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Bareilly, November 21st to 28th, 1927
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The following are detained indefinitely in America.

- Mrs. E. Gimson Bare: January 1905
- Miss V. B. Dennis: December 1919
- Miss E. Jacobson: February 1922
- Miss D. Dunton: October 1923

**Retired Members**

- **Mrs. J. T. Waugh**: December 1871
- **Mrs. F. L. Neeld**: January 1880
- **Miss L. W. Sullivan**: December 1888
- Miss F. A. Scott: February 1890
- Mrs. C. Worthington: November 1893

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Officers and Committees

President .. Mrs. J. W. Robinson.
Vice-President .. Mrs. M. T. Titus.
Secretary .. Miss Oldroyd.
Assistant Secretary .. Miss Habermann.
Custodian of the Archives .. Miss Salzer.
Statistical Secretary .. Miss Habermann.

Field Reference Committee.—Official Correspondent, Ex-officio, Miss J. I. Peters, Treasurer, Ex-officio, Miss E. Whiting; Miss Davis; Miss Landrum; Mrs. Titus; Miss Honnell; Mrs. Thoburn; Miss Means. Alternates:—Miss Dunn; Miss E. Bacon; Miss N. West; Miss Beach.

1. Property Committee.—Misses Means, Bacon, West. Alternates.—Misses Honnell, Warrington, Thoburn.

2. Committee of Schools.—Miss Honnell—Chairman. All ladies in school work.


4. Lal Bagh Girl’s School Committee.—Miss Landrum, Miss Means, Miss Warrington. Alternate—Miss Dimmitt.

5. Committee on Auxiliaries.—Mrs. Titus, Mrs. Mansell, Miss Crawford.

6. Committee on “Woman’s Friend”.—Editor-in-Chief Editor Hindi and Urdu editions, Mrs. M. W. Branch. Committee: Mrs. Weak, Miss Oram, Mrs. Hanson.

7. Committee on Medical Work.—Doctor-in-charge Bareilly Hospital, Miss Stallard, Miss Lorenz. Miss Bacon, Miss Hayes, Miss McCartney.

8. Committee Woman’s School Bareilly.—Miss Emery, Miss Dunn, Mrs. Core.

9. Committee Clara Swain Hospital.—Bishop Robinson Chairman, ex-officio; Physician in charge, ex-officio; Superintendent of Bareilly District, ex-officio; all doctors of North India.
and Northwest India Conferences, Miss Means; Mrs. Sheets, Miss Honnell, Miss Peters.

10. Committee Woman's School Budaun.—Mrs. Titus, Miss Emery, Miss Hardie, Mrs. Hyde.

11. Talaunia Committee.—Miss Stallard, Mrs. West.

12. Committee on Literature.—Miss Ashbrook, Miss Dimmitt, Miss Waugh, Mrs. Core.

13. Committee on Temperance.—Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Thoburn, Mrs. Branch, Mrs. Gill.

14. Committee on Language School.—Miss Doyle, Mrs. Titus, Miss Newman.

15. Committee on Permanent Provident Fund.—Central Treasurer.

16. Auditing Committee.—Miss Davis, Miss Warrington, Miss Kennard, Miss Salzer.

17. Committee on Editing.—Miss Salzer, Miss Landrum, Miss Dimmitt.

18. Board of Examiners of Muttra Training School.—Mrs. Jones, Miss Hardie.

19. Committee on Furniture.—Miss M. O. Kennard, Miss Honnell, Miss Cox.

20. Joint Evangelistic Board.—Miss McCartney, Miss Emery, Miss Hardie, Mrs. Gill, Miss O. Kennard, Mrs. West.

21. Committee on Memoirs.—Mrs. Mansell, Mrs. Prem Singh, Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Thoburn.


23. Committee on Programme fo. 1928.—Miss Oldroyd, Mrs. Moffatt, Miss Stallard.

24. Vocational Schools Committee.—Miss Ashbrook, Mrs. Jones, Miss Rost.

25. All India Literature Committee.—Miss Ashbrook.

26. Member of Board of Trustees of Bareilly Theological Seminary.—Miss Bacon.

27.—Member of Board of Trustees of Muttra Training School.—Mrs. Jones.

28. Board of Religious Education.—Miss Peters, Miss Landrum, Miss Rost, Miss Dunn, Miss Beach, Miss Honnell, Miss Oram, Miss Stallard.
29. Evangelistic Committee.—Miss Hardie, *Chairman*
    Miss Emery, *Registrar*. All ladies in evangelistic work.

30. Isabella Thoburn College Board of Governors.—
    To retire in 1928, Mrs. Jones. To retire in 1929, Miss Davis. To retire in 1930, E. Stanley Jones.

31. Member of United Provinces Christian Council Board.—Miss Davis.

32. Standing Committee on Woman’s Work.—Miss Davis, Mrs. Jones, Miss Emery.

33. Committee on Almora Rest Home.—Miss Sullivan.
Women's Conference
Appointments

BAREILLY DISTRICT.

District Work, Mrs. J. N. West.
District Evangelist, Miss Olive E. Kennard. (P. O. Pilibhit).
Bareilly, City and Zenana Work, Miss Olive E. Kennard.
Bareilly, Circuit Work, Mrs. A. Gulab.
Bareilly, English Church, Mrs. P. S. Hyde.
Bareilly, Miss Grace Honnell, Miss J. Crawford.
Bareilly, Girl's School, Warne Babyfold, Miss Edna Bacon, Miss Westrup, R. N.
Bareilly, Clara Swain Hospital, Miss Bertha Chase. M. D. (Miss S. Vrooman M. D., Acting) Miss Eleanor B. Stallard, R. N., Business Manager. Miss T. Lorenz, R. N., Supt. Training School for Nurses.
Pilibhit, City and Zenana Work, Miss Olive E. Kennard.
Shahjahanpur, Bidwell Memorial Girls' School, Miss Alice Means.
Shahjahanpur, City and Zenana Work, Mrs. J. N. West.
Shahjahanpur, Lodipur Community School, Mrs. H. A. Hanson, Miss A. Ashbrook.

BIJNOR DISTRICT.

District Work, Mrs. P. D. Phillips.
District Evangelist, Miss Olive Dunn.
Bijnor, City Evangelistic Work, Miss Olive Dunn.
Bijnor, Lois Lee Parker Girls' School, Miss Gladys Doyle.
Bijnor, Vail Boys' Boarding School, (Mrs. P. D. Phillips.)

BUDAON DISTRICT.

District Work, Mrs. L. A. Core.
District Evangelist and Village Schools, Miss Phoebe Emery.
Budaon, City and Zenana Work, Mrs. Florence P. Mansell.
CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Budaon, Sigler Girls' School, Miss Nellie M. West.
Budaon, Boys' Hostel, Mrs. L. A. Core.
Budaon, Training School, Mrs. L. A. Core.

EASTERN KUMAON DISTRICT.
District Work, Mrs. P. L. Lyall.
District Evangelist, Miss B. McCartney.
Chandag Heights, Leper Asylum, Miss Mary Reed.
Kali Kumaon, Evangelistic, Medical and School Work, Miss E. C. Hayes.
Pithoragarh, Hospital, Miss B. McCartney.
Pithoragarh, Widows' Home, Miss I. G. Loper.
Pithoragarh, Girls' School, Miss Ruth Cox.

