away from their homes from 1-30 or 2 p.m. until 5-30 or later, which is the usual time one must have for such a trip. On these expeditions we evangelists sometimes go along with the medicals to the end of the
route, at each stop made going into the village to "beat the bush" calling out wherever a door is open, "Who is within? Are all well? Any fever? Any pain? Any sore eyes? Any boils?" Usually the first response from the dark interior will be, "All are well." But the next moment a woman may appear at the door with a child on her hip, a child whose appearance makes it apparent to even the non-medical eye that it is by no means "all well"; or the appearance of the woman herself shows that she is really ill. Then we do our best to persuade such needy ones to go and consult the doctor who is carrying on dispensary work by the roadside near the village.

Another method we evangelists sometimes follow is to leave the car at one of the first villages along the route, to spend the whole time in that one village while the medicals go on to the end of the route, stopping to pick us up on the way home. Such protracted visits give us more time for preaching and teaching, assisted by picture rolls and sometimes the small portable gramophone. We carry also a supply of health pamphlets and Gospel portions for sale.

It sometimes happens that I am not able to accompany the Medicals for a week or more, in which case I am always sure of a special welcome the next time I appear. Then my village friends great me with smiling faces and cry out, "Here is our mother! Why did you not come last week? Where have you been? etc. etc." These poor village people appreciate a friendly interest in them and their affairs. At times we find those who need hospital treatment and we try to persuade such to crowd into the car with us and come along to the hospital before they get "cold feet." Naturally a patient who has received healing at the hospital becomes one of our best promoters of trade when in future the car appears on its weekly dispensary trips.

Not all, however, will accept the offered ministrations but continue to resort to the use of native methods, such as charms and incantations or remedies that may be useless not only but positively harmful.
Some too are suspicious of our motives; for why should anyone do anything for total strangers without thought of gain? This attitude gives us the opportunity to tell them that the God we worship is that kind of a God and has taught His followers that they must show the same spirit.

Through the interest of a very good friend in America, not a member of our denomination, it has been possible for several years to provide good literature every month for at least a hundred homes. This literature includes a magazine for women, one for children and also a small news sheet, suitable for any member of the family who is able to read. Some of these magazines go into Christian homes where the income is not adequate to permit even so simple a luxury as a subscription to a monthly magazine costing only about 25 cents a year. Other copies go to lonely village teachers while a good number are given to Hindu women zenana pupils, one copy being shared often by several women. The magazines for children generally go first to the Junior Department of our Madanapalle Sunday School. After perusal these children return the magazines for distribution to non-Christian children in Madanapalle town and surrounding villages. The provision of this interesting reading matter is a fine contribution toward reducing the high percentage of illiteracy which is so largely responsible for the superstition, ignorance and poverty of this great land.

The emphasis being placed on the subject of Adult Education throughout India in these days is affecting our work also, and our Bible Women have begun to make use of the new type of reading charts which we get from a sister Mission, these charts being planned especially for teaching illiterate adults.

Considering more carefully last year's receding skyline, one experience really does loom up above the ordinary level; it is the memory of a trip to a Hindu Festival which was held on a hilltop about eight miles from Pungunur, a trip which took the better part of two days. Besides Rev. Korteling, Rev. and Mrs. Muyskens and myself, our group of workers included two of our Bible women and a Christian lay-woman with an evangelistic spirit and also some twenty or more men teachers and evangelists. We walked the
whole of the eight miles from Pungunur to the hill-top, the last part of the journey being up a very steep slope over smooth rock. As we stood at the foot of this hill looking up at the steep ascent it seemed as though nothing but a fly or a lizard could scale that slope! However, other humans could be seen going up, so we began the ascent and when we reached the steepest places we found that steps had been cut in the rock here and there making the going less difficult. The whole hill is on a vast boulder with groups of smaller boulders here and there on its surface, affording welcome spots of shade from the hot rays of the sun. On the very top of this hill, in a depression between piles of boulders, there is a surprisingly large pool of water, fed by underground springs. In a dry land like India it is not surprising that such a place is considered sacred. Steps on all sides of the pool lead down to the water where pilgrims, especially childless women, go to bathe. On the plateau-like top of the hill is a temple, and near the temple is an unusual-looking two-story structure, the lower part of which is used, apparently, to house the temple car between festivals. This car was outside when we were there and the pilgrims were breaking coconuts over the wheels all day. At sunset it was pulled around the temple by the worshippers. As is usual at such festivals, temporary booths were put up near the temple and there all sorts of bazaars were doing business.

We moved about among the pilgrims, two or three of us together, sitting down sometimes to sing Christian lyrics, thus easily drawing crowds of listeners to whom we preached, later offering Gospel portions for sale.

Our whole stock of Gospels, some four or five hundred, was sold out.

In the friendliness with which our message is received these days we seem to see the springing up of the blades from the seeds sown long ago and we have faith to believe that the full corn in the ear will appear in due time; if not for our reaping then for the reaping of God's angels who will gather all into His storehouse in that great day.
American Arcot Mission Hindu Girls' School, Punganur

Rev. John D. Muyskens

When the school reopened in June 1940, it seemed for a while that the school could not possibly survive. Changes in the staff and accompanying disturbances in the town had brought about the removal of almost all the girls who had been pupils of the school in the previous year. The enrolment for a few days reached the low level of 20, hardly sufficient to allow for grant for even one teacher. With only one regular member of the staff and the help of a lady teacher from the boys' school, the school revived sufficiently to bring up the strength in the first month to 32, sufficient for the receipt of grant for two teachers.

New teachers were found in the Baptist and the C. I. G. Missions who not only held the school together, but slowly by their painstaking work, built up the enrolment and attendance, so that full grant for the two teachers could be received from the Government. This strength was maintained through the holidays and at reopening time this year enough additional pupils were enrolled to bring the strength up to 72, with an average attendance of 60, and three regular teachers on the staff. Regular, faithful work is being done and the results show in the work of the children.

The pay of the teachers is distressingly low. The only Mission subsidy being a small contingent allowance of Rs. 14/- per teacher annually, the teachers must pay out of the grant which they receive the cost of a conductress and a scavenger. At present the Headmistress receives Rs. 13/-, and the other teachers Rs 11/- monthly. Efficiency grant is impossible because in spite of all our efforts we can not yet secure adequate strength in Class V to escape the statutory cut, enforced according to Government rules.

Believing that the school has its own value as an agency of evangelism, we can not help but raise the question whether the Church ought not to consider the question of making a small grant to this school, chiefly to enable the teachers to receive a salary somewhat more adequate.
Preparing a Meal
Ponnai Harvest Festival
CHITTOOR CIRCLE

Rev. Arthur John, Chairman.

The Chittoor Circle has had another year of joy in the fact that two villages were added to it with a total baptism of 221. Our village schools have been better equipped during the past year though there is much room for further improvement. Under the present Government regulations it has been rather difficult to maintain our village schools. We have, however, managed to keep things going without having to close down any school.

It is encouraging to find that the village Christians are feeling their own responsibilities for evangelism and in many places have been instrumental in bringing others to Christ. In both the pastorates of the circle, students of villages reading in various schools gathered into groups and did intensive evangelistic work during the summer. The villages from which these students came also cooperated in the financial responsibilities of this work.

The young people of the villages have been able to attract the non-Christian youth into Christian activities through their Bhajana and it is interesting to see the latter take such active part that in some cases it is found difficult to discriminate between them.

We have been able to place two men in the unoccupied villages where catechists had been withdrawn. But it is regrettable that a number of villages remain unoccupied because of lack of funds. The catechists have done their best to give as much help as they could.

The Chittoor pastorate rejoices over the addition of Anupalle village with 125 baptisms. The newly baptized people have shown great enthusiasm in their new faith and are constantly visiting a neighbouring village and witnessing for Christ. We are thankful to the staff of the Bangalore Theological College for sending 10 of their students to work in this place for ten days.

We express our gratitude to the Mission for helping us to renovate the catechist’s house at Pakala which was almost going to ruins. The town church has carried on the support of a school with two teachers in the cheri.
Mr. R. Joseph, our circle Evangelist, has done good work during the year by specially visiting the villages and cheering the catechists. He has also helped in supervising the village school work and teaching Christian Lyrics suited to village music.

The Mukkalattoor pastorate, whose pastoral duties also are looked after by the circle Chairman, is looking forward to ordaining Mr. E. Jesudoss who has been recently transferred to the pastorate.

The parsonage has been built at Athmakur and will be occupied by the pastor elect. A new village, Mahadevamangalam, was occupied during the year with 95 baptisms. It is gratifying that the newly baptized people have stood firm in the midst of many discouraging factors.

We have had a special retreat for the workers and are thankful to Mr. J. J. De Valois and Mr. J. Daniel for their help.

The Ashram at Chittoor has continued its Reading Room work and occasional lectures at the Ashram. We regret that more activities have not been possible.

**Gridley Girls' School Chittoor**

Miss Mary Joseph, Headmistress.

Oh, we have had such a lovely year at Gridley. There have been so many things to make us as happy as kings. Which was the happiest day? It was the busy happy days. It may be the fact that we were busy that had much to do with our being happy. Busy helping the girls through study and through playing games to develop initiative and fine characters. We often took the children out for excursions to learn more about the laws of nature and God’s wonderful creation. Our garden was in flower pots but the girls were delighted to have this and they have learned how to raise flowers and vegetable gardens at home even though we didn’t have space right beside our school to raise a garden for Nature Study.
The school's two magazines are a delight to the teachers and children and they learn the joy of stories through these for we have no library books for them to read.

This year the Inter-school Sports were held in February on the Mission Compound for all of the primary schools in the town. The Chief Inspectress of Girls' Schools presided. The Sub-Assistant Inspectressss did much to make it a great success. Gridley School won the Sports' Shield. We stood first in rank. We also received lots of prizes in the 16 games we took part in.

Because our school is very near the church the Primary Sunday School have their classes here. Our children are nearly all from Hindu homes but many come to the Sunday School. They love the stories and the Sunday School cards we can give them once in a while.

The time of the year most precious to us all is Christmas. We had a lovely Christmas Tree and around it were small gifts bought from the gift of money from the dear friends in America. We all say 'Thank you' for all you have done and may God bless you.

Our school has attracted visitors and teachers of local Elementary schools who are pleased to see how joyously these little children are led along the paths of learning. The District Educational Officer and Inspecting Officers have written in their remarks that they have been pleased to see the efforts taken by each staff member to improve the standard of the school by careful preparations and making new teaching apparatus according to the new syllabus. It now has a fine staff of six trained teachers and the number of children on roll is always between 150 and 170. It serves a valuable place as observation centre and for practice teaching for the students of the Beattie Memorial Training School. These students who come for their practice teaching have helped us a great deal with the new methods they learn day after day in their classes. The children are delighted to have them too.

This year we gave a variety entertainment in aid of the War Fund. The children and parents all enjoyed it. We have also had a Parents' Day.
in which the parents co-operated with us and then they expressed their appreciation for the service rendered to their children in helping them to become good citizens for God and their country.

This year I have left Gridley although I have a great devotion for the little simple hearts, lovely pretty faces and happy smiles of the children. It was a bit sickening to leave. I do appreciate immensely the sincere, hard work of the staff and the efficient co-operation they rendered along with me for His Kingdom of Love. Their humour and their smiles will not be forgotten.

I have gone to serve in the Sherman High School for a change of work. I did enjoy my work in Gridley and the fellowship with the people of the town. I can still have that fellowship. I appreciate the help Miss Esther DeWeerd, who serves both Beattie Training School and Gridley, gave me and I am thankful to the Heavenly Father for this opportunity for service. May God bless us all and send His Love wherever we are.

**SERKADU CIRCLE**

Rev. Joseph John, Chairman

Come to the annual festival at the Zion Hill and watch the central act of worship there. More than 3,000 Christians from our villages travel up to twenty miles on foot to be present at this great festival, singing songs of praise as they come in. Watch how reverently they go up the hill chanting the Lord’s prayer led in procession by our senior pastor, Rev. Sigamoney, followed by the other pastors and the villagers. Nearly one hundred and thirty people who were prepared for over six months in the rudiments of the Christian faith joined the Holy Communion. It was the most solemn service and it had new meaning to them as they knelt down in consecration receiving from the hands of the ministers the Holy Sacrament. It was a full moon night and the service began with a sacred silence. The peace of God came down upon the whole gathering. Surely we met Him there and it was a new experience in the lives of
many of us. A little prayer house in the Dravidian style, the first of its kind to be built on a Hill, has been built and on Easter Day was dedicated to the Glory of God by Mrs. Honegger. Great plans are now afoot for building a mantapam (hall) in front of the prayer house at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,000 to hold worshippers from all the pastorates. All the neighbouring pastorates are co-operating in this effort as this is considered to be more or less the central worshipping place of all people. Rev. A. William of Ranipet has been chosen as the Acharaya (head) of this common church.

Five hundred women from the villages attended our annual conference when Mrs. Daniel of Chittoor presided over it. Plans for the coming year were made and a little drama was enacted by the girls of our pastorate and it was very helpful.

The Higher Elementary School is growing daily in its usefulness. Martin’s Club for doing special work among the young men from the round about villages was organised. It is named after the founder of the Central School, Rev. Martin DeWolfe. The staff and the students are carrying on evangelistic work. One of the unoccupied villages is under their care. A poultry plant has been established with the help of the Farm and the prevocational training that is now so greatly demanded by the Educational Department is now being given.

The pastorate is now divided into four units and the administrative power is now left in the hands of the local leaders. This is just an attempt. The scheme has not worked out as fully as we would like it to be. But still it is an attempt and it is an education for the villager.

The Church Dispensary has been helping us in its own small way to build the Kingdom. It is indeed a real contact we have with the so called 'caste people'. We have great hopes of the future. We are very grateful to the members of the Reformed Church of Herkimer who remembered us and sent us a large consignment of materials useful for our work.

The Spirit of God has been holding us together in spite of our differences so that we found each one ready to help the other in our common attempts at building the Kingdom.
EASTERN CIRCLE

Rev. H. E. Van Vranken, Chairman.

Statistical figures for the year show increase though not very large. Families now number 833 over last year’s figure of 795 thus increased by 38. 17 more than last year were received on confession making a total of 65. Last year 133 were removed from the roll for several causes, whereas this year 131 were removed. Baptisms were less by 11 than last year. Baptized Non-Communicants now number 2,314 as against the previous years figure of 2,247. Unbaptized adherents number 456 whereas the previous year there were 394. This is accounted for in part by a new village in the Ranipet Pastorate now under instruction. One real increase is shown under Sunday Schools namely 256 additional pupils. The total Christian and Non-Christian pupils number 1,818 a goodly number of whom, slightly more than half, are Non-Christian.

The work of the Circle goes steadily forward. Rev. S. Sigamoni, though retired, is acting until Mr. Balasundram can be ordained and take over full charge. We hope this function will take place early in the coming April. Rev. A. William serves the Ranipet Town congregation and makes regular visits to the village congregations and schools. He has charge not only of the Ronipet Sunday services but also conducts services in Walajah and Arcot for groups of Christians who find it difficult to attend the Ranipet town services.

One outstanding event of the year was the transfer of St. Mary’s Church to our Ranipet, South India United Church. A unique ceremony was attended by Canon Clarke acting as head of the Madras Diocese in the absence of the Anglican Bishop Waller, Rev. Fry the Anglican Priest, our Madras Church Council with the local congregation and our English community. St. Mary’s Church was built for the English military well over a hundred years ago. It is a colonial structure situated in the centre of four odd acres of ground on the main Madras-Bangalore road. This unique function has more significance when it is realized negotiations are under way for a larger union of the Anglican and the Wesleyan Churches with our South India United Church. This may well be a portent of greater happenings in the near future of church work.
St. Mary's Church, Ranipet
The work of the church in town and village progresses. Discipline has been found necessary in some instances. Quarrels between villagers have been investigated and peace brought about. Some of our Christians are receiving letters from their soldier sons across the seas. Else the average villager knows but little of the war beyond increased prices of certain articles which they perforce do without.