GARHWAL DISTRICT.
District Work, Mrs. H. H. Weak.
District Evangelist, Mrs. M. W. Gill.
District Medical Work, to be supplied.
Chopra, Primary School, to be supplied.
Gadoli, Mary Ensign Gill Girls' School, Miss Lucy W. Beach.

HARDOI-SITAPUR DISTRICT.
District Work, Mrs. M. T. Titus.
Hardoi, Girls' School, Mrs. S. B. Shaw, Miss Hira N. Singh.
Hardoi, City and Zenana Work, Mrs. G. M. Butler.
Sitapur, Girls' School, Miss G. E. Hadden, Miss M. O. Haberman.
Sitapur, City and Circuit Work, Miss G. E. Hadden.
Sitapur, Boys' School, Mrs. E. Stanley Jones.

KUMAON DISTRICT.
District Work, Mrs. E. M. Moffatt.
District Evangelist, Miss Ruth Larson.
Almora, Girls' High School, Miss Nora B. Waugh, Miss Emma Newman.
Almora, Girls' Hostel, Miss J. I. Peters.
Almora, Hospital, Miss J. I. Peters.
Dwarahat, Girls' School, Miss C. Oram.
Naini Tal, English Work, Mrs. P. S. Hyde.
Naini Tal, School and Zenana Work, Miss K. Ogilvie.
Naini Tal, Wellesley Girls' High School, Miss Marie Kennard, Miss Crossen.

MORADABAD DISTRICT.
District Work, and District Evangelist, Miss Eva Hardie.
CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Moradabad, Girls' Middle School, Miss Ruth Warrington, Miss A. Bass.
Moradabad, Girls' Normal School, Miss Ruth Warrington.
Moradabad, City and Zenana Work, Miss Eva Hardie.
Moradabad, Parker High School Hostel, Mrs. M. W. Branch.
Moradabad, Parker Branch School, Miss C. Rost.

RAMPUR DISTRICT.

District Work, Mrs. G. B. Thompson, (P. O. Fatehganj West, Bareilly District.)
District Evangelist, Miss Eva Hardie, (P. O. Moradabad.)

Special Appointments.
Miss Margaret Landrum, Miss Florence Salzer, Mrs. R. H. C. Thoburn, Miss Marjorie Dimmit, Miss Roxanna H. Oldroyd; Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow.
Miss Grace C. Davis, Lai Bagh Girls' School, Lucknow.
Mrs. B. C. Harrington, Centennial Boys' School, Lucknow.

On Leave.
Miss Laura J. Shur, Miss Anna Blackstock, Miss M. L. Perrill, Mrs. J. W. Nave, Mrs. J. N. Hollister, Mrs. Wm. Zabilka, Mrs. C. D. Rockey, Miss V. B. Dennis, Miss Grace Bates, Miss Ruth Hoath, Miss Jean Bothwell, Miss Ethel M. Calkins (after June 1, 1928.) Miss Vera Parks, Miss Yasmin Peters, Miss A. Mc Mullen.

Retired this Year.
Miss R. Sellers, Miss L. S. Wright, Mrs. N. L. Rockey.

Transferred.
To Indus River Conference, Dr. Ina N. Gourley, M. D.
Official Minutes.

FIRST DAY

Monday, November 21, 1927.

The North India Woman’s Conference was called to order for its Fifty-eighth session at 11 a.m. in Mrs. Hyde’s drawing room.

In the absence of the president and all other officers, Mrs. Jones, chairman of the program committee opened the session. After a hymn and prayer by Mrs. West the roll was called by Miss Calkins.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected:—

President, Mrs. J. W. Robinson
Vice-President, Mrs. M. T. Titus
Secretary, Miss Oldroyd
Ass’t Secretary, Miss Habermann
Custodian of Archives, Miss Salzer.

Introductions.

Miss Lorenz, Miss Habermann, and Miss Rost were introduced and welcomed to their first Conference.

Mrs. Titus, Miss West, Miss Honnell, Miss Oldroyd and Miss Cox, who is transferred from the Lucknow Conference, were welcomed back from furlough.

As visitors, Mrs. Devadasan and Mrs. Chopra were introduced.

Letters from Miss Loper and Miss McMullen were read; also greetings from Esther West, Mrs. Hollister and Miss Sellers were given.

The Conference appointed Mrs. West to write a letter of condolence to the Mukerji family.

Hours of Conference.

The hours of Conference were fixed from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to coincide with the men’s Conference so that we might attend the Round Table Discussions at 1:30 in the Joint Session.

Reports.

Miss Salzer reported for the Editing Committee that the reports were coming in better than formerly.
Miss Stallard read the report of the Nurses' Institute, the Board of Directors of Mary Wilson Sanitorium and Dr. Kipp's report of Mary Wilson Sanitorium.

The reports were accepted with special thanks to Miss Fernstrom for health work.

It was voted that the report of the Nurses' Institute and Dr. Kipp's report be printed in the Minutes. (See Report)

Miss Ashbrook gave the report for the All-India Literature Committee. She also had for display the Conference Library of Vernacular Literature, for informational purposes.

A Reading was given by Miss Honnell.

Appointment of Committees.

The following committees were appointed:—

Nominating:—

MISS EMERY
MISS CALKINS
MISS SALZER

Resolutions:—

MRS. CORE
MISS BATES
MISS DIMMITT

Devotional Hour.

The devotional hour was led by Miss Honnell after which the session adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Tuesday, November 22, 1927.

The regular business session opened with the singing of a hymn followed with prayer by Miss Emery.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Introductions.

Miss Hira Singh in charge of the educational work in the Girls' School in Hardoi was introduced.

Mrs. Moffatt was welcomed back from furlough and Miss Hays after an absence of two years from the conference.

Miss Joan Davis of the W. C. T. U. was introduced and spoke of her literature on display for our perusal.
Reports.

The minutes of the Field Reference Committee was given by Miss Peters and accepted.

The report of the Woman’s School at Budaun, Woman’s School at Bareilly, and the Muttra Training School were read and accepted.

In order to avoid any confusion in the future regarding reports from Institutions, it was voted that the one in charge of the work should make the report.

Elections of the Field Correspondent and Field Reference Committee.

Miss Peters was elected Official Correspondent.

The following were elected members of the Field Reference Committee:—

MISS DAVIS,
MISS LANDRUM
MRS. TITUS
MISS HONNELL
MRS. THOBURN
MISS MEANS.

Miss Davis asked that additional members from this Conference on the Committee on Conference Membership be appointed.

It was voted to add Miss Emery and the Official Correspondent.

Mr. Moffatt came from the Men’s Conference to ask whether we would like to appoint two members to the Bishop’s Cabinet to make suggestions in regard to appointments or to make a slate.

It was voted to leave appointments to the Bishop and the cabinet.

Mrs. West was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Prem Singh, who is detained from Conference on account of her husband’s illness.

The appointment of Mrs. Jones as a member from North India Conference on the Board of Governors of the Muttra Training School was confirmed.

After the devotional period led by Miss Dunn the session adjourned.

THIRD DAY

Wednesday, November 28, 1927

After the singing of a hymn and prayer led by Miss Oram the business session opened, Mrs. Robinson presiding.
The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions.

Miss Whiting, the Central Treasurer was welcomed to the Conference and Mrs. Zwemer of Egypt was introduced.

Election of Alternates of the Field Reference Committee.

The following were elected as alternates to the Field Reference Committee:

- Miss Dunn
- Miss Bacon
- Miss West
- Miss Beach

Reports.

The following reports were given and accepted:

- Almora Sanitorium—Miss Sullivan
- Warne Baby Fold—Miss Bacon
- Treasurer's Report—Miss Whiting

It was voted to make the Discussion on Religious Education the order of the day at 12 o'clock.

A letter was read from Mr. H. L. Mukerji.

The topic of Religious Education was discussed with Miss Peters as leader. Miss Bacon spoke on "The Religious Nurture of the Small Child," Miss Calkins, on "Primary Religious Education," Miss Beach, on "Religious Education in the Middle School," Miss Parks, on "Religious Education in High School" and Miss Emery on "Religious Education for Adults and Children in the Village School."

Rev. E. L. King was presented and gave a few remarks on the Epworth League.

Adjournment followed the devotional period which was led by Mrs. Zwemer.

FOURTH DAY

Thursday, November 24, 1927.

The regular business opened at 11 o'clock with the singing of a hymn followed with prayer by Miss Sullivan.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Mrs. N. L. Rockey, Mrs. Thoburn, Mrs. Branch, Mrs. C. D. Rockey, and Miss Loper were welcomed to the Conference.
It was planned to send letters of greeting to the absent members of the Conference and to the new missionaries.

Reports:

The report on Woman's work and Conference Membership was given by Miss Davis.

It was voted to reaffirm our statement of last year in regard to Conference Membership as passed.

The report was accepted and the question of the Board of Control for Boarding Schools was referred to the Committee on Schools and to be brought up again before the Conference.

The report on Medical work given by Miss Stallard, and the report on the Clara Swain Hospital by Dr. Vrooman were accepted.

The following members of the Clara Swain Hospital Committee were approved:
- Bishop Robinson, Chairman Ex-Officio
- Physician in charge, Ex-Officio
- Supt. of Bareilly District, Ex-Officio
- All doctors of North India and Northwest India Conferences
  - Miss Means
  - Mrs. Sheets
  - Miss Honnell
  - Miss Peters.

Elections.

Mrs. Jones was elected the member of the Executive Board and Miss Davis to the U. P. Christian Council Board.

The next hour was devoted to the remainder of the discussion on Religious Education. Miss West, Miss Waugh, and Miss Doyle spoke on the possibilities for Religious Education in Young People's Societies, Miss Ashbrook, on "Motivating our School Work along Religious Education Lines," and Miss Dimmitt, on "Teaching Religious Ideals in College."

Miss Oldrod led the devotions, after which the session adjourned.

FIFTH DAY

Friday, November 25, 1927.

The morning prayer service was led by Mrs. Hockey and the regular business session followed.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.
It was voted to make the election of delegates to the Central Conference the order of the day on Saturday, November 26, immediately following the reading of the Minutes.

**Introductions.**

Miss Herring of Bareilly was introduced as a visitor to the Conference.

**Reports.**

Mrs. Core gave the report on the Auxiliaries, which was accepted.

It was voted that the suggested changes in Article 2 and Article 8 be sent as a memorial to Central Conference.

It was voted to apply the unappropriated funds from the Auxiliaries to the Retired Assistant's Fund.

The following reports were given and accepted:—
- Isabella Thoburn College
- Lal Bagh Girls' School
- Vocational Schools
- Woman's Friend
- Literature
- Language School
- Retired Assistants and Permanent Provident Fund,

The Matter of the Board of Control for Boarding Schools, referred to the Committee on Schools was reported by Miss Davis.

The report was accepted and it was agreed to consult the Bishop before final confirmation by the Woman's Conference.

After devotional led by Miss West, the session adjourned.

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**SIXTH DAY**

*Saturday, November 26, 1927.*

The regular business session was opened with a hymn and prayer by Mrs. Thoburn.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

**Introductions**

Mrs. Shaw, principal of the Girls' School at Hardoi, Miss Smith of Hyderabad and Mrs. Thomas were introduced.
Miss M. Kennard was welcomed to the Conference.

Election of Delegates to Central Conference.

Miss Oram and Miss Peters were elected as delegates and Miss Davis and Miss Warington as alternates.

The final minutes of the Field Reference Committee were read and accepted.

Reports

The reports of the following Committee were given and accepted.
- Furniture Committee
- Temperance Committee
- Committee on Religious Education
- Property Committee
- School Committee
- Evangelistic Committee

Mrs. Thoburn gave a report on the recent Conference held in Lucknow on Evangelism among Zenana women.

Some of the resolutions passed by this conference were,

1. That a committee be appointed to draft a statement of the need of emphasizing zenana work at this time to be sent to the Boards of contributing missions and to missionaries on the field.

2. That a committee be appointed to draft a course of study for zenana workers and for women and girls in zenanas and to construct an institute for zenana workers in August to be held in Allahabad probably.

3. That the workers should be better qualified spiritually and educationally than many are at present, the aim to be matriculation passed and trained.

4. That the importance of this phase of work be presented before church and mission organizations.

5. That the convener of the Committee on Women's Work approach heads of high schools, colleges and training schools asking that the work may be presented in their schools.

6. That more be done in the way of newspaper evangelism.

It was voted to ask that Miss Mary Esther Badley become a member of the North India Women's Conference.

A motion to ask the Secretary of the Men's Conference to ask that the two members on the Board of
Control for Boarding Schools from the Men's Conference be elected was seconded and carried.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions with special resolutions concerning Miss Sellers, Mrs. Rockey, and Miss Wright was given and accepted.

A motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Titus spoke on the Indian Witness and urged members of the Conference who were not subscribers to become subscribers.

It was voted that a Committee on Religious Education in the Woman's Conference be formed, the members of this committee to be our representatives on the Joint Board of Religious Education.

A motion to have the Minutes printed at the Methodist Publishing House was carried.

It was voted to send one copy of the report V. P. P. to every absent member in India.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

By special request the devotions were led by Mrs. Rockey after which the meeting was adjourned.

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Called Meeting.

Monday, November 28, 1927.

At a called meeting of the Woman's Conference, the following actions were taken:

It was moved and carried that we request the Committee on Woman's Work at the coming Central Conference to take the necessary steps to substitute the word Women for Woman in the Constitutions of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary and in similar expressions as Woman's Conference, etc.

Resolved that the North India Woman's Conference send the following to the Woman's Committee of Central Conference.

That we ask that an all-India action be taken petitioning the foreign Department of the W. F. M. S. to undertake in increasingly greater measure the support and management of boy's primary schools.
IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. H. L. MUKERJEE.
Memoir of Mrs. H. L. Mukerjee.