Schools have been hard pressed by Government to increase their numbers. Responsibility has been placed on the teachers and management instead of the community and the parents where a certain share of responsibility must rest. Government is well aware that compulsory education would make overwhelming demands on finance for new schools which could not be met. However, there is a decided improvement. Emphasis is being placed on prevocational training in higher elementary schools, a work that has already been carried out by our mission for years

**Ranipet Women's Work**

Mrs. Arputham Williams.

**BIBLE WOMEN:**—There are seven Bible Women in our Pastorate. Four are working outside Ranipet and three in Ranipet itself. We were doing our usual work throughout the year.

During the year we had seven group meetings of which every one was very well attended. Every month we meet together to discuss our problems and to plan and pray for our work. Very often a Hindu mother will send for a Bible woman to pray over a sick child or to accompany a sick person to the hospital. Small gifts of money have been sent to the Church as thank offerings to God for answering prayers.

**SOCIAL CENTRE WORK:**—Besides the regular classes for the caste women and children weekly group meetings were held in the cheri for the outcaste women. During that time hygiene, sewing and Bible stories are taught. Twice in a week patients in the hospital were visited. They are
always eager to hear about the Saviour who is the healer of both soul and body.

We all feel that there is still much more to be done in our field. May we request you to pray for us so that we may be spiritually strengthened to do more work in the coming year.

WESTERN CIRCLE

Rev. H. E. Van Vranken, Chairman

Dr. B. Rottschaefer having been in charge of this circle for three fourths of the year under review we can but repeat his words expressed in last year's report namely, "Our aim in this Circle has been to enlarge the work and to make the people realize their opportunities and obligations as members of the Christian Church." Evidence of this aim has come home to us on the occasion of our visits to several villages where substantial buildings are now in use for worship and school. Dedication of a church building at Kulidikai on Sunday evening the 28th September 1941 gave still more proof of a lofty aim.

Pastor John Bashyam who knows his flock and understands their needs as only a Pastor can who has served his church well for so many years gives the following report of Gudiyattam Pastorate:

A careful review of the past year's statistics will show increases, though small, under almost all columns. In our eleven elementary village schools the number of pupils has increased greatly chiefly in the number of girls. This is due to special emphasis being placed on the education of girls by Government. Better grants have been realized from Government because of greater efficiency on the part of the teachers and better equipment being supplied.

Monthly meetings have been a source of inspiration and spiritual growth for our village teacher-catechists who are cut off from larger centres by their residence in distant villages where ignorance and superstition hold sway.
The spiritual growth of our agents and congregations shows signs of progress over last year.

Rev. John Bashyam is one of our older Pastors who has stood the storm and stress of earlier mission days. Pastor Nesan Cornelius is of the younger generation starting forth on the voyage of his life work.

We may well understand from the report of the Katpadi Pastorate how youth responds to youth in the activities carried on by Pastor Cornelius. Both old and young have their respective contribution to make in the building of the Kingdom.

The report of Katpadi Pastorate follows:

Pastor Cornelius states, "Our Sunday Schools are well organized and well conducted. Efforts are made to use the young men of the town for social and evangelistic work." In one village there is an ideal "Young Peoples' Society" engaged in social, educational and other activities. We hope it will be as effective as it is active.

In Evangelistic work enthusiasm and effort have been shown by the Industrial School students. They took a big part in the week of witness. There are a number of men who go out independently week after week. Some have concentrated their efforts on one village.

Our village Conferences and United Moonlight Services on the top of two hills attract hundreds of Non-Christians and Adidravidas. Occasional retreats for teachers and the key men in the village congregations proved a source of great blessing.

While we rejoice over the dedication of several buildings for worship, the baptism of 43 adult converts and the accession of 71 members, we regret deeply that we were obliged to discipline as many as ten members of this Pastorate.

We thank God for all His strength and guidance, praying for His continued help for the more worthy performance of our task.

Thus with old and new the work of the Western Circle goes forward from strength to strength.
Figures for the year show an increase of 153 making the Christian Community 5,290. Communicants now number 1,425 an increase of 63 over last year. There have been 251 baptisms during the year. 84 have been added to the communicant roll whereas losses counterbalance this total by 54.

VELLORE CIRCLE
Rev. S. Ponnurangam, Chairman.

Viewing the Church as a whole one has to offer praise to God for the successful way in which the Church has grown. In some village congregations the membership both in communicants and baptized non-communicants has fallen numerically but this was due to many families leaving these villages on account of war conditions and for unemployment problems. This year’s statistics show a very correct report and even in this reduced state the total membership of the Christian community has increased by 65. Several enquirers have come forward to know of the Saviour and are undergoing religious instruction. Our village work has grown rapidly and all our schools have become three and two teacher schools. At Salamanathan where we had great difficulty to have any gospel work done and where there was constant enmity between the caste and Adiravidas, now we have a common school run by the Mission for all castes in the caste village and we have four teachers working. The caste devil is disappearing slowly—Adiravida, Reddy and Chuckler children along with Christian and Muslim children sit together without the least idea of caste. The town Church has spent Rs. 4,020/- towards the village work which is the largest amount spent ever on Church work. The Church is supporting two paid evangelists to look after the unoccupied villages as regards their spiritual welfare.

DIVINE AND SPECIAL SERVICES. Apart from the well attended regular Sabbath services the following inspiring and helpful services are held each month, monthly Holy Communion services, Sunday evening English services for all the Institutions and congregation, Missionary services, baptismal and
Telugu services. Cottage prayer meetings every Wednesday are used as opportunities for creating and promoting fellowship and are well attended. Regular systematic topics are arranged through the monthly printed bulletin. Special Sundays are set apart for prayer for Church Union, National Missionary Society, Temperance and other purposes as per the instructions of the Madras Church Council.

**WORK AMONG THE YOUNG.** As usual the C.E. Societies and Sunday School are being run by Union organizations under the guidance of the Church Session. It is to be appreciated that from these, two representatives have gone to Lucknow to attend the All India Convention. The Student Christian Movement in the College and the Y.M.C.A. in the town are effective organizations to train the youth. Our Church had the privilege of having the regional conference of the Y.M.C.A. and the local members of the Church were much benefitted by the discussions and other fellowships they had during and after the meetings. Special mention must be made regarding the valuable work being done by the Children's Church fellowship. Volunteers for the whole year are in charge of the children from infancy to 18 years of age and a systematic syllabus is followed.

The fellowship meets once in a month and studies the question of child psychology. This fellowship meeting in members' residence per turn affords a new and lively spirit of cooperation and work. The retreat early in July that started the work was very helpful to all the workers among the young.

**WOMEN'S MEETINGS.** Once a month they meet in various houses and spend some time in social fellowship and afterwards very inspiring and useful subjects are discussed. To prepare members for these monthly meetings women meet in groups in their own wards every Sunday afternoon and conduct devotional meetings. They have come forward to render their help to the Jothinilayam work carried on by Miss C. C. Wyckoff at Muttathur. They are already meeting regularly the need for oil in connection with the night schools there. This voluntary activity of the women has drawn the attention of the Church which is going to shoulder this responsibility along with the women. They also help the village children by the very liberal contribution in the way of clothing during
Christmas. Through their efforts the Church enjoyed a good deal of peace and strength and at this rate they can do much for the welfare of the Church.

EVANGELISTIC WORK. Our Church women took the lead in conducting a special retreat for all women volunteers to do evangelistic work. More than a hundred of them met at College Hill for two full days and Mrs. D. Samuel of Madras was the main speaker. The meetings were lively and inspiring and well prepared them for the Gospel work. Several groups of women volunteers camped in villages and did splendid work. Men as usual continued to do work through the guidance of the Evangelistic council which meets once a month. The Church spends Rs. 150/- towards this work. One remarkable feature this year is the new desire and outlook that has taken hold of the doctors, compounders and nurses of our hospital. About 50 of them have volunteered to do evangelistic work and have grouped themselves into 8 bands and every week one band goes to the village Aruganthampooondi, which they have taken as their village, for Gospel work and thus thorough work is being done both among the grown ups and children. On Sundays they conduct a service for the Christians there. As usual the Seminary students are working in 5 villages near their place and conduct Sabbath services in three of them for Christian congregations. Union Mission Training School students continue to be in charge of the Vanjore congregation and do evangelistic work in three other nearby villages. One group of men volunteers in the town church has taken charge of a new village called Karukambathur and concentrate their full attention in building up the village for the Saviour. By their own contributions they are doing rural reconstruction work. It is a great help to the church.

As in the other things this Church has grown in the grace of giving also. It is with feeling of thankfulness to the Almighty we report that the Church income has met all the needs of the Church and the circle. If only every earning member could realize his or her responsibility to the Church and their dedication to God even in giving this church will get more income and will be in a position to help other Churches. By the absence of several liberal hearted members, mostly Missionaries, our Church income may fall to a great extent in the coming year but we feel
that God is throwing a challenge to this India Church to stand purely on her own and not to depend upon the Missionary income. May this challenge be faced by every member of this Church.

MORAL AND TEMPERANCE QUESTIONS. This Church has faced several cases of delinquency and the Pastor and Church session’s reference Committee went into the matter very prayerfully and in all cases did their best to correct and put them in the right way. In one or two cases the Session was driven to the sad necessity of disciplining them. Though the North Arcot District is a prohibited area in drink it is very sad to note that illicit drink has spread wide and one has to prayerfully watch and prevent this evil habit stealthily getting into the Christian Church. The debt devil is slowly disappearing and people are careful in spending their money. The sad and more disappointing thing is the frequent and serious quarrels that take place between husbands and wives even after they have become parents of several children. May the Prince of Peace enter into such families and remove all causes for such disruption and create lasting peace.

May the Almighty Father be praised for all His past protection and we finish this report with the sincere prayer for His continued protection and guidance.

The Ashram, Vellore

Mrs. Lavina D. Honegger.

The hour-hand has swung around to the time for reporting the year’s work for women and children through the school, home, visitation, parent’s meetings, clubs, entertainments and special worship services. All have continued as formerly.

We have shared in the marriage ceremonies and the lonliness of death; we have rejoiced when little ones have entered to into their homes; and
we have listened to the customary family troubles, indeed we have extended the opportunities for Christian friendship. In short we have tried to touch people from all walks of life and share with them our great treasure, Christ’s love.

The Ashram homes should occupy a high status in India for we are told they have been consecrated in Indian memory by the great part they played in the past. The Ashram home stands for us as the ideals of God therefore our emphasis of the year’s work has been laid upon the family life.

Each member of the Ashram should endeavor to reproduce the character of our Lord. St. Paul said, “Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.”—The love which sought the lost, and the readiness to suffer, and the willingness to share.

The Ashram is also a place of authority. “Whosoever shall be great among you shall be your minister, whosoever of you shall be the chiepest shall be the servant of all.”

In these days of communal loyalties India has taken on new strength and power and now when the ancestral faith and customs are being revived to a marked degree it is necessary to provide such communal and interreligious homes where Jesus can be thought of and His voice heard above the loud tumult of men challenging us to put into action the teaching of St. Paul. “Finally brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report……..think on these things”.

It is the purpose of this Ashram amidst Indian scenes and the clash of orthodoxies to picture the worth of truthfulness, righteousness and the joyfulness of the Christian life.

We are glad that Ashram families throughout India are trying to reason together and sweeten this world of bitterness and discord. One of the most enheartening features of our work has been the religious worship service held in our Indian chapel which has been well attended
during the year. We acknowledge our grateful thanks to Rev. E. Tychicus who is our spiritual leader in these services. There has been a growing peace and quiet which should characterize all Ashram life. With the coming of the new school year it brings us one of our own converts to teach in our school of 200 girls.

The cultural side of our work has continued. The Nursery School has made a record for itself. We are grateful to the Hindu and Christian Communities who have contributed to the maintenance of the school, and to the Hindu gentleman who has given us a very fine nursery School extension which was opened June 1941 by our District Judge, Mr. Anantanarayan.

CENTRAL CIRCLE

Rev. A. Ratnam, Chairman.

The outstanding event of the year under review was the ordination and installation of Rev. S. J. Ponniah as the Pastor of the Arni Church. This, we might say, has filled up a long felt gap in the ordained staff of the Circle. With the retirement of Rev. W. H. Farrar, Rev. Cephas Whitehead and Rev. Iyavoo Paul in 1933 and 1934—the Circle, with three Pastorates was left in the hands of only one ordained man. Thus under staffed, we struggled on for a few years. Two years ago the Gnanodiam Church called a pastor and this year with the call of Mr. S. J. Ponniah by the Arni Church, the Circle might be said to have reached normal so far as its ordained staff is concerned.

The Arni Pastorate is a widely scattered one with a number of unoccupied villages which call for more frequent pastoral visits. Further there are a number of fresh openings to hear the gospel and to learn the Truth. Young and fully equipped as Rev. S. J. Ponniah is, it is hoped that he will meet all the demands of this Pastorate and that the Church
will greatly flourish under his leadership. Even though the week of evangelism was not observed, intensive and concentrated evangelistic work was done in one village (Vinnamangalam) all through the year, with the result that 23 families are now ready to take baptism. It may be of interest to mention here that these people approached us of their own accord with the request that we visit their village and preach to them the gospel. The Spirit of the Lord moves and works in a mysterious way. The Ami Church accepted this challenge and set apart one of their Sunday School workers to give every Sunday evening to instructing this village in the Truth. They have been under instruction for more than 6 months. Steps are now being taken to erect a small worshipping place in that village, after the completion of which, baptism will be administered to these 23 families.

The Gnanodiam pastorate has continued its work steadily under the guidance of Rev. D. Vedanayagam. With the completion of a new parsonage at the Gnanodiam Central School, the pastor moved to his new quarters early this year. The new parsonage has its disadvantages, chief of which being its loneliness. Nevertheless, the pastor has cheerfully accepted to move in there, as it was in the best interest of the work. Rev. D. Vedanayagam writes that systematic evangelistic work is done in his area once a month when all the teachers meet in one village for pay meetings. There are attempts in some villages to raise funds from among themselves to erect their own Churches. Though this may not amount to much, yet their desire is a right one and ought to be commended and encouraged.

Schools have done better this year by way of drawing an appreciably higher grant than last year from Government. It is further gratifying to note that the ever more exacting and stringent rules of the Educational Department go only to strengthen our schools, though the task of the village teacher becomes harder and heavier.

The Sunday School work received a fresh impetus this year through a conference conducted for 3 days by the Rev. N. Franklin of the All India Sunday School Union. For most of our teachers this was the first time to get a scientific approach to the subject and so they were
all really helped very much. We are greatly indebted to Rev. N. Franklin who has very generously agreed to conduct this conference for another 3 years by which time we expect our workers to be fully equipped. Attempts are also made to revive and introduce youth organizations in every village in the Ami pastorate.

Women’s Conferences were conducted in two centres (Alliandal and Veerambakkam) this year. A new feature of this year’s conference was that the women who attended the conference furnished their own food. This was a new experiment for our area, which, we are thankful to say, was a fair success. Such of them that could not bring food were entertained by the local Women’s Society. The members of Veerambakkam Women’s Society for example, entertained about 20 women from Kottaicharry. We realise that it is not possible to adopt this new method in all our centres but it is our aim to make these conferences as inexpensive as possible.

The transfer of Mr. and Mrs. B. De Vries from Arni has left this station without any touch of Missionary influence, which is really a very sad loss. Arni is by itself a growing commercial town and with an ever increasing educated population a strategic centre for evangelism. Further there are several villages in this area that are not yet touched for evangelistic purposes. So we hope a Missionary family will be sent to this station at the earliest opportunity to strengthen our hands. In this connection we wish to place on record our deep debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. B. De Vries for all the help and the lead that they had given us in all the activities of this area.