It is our sad privilege to pay our tribute to this unusual Christian woman. Miss Marilla Janvier, a daughter of the late Rev. Joel Janvier, the first Indian preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Mission in India, was born in Lucknow, August 1st, 1859, and passed away suddenly at her son's home in Aligarh, November 19th, of this year. She was one of the first girls to enter Miss Thoburn's school in Lucknow. November 4th, 1877, in Cawnpore, she was united in marriage, by the Rev. J. H. Messmore, to Rev. H. L. Mukerjee of the North India Conference. Had she been spared ten days longer, they would have completed a happy married life of half a century. Soon after her marriage, they were sent to Shahjahanpur, where for seven years she voluntarily assisted Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Johnson in superintending the women's schools in the muhallas. In 1885, they were transferred to the Bareilly Theological Seminary, where they served unbrokenly for thirty-seven years. For years she taught regularly in the Woman's School and afterwards was an invaluable helper in the work of the School, holding Mothers' meetings with the women and assisting in their temperance and missionary programs. She was a friend and counsellor of the women of the school who were devoted to her and over whom she exercised a potent influence for good. For years she had translated helpful stories for use in her work and later they were gathered into a volume called *Rahat-i-Dil*, much prized by the women. She was a frequent contributor to the *Kaukab-i-Hamd* and the *Rafiq-i-Niswan*. Her last book, now in manuscript, will be published later. For 25 years, she was organist of the church in Bareilly and was active in the work of the church and Sunday School. While her hands and heart were thus busy in her Master's work for her loved people, she was not neglectful of her home which was remarkably happy and united. Of her eight children, three are now deceased. One of them, Miss Nora Mukerjee, who passed away in 1907, was a saintly character and blessing to all who knew her.

Her five living children are, Mr. N. K. Mukerjee, Headmaster, Government High School, Aligarh, Mrs. J. C. Chatterjee, Bareilly, Miss K. Mukerjee, Mr.
Nobin Mukerjee of Lucknow, and Mrs. Walter Desai of Rangoon.

Mrs. Mukerjee was bright and cheerful, intelligent, spiritual and full of love for the people. Her friendship was extended to non-Christian women and girls who profited much by association with her. She was always ready to give out to others what she had gained for herself. Her influence for good over hundreds of Christian pupils cannot be measured nor will it cease. We assure her deeply bereaved family of our sincere sympathy and prayers.
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Minutes of the North India Finance and Reference Committee.

November 1926 to November 1927.

Mrs. Thoburn was elected chairman for the coming year. The following members were present: Mrs. Thoburn, Misses Davis, Landrum, Hoath, Bates, Emery, and Peters, secretary.

1. Miss McCartney asked permission to give one of the Bible Women at Pithoragarh a pension of rupees five per month as long as her funds would permit. This was granted.

   The matter of land for our Christians in the hills is a very pressing problem. There is a small portion worth about two hundred rupees available and Miss McCartney wished to borrow this from her funds and sell to the Christians on condition that if it were not all paid back before she left she would be personally responsible for the refund to the missionary society. Permission was given.

2. It was granted that Miss Emery was to have Rs. 200 for day schools from the Budaon district fund balance for this year.

3. Moga Teachers' Journal. Permission was given for a grant of Rs. 25 per year from Free Money for the Moga Village Teachers Journal, for 1927. They will be glad to print pageants and lists of books for us if needed.

4. Almora Tuberculosis Sanatorium. It was voted to give Rs. 100 from the Tilaunia Fund to the Almora Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Almora. The Lucknow Conference is giving a similar amount. In this way we are helping this very worthy institution which is serving our community in northern India.

5. Property Committee. The following nominations were made for the Property Committee:—
   Miss Means, Mrs. Thoburn, Miss Blackstock and Miss Madden, ex-officio. Alternates. Mrs. Jones, Miss Bates, Miss Honnell.

6. Literature Committee. The Literature Committee asked for Rs. 50 from the Promotional Fund for their work. This was granted.

7. Medical Certificates for Missionaries. It was decided that the matter of yearly health certificates for the missionaries should be in the hands of the
medical committee of the conference. They should make a report at conference time. The chairman of this committee to work with the All-India Committee.

8. Almora Property. In the final adjustment of the Almora Property the Property Committee decided to take an additional amount, Rs. 2,241 in order to better consolidate the property of the W. F. M. S. See report of the Property Committee.

9. Furniture in the Bareilly Evangelists House. As there is no evangelist in the Bareilly district this year the furniture in the rented house, the furniture committee was advised to see it removed. It was suggested that Mrs. Gill be given what she needed for the Pauri house and that the rest go to Almora and if any remains it is to be properly stored. The carriage of this furniture to Pauri and Almora is to be paid for from Free Money.

10. Miss Hoath was granted emergency leave from April because of the health of her mother.

11. Tilaunia Free Beds. During February there was considerable correspondence about the available funds for free beds in Tilaunia. The demand this year has been great. As we did not have a list at the beginning of the year we put on all who were there at the time and decided to put on others as they were passed by the committee. As there was such a great need it was decided that no one was to be given one and one half scholarships. Because of an accumulated balance from last year there were more scholarships than usual this year. As some have been dismissed from Tilaunia others have gone onto the scholarships thus vacated. Those who have been placed on these scholarships by correspondence are Phulmani Masih and Bibban Bikari, Bible women from Moradabad; Jasoda Charan, a day school teacher from Budaon who is to go to Almora; Rani Singh a nurse from Bijnor; Louisa Lal, a Bible woman from Bijnor; and Charlotte Brahamand from Chand Bagh, also to go to Almora. The amount given for Almora is the same as that given for Tilaunia i.e. Rs. 6-4 the difference in cost being met by the individuals concerned.

12. Miss Bothwell's furlough. The committee learned with regret that Miss Bothwell had been called home by cable by Miss Watson because of the illness of Miss Bothwell's father. The necessary permission for her furlough was granted.
13. Bareilly hospital. Bishop Robinson and Dr. West appointed Dr. Vrooman temporarily to the Bareilly Hospital. The committee approved this arrangement and voted her salary at the rate of Rs. 200 per month be paid from the time of her taking up the work March 8th, 1927.

14. Travel expenses for Bareilly doctors. Miss Stallard presented to the committee an account of the travelling expenses for the three doctors who had come at various times to help out at the hospital. These expenses had been met by the hospital. The account of Rs. 169 was taken from balances and refunded to the hospital.

15. Salaries for Moradabad and Hardoi. The three vacancies at Moradabad caused difficulties about salaries. It was voted that Miss Hira Singh’s salary (Hardoi) be taken from the money given for the Sitapur Evangelistic assistants salary at the rate of Rs. 100 per month. It was voted to send a cable home to the May meeting asking for five hundred dollars, two hundred dollars for Miss Esther Blackstock and three hundred for some one to take the place of the Normal School assistant at Moradabad in place of Miss Yasmin Peters. This amount not to be taken from the current work money. The following cable was sent:

Formis Newyork Watson.

Five hundred dollars beginning July required for salaries to supply vacancies caused by Moradabad furloughs. Peters.

The reply came in due time: Watson cabled seven hundred dollars for Bijnor car and five hundred dollars for Moradabad.

16. Pauri Medical help. Miss Beach wrote asking for an appropriation of Rs. 200 towards the support of an Indian doctor, one of their Christian young men, who is to serve Pauri community. It was voted that a special letter be sent home by the official correspondent and one from Miss Beach. One hundred dollars was asked for and this need was to be among the first in advance current work for the new year. If the doctor comes before June 1st, 1928 we will try to find the amount necessary from the funds already on the field.