Statistical figures collected for the year show a slight gain under every head. There are 401 families with a total membership of 1,756, an increase of 87 over last year. Communicant membership is increased by 20 and the number of baptisms during the year is 51. Much remains to be done in this vast area. May the Great Shepherd make us worthy instruments in His hand, to do His will and to bring about His Kingdom more fully in our area.
Women's Work Arni

Mrs. Mildred V. De Vries

This year we held one day Conferences for village women and teacher's wives in two centers which hitherto had had no occasion to attend. A goodly number attended. We departed from custom in that we asked the women to provide their own food in one case and at the other village the local women "entertained" those who came from neighboring villages. Goodwill reigned and the day's program was effectively carried out. Besides our good helpers, our Pastor's wife and two Bible Women, Miss Wyckoff left her new work for two days to help us. She used much singing and many pictures to make clear her message. So many of our women are illiterate so we try to reach the eye as well as the ear. At "Recess" we played games. Miss Wyckoff flung out the challenge to heartily support her new work, our "Home Missionary" Project. We sincerely desire that in due time the women of the entire Arcot Area may take it upon themselves to wholly support this task.

The Dorcas society in Arni and the weekly prayer meetings continue. We realized good "rice" offerings. Some of the villages have started to help the Church by this method. In India where so many, yes, many many of our Christians are so poor, these women manage to put by an occasional handful of rice or other grain, place it in a separate bag and offer it as gift. Surely, this sacrifice should touch our hearts for so many of us are more blessed with this world's goods. May we give ungrudgingly of our talents, love, prayers and means.

The Sunday Schools have increased in attendance, also we are trying to closely follow a definite course of study this year. I wish you could have attended our S. S. Rally. It showed great talent not only but the messages given in story and song were well enacted. Indian children are peculiarly gifted so the messages conveyed were touchingly beautiful.

Our Hindu Girl's Schools are continuing under the ever tightening Government rules. We must now absolutely have 220 days of school. You can imagine how extremely difficult that is when we are simply
forced to have some holidays as the pupils will not attend. The Teachers work on faithfully, day in, day out. We did have encouraging grants and were happy. At the District Sports one School won a silver cup, much to the joy of all.

At Christmas time the lovely Guild Box responded so well that with judicious parcelling we were able to reach many. Our thanks to all who shared in this happy project. Special gifts from our Christian Community resulted in "Christmas" for two of the Arni villages.

And so we go on in these days of war and rumors of war. Our four Bible Women continue faithfully in visiting homes carrying the "good news" to many.

As the Psalmist of old said, "For thou wilt light my candle, the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness", so we pray that our little candle may point the way to those who do not know the "Way, the Truth and the Life". Remember us all in your prayers. May God's kingdom grow through our mutual efforts.

SOUTHERN CIRCLE

Rev. C. A. De Bruin, Chairman.

"The clouds in the sky hang low". This is true now both literally and figuratively, both naturally and artificially, both physically and spiritually. There are storm-clouds all about us. Yet the storm-clouds of nature are mild compared to the man-made storm-clouds which darken the horizon not only, but which in ever-increasing intensity and numbers bear down upon us.

There are storm-clouds in the Southern Circle also. In the form of poverty, lack of rains, depression, illiteracy, lack of zeal, low spiritual ideals and aims, slow spiritual progress, and sluggish endeavour these always are present.
Yet the sun is shining! It is not cloudy all the time, nor is the sun hidden all the time. There are bright days and many of the clouds have a silver lining. We have reasons to rejoice this year. Several steps of progress have been noted, and new gains have been made.

In the Tindivanam Pastorate, Rev. J. Benjamin, Pastor, there are three places worthy of mention. In the village of Edapalayam, some two or three years ago two native families returned from Madras where they undoubtedly had been under good influences. They with one other family soon joined our Christian fold. Now these families, we believe, have been instrumental in influencing and causing five other families to express a desire and to take a stand for baptism which they will receive this month. Thirteen more families will come into the fold within another month, we are told. That leaves nine families in that village who, we hope, also will come.

Another quarter of a mile down that same Pondicherry Road, in the Kutteripet area, is another village, Kollingonam, with a hundred families, some of whom have expressed a desire to come into our fold.

Then there is Sattanur, near Orathur, with some twenty families who for some years have shown an interest in our Lord and Master and have stated they wished to come. This was true when Rev. Nason Cornelius was working in Orathur. Since then the Pastor, Evangelists and others have visited them and they, we believe, will soon come into our Christian fold with the one shepherd.

In Gingee Pastorate, Rev. J. Swamidoss, Pastor, work still is going on in Palipat, where we trust soon to baptize a few families. In Tenbali, nine families have handed in a statement saying they wished to come into the Christian religion.

In Mathur, where there always has been a loyal group of people even though we had neither school nor congregation there, they worshipped in the houses of one of them, with one of their own member to conduct the service part of the time and a nearby teacher or the Pastor or Chairman to conduct worship at other times. Now a school-church building is being put up, very largely with what help and materials they
supply and partly with what the Circle supplies. We have enough children there and in the nearby Catholic village and in another village for a two-teacher school.

Undoubtedly the very striking thing in this year's work and report is the coming of Miss C. C. Wyckoff to our area, with her headquarters in Muttathur. Long looked for, prayed for, hoped for, often disappointed and disappointing us because her coming was delayed, first through detention at home, and then through a side-tracking to fill in at Chittoor, she finally materialized at the beginning of January. After living experimentally in a tent on the banks of a tank for a month, she built a mud-house and quarters near our Muttathur Church. She goes out to the various surrounding villages, meeting with the women and children, conducting night-schools, dispensing medicines with the help of her nurse and leading the worship on Sundays and other days in Muttathur and other villages. We thank God for her coming and we hope she may be spared for many years of service and sacrifice, for labour and love, and for work and worship with us.

The days we spend together as Teachers, as Catechists, as Pastors and as Chairman, should be mentioned. The time passes happily in Retreats, Bible Study, Lectures, and Conferences. The Katpadi Conference for the workers of our whole Mission area under the spiritual guidance of the Bishop of Dornakal should not be forgotten.

And thus as the sun of nature shines in heaven overhead, so the Sun of Righteousness smiles down upon His work here below, and with His own promise that He will not leave us comfortless, but will come unto us, we labor on, we struggle on if need be, sure in the confidence that "God's in His heaven," even though all may not "be right with the world."

Southern Circle Women's Conferences

Mrs. Frances DeBruin

In line with our general plan of shifting the emphasis of our women's work from the town to the village, we are trying to have more conferences
for our village women. These Christian women are, for the most part, illiterate, ignorant women, who have never received much instruction in the Christian faith. Their life is a hard one because the cooly rate for women is less than for men, it is the women who usually get most of the cooly work. This means that wife and mother of the family spends most of the day toiling in the fields in the hot sun, and after she comes home at night, has to cook the food and give the family what little care she can. Our problem then is to find time to get them together for a weekly class, or for a day or two of concentrated work. We are trying very hard to get the teacher's wife in each village to assume the responsibility of getting the Christian women in her village together once a week for a short meeting to teach a Bible story, hymn, verse of Scripture, and prayer. That seems like a little thing, but many of them find it almost impossible to carry this on with any degree of effectiveness. So our aim in these annual conferences is to inspire the teachers' wives, and to get the other women to cooperate. Very little can be done in one or two days, but we cannot afford to do much more, for we must supply food and also travel charge for those who come by bus.

This year we had five days, which were spent in three centres. On Tuesday evening, we drove out to Muttatool, where Miss Wyckoff has her new Rural Center. About 75 women gathered there, coming from 20 different villages, many of them walking as far as 10 miles, and most of them bringing a baby. But it was a happy group. We had asked them to bring their own food for that night, as we did not know how many to expect, and many did come early the next morning. One of the women was bitten by a snake on the way and was unable to attend any of the meetings. She suffered a good bit. Mr. De Bruin took her back home in the car.

As our special speaker, we had invited Miss Taylor, who is an Indian missionary, working among village women. She is a splendid speaker and gave some good messages based on the Passion of Christ. In addition to these addresses, the nurse who assists Miss Wyckoff spoke about care of babies, etc., Miss Wyckoff and I talked about the weekly meetings and much time was spent in teaching songs and prayers. In the evening we had
a lovely candle light service. Instead of candles, however, we used the little Indian clay lamps. We gathered in the Church as soon as it was dark, and as we sang a simple song about light, each woman took one of these little lamps, lit it and then stood quietly while some Scripture verses were read, also about light. Then we went in procession to each of the buildings of the Center, the dispensary home, kitchen and guest house, and dedicated each one to the glory of God. That was very impressive. After food Miss Wyckoff showed some pictures, but most of the guests were too sleepy to enjoy them. We also had spent some time doing "Kummies". That is sort of a folk song with a very simple tune and words. The women and girls do these very well, walking in a circle, and clapping their hands, as they bend first in and then out of the circle. A lot of Bible stories and teachings have been written to these tunes, and we are trying to teach through that channel now. I think it will be the easiest way to teach them. On Thursday afternoon we closed with a very solemn consecration meeting, and were pleased to have many take part. Then we drove to our "jungle camp" where we spent the night. That is about 2 miles from Alampoondi, where we met on Friday. I conducted the opening meeting in the evening, and then we all took part in the next day's work. Here we had about 25 women from 10 villages. Friday evening we returned to Tindivanam but as Miss Wyckoff had to go to a meeting in Vellore on Saturday, we had asked the women to come here at noon and stay until Sunday evening. That evening, after our opening meeting, we played games, did "Kummies" and then had a fellowship dinner on our veranda. The town woman also attended and helped to finance this. It was lovely night, so we had our evening meeting up on our roof, and I spoke about the influence of our Christian homes. On Sunday morning, as the pastor was away and we wanted to make the most of the time at our disposal, we were given the privilege of using the morning service for conference, and Miss Taylor preached the sermon, which was enjoyed by all. She had also spoken on Saturday at a meeting of the local C. E. societies. At 11 o'clock, Miss Wyckoff conducted the meeting and spoke about her work, which is being supported by our Indian Church. Our Consecration meeting that afternoon and also at Alampoondi closed with a candlelight service. As we stood in a circle in the front of the Church, with bowed heads, one after another pledged
herself to return to her village to spread the light which she had received at this meeting. Some beautiful prayers were offered.

At each of the three places, the little clay mite-boxes which had been given to each village last year were brought in, broken and the money counted. Then new ones were given out, and a book in which to keep a record of meetings, attendance and offerings. There was very little silver in these offerings; most of the coins were copper pies, worth one-sixth of a cent but we were quite happy to find that the total amounted to Rs. 20/- between 6 and 7 dollars. This was turned over to Miss Wyckoff for her work. Even this amount represents some real sacrifice, especially on the part of the teachers, for they often are the only ones who have any offering to give.

Another item of interest was the display of sewing which had been done in the night schools which Miss Wyckoff has started in her neighborhood. It really was amazing to see how quickly some of these women had learned. And it is no small matter, for these poor souls to come to school at 8 or 9 P. M. after spending the whole day working in the field and doing their house work as well. But there are some who are very anxious to learn reading, Bible stories and songs as well as sewing. That is a great field of opportunity, but it takes money as well as time and effort.

And so after a day or two spent in a happy and profitable way, the village women trudged back to their villages. What a lot they had to tell their family and friends. I suppose some of them were impressed only by the food they had to eat, and that does mean a lot, when they are starved most of the time. But I know, too, that many of them told the stories and repeated the verses they had learned, and told about the health talks. I am sure, too, that many of the teachers' wives will have an easier time getting their women to meet once a week. These Conferences mean quite an expenditure in our very meager budget, but we believe it is one of the very best means of stirring up interest, and I hope that we shall be able to have others ere long.

Will you pray for these women, who live such isolated and uninteresting lives? And especially for the teachers and their wives who
really have a desperately hard struggle? And for the work of our new Rural Center, which is our real missionary project of the Indian Church? There is no limit to the number of activities that could be undertaken through these various channels if we only have the consecrated lives to offer themselves.

**Women and Children at the Harvest Festival**

Mrs. Frances De Bruin.

The Harvest Festival takes a very important place in the Indian Church. In many respects it is a true "Ingathering" Festival-of-offerings, of souls and of vows. In our Southern Circle, the festival at Muttathur is an annual event looked forward to in about 30 villages. It usually takes place in March or April, when the light of the full moon helps to illumine the grave which is the location for the camp. For three days meetings are held in the "Pandal"—temporary hall, the offerings brought by the people are auctioned off, singing competitions are conducted, children participate in sports and hundreds of village people enjoy themselves in picnic fashion.

This year's festival was somewhat different than usual. Instead of having one special speaker, we had a Gospel team of 5 under the expert leadership of Dr. Forester Paton, who has an Ashram at Tirupathur. Their messages were very inspiring and we know that many found them very helpful in the strengthening of their spiritual life. Because of this group of speakers, we were able to meet in smaller groups. Children find it difficult to sit quietly through a long service, intended for adults, but they were exceedingly interested when we lined them up and marched them to a place some distance away, and carried out a program planned just for them. Songs, stories, prayers and games, when carefully selected and planned can keep little ones happy for a long time, and they appreciate the fact that they have a definite place on the Festival Program.
On the second afternoon, while the men met in the usual meeting place, the women were invited to the Rural Centre, where we had a most interesting meeting in Miss Wyckoff's home. Here we discussed some of the problems in our Christian life, especially those relating to village women.

Another interesting feature of the Festival was the singing competition, when the "Banjaney" of each village sang two Christian lyrics—one which had been assigned for instruction and the other, one of their own choice. It was remarkable to see how many of the women were willing and able to participate.

The Jothy Nilayam Rural Centre, Muttathoor

Miss Charlotte C. Wyckoff.

Jothy Nilayam is the newborn infant among our various missionary projects. "Mother and child are both doing well, thank you!" The mother, in this case, is the former Women's Gospel Extension Society, newly named "Christava Seva Samajam" which has come to life again since assuming responsibility for this rural work. The women's societies in town Churches and village congregations have distributed mite-boxes and bags or pots for "the Lord's handful" of daily grain. By this simple method the Katpadi women raised Rs. 32, the women of the Southern Circle Rs. 25 and the Chittoor women Rs. 50 in three or four months. In addition a number of gifts have come in from individuals, varying in amount from cheques for fifty rupees or more to the seven small coppers clasped tight in a little boy's generous hand, and the single copper brought by a Hindu boy from a neighbouring village "to help get medicine for the sick people." These gifts provide the funds for our running expenses,—oil, sewing-materials, slates and readers for the night-schools, newspapers and books for a little library, oil and slides for magic-lantern talks, and the maintenance of the dispensary. To be sure, the expenses sometimes outrun the gifts, especially in the summer months, but on the whole our needs have been marvellously supplied month by month. The Building Fund,
Evolution of a Village Dispensary, Muttathoor
consisting of about $1200 given by American friends, is used only for non-recurring expenditures, though some may question whether we can truthfully include thatched huts under that category.

We want to make no mistakes with this precious money. We planned at first to use only $100 of the Building Fund for experimental huts while trying the present site for a year. As we have settled down to life in Muttathoor we feel that this is the ideal place for a rural centre. These three acres of land, which have belonged to the mission for fifty or more years, were once settled by a community of village Christians who, for various reason, moved away. When we broke ground for our huts in February, 1941, nothing was left but two small trees, an old well, and the "Hill Memorial Church" which was badly in need of repairs. The land is situated beside the main highway from Villupuram to Gingee, which makes it easily accessible by car, cart or bus. It is on neutral ground, separated by fields from both the caste and outcaste sections of the village so that people from both feel free to come in. It is, moreover, the centre of a circle which if drawn with a two-mile radius, includes seven villages where we have Christian congregations and schools; if drawn with a five-mile radius includes seventeen, not to mention places were we have not yet entered at all. For this outer circle we are as yet not sufficiently staffed nor equipped to do anything, but for our inner circle of seven villages we are doing what we can. From long distances, however, people come to the weekly market which is held at Muttathoor every Tuesday. Many of these stop at the dispensary or visit our home. When we have a bookshop as well as the newspapers and magazines which they now stop to read, we shall have another great opening.

The new work started in January when I camped in a tent. Nurse Dhriyiam started her dispensary in a palm-leaf shed on February 1st. She has carried on bravely and resourcefully in shed and tent and finally in a two-room hut. Her register now shows close to two thousand treatments given—but does not show the hard work and occasional rebuffs and discouragements, the lack of facilities and help, with which she has had to contend. The people's confidence in her grows as they experience the relief which she can give. During her absence for two weeks holiday
in June (a holiday which was largely spent in "brushing up" her techniques at Scudder Memorial Hospital) we were able to keep the dispensary open through the kind assistance of a Vellore medical student, Miss Padma Anandam, who volunteered for that service. Our insistence that every patient, however poor, must put a coin in the mite-box or bring an offering of grain or eggs or peanuts, is being accepted and understood better as time goes on. This small but steady trickle of income helps to meet the rising cost of drugs. Gifts of bandages, dressings and other equipment have been made by the staffs of Ranipet and Madanapalle hospitals.

Since January, with the help of the teachers' wives who were our first volunteer workers, night-schools for women have been carried on in three villages. Several women have learned to sew and have made blouses for themselves, paying for the cloth out of their meagre earnings. They are learning to make slips for their babies, and the next plan is to knit cotton shirts for their little boys before the rainy season. A Christian mill-manager has kindly supplied us with cotton yarn. Several young women have learned to read, and others who had once been to school, have renewed their acquaintance with the alphabet and begun to enjoy stories printed in large type. Since June I have begun to visit the other four villages also each week,—making one village for each night of the week. In these last we are still at the first stage,—attracting curious and noisy crowds by the bright petrol-light and the strange foreign female, urging them to show us their own kummis and kolattams (folk-dances and folk-songs), teaching them new Christian words to the same tunes, showing magic-lantern pictures, gradually making friends with the women at their own doorsteps and persuading them to join a women's class or club, then contriving by some means to keep the envious men and children at a distance. I feel very much the need of a senior Indian colleague to help me in this work. The women are naturally tired after a day's field-work, followed by pounding the grain, cooking the night-meal and attending to their babies. Any sort of teaching must be well-salted with conversation, games and gaiety if it is to find entrance into their minds in the brief time before they fall asleep. Although our aim is first to reach the Christian women of our own
congregation with a vital message and to stir them to new fellowship with Christ and with all Christians, yet some of our most responsive members are Catholic and non-Christian women who join us.

At the end of March Nurse Dhriviam and I were joined by two young teachers, Miss Dhanam Abraham and Miss Mercy Manickan who came for a visit and remained to throw themselves whole-heartedly into the work as volunteers. Miss Mercy Manickam has taken charge of the little village school which, after long years of

"Reading and Writing and 'Rithmetic
Taught to the tune of the hickory stick",

is now having a taste of happier methods. Through these little children the teacher is winning the hearts of their parents in a village which was not only indifferent but hostile to education. Thirty-five of the older boys of the village, who must work all day at field-work or herding cattle, begged to study at night, and so began the night-school which is Miss Dhanam Abraham's chief pride. The boys are fast learning to read. Some run over to the centre for an arithmetic lesson at noon. They love stories and songs and games. An educated young man comes in one night a week to teach them some un-official Scouting. At nine-thirty or ten they join in family prayers and lie down to sleep along one of our porches.

During the day Miss Abraham teaches women and girls who drop in for sewing, and one high-caste Hindu girl who walks two miles to be taught Fifth Class lessons and needlework. In a region where the suggestion that even tiny girls be sent to school often arouses scorn and derision, we hope that Lakshmi may be the pioneer of a new movement for girls’ education.

We must not fail to mention the other helpers at our Centre,—the two young men who do our cooking and water-carrying and other heavy work, Pastor Swamidass, the Christian teachers and pensioned catechists nearby, who have spent hours and days and nights with us, even putting the roofs on our huts, mud-plastering and whitewashing the walls at
times when the villagers were too busy with harvest to come here to work, also Mr. and Mrs. De Bruin who generously share their car and bring us much good cheer and counsel, and all our neighbours who show such interest in each development of our work. These friends and all the others who have helped to make it a going concern, are a part of Jothy Nilayam, helping us to keep bright and polished the lamp through which we pray that the light of God’s love may shine in a region of great need.

CONCLUSION

Statistical figures can mean much or little according to the interpretation put upon them. They can also reveal strength or weakness as well as direction of effort.

Church Finances show increase over last year all along the line with but one exception. Mission employees have subscribed Rs. 65 less than last year for the Church. Their total contribution represents a bit more than half the total receipts of churches for the year. This does not give a very happy outlook for an indigenous church should some catastrophe compel withdrawal of mission funds. Receipts from other Indians represents 28 percent of total receipts. Europeans contribute 21 percent of the total. A higher qualified ministry accounts for the increased cost of congregational expenditure. Mission work and benevolences show the smallest increase.

We now deal with vital statistics

Families number 6,018 as against 5,436 for the previous year.

Those received on confession of faith number 651 for the year a slight increase over last year.

Total Communicants have now reached a total of 9,482.

Baptisms during the year with adults at 518 and children at 977 total 1,495.

Baptized non-Communicants total 17,392 an increase of 1,620 over last year’s figures.
Unbaptized adherents number 2,567.

A total Christian community made up of three groups:— Communicants, Baptized non-communicants and unbaptized adherents registers 29,439.

The area occupied by our Mission has an estimated population of 2,860,582. Our Christian community accordingly represents a trifle more than 1 per cent of this total population.

Ten years ago Dr. Oskar MacMillan Buck said, "Many Christians do not mean much Christianity. We must not depend on the Statistical tables to estimate the power of Christianity. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a chamber of commerce. In the strange mathematics of Jesus one may be more important than ninety and nine". Many does not necessarily mean much.

Though we may not rest content in having such a small percentage of our area designated as Christian, we are also engaged in the building up of the Church from within, at the very roots. Honesty, Unselfish interest in the community, Respect for high and low, Zeal for righteousness, Love for God and fellowman these are outward sign and symbol, fruit of the spirit of power dwelling within men’s hearts.

May such power work increasingly within the hearts and lives of our Indian Christian community as well as in the hearts of all who love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

TINDIVANAM—GINGEE AREA COUNCIL

The Area Council met three times during the year, twice for the election of office-bearers and representatives to the A.C.C. and thrice including the above, for regular business, consisting mostly of the review of the minutes of the High School Council which includes the hostel also. Since no other phase of work of the Area has been brought under the Area Council the Council has not had very much work. We hope as years advance the Area will get all its phases represented and coordinated in the Area Council.
American Arcot Mission High School, Tindivanam

Mr. Selvanathan J. John, B.A., L.T., Headmaster.

The year under review was one of unmixed blessings and we thank our blessed Master for all His mercies. Our strength now stands at 450, which is at least 100 above last year's. There has been such a rush that we have had to open a new section for one of the classes and get special permission to admit a few more in the lower forms.

The staff has cooperated with me, heart and soul, in every phase of work so that the fruits of our labour have been very greatifying. Our boys did very well at the S.S.L.C. Public Examination and this has become a regular feature every year for sometime now. The Institution has won a permanent place in the mind of the people and the school is becoming more and more attractive to the younger generation and has won the admiration of the older.

The School has always aimed at the three-sided development of the whole man in the boy and every opportunity has been availed of to inculcate into the boys the need for healthy body, a sound mind and a pure spirit and Christ has been held up as the highest ideal.

Our garden has given both the masters and the pupils a joy in manual labour, satisfaction in its fruitfulness and pleasure in the layout and the beauty of the garden. Small beginnings have been made in regular farming and we have for the first time started groundnuts and cotton in our little farm. We hope soon to start a herd of goats and a chicken run and kind Mr. J. J. De Valois has promised to render all necessary help. Our radio has continued to serve a very important part of education combining utility with enjoyment of the fine arts. The addition of a 'Home Broadcast' equipment has helped the development of the local talent. The Scout troop and the Civic Guards have carried on their several responsibilities as usual.

The poverty of the locality and the growing need for education have placed on our shoulders the responsibility of throwing open our doors to more and more poor children. In so doing we are not merely teaching the
three R’s to the larger and larger numbers that come in but we are also giving them the Water of Life to quench their spiritual thirst. This means a greater strain on our meagre finances but trusting in God we go trusting absolutely in His all sufficient Grace. We are sure that if we do God’s work God will provide.

Before I close I must say how thankful I am to Mrs. De Bruin for the interest she has evinced in our girls and for all her labours of love on their behalf, and to Rev. De Bruin for his very useful and interesting Monday morning devotions.

A. A. M. Boarding Home, Tindivanam

Rev. C. A. De Bruin

Another year has rolled by. Another school year has come to a close. Another year of work has been done by the boys. The year has been merged with eternity. The school year has been written in the records of the Educational department. The boys’ work has gone in to the Academic Annals. We hope and pray the year will have made its contribution to, the School year have left its impression upon, and the boys’ work have made its mark in the records of eternity.

We have just opened another year. We have been saddened and sorrowed with the joy and happiness in refusing admission to several boys along with the many who were admitted. We have an even 60 this year, 54 concession and 6 full fee students.

The regular work has begun. It is a pleasure every evening after school hours to see the boys in the garden drawing water, irrigating tomatoes, cabbages, beans, etc., pulling up weeds, digging up the soil and putting out tomato seedlings. The garden was very productive last year. We had more than 20 products, including beans, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, pumpkins, papayas, plantains, pineapple, and tomatoes. The tomatoes were put out in seven different settings, so that we had tomatoes from August to April, and very delicious they were. Some of the plants bore twice and were so high that we almost needed a step-ladder to pluck them.
The boys made an excursion, hiking to nearby Gingee. They climbed the hills, did some social service for the villagers and helped in the service of one of our Christian villages on Sunday, when the Manager and Superintendent also joined them, the latter having been with them all the time.

We play games with the boys and have them in groups in the bungalow for a social evening once a month.

Thus we try to build them up physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. May God help and bless our efforts, for there is no more glorious work than forming and building character.

ARNI—GNANODIVAM AREA COUNCIL

We met as an area council on two occasions this past year. The business related chiefly to the work of the Boys' Boarding School. The need to change the school from a Lower to Higher Elementary School was felt by all and the A.C.C. approved so with the opening of school in June the sixth class began. Already this first year the day scholar demand has increased. This was expected for ever since the closure of this section about ten years ago there have been inquiries and references by local people. We believe this change will increase our opportunities for evangelism in the town.

The village medical work is carried on by Dr. M. Rottschaefer and her staff from Wandiwash as a centre, 27 miles from Arni. Several days each week are given to regular work in outlying villages or roadside stations. One of these is within seven miles of Arni. Many lepers receive regular treatment and all the patients hear the gospel proclaimed.

The two Hindu Girls' Schools in Arni have four teachers for each school. Last years teachers are all continuing for another year and find that applications for admission are more than they can accommodate. These schools are open every day of the week with half day regular work on Saturdays and Sunday School on Sundays.
Boys' Boarding School, Arni

Mr. B. DeVries

You who have followed the work of the Arni Station will be glad to know that the school has again been made a Higher Elementary School. For a little over ten years it has had only the 4th and 5th Classes. With the gradual improvement of the village schools it is hoped that the fourth class will not be needed after a few years. This year we have only one section of the 4th when last year we still had two sections.

We have opened the school year with a new member of staff. Mr. J. M. Gnanasigamoni who has been with the school as Scout and drill master and manual training instructor for a number of years has reached the Government retiring age. He was one of those links that could tell of the school's activities from the time of Rev. E. C. Scudder and others and of developments under Rev. Farrar.

The school's excursion this year was a hike to the Elebad Anicut. The boys started at noon right after food, walking in groups, many with Scout staves and in uniform. By five o'clock all had come the eight mile distance. Radio music, singing and reading were entertainment enough for the first evening and all went to bed shortly after food. Saturday morning was mountain climbing and in the afternoon less precipitous hiking to one of the sources of the Arni river. Sunday we had an outdoor service in the morning, Sunday School in the afternoon and in the evening we had evangelistic preaching in two of the neighbouring villages.

We have had no serious illness though a number had tonsil or minor operations done at the Ranipet Hospital after their physical examinations had pointed out their needs. The weekly visit of the Vellore Medical Way-side dispensary takes care of a number and minor immediate needs requiring a doctor are met by the Government doctor in Arni.

The school garden reached a commendable degree of production, helping to provide good food in the hostel.

Participation in the Church activities through the services, Sunday school and C. E. Societies has been mutually helpful to the boys and the
local Church members. We trust that God’s blessing may continue to lead and sustain in all endeavors.

**Village Medical Evangelistic Work**

Miss Margaret Rottschaefer, M.D.,

Perhaps the best way to write a report of the year’s work is to describe in general the work of each day of a week, for the general plan of the week’s work remains the same throughout the year.

We shall start with Monday morning. At seven o’clock we begin the day with prayers at the Dispensary. After this there are in-patients to be seen, and very soon there are out-patients waiting to be attended to. While they are being cared for, a group of lepers gather at the Leper Shed and at eight o’clock we are ready to go there to give them their weekly treatments. There we first have prayers,—a talk and a prayer. At this time too they get hand bills and some buy Gospels. These they can read while others are getting their injections. After they have all had their injections, there are always a number of ulcers, burns, rat bites and infections to take care of. This always takes considerable time as sometimes considerable surgery has to be done. After finishing at the Leper Shed there are usually more patients to be seen at the Dispensary. By the time everything is done that needs to be done, it is one o’clock. After lunch there are other things to do, correspondence, sometimes special treatments for sick patients, etc. During the afternoon there is work again at the Dispensary, laboratory work and patients to be seen. In the evening after the day’s work is done we often take time to visit with the in-patients. We enjoy it and it makes the patients feel at home with us. Also we are convinced that this kind of personal contact with the people has a large influence among them.

Tuesdays after prayers and seeing the in-patients, and a few other patients who have come for treatment, we start out for the roadside work
for that day. At the first place where we stop we work in an old mantapam. Once a year, at the time of a local festival, the idol from a near-by village is brought here in celebration. At other times it shelters travelers and during rainy nights, goats and cattle. Once a week it becomes a place of prayer and service. After giving treatments to the lepers gathered there and taking care of other sick people who have come, we are off to the second stop of that day. There we have a simple shelter to work in. This little shed was built by the people themselves. Here too, we follow the same program, a talk, prayer, giving injections to lepers and seeing other sick people. We get back home sometime between 2.00 and 2.30. Then comes a little time for lunch and then there are patients to see for the rest of the afternoon.

On Wednesdays we are not on the road. We reserve this day for special ante-natal examinations as well as general medical work. We are glad that many more women are coming for the ante-natal examinations. They want to make sure that everything is all right. Being assured of that many of them still want to stay at home for the delivery. Some have come to us and as a rule have been happy to get our treatment for we give them all the water they want to drink and we do not starve them for five days. In the afternoon we have set aside time for special leprosy patients. They are people who are able to pay something and who prefer not to come with the crowd.

Thursdays we are out on roadside work again along a different road. We go first to a long established center by the side of a river, under the trees. Here too we give weekly leper injections as well giving other treatments. At this place we have a nice group of women patients. Our second stop of that morning is a place where we have a good mud-walled building with plenty of light and air and a cement floor. This was also built without any expense to us. We appreciate the relative coolness of that shelter after three or more hours outside on a hot day. We get back from this morning’s work at 1.30, or 2.00. Again the rest of the day is spent at the Dispensary or at some other necessary work.

Friday is one of the fullest days of the week. We start as early as possible along another road for leprosy work. At the first stop we
have been at work for a number of years. Our second stop is on a different road but there is a connecting road which can be travelled on by car except in the rainy season. That second stopping place has had an interesting history. It was closed for a time because some people objected to the preaching of the Gospel. It was reopened at the request of the people themselves. After finishing the work at this place we return to the home base. We used to eat our lunch by the roadside but it was very difficult to find a suitable place and it was always so hot at two o'clock in the afternoon. Also by coming back home we are able to look in on any patient that needs urgent attention. Right after lunch we start out for two other places. We seldom finish before six o'clock. Into this full day there is once in a while inserted another item when I have been asked to speak at a Friday afternoon Mother's Meeting at the local Hindu Girls' School. At our last place of work on Friday, besides doing leper work, we get together a group of small children who get washed and combed and cleaned. This is probably the only time in the week when they get a real cleaning up. After they are all clean they sit at the feet of our faithful Bible woman who teaches them verses, little prayers and tells them stories. They love her and she loves them. Some of them have learned to wash their faces before we get there. Many of them have learned to repeat verses and a morning and evening prayer. They all get a little milk to drink. Some of them bring a little tin can, others a coconut shell from which they drink. Through this work for the children the grown-ups in the little village have become very responsive. I feel that with a little more effort that village might be ready to have regular Christian instruction.