17. Property Committee. There were requests for property repairs at Hardoi and Almora, and a request from Budaou for permission to build a verandah on to the assistants quarters.
The Hardoi repairs would require about Rs. 1,500. Five hundred is on hand there and Miss Means offered to loan Rs. 1,000 from the Shajahanpur building fund that cannot be used until the Government grant is given. This loan to be replaced by an appropriation from home as the money is needed in Shahjahanpur. This solution was accepted by the committee and Miss Means was to undertake the needed repairs. A detailed statement had been made that had been sanctioned by the Property Committee.

As the Property Committee did not feel that they could come to Almora Bishop Robinson and Dr. Core were asked to look at the condition of one of the hostel roofs. They voted immediate repairs. The repairs were expected to come under Rs. 2,000. Almora hoped to get the money from current work and so permission was given for the work to be done.

As money was needed for the repairs or additions at Budaon and as the funds at the disposal of the committee were very low, it was decided that the work be postponed until funds were available or a special appropriation could be obtained.

18. Quarterly Statement. Miss Whiting sent the committee a quarterly statement of our finances and as a result the committee voted to make no more appropriations until conference time as we were running behind.

19. As the Society at home has asked for a special report about the number of boys in girls’ schools in the conference and has also asked us to make a report as to the amount of funds we can release from our current work the secretary was asked to collect this information and if necessary call a meeting in Bareilly for consultation before sending the report home.

20. Miss Sellers furlough and passage money were voted. The same to be reported to the General Executive meeting.

21. Miss Calkins asked for furlough from May 1928. As she came out in August and her furlough would be due then anyway, the request was granted and the request sent home for the General Executive.

22. Miss Wright’s Medical bill was voted to be paid according to rule.

23. Miss McMullen sent in a request for retirement at the next annual conference because of health reasons. Her request was received with much regret and sympathy and forwarded to the New
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England Branch for action at the coming General Executive.

24. Sitapur City Work. Miss Bates asked for permission to redistribute the funds of the Sitapur district and city work as arranged by those locally in charge of the work. The permission was given.

25. Deed of Hypothecation. Permission was granted to Miss Means for signing the deed of hypothecation in connection with the Shahjahanpur school building plans.

Committee on Furniture

At the request of the Field Reference Committee the bungalow which had been used by the Evangelistic worker in Bareilly was dismantled, the furniture being disposed of as follows: Some to Mrs. Gill's bungalow in Pauri, some to Almora, and the rest stored in Bareilly.

Permission was granted Miss Bothwell and Miss Honnell to exchange two chairs in the Bareilly and Moradabad Bungalows.

Miss Honnell asked for new furniture for the Head Mistress' Quarters in the Women's School in Bareilly. At the same time she inquired about the doors which Miss Peters had bought for the garage when she was in Bareilly, and which had been stored in the W. F. M. S. godam. Mr. Devadasan desired to buy the doors. The Committee voted to sell the doors for Rs. 50/-, and that the money thus realized be used for purchase of the furniture needed.

Miss Beach purchased a heater for the Girls' School in Pauri and asked that the Committee pay for its transportation from Bombay to Pauri. The Committee voted to do.

All lists of furniture and details are given in the Furniture Book.

List of furniture required in each Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Home.

Drawing Room.

1 Center Table
2 Small Tables
1 Bookcase
1 Settee
1 Easy Chair
6 Strong Wooden Chairs (not bamboo)
1 Dari
Office.

1 Desk for each Missionary  
4 Chairs (wooden, not bamboo)  
Munj Matting or Dari  
Almirah for supplies (1 for each missionary if in separate work)

Bed-room.

1 Newar bed for each occupant  
1 Hanging almirah  
1 Chest of drawers or dresser  
2 Small writing tables  
1 Teapoy  
2 Chairs  
1 Commode for each occupant  
1 Mirror

Dining Room

1 Dining Table  
1 Dish Almirah  
1 Sideboard  
6 Chairs  
1 Small serving table  
1 Teapoy  
1 Verandah table for dishwashing  
1 Doolie  
1 Dari  
1 Almirah for supplies if there is no wall almirah  
1 Kitchen table  
2 Extra newar beds for guests.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Nov., 24th, 1927.

The books of the Conference have all been audited with the exception of one of the hill accounts which was not sent.

The auditors recommend that hereafter the hill books be audited by someone in the hills, that person to be appointed by the chairman of the Auditing Committee. This will conserve the expense and energy of carrying account books to Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE HONNELL  
RUTH WARRINGTON  
FLORENCE SALZER  
ANNA BLACKSTOCK.
Report of "The Friend" Committee

This work has been carried on as usual this year. Miss Warne has been keeping up the splendid high tone and in order to increase the subscription list and to show the worth of this Magazine the committee has planned to get out the Christmas number in an English Edition. We plan to send these to the various District Superintendents for distribution to English-speaking friends.

In case this English Edition fills a need in our schools, etc., we may be able to print regularly each quarter at about 12 annas per year. One of the committee who has been in this work for years feels it a real opening for us to make "The Woman's Friend" a much greater contribution and blessing for Christ's coming kingdom.

Mrs. Weak,
Mrs. Hanson,
Grace M. Butler,
May W. Branch.

Report W. F. M. S. Rest Home, Almora

The house and grounds are all in good repair. A new large water-tank was placed at the Spring last July,—half the cost paid by the Epworth Committee.

A number of our missionaries enjoyed the comfort and rest of this home last summer and we hoped more and more of our ladies will come for rest.

Lucy W. Sullivan.

Auxiliaries

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There has been an increase of Rs. 29-12-3 in our collections this year but the most encouraging feature is that various stations report a decided increase in interest. We hope the good work will go on and that very soon there will not be one station or school or circuit centre without its woman's auxiliary.

Last year it was recommended that the new auxiliary committee take up the matter of affiliation and organization.

As you remember for several years there has been some confusion regarding our affiliation and last year the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Mrs. Mansell, Miss Peters and Mrs. Jones to look into the matter. The findings of this committee were that Article I of the constitution for auxiliaries as printed in the General Manual of the Woman's Missionary Society of 1912 still holds and that our Missionary Societies are auxiliary to our Woman's Missionary Conference.

The committee recommends the following changes in the constitution.

That article 2 read as follows:

"The object of this association shall be to aid the Woman's Conference in interesting the Christian women and girls of India in the establishing and
spreading of Christ's Kingdom in this and other lands."

**Article 8.**—Each auxiliary may appropriate its own funds, these funds together with a report of the work of the auxiliary are to be handed to the chairman of the Conference auxiliary, before or during the Annual Meeting of the Conference.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Rule 5.

That the constitution with By-Laws and Rules should be printed from year to year in the Annual Report.

M. K. Core,
F. P. Mansell.

**Language School Report for 1927**

The Landour Language School for the first time in its history gave diplomas to those who finished the course for the first year and passed the examinations at the close of the term in September.

Of the number who received these certificates seven were from our own Mission. Four of these passed in the first Division, one with distinction, and three in the second Division.

There were about one hundred enrolled in the Language School and of this number twenty belonged to our Mission and lived as usual at Childers' Lodge.