Saturday is usually a busy day. As we have been on the road two days in succession, the morning at the Dispensary is busy. In the afternoon we have the children of our own cheri come over from 3.00 to 5.00. The group consists of our own Christian children, Roman Catholic and non-Christian children. There are 65 children on the list and they are nearly always present. They are divided into two groups, those who go to school and can read, and the little ones who have not yet been to school. The children of the older group help those of the other group and one or two leaders gather the children together, see that their faces are washed.
and their hair combed and then march them to our dispensary. They have learned to sing very well and have at times sung a special song in the Church service on Sunday. Each gets a cup of ragi gruel mixed with skimmed milk. Some of them have not had a great deal to eat during the long hot rainless spell when their parents had no work so this cup of food once a week was eagerly accepted. The children have learned to know us and now as soon as they do not feel well they come to the Dispensary for medicine. We are hoping that we may be able to do something for the village through these children.

Then comes Sunday,—day of rest. There are always some things to do for the sick, but usually we get to Church in the morning. In the afternoon we visit another village not far from us. It is a small village, but it is full of children and they come crowding around us as soon as we get there. They are taught to sing and they learn verses and little prayers. The grown-ups gather around and it is interesting to see how proud the mothers are when their children can recite a verse they have learned. The grown-ups as well as the children have the Gospel preached to them. They may not understand everything they hear but perhaps some day they will.

This in general is the week's program. With a minimum of help a large part of the work falls on me. What we need is more consecrated Indian helpers. But it is hard to get them to go to the villages.

As often as possible we visit other villages than the regular weekly ones. We try to make direct contact with the villages from which we get patients. Sometimes we go to help them in a special emergency, such as an epidemic of typhoid fever or guinea worm. Sometimes we go on friendly visits. Always in season and out of season the people have the Gospel presented to them. Leaflets are given to those who can read, Gospels offered for sale. Quite a number of Gospels and other booklets have been sold during the year and many handbills have been distributed.

One of the most satisfactory means of getting acquainted with the village folks and having them get acquainted with us, is our in-patient department. We have a little shed, built against a mud wall. The other
three sides are mats. The floor is cemented so as to keep clean. Windows have been put in the mats for light and air. At first the patients were put on the floor but in the colder weather a cement floor is cold and not very good for sick people. We now have five tape cots. This does not mean that we can take in only five in-patients. We have had as many as thirteen at one time, some of whom were put into our dispensary. Everything is simple and the villagers feel at home. We have gotten a real contact with many villages through our in-patient work, besides having gained many friends who now recommend our way of treatment instead of that of the native doctors. The attitude of whole villages has often changed from one of aloofness or positive opposition to that of real friendliness and trust. During the year we have had 200 in-patients.

We have a simple leper shed where we give treatments to lepers on Mondays. There too we have had several in-patients who needed more care than just the weekly injection. They were chiefly surgical cases, one was a maternity case. When we put up that little mud-walled shed I did not realize how useful it would become. And the lepers have been grateful for this place to stay. One woman with a very bad foot was with us for several weeks. As such people are not allowed on the buses, she walked in from her village. It took her three days to get here. She had nothing but with a little money she did her own cooking outdoors in a little earthen pot on a fireplace made of three stones.

During the year 15,506 injections have been given to lepers, besides many intradermals and a large number of ulcer injections. Many burns, abscesses, wounds, ulcers and bone infections have been taken care of. This kind of treatment always impresses the people because they themselves would not lift a finger to help to take care of such offensive conditions. At the dispensary 1640 new patients were registered during the year and 3578 treatments given besides many hundreds have received treatment at the roadside centers.

We feel that the importance of the work is not valued in numbers treated but in the personal contacts which have been possible from day to day. We aim to make all our work serve the main purpose of preaching the gospel. We know that many of those we see from week to week
have learned a good deal about the Christian Way. I think that not a few have learned to have some kind of faith, even though it is not yet a faith that accepts Christ as the Way of Salvation. They have become more and more reverent in their attitude while we are having our preliminary prayers. There are a few who have said that they no longer observe the worship of their idols but believe and trust in Jesus. We feel especially encouraged by the response of the little children. I feel that what we can do for them in their childhood will remain with them through the years, and that some day the results will show in their lives. We have tried in every way to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and preach the Gospel to the poor.

RANIPET AREA COUNCIL

In this first year under our new organization we have naturally been trying to accustom ourselves to the new alignments. Educational workers have been accustomed to take their problems to the Educational Board, and Medical workers to the Medical Board, in the past. But now all of us in this area, whether Evangelistic, Educational, Women's Work, or Medical have been drawn together to try and concert measures for the advancement or our united work. In this area there has always existed a very hearty spirit of cooperation between these different phases of work so it is now an added pleasure to be united in one Council together. Each phase of work has its contribution to make to the other. The Medical work takes care of the sick of the school and of the Christian Community both in Ranipet and in the surrounding Christian villages. The Girls’ School is educating and training a large number of our own girls to become leaders in the Church. The Women’s Work is contacting Hindu women and children in their homes and introducing them to the School and the Hospital and thus in various ways opening their lives to the influences of the Gospel. The Evangelistic work provides us all with the opportunities for united worship and propagation of the message of Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. We have not been able to increase our work in this area this year due to the scarcity of funds but we have maintained that which has been intrusted to our care and tried to make it more and more efficient.
The school year 1940-41 opened with four new members of staff. Mr. D. Packianathan after many years of faithful service as writer for our school retired and moved to Bangalore. His patient, thorough, careful work will never be forgotten. Many are the times, that we have wished that he were here to guide and help us in the things that he always attended to so well that the rest of us never worried about them. I never had to think about fees, train concession, or a million other things for which most managers are responsible. He always reminded me in sufficient time that duties were carried out well, efficiently, and in order. The school owes a tremendous debt to Mr. Packianathan for his long and faithful service. Miss Mercy Isaac and Miss Jessie Manuel left to be married, and Miss Tryphosa Selvagnanmuthu to take up a District Board post. They have been very much missed, and it is always a joy to us when they come to pay us a visit.

In place of these four who have gone out to other lines of service, Mr. Rajendram came to become our writer, and Miss Sampooranam Yesudoss, Miss Ratnam Jothynayagam, and Miss Mercy Yesudian came to take up the vacant teaching posts. The three teachers are former students of our school, one from St. Christopher’s Training College, and two from Beattie Memorial Training School. It is a joy to welcome them back to our school.

As I think over the year that is past, there aren’t many especially outstanding events, the usual Christmas drama, and the unexpected Guild box with beautiful gifts for all, the Guide Rally which was held in Ranipet this year. We won the district shield, and the Bluebird first prize. In April we had interschool sports in which we received second prize. At Easter time, 26 of our seventh and eighth class girls joined the Church, the first to join in our new Church which was handed over to us early in April. 18 out of 24 of our eighth class girls passed the Inspectress’ examination. Twelve of these are in Beattie Memorial Training school, and one is in Dharapuram taking nurses’ training. The others are at home.
These few special occasions are possible because of the daily work, care and thoughtfulness of the entire staff. From October until Christmas the matron and I went to hospital everyday to visit a child with typhoid, and from January until April a child who took Native medicine in her village and got a serious infection. We were terribly worried about them, but thanks to Mrs. Collison’s careful supervision of their food, and the constant care given by the doctors and nurses at the Scudder Memorial Hospital, these two girls are back in school, well and strong. A few others had fever and slight illnesses which Mrs. Collison card for most efficiently.

The teachers have been faithful and loyal in the carrying out of their duties. Our school is small enough so that anyone’s problem is a problem for the entire group, and the entire staff have cooperated wonderfully throughout the year. It is only by daily work, carefully, and thoughtfully done that promotions can be made at the end of the year. Scripture classes, Christian Endeavour meetings, Sunday school classes, Guide and Bluebird groups meet regularly each week at the appointed times. Through these activities the girls learn to take responsibility and to live the Christian life. Sunday afternoon walks are always a joy, and the after dinner songs on Sunday nights.

We are all delighted that the A.C.C. and the Women’s Board have agreed to give us money for our badly needed repairs, and we hope that the money will be here soon; so that we can begin.

We trust that the year 1941-42 may bring health and true Christian joy to the children entrusted to our care, and that they may daily grow nearer to their Lord and Master.

Scudder Memorial Hospital

Dr. Galen F. Scudder

The year under review has been another of steady growth and progress without any especially noteworthy changes. Our statistics show that there has been an increase in every major department except
Obstetrics, and in that there was a small reduction only. In the Inpatient Department we have taken care of a larger number than ever before the total being 2295. This represents an increase of 24%, which is certainly a remarkable growth. In the Department of Surgery we performed 17 more major operations and 302 more minor operations than we did last year. It is a pleasure to report that the organization of this department has steadily improved; and the efficiency of our Operating Room Staff has likewise improved. The reputation of our hospital for good surgery has spread far and wide through this area. The total of new Out-patients treated is below that of last year but it is balanced by the fact that we did 1875 more treatments than we did last year. So the decrease in new patients is due to greater care in looking up old Out-patient cards and not due to any real reduction in this department. With this considerable growth in work we were also glad to note an increase of 10% in income. Our income from the Scudder Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund is a fixed amount and will not increase with the exigency of circumstances. We get a few donations from America which are a great help indeed. But the major part of the increased cost has to come from local sources. We find that people are gradually getting educated to the realization that good medical and surgical work is expensive. Some one has to foot the bills. Medicines of good quality and potency have become much more expensive than formerly due to increasing freight charges and higher insurance rates. Surgical instruments and surgical supplies are getting harder to procure and likewise much more expensive. Therefore we are glad that our local income has increased and thus helped us to maintain our work. In a poor country like India there are always hundreds of poor people who knock at our doors and it is our Christian duty as well as privilege to give them the treatment they need whether they can afford to pay for it or not. The coolie class live a hand to mouth existence and when they don’t work they don’t eat. Such patients could not stay in the hospital and be cured of their ailments if they were not fed freely. We are careful to limit such charity to those who are really deserving.

The Hospital Staff has undergone several changes this year. The Nursing Superintendent, Miss W. Noordyk, has gone to America on a well deserved furlough. Her place has been taken by Miss Johanna De Vries,
whom we have heartily welcomed. Miss De Vries with the valuable assistance of her associate, Miss Lois Marsilje, has kept the Nursing Department at a very high state of efficiency. The Nurses’ Training School is continuing to maintain high standards and to turn out very well qualified Male and Female Nurses. The excellent service rendered by the Nursing Department is one of the chief reasons for the increasing popularity of this hospital. Good nursing is appreciated.

During the past year we have been fortunate in not having any serious epidemics in Ranipet. There was a small epidemic of cholera but it was soon brought under control and stamped out. Typhoid fever has continued to present a real problem in the health of the town and the surrounding villages. Until a protected water supply system is provided this scourge will continue to take its annual toll. It is hoped that such a water supply system will soon be started but delays may take place due to the difficulty of procuring water mains during the war.

The spiritual influence of the Hospital, its most essential characteristic, has been effective in affecting the lives of many people. In our regular services on Sunday mornings, which are conducted by the Doctors, we constantly reiterate the message that if it were not for our faith in the Great Physician and in His Gospel we should not be carrying on the Healing Ministry in this place. Those services are well attended and the message is earnestly received. We also believe that the Message is strongly reinforced by Christian living. Loving service to one and all without distinction as to rich or poor, Caste or Out-caste, Non-christian or Christian is a demonstration of the spirit of The Master. We pray that Jesus Christ Himself may become a living reality in the lives of those who come under His influence in this institution.
Scudder Memorial Hospital Nursing School, Ranipet

Miss Johana DeVries, R.N.  Miss Lois M. Marsilje, R.N.

THE DAILY NURSING PROGRAMME

6:30 A.M. ... Breakfast.
7:00 A.M. ... Hospital prayers
7:15 A.M. ... Night Reports
7:20 A.M. ... Ward work - Outpatient treatments
7:20 to 8:15 ... Office work
8:15 A.M. ... Accompanying Doctors' Rounds to patients
8:15 to 12:30 ... Routine ward care and treatments

Supervising and teaching on wards.

Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday

Operation Theatre supervision

Friday ... Venereal Disease injections Clinic
Leper Clinic

12:30-1 P.M. ... Noon Lunch
1-3 P.M. ... Ward care of patients
3-5:30 P.M. ... Class Room teaching
Care of patients

5:30-6:30 P.M. ... Tea and recreation (often interrupted by Maternity cases)

6:30 P.M. ... Evening Prayers
7:00 P.M. ... Night Nurses begin duty
8:00 P.M. ... Dinner
8:30 P.M. ... Evening Rounds throughout the hospital
9:30 P.M. ... The close of work (except for emergency calls)

Preparation for classes
Writing Home letters
Professional reading

Thursday Eve:- 6:30-7:30 P.M. Christian Endeavour for Staff and student body

Sunday Eve:- 7:00-8:00 P.M. Hymn singing and Bible Class

Alternate Mon. Eve:- 5:30-7:00 P.M. Tea and games for Staff and student body
OUR CHRISTIAN CO-WORKERS

1 European Doctor
1 Indian Pharmacist
1 Indian Doctor
9 Indian Graduate Nurses
1 Laboratory Technician
4 Student Midwives
6 Senior Nursing students
10 Junior Nursing students
10 First Year Nursing students

We ask for your continued prayers for our strength and courage that the Christian work in a modern institution of healing may continue to be a witness for Christ.

VELLORE AREA COUNCIL

Missionary Medical School for Women, Vellore

Dr. Ida S. Scudder

The year of 1940-41 will stand out as one of the most important years in the history of the Medical Educational Work for Women in Vellore.

As the L. M. P. course had been abolished by Government in 1937, we began planning for the higher course of the M. B. B. S. The first thing that had to be accomplished was the affiliation of the Vellore Medical School with the University of Madras. Meetings were held with representative members of the University, and finally it was decided by the University to send a Commission to inspect the Women's Medical School and Hospitals.

On January 6th 1941 the Commission arrived. Members had been appointed from Lahore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Bombay and Madras Universities.
This Commission made a most careful and thorough investigation of the Hospital and School. Col. Barucha of Lahore, the President of the Commission, and Dr. Erulka of Bombay remained and had a long conference with the staff. All expressed themselves surprised and much pleased at the high standard of the entire Institution and were especially pleased with all of the buildings. They had many suggestions for the development of this Institution to meet the M. B. B. S. all requirements of which present grave problems for us. In the month of May we received word that Vellore Medical Institution had been affiliated to the Madras University for the first two years, after which the Institution would be reinspected and if the commission is satisfied that we have met their requirements full recognition for the complete course will be given and accepted as a Medical College. We all rejoiced and thanked God that we had been affiliated to the Madras University whose standards are so high. The date at which we received this word was so late in the year that we felt it would be impossible to open the pre-registration course in July 1941 and deferred it to July 1942 so as to be fully prepared.

Miss Dodd and Dr. Ida S. Scudder were requested by the Council of the Medical School to proceed to America even in this dangerous and uncertain time to endeavor to procure funds for the advanced work of M. B. B. S.

Many problems face us—a staff with higher British Medical qualifications will be necessary; a very large increase in the finances; more buildings and bungalows; reorganization and buildings for the out patient department and an up-to-date Pathology Department. We shall need the co-operation of every friend of Vellore to make it possible to carry on efficiently.

There has been a deluge of applications from young women all over South India. Many B. As. and B. Scs. have applied far more than we can possibly accept, Government limiting the number to 25.