Nine were in attendance for both terms, from April to September, completing the first year's studies.

There were twelve in the second year for May and June only. We feel that a step in the direction of progress was made when the Conferences decided to substitute the Language School examination for that of the Joint Examining Board, for the first year, but as yet the School does not undertake the examination of the second year.

At the annual meeting of the Managing Committee in August a number of resolutions were passed which if carried out, will add greatly to the efficiency of the School. Several members of the Joint Examining Board were present and took part in the discussions.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That a special invitation to become co-operating missions be sent to the American Mennonite, the United Church of Canada and the Disciples Missions.
2. That the certificates of the L. L. S. be based equally on the daily and examination work.

3. That only those whose attendance at the L. L. S. classes is satisfactory, can take the L. L. S. examinations.

4. That the principle of having union Winter Schools be heartily approved but that for the time being, Mission be urged to have their individual classes and schools.

5. That Home Boards be urged to have their new missionaries reach India so that they may begin language study no later than the first week in November.

6. That the services of the Rev. R. D. Cornuelle be requested from the North India mission for first term Principal, and Rev. J. B. Cummings from the United Presbyterian Mission for the second term. That the M. E. Mission be asked for the services of the Rev. H. C. Scholberg for the Hindi department and Mrs. S. W. Clemes for first term Urdu.

In order to carry out the recommendation for a Winter Class, after consultation with Bishop Robinson, it has been decided to hold a Winter Class at Meerut beginning the first week in January and continuing until the end of March.

All new missionaries of the Hindu-Urdu area will be welcome, irrespective of Conference lines. We are all one in this.

We are to have the vacant mission bungalow and the management will be on the lines used at Childers Lodge.

It was thought advisable to permit a little time after arrival and a short time before going to the School at Landour for the new missionaries to see a little of the work at their respective stations and become somewhat acquainted with their future home and work; as the new missionaries are expected early in December and the L. L. School does not begin until late in April, this plan can be easily carried out.

It is hoped that this Winter Class may meet a long-felt need, for it is difficult to complete the L. L. School course within the four months which comprise the two terms at Landour. Most of our folks do accomplish it, but it is at too great a cost physically. I think that those who have done the work will agree that this is the case.

A. E. Lawson
The Schools Committee of North India Conference met on Tuesday, November 22.

Miss Landrum was requested to give a report of the Board of Education meeting.

It was moved and carried that we revive the old ruling that a teacher on sick-leave be given one month's pay for each year of service she has completed in the Methodist Mission, up to the amount of three months' pay.

It was moved and carried that we reprint and follow the old rule that full board be paid during Christmas holidays and for two weeks in the summer by the teachers living in the house.

It was moved and carried that in case of sick-leave, for one week and less, full board be paid by teachers living in the house; in case of sick-leave for more than one week and less than one month, half board for the time absent be paid. Beyond the first month, nothing is to be paid unless the teacher remains a resident.

The Schools Committee met for its second session on November 25th for discussion of the proposed Conference Board of Control for girls' boarding-schools, with regard to its personnel and powers. It was moved and carried that the plan as corrected be accepted and presented to the Women's Conference.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to work on the budgeting of accounts and the duties of managers of schools, head mistresses, and those in charge of hostels.

The Schools Committee met for its third session on November 25th.

It was moved that we recommend to the Field Reference Committee that some special scholarships of $50 each per year be given to the Pauri Girls' School for the education of their girls beyond the Lower Middle Classes.

The following members were nominated as the women members of the Conference Board of Control for Girls' Schools: Misses Davis, Waugh, Honneil, Landrum, and Warrington.

The following were nominated as members of the committee to study the plans for budgeting in schools: Mrs. Thoburn, Miss Honnell, and Miss Warrington.
Evangelistic Committee

The evangelistic committee held two meetings during the conference session for prayers and consultation. Miss Hardie was elected chairman for the coming year and Miss Emery registrar. During the absence of Miss Hardie, Mrs. West was chosen to act as temporary chairman.

The whole question of day schools was thoroughly discussed, and the attention of all women in charge of W. F. M. S. district money was again called to the ruling of the Conference that no Bible woman is entitled to a salary from the W. F. M. S. over and above the four rupees allowed her as her share of the joint family salary unless she holds such a day school for the Christian children of the village in which she lives, providing that there are enough children for such a school. The rules as to what constitutes a day school, and the revised curriculum for the same were thoroughly discussed, and the registrar was asked to see that the new curriculum along with the revised rules was printed in the Conference minutes.

The registrar was asked to correspond with the Methodist Publishing House asking them to keep in stock a full supply of the books used in the Bible Readers course, and to reprint those now out of print. This was done and we are now informed that all books except Sat Mat Nirupan and Mamuksh Brittant are now available at the press. The latter has promised to take up the matter of reprinting these two books, and we hope to have them ready before District Conference time next year.

Phoebe Emery
Registrar.

General Rules of Evangelistic Work.

1. We urge that every missionary in charge of Evangelistic work feel the responsibility of more diligently presenting the needs of the home base in frequent letters on the subject.
2. We recommend that at least a total of one month be spent among the villages during every missionary's first three years in India.
3. Some system of teaching should be used by Bible-readers in their work, and the story-telling method more largely used. Mr. Annett’s book, and
Miss Gabrielson's Bible Stories are very profitable along with the "24 Bible Stories" by Mr. and Mrs. Ingram. The closest co-operation with the District Superintendents is urged in order that the teaching may be uniform throughout the District. The Zaruri-Talim should be taught everywhere.

4. No Christmas presents shall be given to the Bible Readers from the appropriations.

5. With the view of giving help and supervision to the women in their study work we emphasize the desirability of Bible women attending two quarterly conferences during the year as well as the District Conferences.

6. We recommend that at least one free copy of the Rafiq-i-Niswan be furnished to each circuit, and that the preachers and Bible-readers be urged to secure subscriptions to the same.

7. The work among Christians shall be constantly held up before the Bible-readers as of the first and greatest importance, and wherever it is at possible day schools for Christians should be organized with the Bible-readers as teachers.

8. Any Bible women able to read and write, living in a village where there are six Christian children must have a Day School if she is to be considered as doing full work.

9. Because of the urgency of the need that our Bible-women shall have some knowledge of Hindi, it is recommended that heads of schools shall be encouraged to have Hindi taught in the fourth standard three times weekly instead of drawing, which is an optional subject. In introducing Hindi we have been informally assured by the chief inspectress of schools of the sympathetic attitude that Government will take in the matter.

10. Realizing the need of observing a reverent attitude in prayer we urge that an effort be made to teach the habit of kneeling in prayer in all our public services.

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Scale of Bible-Reader's Salary.

1. Women who are not the wives of mission workers, who are giving full time and doing satisfactory work under direct missionary supervision:—

1. Those who could qualify as Junior Teachers in schools.
a. Salary shall be Rs. 2 less than that given to Junior Teachers.
b. Increase of Re. 1 shall be given after one year with passing Bible-readers examinations and satisfactory service.
c. Those who have finished the Bible-readers course may at the discretion of the Missionary-in-charge be given a yearly increase of Re. 1 per mensen up to the maximum except the limit of increase shall always be Rs. 2 less than for the Junior teachers.