The Hospital work has advanced along all lines during the past year and many departments are needing more wards to accommodate the
patients. The future looks very bright if there is sufficient money to carry on. Miss Smies passed her first Tamil examination and became a member of the Staff. Miss Vera Pitman, S. R. N., S. C. M. returned from England in March to carry on the very large work in connection with the Nurses Training School, which now stands as one of the finest in India.

Miss D. M. Houghton's death on the very date of her retirement, brought great sadness to her many friends. But for her we rejoice as she dreaded laying down her work and having "nothing to do". We know she has entered into the presence of her Lord and Master whom she had served so faithfully and so long. He called her when she was on duty in the Hospital she loved. One wishes they might have been present in the Home land to hear the Master welcome her.

**Voorhees College, Vellore**

Rao Saheb V. P. Adiseshiah, M.A., L.T., Principal.

The year under review has been one of steady progress. There has been no flare of trumpets but the work has continued to improve by constant and honest endeavour. In all respects the work of the institution has been very satisfactory during the past year. Our standing in the recent S. S. L. C. and the Intermediate Examination was good. Especially the Intermediate Examination results have been far above the average. The percentage of complete passes is nearly 55, besides a great number of passes in parts. Out of the 52 complete passes 10 were placed in the first class. Our girl students have acquitted themselves very creditably, three of whom secured first classes. Our percentage of passes in the S.S.L.C. is slightly over 40 as against the much higher percentage of the previous year and yet it compares favourably with other institutions of the presidency. The success in the Public and University Examinations is the
result of faithful co-operation of the members of the staff and the students and their steady work. The general tendency is to look upon the results in the Public Examination as the main index of the work of an educational institution. But we feel that the most essential aspect of our work is character-building, and this cannot be assessed by the results of examinations. It can be tested only by time as young men and women grow into maturity. We have profound belief in the principle that the true spiritual life is the basis of all higher and moral social order. No new world order can be really successful and satisfactory unless it is based upon spiritual principles. Hence secular education without the touch of the spirit is sure to break down for lack of genuine and realistic motives that truth and spirit alone can foster. At the present time the world is confronted with a devastating war of destruction and aggression in which all the highly cherished values seem to be lost sight of. The world is threatened to-day with the triumph of brute force and apparent failure of what is decent and comely and what is calculated to enrich human life. Needless to say, we are endeavouring to combat such deleterious influences by maintaining the best traditions and ideals of the institution.

Financially our out-look improved with the result that the management has been able to initiate a scheme for regular biennial increments to the teachers. This scheme is operating satisfactorily.

The Elementary school was merged into the secondary department in July 1940. The buildings have been thoroughly renovated at a considerable expense. New additions have been made to the College and High School buildings. Some additions have been made to the library and science laboratories of the College and High School. Recently the demand for admissions has become unprecedentedly great in all the departments but we are endeavouring to maintain our efficiency rather than to add to the number on the rolls. In one of the sections in the High School we still use English as the medium of instruction for the sake of the boys whose mother tongue is not Tamil. There is a desire on the part of the pupils as well as parents and teachers to be allowed freedom in choosing the medium of instruction. There is a definite preference for English.
Preparing Beams
Katpadi Industrial Institute
Our lady students are increasing in number and are keenly interested in the extra-curricular activities. A hostel to house these young ladies, it is hoped, will materialize in the near future. In this connection we are happy to announce that their success in the recent University Examination is very commendable.

The activities of the Christian Hostel have been carried on as usual. The training given to the students and the discipline maintained have proved very helpful to the young men entrusted to our care. The Superintendent and the other members of the staff have been endeavouring their best to raise the spiritual and moral tone of the young men by holding regular devotional meetings and carrying on other activities.

KATPADI—GUDIYATHAM AREA COUNCIL

The Industrial Institute, Katpadi

Mr. Benjamin De Vries

Are you interested in men and boys working to produce something useful? Then come and see what is being accomplished.

As you enter the driveway from the main road you follow an avenue of young tamarind trees, evidence of ten or more years of watchful care and pruning. The shop premises appear two furlongs ahead and to your left a group of 33 new houses catches the eye. Just before entering the gate the Hostel is seen beyond the water tower. From this boys' home every workday morning at 7:30 come 80 to 100 lads of 15-20 years of age. Each goes to his own tool box and work bench. They are in one of the five classes and one of these classes during the first period will be in their weekly Bible-catechism class. Their time is spent chiefly at their bench where, even during the first year some saleable articles are made, while they master the principles of the simpler tools. Part of the time drawing and calculations require their attention.
Another smaller group of students you will find in the motor section. Beginners will be getting their first lessons by dismantling and assembling one of the old cars kept for the purpose but soon they are busy on road cars with instructors and experienced mechanics. American and European makes with imported or locally made bodies cover the pits. The blacksmith shop near at hand frequently lends a hand to straighten out fender bumps or bent chassis. A spray paint plant takes care of finishing the surface.

The majority of 100 or more workmen will be found working at their particular orders. Almost anything in wood can be found from sitting planks and blackboards or window and door frames for village schools to ornate and highly carved household, office and Church furniture. The required upholstery, tailoring and rattan workmen will be found in their niches attending their particular jobs.

Around the corner from the shop beside a spacious playground is the Day School. Nine teachers are in charge of the complete Higher Elementary school. The workers' children together with those from other nearby houses make up a total enrollment of 242. Parent-teacher meetings help stimulate interest for both parties and by Government officials it is considered an efficient school.

In these school quarters on Sunday afternoons is held an 8 class Sunday School with primary and junior groups. Teachers are found from among both Day School teachers and parents of the scholars. The Church Sunday School of 10 classes meets right after the morning services and is composed of boys from 15 to 20 or more years of age. Altogether 340 are on roll and at a recent Sunday School rally a fine group of presentations of Bible stories was made. C.E. Societies and evangelistic bands are the other group activities on Sunday. There are 3 cottage prayer meetings in the various centres each week and on Thursday evening work ceases an hour earlier to permit all the workmen to have their Bible class in the shop before they go to their homes. While we build with materials we trust the spiritual growth may increasingly bear fruit to His glory.
SERKADU AREA COUNCIL

Under the new constitution, the work formerly carried on by the Arcot Mission and then the Arcot Assembly, has now come under the Arcot Coordinating Committee in so far as the institutional side of the work is concerned. Eight area councils have been formed and of these, the Serkadu Pastorate area is one incorporating the work of the Agricultural Institute, the Union Mission Teachers Training School and Arcot Theological Seminary together with the Church working in this area. These three institutions are attempting to train leaders for village work in various capacities which accounts for the grouping in this way. The key man on the front line of the Mission programme of activities is the village teacher-catechist. He has charge of the Mission day school for the children of the congregation and community. He is the lay preacher and leader in charge of the local congregation, under the guidance of the ordained pastor who visits the village occasionally for baptisms, communion services and other Ecclesiastical functions. The village teacher-catechist is also the man who is the go-between for most of the economic and social life of the Christian village and as such the one upon whom we depend to give much of the stimulus and inspiration and guidance to bring the village and villager forward in all aspects of life. Therefore, the training of these men should ideally be a combination of teacher-seminary or Bible school trained man built on the foundation of a knowledge of, and an inspiration for, rural and economic work such as the Agricultural Institute attempts to give.

During this, the first year of its existence, we have attempted something of a united, co-ordinated programme. We have had a village camp in which each of the various lines of work were carried out among the village people. "The school; the Church; the community" might well be the motto of our Area Council. Each has its vital and important part to play in building up a strong, virile Church that assumes its responsibility in building up the Kingdom of God.
Union Teachers' Training School, Viruthampet

Mr. C. J. Lucas, M.A., L.T., Headmaster

During the year under review, the strength of the Training section was 82, of which 68 were Christians and 14 Hindus. The distribution of students according to Missions and other agencies was as follows: Arcot Mission 24, Methodist Mission 21, Church of Scotland 8, Australian Presbyterian Mission 4, Danish Mission 7, American Advent Mission 3 and Roman Catholic 1. Thus it will be seen that the Arcot Mission had the largest number on the rolls. This was not an exception but had always been the practice for many years.

Forty-eight students were presented to the Training School Leaving Certificate Public Examination, of whom forty-three came out completely successful, three others had partial success, and only two completely failed. This is a very fine record so far as examination results are concerned.

The revised curriculum of studies came into force in July 1940. This lays more emphasis on the professional aspect of teacher-training rather than on the literary side as hitherto. And as such this deviation from the old style is a desirable and profitable improvement on the former course of studies. The introduction of Child Nature and Education, School Administration, Methods of Teaching Subjects, etc. as regular subjects for public examination envisages a better type of teacher. The first examination according to the new syllabus is to be held in March 1942.

One effect of the revised syllabus is the raising of literary qualifications for admissions into the elementary training schools. The chances therefore of VIII Standard pass pupils for admission into the training school will become more and more difficult, as the department prefers the S.S.L.C., V, IV, and III Form pupils to the VIII Standard students for purposes of admission into the Training school. This naturally raises one important issue in regard to future Mission policy, in respect of Higher Elementary schools both for boys and girls. If the students who go out of these schools are not to be admitted as easily as in former years, into teacher-
training classes what is to be done with and for them is a legitimate question to ask and answer.

The North Arcot and Chittoor Districts Training Schools sports were held this year at Chittoor in the month of November. Five schools, three of them Secondary grade, competed and our boys acquitted themselves fairly well, though they did not win the Champion shield this time, as they did in the previous three years. Our institution stood second in scoring points in the events and won the trophy for foot-ball.

Second year students were sent out for village observation and practice teaching twice during the year in June and October. Besides these we are trying to give practical training in village survey work on the basis chalked out by Mr. J. J. De Valois. The Arcot Seminary, the Agricultural Farm and the Training School are endeavouring to co-operate in certain formal ways. As a step in this direction some members of the staff together with a few students from each of these institutions, had a profitable camp at Yeranthangal this year for two days studying village conditions. The three institutions also shared in the activities of the Refresher Course held at the Farm last Summer. It is our purpose to work out this experiment more profitably and regularly.

Arcot Theological Seminary, Vellore.

Rev. A. Arulappan

The Student-body numbered thirty-nine, including eleven women. Four of these were from the Church of Scotland Mission, two from the Australian Presbyterian Mission, and one from the Danish Mission. There were also a Jain and a Mohammedan convert. All lived together at peace. This diversity of membership formed a pleasant feature.

Work in the Class-rooms and outside was well sustained. Students conducted Sunday Schools, Cottage prayer meetings, and Sunday services in villages.

During the week of Evangelism, we worked in and around Allianthal in Central Circle. Mr. B. De Vries and Rev. A. Ratnam also joined us. People
received us gladly. In some places, they gave us hospitality, and asked us to speak at meetings which they got up for the purpose. We also worked amongst Christians and backsliders.

As the work of our students will mostly lie in villages, rural training forms part of our course. Mr. J. J. De Valois and his staff delivered weekly lectures on village work. Further, we spent a week in the Farm and surrounding villages, where we received practical demonstration in rural uplift.

Graduation and Alumni Day celebration took place in the last week of the Seminary year (3rd week of April). Rev. A. Silver of the Church of Scotland Mission, Arkonam gave a helpful sermon at the Baccalaureate Service in the Church.

From time to time, visitors come and conduct classes or give talks. We gladly acknowledge their help.

Our graduates work in our own and neighbouring fields, and it is thankworthy to hear of the large share they are having in the work of the Kingdom in these parts.

Agricultural Institute, Katpadi

Mr. J. J. De Valois

The outstanding event affecting our work the past year, has been the long illness followed by the passing to the great beyond of Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram on the 9th of May. This faithful colleague had been connected with our Institute since 1925 when he responded to our desperate challenge "come over—and help us." He had no qualifications for our type of work at the time except a vital interest in the common people and an enthusiastic willingness to work for his own Christian community. "I accept your invitation because I feel compelled to do so as a Christian and as a Boy Scout leader," said he, recognizing that we had no qualified Indian help available. He has been the right hand man of the American Principal, the Indian interpreter to adapt and carry out the plans, suggestions and experiences coming from a foreign land. The progress of the Institute has in so large a part been due to "S. A. Ks." wise, consecrated and enthusiastic efforts. He has held every important
position in our pioneering work, training others for his post and he again has launched out into a new field. His loss, humanly speaking is irreparable because leaders in rural work in India are still so few. We stand bewildered and dis-organised without his leadership and enthusiasm. Hard tho it bed, we bow before God, whose work we are attempting to do. He knoweth best.

THE FARM.

We have had a fairly successful season the past year, as things in India go. The farmer, of course, has his eye on the sky continuously looking for God’s mercies in the form of the “early and the latter rains.” We had 31.15” the year under report.

At this writing everything is desperately dry and barren. We have had only 6 showers the past six months while the temperature has been 100 degrees or more most of this time. Farming is a precarious occupation under these trying circumstances.

The outstanding event of the past year has been the egg laying record established by a pen of imported American White Leghorns. Of the three pullets, one laid 336 eggs; the second 313 and the third 155 eggs before dying from a Cobra bite in mid-year. These birds were brought out by a Missionary friend from Washington State as small chicks. The leading hen never dropped below 26 eggs per month in the twelve month period. So far as I can discover, this is by far the best trapnest record established to date in India. Practically all eggs were over two ounces each. What a contrast to the estimated 30 or so, small, one and one fourth ounce eggs of the country fowl! We now have some very fine young stock to build up our future breeding pens. The demand for this stock has been heavy. These “Feathered Missionaries” have traveled long distances, one shipment for example being temporarily delayed by the closing of the Burma Road.

THE SCHOOL.

Great changes are taking place with reference to the kind and quality of rural education. Attempts are being made to make village schools better adapted to rural life. A definite distinction is made between
elementary or general education and secondary schooling leading to College
and University work. I heartily agree with the attempts, but the system
has affected our school adversely in that our eighth class boys have to
repeat a year as many of them proceed into high school work. Adjustment
to these conditions has received considerable attention in Mission Circles
the past year.

EXTENSION WORK.

Mr. S. A. Kanagasundram gave his last, and probably his best service in
this difficult field the past few years. He knew how to approach village
people. They had a profound respect for him and as such were prepared to
follow his suggestions. With his going, adjustment of staff has been
necessary and the work has suffered. Some young candidates have been
utter failures. Work in the rural field is still such a new, pioneer venture
that many young applicants fail to realize that in most instances, years and
years of experience is required to deal effectively with the illiterate but by
no means ignorant villager. But where to find men with the vision, the
training, the enthusiasm and the consecration for this most difficult phase of
our work? We desperately need one or two additional, really well qualified
men on our extension staff before we dare undertake the very urgent task
of training the large number of Mission boys who claim to have an interest
in this field. This is now impossible with our meagre appropriation and
inexperienced staff and we find ourselves in the dilemma of not being able
to employ our Mission boys because they are not trained and we cannot
train them because we lack leadership and finances. And still, it is the most
needed and urgent phase of our entire programme.

We have again entered into a three year agreement with Government
to carry on a scheme of village poultry improvement within a radius of 25
miles from Katpadi. We have the hearty cooperation of the Christian
Government development officer and the work is very promising. Scores
of villagers are getting nice poultry projects started. Our work with boys
and young men in this and other activities is encouraging.

God has blessed us in so many and varied ways the past year even
when the way seemed dark and difficult. With great uncertainties engulfing
the world, we may be tempted to become the prey of the apathy of the East. The following poem, therefore embodies our resolve for the coming year.

Go on, go on, go on, go on;
Go on, go on, go on
Go on, go on, go on, go on;
Go on, go on, go on.

CHITTOOR, PALMANER AND MUKKALATTOOR AREA COUNCIL

For the first time the Area Council sat getting interested in each other's institutions. Though in former days the Educational Board had discussed institutions in Chittoor and Palamaner the Area Council was of a different kind. We felt we belonged to one family and the matters discussed seemed our own. It was for the first time that a few of the members of the Church saw that the institutions were linked with the Church in a way they never before realised. There were representatives from the institutions and from the three Churches. Once we sat to consider problems we were able to better understand the needs of these institutions as almost all the members were familiar with them. One who has lived long enough to remember the old days when missionaries carried on responsibilities of a mission station—its schools, hospitals, the industrial work all together considered as one unit—one feels that the good old days have come again with this happy change that it is not only a few missionaries that share the responsibilities but that those who were then led are leading and those ignorant of these burdens are today shouldering the responsibility. There is the joy that the children who once did not realise anything of the parents burdens are today sharing. We feel glad to be put together and we trust we will grow into the consciousness of the Kingdom of God better this way than by departmentalization.

We do trust that as time goes on we will learn more of the working of the new constitution.
Sherman Memorial Girls’ High School, Chittoor

Miss Alice B. VanDoren

The school year 1940-1941 has seen a complete turn-over in the American Staff of the school. In July, as health considerations made it necessary for Mrs. Zwemer to return at once to America, Miss Wyckoff was asked to postpone her village project and spend the first term of the school year in Chittoor. She and Miss Vanderberg worked together, until the latter moved to Madras to complete her preparation for her Second Tamil Examination. Miss VanDoren returned from furlough early in November; Miss Vanderberg and Miss Sluyter from their language study early in December. Miss Sluyter and Miss Van Doren carried on during the second term. Such changes in the middle of the year, while unavoidable, are always bad for the continuity of work period. Under these circumstances of change, the school owes much to the steady and unremitting labour of the Indian Staff. Their willing co-operation and cheerful and efficient service made it a joy to work with them and did much to give some sort of unity to the year’s work.

The enrolment of the school was good—193, of whom 130 were Christians, and 63 Hindus. The sight of these numbers and of our too-crowded class rooms makes it interesting to look back to the days when the existence of this school was first considered, and when prolonged discussions were held on the question as to whether any girls would be found in the Arcot area with the desire for a high school education and the ability to carry it through.

This year, seventeen girls appeared for the Government School Final Examination, of whom ten gained a place on the Eligible List admitting to the University. Most of the others had a sufficiently good standing to be admitted to Teachers’ Training or to an advanced Nursing Course. Helping to get these girls placed for further study has taken much time and thought but is a rewarding piece of work, for one thinks of the abilities of these young women that are to be employed in the service of their country as teachers and nurses and later as wives and mothers.
Miss Sluyter has taken on a full programme of work as school treasurer and has done a lot in organizing accounts and fees in relation to the new government regulations. She is also teaching English. Her help has been much appreciated in coaching school dramas and special musical services and pageants. Miss Grace Savarirayan still has the post of hostel superintendent and is the beloved "Auntie" of all the resident pupils. Our teachers in charge of cottage hostels give much time and thought to their duties in addition to a heavy teaching programme.

Our Hindu hostel which began with two students in 1924, during the year under review had 28, of varied castes and ages. This has always been one of our most interesting ventures, for we had girls of almost every caste and condition in life—Brahmins and Non-Brahmins, widows, deserted wives, members of the dancing girl caste seeking education as an escape, rich girls, poor girls, sad girls, happy girls, ambitious girls. One motherless family of four have been with us for ten years. When we hear these girls praying Christian prayers, and see them change in their habits and attitudes we pray with much trembling for what the future years may bring to them, and for what they may carry with them into the confused world of India when the old and the new are so inextricably mixed.

As to the religious life of the school, our aim is to make the whole of it religious—so called "secular" studies as well as Scripture periods. On the more definitely religious side, the daily services of worship have been carefully planned for various age and language groups, and are conducted in turn by all Christian members of staff, in Tamil, Telugu, or English. Our effort is made not just to preach, but to give a real worship experience, that Hindus as well as Christians may learn in this way to enter into God's presence. Bible lessons are given in all classes. All Christian girls attend the Chittoor Church, where we are fortunate in having a pastor with a special gift for making the service and the sermon attractive to students. C.E. and Y.W.C.A. meetings are held for younger and older girls. There is very special observance of Christmas, Easter, Holy Week, and at the beginning of the school year the dedication of the compound and buildings to the service of God. During the year, two Sundays were spent in retreat by the Staff who also hold a weekly class of Bible study. These
are our efforts, sometimes inspired, sometimes too perfunctory and half
hearted, and we know unavailing, except through the work of the Divine
Spirit in the human heart.

Beattie Memorial Training and Model Schools, Chittoor

Miss Esther J. De Weerd

June, the time when all thoughts turn to vacations in America,
is the time when we in South India turn back to our work, our vacation
days over. The dreadfully hot spell is generally lessening when we come
down from the hills or return from our homes. If the June monsoon rains
are late or fail, as they did this year, we soon feel as if we'd never
had a vacation. The earth has been baked for two solid months in torrid
heat without one drop of water and every thing that meets the eyes makes
them burn. When it rains, as it did last June, the earth springs back
to life over night.

Last June we opened school with forty-two little children and
fifty training students in our two boarding homes and about seventy-five
children coming as day-scholars from nearby villages within walking
distance. Some children coming from distant villages have never been
more than a few miles from home before and everything is new and strange
to them. The railroad runs past just across the road from the school
and on the first day these children often jump up and rush out at the
sound of every train, a strange teacher and a strange classroom completely
forgotten for the moment. Trains are even stronger to them than an
airplane to day, for an airplane may have passed over their village—God
riding in the air, as one villager explained it.

The school syllabus for the training school had been completely
altered and was just published as school opened last June. Life indeed
was hectically busy those first days, each teacher studying what her
subject required, and the school generally adjusting itself to new ways.
But something new is always invigorating and we were soon pleased with
the results the change was bringing about. The new students were soon
feeling sorry for the seniors who were completing their course according to the old syllabus. Now, nearly every day finds some group of students doing practice teaching under the supervision of the teacher whose class she is teaching.

During these first months Dr. Rottschaefer came to examine all of our school children. She found a lot of tonsils and still more undernourished and in need of cod liver oil and calcium. She also spent several days on the children's teeth. We got the cooperation of most of the parents in sending the children with tonsils to the hospital and twenty-five had them removed. It is hard to find a way for giving these children all they need in supplying the badly needed deficiencies due to too few meals a day and too little variety. But we do give palm oil and calcium to those most desperately needing it.

After three months comes our first break when we have our Michaelmas holidays. These first three months are the hardest for the weather is most trying and we welcome this interlude. I generally spend most of it getting caught up on the many things which have fallen by the wayside but there are no bells and no schedules to keep.

The important event in the next term was our annual inspection by a Governmental inspecting officer. This always makes the pulse beat faster but we passed it successfully. After that came our 'Supposed-Christmas', on the 25th of November, celebrated in our Chittoor boarding homes by the children because they will all be separated and in their own homes on Christmas day. Our Christmas tree celebration, held under a large tree in the compound lighted with little electric lights, was made more festive by the little gifts from the guild box. Many children got a jacket or skirt and the little ones a doll or toy. On the last Sunday evening before school closed, we gave a dramatization of the Christmas story to a large audience of Chittoor people, Hindu as well as Christian.

The last term always witnesses our inter-school sports. This includes four events—basket ball, badminton ball, captain ball, and tennikoit, played on four successive evenings. To the last one; outside friends are invited and at the conclusion, rotating cups are presented to the winning
teams. Last year the teachers and senior training students helped the School Inspectress put on the very well organized sports day for all the elementary schools for girls in Chittoor town.

Following this comes the Government Examination in March for the Senior Training students. Our students did not do as well as usual last March but the results in the whole Madras Presidency were poor. Those who failed must reappear this year.

Thus a great responsibility falls upon us as teachers. For into our hands is placed the first moulding of our future leaders. And later the final training of our elementary women teachers. We try to make that experience as well rounded as possible. But most of all we try to have the Christian spirit prevail the classroom, the hostel rooms, and the playground so that we may all learn to live together, work together, play together and pray together as Christ’s fellow workers and followers.

The Women's Industrial School Palmaner
Miss C. W. Jongewaard

This year has passed by in a hurry as we have tried to adjust ourselves to new ideas and new work. With the co-operation of the teachers and school girls some new ideas have been worked on, tried, and found successful on the market.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Miss S. Te Winkle who carried on the work so very successfully and willingly while I was on furlough and again of a month at the beginning of this new term of work in June.

Because of the World War, we have not been able to get a new supply of linen and thread from Ireland and France for some time. We still have some stock in hand but it is getting smaller and not knowing when we shall again be able to get this material, we are having to turn our attention to Industries which the girls can learn and later carry on in
their own villages with materials that we can obtain locally. It is always hard to pull out from a smooth running rut and run on a new made path but pull out we did and have made a start on Basketry and Weaving. We experimented with a number of grasses and reeds, making various kinds of baskets and bags. Some were found to be useless but we have made some shopping bags of the Thalambu fiber, which is gathered from along the river near by. We have dyed these dried fibers to attractive shades and worked them into a bag, which has proved very popular wherever it has been shown. Mat Weaving has been started. Besides making the finer mats, which can always be sold locally, we are also making the finer mats from the split reeds, which have been dyed. We are combining colors and designs to make mats which are used for table and chair mats. In January we opened our Weaving Section with four hand-foot looms with a Weaving Master in charge of this work. This section has already been recognized by the Industrial Section as a subject in the regular curricula of the school. In this short time the girls have woven rag rugs, towels, bed-spreads, saris, and jamakalams. The girls are fascinated by the weaving work and have done very well in this short time. We do hope that some of them will be able to carry on the weaving work in their own homes. We do hope that we have chosen rightly in introducing these new types of work in the school.

In November we held a "Refresher Course" for our "Old Girls". Seventeen of them returned here for this course on very short notice. Some of them brought their little babies but the older children were cared for by relatives at home during this time. Some of the girls had left here twelve years ago and had not been back since. They saw many changes—a school where only handwork and Bible were taught—to a school with three distinct departments of work. We now have the Fourth and Fifth Standards under the Educational Department, the Four Years Industrial Course under the Government Industrial Department which includes courses in sewing and drafting, all types of embroidery work, knitting, crocheting, drawing and design, child care and home nursing, cooking, gardening, basketry, weaving and care of poultry, besides the daily Bible study, and Bible course to prepare the older girls for the Mission Annual Examinations, and the Government Pupil-Teachers' Training
Course to prepare students to become sewing teachers. These Cottage Workers spent a very happy month here taking courses in embroidery, sewing, child care, basketry and mat weaving besides a course in "Personal Evangelism" lead by our Pastor, Rev. Sunderason. One month was far too short a time to give them all they wished to learn and what we felt they should have. But a month's time was all we could afford and it was a long enough time for them to be away from their families. We do hope that we shall be able to have this course every year and to have more of the Cottage Workers come for it.

The Pupil-Teachers' Course becomes more popular every year as schools are required to have Vocational Teachers. Higher qualified girls apply every year. The applications, which numbered up to 26 this last year, are all sent in to the Industrial Department, they making the selections. Only six students are allowed to take the course each year-four stipendary and two non-stipendary, for the ten months of intensive training. These students are chosen from all parts of the Presidency and from all Communities. This year we have in the class three who have studied up to S. S. L. C., one with Higher Elementary Teachers' Training, and two who have studied through Third Form. Of these six students, two are Tamil Christians, two are Telugu Christians, one a Brahmin, and one Non-Brahmin girl. They all live together in a Hostel Cottage sharing the responsibilities of the work there. All of them have already passed the Higher Government Technical examination in needlework and dress-making but most of them plan to take an embroidery examination in December. Last year seven candidates appeared for Technical Examinations in this Centre and all of them passed-four in the first class and three in the second class. Besides the Pupil-Teachers who plan to appear for the Government Examinations there are four special students here this year who are preparing for this examination, looking forward to taking the Teacher's Training Course after they have passed the necessary Examinations for admission.

In October we had the privilege of entertaining the delegates of the Church Council, who were meeting in Palmaner, at a tea party in the school and to show them something of the work that we are carrying on.
The girls made the various preparations for the tea and served it. They are always happy to show others their accomplishments in cooking.

For the past five years we have diligently been working and applying for Government Destitute Grant and this year our labours were rewarded by a Grant of Rs. 1119/0/0, which was a good sum to turn back to the general fund of the A.C.C.

The school garden work continues to be an important part of our school program. This past year we sold Rs. 105 worth of vegetables to the hostel and the local community. Our poultry work has not been encouraging but we hope with a new stock we shall again be able to build up a flock worthy of the care that is given them and of the fine runs in which they are kept.

As usual the girls have taken an active part in all Church activities. For the Harvest Festival in March they willingly gave two days of hard work—the younger ones on the compound and the older ones on special embroidery work—so they could earn some money. Half of what they earned was given as cash gifts to the fund and half was used by them to purchase things at the auctions. Besides this they made many kinds of palagarams, which found a ready sale out under the tamrind tree, where the Harvest Festival meetings were held.

Training of the girls to become Christian Voluntary Workers and true Christian Homemakers in the villages continues every day through the Mothers' Meetings, Girl Guide Work, Sunday School, Christian Endeavour, courses in Child Care and Home Nursing with the practical training at the Child Welfare Center, and through our Cottage System work in the Hostel. This year nineteen from the school took the Mission Bible Examination in September. We are proud to report that both the First and Second Prizes in the Lower Class were taken by our girls. At Easter time eleven girls united with the Church on confession of faith after a six weeks' preparatory course given to them by Rev. C.S. Sunderasen.

The teachers and girls have freely and gladly given of their time to knitting and sewing for the Red Cross. Twenty-two pounds of
wool was knitted up into scarves, sweaters, helmets, socks, and stockings. They have made twenty-four little padded Chinese kimonoes for Chinese refugee children.

In spite of the War, this season we had the best sale in Kodaikanal since 1936. The new rag rugs, baskets, and mat work were big attractions at our stall and many realize that the linen material is very limited in quantity, so they were anxious to get a supply before it was all sold out. All through the year we have very much limited the amount of work given to our Cottage Workers and we gave only to those who depended very much on this financial help for their livelihood. Our stock of linen embroidery work is now very low and we can again give out a little more work to our best workers to help them and to prepare a stock ready for future sales.

We are most grateful for the Guild Box which came through last year and for the gifts in money for this purpose which came from friends in the U. S. A. These made it possible for us to give to each girl a garment and sewing bag, scissors, doll, or flannel square besides giving a bit of Christmas Cheer to many others in the station.

Our School motto, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord", continues to be the motto of every teacher and girl alike, as we daily work to prepare for fuller living and service in the villages of our Mission Area. We do pray that we may have courage and be prepared to take up any new work as it is given us to do for the betterment of our girls and women and through them for the entire Christian Community.

MADANAPALLE AREA COUNCIL

We are now one year old and learning to walk according to the new constitutional set-up. We have met three times and discharged our duties to the best of our ability. We do get to know more of each others problems and to work together. At our recent annual meeting we met for a whole day carefully considering reports, budgets, minutes of local councils, and the adoption of a constitution for this area. I believe it is a
general opinion that the unification of all the work, the I.C.B. work as well as the A.C.C. work, in the local council would be a happy and profitable arrangement. Possibly the future will see us grow into such a desired wedded life for the case of the Kingdom of Christ in this area.

Mary Lott Lyles Hospital, Madanappalle,

Miss Alice Charley, L.M.P.
Mrs. Anna Ruth Korteling, M.D.
Miss Harriet Brumler, R.N.

As we look back over the year just finished, we see few changes, but a slow steady progress in the width and scope of work and in the number of individuals touched.

Dreams for adding a new maternity block and the longed-for X-Ray department are still dreams, but have not been relinquished. The two small maternity wards are so often overfilled, that mothers with their small babes are scattered though all the other wards of the hospital. There is a definite increase in the number of cases waiting for confinement, who are willing to come in for an indefinite period. Ten or more women come every week to the ante-natal clinic held in the dispensary. Many more are seen in outlying towns and districts.

The total number of patients treated has increased, together with an increase in the number of specialized examinations and treatments made. The average number of in-patients is forty-five. The daily average of those coming to the morning dispensary for examination and treatment is 110.