2. Those below the grade of Junior Teachers.
   Salary Rs. 6 to 12 according the qualifications and examinations.

II. Wives of Mission workers.
   1. Women actively engaged in the work.
      Rs. 5 if no examinations have been passed.
      First Year Passed Rs. 6.
      Second Year Passed Rs. 7
      Third Year Passed Rs. 8.
      Fourth Year Passed Rs. 9.
      First Year Local Preacher’s Passed Rs. 10.
      Standing will be accepted only according to certificates shown.
   2. Any woman not doing active work shall receive only Rs. 4 whatever her qualifications.

Course of Study for Bible-Readers.

(Conforming to that of the North-west India Conference.)

1. Dharam Tula with Hindi dictation.
2. Muqaddas Kitab, Parts I and II.
4. Arithmetic, Addition. (Instead of Arithmetic for girls who have passed the third standard in school, four selected Bhajans and Zaruri Ta’lim are to be committed to memory).

SECOND YEAR.

1. General Epistles, with Notes, by Mrs. Wilson.
2. Ratan Mala—Hindi dictation.
3. Temperance Catechism.
5. Arithmetic, Subtraction.
THIRD YEAR.
2. Seven Pauline Epistles, with Notes, by Mrs. Wilson.
3. Duncan’s Christian Stewardship.

FOURTH YEAR.
1. *Sat Mat Nirupan,* with Hindi dictation.
2. Romans.

Elementary Course for Evangelistic Teachers.

FIRST YEAR.
First Book in Urdu, Hindi or Roman.
Copy Urdu or Hindi Alphabet.
Counting to one hundred.
Memory work: The Apostles’ Creed; Ten Commandments; Zaruri Ta’lim.
The Lord’s Prayer and two *Bhajans:* “Yisu Masih mera pran bachiya,” and “Man bhajo Masih ko chit se.”

SECOND YEAR.
Second Book in Urdu, Hindi or Roman.
Addition of Numbers up to fifty.
Writing words of one syllable from dictation.
First five Chapters of Mark.
Mudge’s Catechism.
Memory work: Three *Bhajans:* “Kyun man bhula hai,” “Yisu’ paiyan lagun,” and “Main to Yisu’ ko man men rakhiun.”

THIRD YEAR.
Addition and subtraction of numbers up to fifty.
Repeating four *Bhajans* and Zaruri Ta’lim. The *Bhajans* selected are (1) “Chet karo sab papi logo,” (2) “Suraj nikla hua sawera,” (3) “Jai Prabhu Yisu’ Jai Adhiraja,” (4) “Masiha tu Qudrat ab apni dikha de.”

FOURTH YEAR.
Gospels of Matthew and John, with dictation.
*Balakon ka Sudhrao.*
Three *Bhajans:* “Yisu’ ki musibat jis dam tum-hen sunaun.” “Raja Yisu’ aya,” “Karo meri sahai Masiha ji.”
Revised Course of Study for Village Schools.

I. What constitutes a school?

Five pupils, men, women, or children learning to read.
A regular place of meeting.
Regular examinations by the one in charge.
School shall meet at least three times a week, and preferably five
A record of enrolment and examinations should be kept by the examiner.

II. Course of Study.

Class A.

1. Complete A book or its equivalent.
2. Copying of words from book.
3. Counting and writing numbers to 50 (not in succession.)
4. Answer all questions in Zaruri Talim.
5. Story of the birth of Christ.
6. Twelve verses Bachchon Ke Liye.

Class B.

2. Dictation from book.
3. Counting and writing numbers up to 1,000. (Writing not to be in succession.)
5. Twelve verses for inquirers.

Class I.

2. Dictation from book.
3. Addition and subtraction to 100; multiplication table to $5 \times 10$.
4. First Corinthians, 13 chapter.
5. Twelve verses for Christians.

Class II.

1. Complete book II.
2. Dictation from book.
3. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division tables up to $1 \times 16$.
4. Temperance Catechism.
5. Three Bible stories.
Prodigal Son.
Good Samaritan.
Raising of Lazarus.


A reward of two annas may be given to the child and four annas to the teacher for passing each class.

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Rules Relating to Bible-Readers’ Examinations.

1. A committee on each District shall be appointed by the lady in charge of the work to examine Bible-readers at District Conference.

2. The first and second year’s examinations may be oral or written as the examiner shall decide. The third and fourth year must be read in the character, but the Examination may be written in Roman if the candidate so desires. All third and fourth year examinations must be written.

3. The lady-in-charge may be allowed to substitute books in Urdu in second, third and fourth years for women in the Bareilly Women’s Training School who come from provinces where Hindi is not used.

4. For passing fifty per cent is required.

5. The lady-in-charge shall keep on hand a supply of books used in the examinations, those books to be paid for by the Bible-readers at the following rates; Books four annas or under, full price; all books over four annas half price.

6. The lady-in-charge shall issue all certificates.

7. The lady-in-charge shall send to the registrar each year names of Bible-readers who have passed the four years’ examinations stating her husband’s name and her former name if she is married.

8. Those who have passed the four years’ examinations are recommended to take the examinations for Local Preacher’s licence.

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Temperance Report.

Organizations. In the bounds of the N. I. Conference there are four regular Indian unions of the W. C. T. U., at Bareilly, Dwarahat, Naini Tal and Moradabad and one English one in Moradabad. At Bareilly the union has regular meetings, using charts and temperance literature, with a membership of forty members, now augmented by members from the staff of the Girls’ School and others. About
forty of the school girls attend regularly. The Rev. J. Devadasan, an honorary member, has been placed on the Excise Licensing Board. Visits to the Hospital with flowers have been made by a small band from the Woman's School. Simple talks on temperance have been made in the Junior Church. The Union in Moradabad has forty-eight members and has a representative on the local Excise Licensing Board. In Dwarahat, the W. C. T. U. has thirty-one members with a helpful programme each month. In Naini Tal the Union has had several union and mothers' meetings and arranged for an address in the Hindustani Church by Miss Helen Maya Dass, an Organizer for the National W. C. T. U. They have about twenty members who pay dues.

There are at least four organizations combining W. C. T. U. work with that of the Missionary Auxiliary, as in Almora, Bijnor, Chandausi, Pauri (Chopra.) In Almora, a temperance meeting is held once a quarter and one anna per member is paid to the Divisional W. C. T. U., thus affiliating it with that organization and making it possible to have a member on the local Excise Licensing Board. In Chandausi, two out of the five missionary meetings have been devoted to temperance. In Bijnor, the Women's Society has regular temperance and mothers' meetings, in which they use "Ten Point" "The Women's Gazette" and the "Khazina-i-Jawahir," which are proving helpful in teaching in the zananas. They paid Rs. 5 for W. C. T. U. work.

In Pithoragarh, Christian Temperance effort is carried on through a general temperance society in the town. In Budaun, one temperance programme was given by the Missionary Auxiliary and much appreciated.

Work in Schools.