Beside the ante-natal, other special clinics are held during the week. One is the Post Natal, where follow up advice is given to mothers, and treatment advised for babies born in the hospital. The anti-venereal is another important clinic, at which an average of thirty-five intravenous injections are given every week. A small donation from the Red Cross Society in Madras helps us with the expense of treating mothers-to-be.
One afternoon a week the hospital car goes out along a lonely country road, taking a doctor and nurse and often Miss Te Winkle and one of her women evangelistics. Five stops are made, and the common ordinary ailments of village children and their parents are treated, sixty to seventy in an afternoon. Although we feel that medical treatment given in this way is very inadequate, we are glad of the opportunity to let these people know of our hospital and its work, and of the Master we serve.

A writer has been added to our staff, to take over the burden of correspondence, record keeping, and the collection of bills. We are still looking for the evangelistic worker we need so much.

Much of the day to day work is drudgery, often unappreciated, and even resented but staff and nurses are bound together with the knowledge that even the smallest duty and slightest service is done for Christ and for His glory and honor. The reward comes when we look into the happy, smiling faces of grateful patients, who we know will not forget lessons they have learned while in our midst.

Girls' Secondary School, Madanapalle

Miss Chandra Royal, B.A., L.T., Manager

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength........They shall run and not be weary." How wonderfully true we have found these words to be, as we look back upon the successful year just completed and face the new year with hope.

"What have we achieved in the past year?" is the question that keeps cropping up into my mind, as I take up my pen to write the school annual report. An year of untiring work! Towards what end? The answer comes back that as in former years, we have been building young lives fit for the Master’s use. For most of our pupils are Christians, coming from poor Christian homes. We feel that God has called us to carefully nurture these young lives in Christian principles of life and conduct so that they may be well equipped physically, mentally and spiritually to become future
mothers of Christian families and leaders of the Church. Hence no part of their education is neglected. The general health of the children has been good, thanks to the medical advice and help of the local Mission Hospital. We have some non-Christian children also coming from the town, but their numbers are few when compared to the Christians.

Through the regular meetings of the Teachers' Association and up-to-date periodicals on Education, we have tried to keep pace with the modern educational developments. The Inspecting Officers remarked that there has been "decided improvement" in the general work of the school. Promotions had been made somewhat strictly with a view to raise the standard of the school.

There were 83 pupils in the hostel in the year under review. As usual more personal care has been given to the girls in the untiring efforts of matronamma and resident teachers. Each resident teacher is in charge of a group of girls, with whom she comes into personal contact. It is a joy to see these young women, squatting on the floor on Saturday mornings with a group of girls around them combing their hair, discussing matters of discipline with them or conducting devotions. Every thing is done in a family atmosphere.

Year after year, it is becoming increasingly difficult to make arrangements for girls who pass out of our Third Form Grade. Since Nursing is practically closed to them, we are sending them for Teacher's Training or High Schools. Many go to the local Boys' High Schools since it is cheaper for them to do so.

All the other activities like Guiding, Blue Birds, Literary Societies, Gardening, Bee-keeping, etc. continue as usual. Last year our girls took an active part in the Variety Entertainment in aid of the War Fund. Our Indian dances and Kindergarten items were much appreciated by the public. The girls also portrayed through song and action the life of Panditha Ramabai during the "Week of witness" conducted under the auspices of our local Church.

I am grateful to the staff members for their hearty cooperation. The daily Quiet Times of the staff together and the inspiring presence of
Miss M. E. Geegh help us to work together as a team in carrying out our ideals for the school. We express our gratitude to our friends here and in the Home Board for their sympathy and encouragement which have enabled us to carry out this task for our Lord.

Hope Higher Elementary School, Madanapalle

Mr. P. Enoch, Headmaster

"In God’s clear sight high work we do”.

If we but do our best.

OUR AIM:—This has been the guiding verse which induced both teachers and pupils to do their best in the school and in the Church during the year the under review.

STRENGTH:—The strength of our school is 359. The staff consist of 16 teachers. Three of them are women teachers who are meeting the requirements of the 72 girls and the little children who are studying in the first and second standards. There are on the staff a higher trained music master and qualified vocation master to teach pre-vocational subjects as required by the Government. The school continues to be efficient and enjoys popularity.

PARENT CO-OPERATION:—A Parents’ Association has been conducted regularly once in a quarter. The parents and the guardians visit the classes frequently and they are in touch with the work of the school. Their co-operation is an asset to our institution. There is also a Pupil Council in our school which is carrying on its duties regularly.

PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING:—In point of teaching pre-vocational subjects, we are glad to say that provision has been made to teach hand crafts like tape-weaving, cloth weaving and mat-making to cater to the needs of poorer classes. According to the new syllabus, stress has been laid on teaching pre-vocational subjects on a firm basis. Now the school possesses mat-making, a few cloth weaving and tape-weaving looms. The
children are receiving instruction in hand crafts which may serve as a subsidiary occupation in their after lives.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:—The staff members take keen interest not only in their class work but also in all the extra-curricular activities of the school—Health Week celebrations, Scouting, gardening, Children’s club, Blue Bird Flock, Literary Society and games.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:—There is not much time allowed by the government syllabus for religious education. This we try to supply through the opening exercises and the general tone of the school in the class rooms and on the play ground and by Bible Study Classes. The first fifteen minutes of the school day is very important and is given to a Christian Worship programme. The non-Christians as well as the Christians have Sunday School classes.

THE CHURCH:—All the Christian teachers on the staff take part in activities such as Sunday School, Christian Endeavour Societies, Mid-week prayer meetings, Cottage Prayer Meetings and Evangelistic work. Four of our staff members have been serving on the Church Session. But we feel we ought to do more through our institution which offers great room for contact with Hindu and Muslim children and their parents and to show the love of our Lord in life and in word.

Hope Hostel, Madanapalle

Rev. R. G. Korteling, Manager.

It seems that educational policy in India is constantly changing and developing, which necessarily effects mission policy. Hope Hostel bids fair to become the high school hostel for Telugu boys of the future. From July 1941 vernacularization has closed the doors of Voorhees high school to our boys. Moreover by government order higher elementary pupils going on to high school have to repeat the third form. The A.C.C. has granted permission to four boys each year from Hope School to continue their education in local high schools and to remain in our hostel.
under such conditions as was enjoyed by them in Vellore. Thus at the beginning of July 1941 we find 34 higher elementary boys and 7 high school boys in our hostel. Year by year the number of high school boys is expected to rise.

During the year under review attention has been given to the health of the boys, each one having had a medical examination. Several have had tonsilectomies performed at the Mary Lott Lyles Hospital.

There has been the regular round of play and social functions. A garden is maintained, which because of the increased cost of vegetables and the scarcity of them make it all the more important. The boys are ever ready to help the Church in any service they are called upon to give. Some have joined the Church on confession of faith.

Daily prayers are conducted according to the Daily Bible Reading course of the I. B. R. A. The manager at times speaks to the boys on important questions of health and spiritual life. Much credit for the morale of the hostel is due to the superintendent, Mr. George Lechler.

**Rural Reconstructions Center, Kothapalle**

Rev. R. A. Korteling

Rural Reconstruction is a comprehensive term and includes all efforts to improve the life and conditions of people living in rural areas. Such a programme in the Northern Circle would justly include all the work undertaken by the mission, for ours is decidedly a rural area. We are all working for rural reconstruction. In addition to our long established work, we are glad we have a demonstration center at Kothapalle, where intensive effort is being made to build up an improved village Community.
The realization of our plans will take decades even as is the case in other countries. Sufficient is our reward if we can see the plans going forward.

Briefly stated the advance during the past twelve months includes, a larger variety of fruit trees planted, a larger garden laid-out scientifically, a draw well built, about 100 white leghorn eggs set for hatching mostly in the surrounding villages on a share basis, weaving dungry with twisted yarn by fly shuttle, property development, extension service into the villages.

The school, now raised to 7th standard, is popular and is a reason for better education in rural areas.

The Church is developing in the art of worship. The service of a Bible Woman is a great contribution to the work as a whole. Our friends have been many, the Chittoor District Board, the Agricultural and Veterinary departments of Government and the Mission Agricultural Institute whose help and advise is the foundation of our efforts.

When the work at the center becomes firmly established we can expect improvements to spread into the villages. In the future this kind of Mission work is certainly going to occupy an important part in the Christian contribution to the life of India.
In presenting its report for the year 1940, the Council would place on record its deep sense of gratitude to God for the courage and devotion with which the supporters of the College in Great Britain have continued to play their part. In such a time of stress it would not have been surprising if, to other wartime problems, there had been added the problem of attenuated financial resources, but the College has so far been spared that added difficulty, and the Council is profoundly conscious of the courage and faithfulness by which, under God, this immunity has been secured.

As a sequel to the new departure which was made in 1939, when women students were admitted to the College, it became necessary in 1940 to make provision for their residence. A bungalow situated outside the College grounds was therefore rented and accommodation provided for 13 out of the 24 women students in the College as well as for a resident assistant warden.

Dr. M. S. Adiseshiah joined the College in August as professor of Economics. After a distinguished career in Madras, Dr. Adiseshiah studied at the London School of Economics and Westcott House, Cambridge; he also served for a period as International Relations Secretary of the Student Christian Movement of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. Adiseshiah is the son of Mr. V. P. Adiseshiah, Principal of Voorhees College.

The outstanding feature of the year has been the continuation of the income from contributing churches and missionary societies at its normal level. In view of the situation in Britain and Europe this must be counted an amazing result and the Council would express to the Governing Board and the contributing societies their deepest gratitude and admiration for the way in which they have maintained their grants in such times as these.
The Women's Christian College, Madras

Miss Charlotte C. Wyckoff

The College is flourishing and developing under the guidance of its new Principal, Miss Eleanor Rivett. An Indian Vice-Principal, Miss Elizabeth George, has been appointed in place of Miss Edith Coon whose death was such a great loss last year. A beautiful new hostel has been completed and occupied, leaving the small cottage built for a college hospital free to fulfill its purpose. For lack of funds the proposed course in Home Science has not yet been opened,—which is a source of regret, for there is great need of well-qualified Indian women to carry on research and teaching of this important subject, but no college which teaches the new syllabus. Results in the Intermediate and B.A. examinations were very good this year, including a number of "First Class" passes.

The college still keeps in close touch with its beloved former Principal, Miss McDougall, who recently had a narrow escape when her home in England was bombed.

St. Christopher's Training College, Madras

Miss Chandra Royal, B.A., L.T.

"The L.T. and Secondary Training School made satisfactory progress during the year. A number of students took the examinations for teachers of scripture organized by the Missionary Educational Council of South India. Students and school girls devote much of their free time to games and other extra-curricular activities. The weekly assembly meetings in college provided opportunities for addresses by outside speakers and for talks illustrated by epidiascope or cinematograph. Work was carried on in the social work centres and Sunday Schools and the college students resumed their visits to women patients in the Mental Hospital. Some students gave reading lessons to illiterate women in the Social Work Centre. This is a year of peaceful work and we are grateful that this was possible in a world over shadowed by war."
Bangalore Theological College

In a year which has been marked by startling changes in the world of international affairs, we are deeply thankful that we have been permitted to carry on our tasks with minimum of dislocation. We have been able to pursue our tasks with the normal number of students, four of whom have been sent from the Arcot Mission, with our full staff present in Bangalore and with financial support sufficient to meet all our more urgent needs.

We have been saddened by the loss from the roll of our former staff members of the L. P. Larsen, who died in Denmark. He was for many years the Principal of this College, almost from the time of its beginning, and he was the strongest influence in the formative period of its early growth.

Missionary Education Council of South India

Miss Charlotte C. Wyckoff

The "M. E. C." has been irreverently called a "mission trade union". It is one of the outstanding examples of co-operation between missions of various nationalities and Indian Church bodies, for the purpose of standing together in matters affecting the progress of Christian education. Forty-three bodies send representatives to the semi-annual meetings of this Council, and a large number of Indian and missionary educationists work hard on its committees. Representations made to the Department of Public Instruction through this Council naturally receive more careful attention than complaints from any one mission or school would secure. During the current year there have been requests sent to the Department regarding the new rules governing elementary schools, the exclusion of Christians from fee-concessions to scheduled classes and other difficulties. Constructive work done by committees of the Council includes the planning and approving of new text-books published by the Christian Literature Society, the furtherance of a campaign for adult literacy by publication of literature and the employment of an expert who tours about to
demonstrate methods, the administration of a course in Scripture Teaching in Christian colleges and training-schools, a survey and study of the problem of the Eighth Standard girl and boy, discussion of the proposed new High School syllabus. An officer of the Department of Public Instruction met with members of the Council who were at Kodaikanal in the summer to answer questions regarding High School syllabus and Elementary School rules, and again with the heads of Mission High Schools for girls to ask their advice about vocational courses for girls. This latter group decided to organise into a permanent association to carry on constructive planning for a better High School course.

In these ways the Missionary Educational Council tries to draw together the efforts of all the different Christian bodies in South India in order to correlate them and thus present a united front.

Madras Representative Christian Council


The M. R. C. C. did not meet this year as its meetings have become biennial. The Regional Conferences are held in its place in alternate years. The North Tamil Regional Conference of the M. R. C. C. met this year at Chingleput in the month of September and had a very profitable time in discussing matters relating to the co-ordination of work between various Foreign Missions and the Church in India. The discussions were lively and constructive, particularly on the subject of how co-operation between missions and the Church could effect economy and more efficiency in the matter of collegiate, high school and elementary education, medical work, rural development and evangelistic work.

Another important matter that was discussed at a meeting convened informally by the Secretary of the M. R. C. C. at Madras in the month of October this year was in relation to the questionnaire sent by the
Secretary of the International Council of Missions as to the fruitful method and procedure of economizing and pooling of resources among missions. The discussions here were also very helpful. Representatives from various missions and Churches were present at this meeting together with the officers of the M. R. C. C. The findings of this informal gathering will be communicated to all bodies concerned in course of time.

The Andhra Christian Council


There has been no meeting of the Andhra Christian Council since the writing of the report a year ago. The program which was decided upon in the last meeting is being carried out through the various Committees of the Council. Noteworthy among these is the emphasis that has been laid upon Adult Literacy. In the prosecution of this work scores of volunteers have been enlisted, and the number of adults who have learned to read simple Telugu has run into the hundreds. In our own Arcot area this work has been begun in a few selected places, and impetus to this effort has been given by a visit of Mr. Devaraj of the Nandyal S. P. G. Mission Training School. The Nandyal Reading Charts, of which he is the author, are being taught in a few places in our area, and we hope that this work will grow. Another noteworthy effort of the Andhra C. C. is the preparation of biographies and other useful Christian literature in Telugu. The Literature Secretary has brought out, either by writing books himself or by the assistance of others who are able to write, a goodly quantity of literature that is enriching the life of the Church in the Telugu country. In the months ahead we hope specially to be benefited by our association with the great work of the Andhra country through a visit of the Rev. F. Whittaker, Secretary of the National Christian Council, who has a personal intimate knowledge of the great Christian movements of the Hyderabad section of the Andhra country.
Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Arogyavaram

Dr. Julius Savarirayan.

July 19, 1940 saw the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of this institution. To mark the occasion a Recreation Hall and Library were opened, the former called after Dr. and Mrs. C. Frimodt-Moller and the latter after Miss Gertrude Dodd of Vellore, who has been a contributor from the very beginning to the upbuilding of the Sanatorium.

In this Jubilee Year an outstanding event is the beginning of classes for Doctors leading to the Tuberculosis Diseases Diploma, for which two courses a year are planned.

Another important event was the laying of foundation stone of the Lazarus Memorial Block in the ex-patients' Colony. The Rs. 10,000 for the erection of this addition was the gift of an Indian lady Miss T. Lazarus. May many Indians emulate her example.

During the past year the work has gone on as usual with 385 patients admitted and 738 discharged, the highest number at one time under treatment being 269.

For the Christians outside the Sanatorium there is a little Church of which Mr. Henry Lazarus B.A.,B.D., is Pastor, and which is connected with the South India United Church.

The ex-patient Colony has had a good year and it is planned to develop the Printing Department so as to undertake more work. The Stores are to have a new quarters. Nearly Rs. 50,000 of business was done in them last year. Weaving of cotton cloth, gardening, tailoring and cattle-keeping are other industries.
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