Scientific temperance instruction is given in greater or less degree in connection with the teaching of Hygiene in the following Girls' Schools, Almora, Bijnor, Bareilly Budaun, Dwarahat, Lal Bagh, Lucknow, Pauri, Sitapur, Pithoragarh, and also in the Boys' Primary Schools in Lodhipur, Moradabad, and Sitapur. In Moradabad they are furnished with a mannikin as well as other helps. In both the Sitapur Schools, temperance stories give supplementary reading and many of the children have bought copies of Harudasi to take home with
them. In Pauri, the scientific instruction in the Boys’ School which is thoroughly furnished with helps is still carried on. In Dwarahat, some temperance books have been read by the girls. In Bareilly the girls gave a temperance drama and Mrs. Sheets, Natl. and Divil. Supdt. of Young Peoples’ work, gave them two addresses. In Bijnor the girls gave a temperance drama at District Conference. In Almora six girls won prizes for essays on “Cruelty to Animals,” offered through the Temperance News, and another girl has written essay for another contest. Temperance literature is available for the girls. In Naini Tal, Miss Helen Maya Dass addressed Wellesley Girls’ School and the Government Normal School on the subject of temperance, and the three Mission Schools for girls were furnished with Col. McGaw’s “First Laws of Health,” which contains a strong paragraph on the evil effects of drink, also with some temperance and health plays. In Budaun temperance literature has been supplied to the teachers and a paper on the teaching of hygiene with reference to the effects of drink and narcotics was in preparation for the teachers’ meeting by the nurse. In Sitapur, a nurse had taught to the third grade pupils the pledge, given by Miss Fernstrom, and every day they pledge themselves to drink only water. Doubtless the effects of Miss Fernstrom’s teaching at the nurses’ training class will be seen in many schools. In the Lal Bagh School, Lucknow, the regulations of the Girl Guides exert a constant influence toward temperance. In Pauri (Gadoli) the temperance work of the Girls’ School is carried on through their Epworth League. In the Lodhipur Boys’ School, though their temperance society is inactive, the masters are much interested in the teaching of temperance in their school work. Much literature has been supplied them. In Shahjahanpur, as a result of the special temperance meeting at District Conference, a temperance society was organized in the City High School of our Mission. “The Temperance News and White Ribbon” is in the reading rooms of the Lal Bagh and Almora Schools. In the Woman’s School at Bareilly and the Woman’s Training School at Budaun, the temperance catechism is a regular part of the course. Dr. Herring, the Dufferin doctor at Bareilly has given the Woman’s School valuable lessons on “first aid” and “child welfare.” In the Budaun Woman’s school booklets on flies have been
procured. As W. C. T. U. Supdt. of Child Welfare, Mrs. Hyde has furnished all the district conferences and girls' schools with copies of health plays.

Public Meetings.

In Almora at District Conference time, a large temperance meeting was held in the town, attended by all classes of the community. In Dwarahat one was held, well attended by the school boys and many Hindus, and resulted in the securing of 50 of pledges against the use of tobacco. In Loha Ghat, the Christians held a public meeting against alcoholic drinks, as there is a drink shop there, while in Champawhat a public meeting was on the subject of the use of tobacco. In Pauri, the Church has had one public meeting and the men have held five temperance meetings in the bazar.

District and Zenana Work.

In Bijnor and throughout the district, the workers are active in teaching temperance and the thought of possible prohibition is arousing great interest. They use temperance literature in preparation for their teaching. In the Bareilly district, temperance is emphasized, and a temperance competition took place among the seventeen circuits. At District Conference a program was given by the women addressed by Mrs. Chitambar in which the songs and recitations related to temperance. Rev. J. W. Pickett gave a most inspiring address on temperance, which was also emphasized by the Epworth League program. In Budaun, the city Bible readers have been giving one whole lesson in 150 houses on Christ cleansing the Temple, making it a very special temperance lesson. At the Budaun District Conference, a rousing address on the need of prohibition in India and temperance emphasis in the Epworth league program were followed by the distribution of many leaflets to school boys and district workers. Booklets on flies were given to the women circuit workers. In Pauri at District Conference, Mr. Williams gave a most interesting address, illustrated by charts, on the evil effects of alcohol, and Rev. H. Weak gave a magic lantern talk on flies. The Pauri Epworth league has taught temperance at four meetings. The subject is also taught in the Sunday School.
Temperance Sunday was observed in Bijnor and Bijnor district with collections amounting to Rs. 5-12 for W. C. T. U. work. Temperance Sunday was also observed in Bareilly, Dwarahat and in the Indian Church, Naini Tal.

The report of efforts for temperance in this conference would not be complete without mentioning the work done in connection with the W. C. T. U., in these provinces by Mrs. Branch, as Supdt. of Evangelism, especially in Landour and Moradabad, by Mrs. Hyde, as Supdt. of Child Welfare and mothers in Council, and by Mrs. Sheets as Supdt. of Work for Young People. At the Moradabad District Conference, at one of the Women's meetings temperance instruction was given and temperance literature was also distributed.

Many of our conference members are so burdened with work that they are unable to form or even join a local organisation, but they can help temperance work in the following ways:—by joining the W. T. C. U. as a "Scattered Members," paying their dues and working privately in their own stations by stimulating others along the lines of work suggested by this report. (Supdt. Miss L. Ford, Mahoba, U. P.), and by taking the Temperance News for the use of their pupils or workers (Meth. Pub. House, Lucknow. Price Rs. 2.)

Your committee believes that the work for total abstinence is vital to the welfare of our Christian church and that, without a temperate church, we cannot draw Christward the non-Christians beyond them.

Committee: F. P. Mansell, R. H. C. Thoburn, M. W. Branch, N. M. Rockey, M. W. Gill.

Medical Work.

Medical work is an open door through which we may touch the hearts of the suffering people for Jesus Christ; through this service they see and understand something of Christian love. For this rea-
son, it ranks alongside of evangelistic work as an evangelizing agency in non-Christian lands. May we never lose sight of the fact that its main purpose is only as an opening, and that the Gospel message is the great message that must go through the door.

Miss Hayes writes that medical work was gone right along through the months of tour, as it is done in the Phulbari dispensary. The total number treated during the year has been as follows: Dispensary out-patients, 1,744; old patients, 3,232.

Hospital in-patients, 4. Patients nursed in their homes, 15.

Midwifery cases, 3. Minor operations, 12.
Money received in hospital mite box, Rs. 2.8.0.

Medical Work, Almora.

J. I. Peters, Superintendent.


Miss Nisar Ali gives the annual report of the Helping Hands Hospital from November 1st, 1926 to October 31st, 1927.

The hospital opens for three and a half hours in the morning and for one hour in the evening. The daily average of patients is about 25. The patients come from the girls' and boys' schools, mission compound, the servants, Hindus and Mohammedans from the city, and from the villages. We also get patients from Kathgodam, Ranikhet and Mukhtesar. Eye diseases are common among the village people and they prefer to come to the mission hospital where they receive personal care and sympathy.

During afternoons and in the evenings the doctor often goes out to see patients in the city. Friendly visits are paid to keep in touch with the women. Free visits are paid to all Christians and poor of other castes. Sometimes night calls also come and the patients are attended punctually for which no double fees are charged.

The hospital building is nice and open. There is comfortable furniture for the use of the patients. There is apparatus and instruments for all kinds of general work. All supplies of medicines and other necessary materials are immediately supplied by the superintendent, who helps the doctor by her advice and experience and takes an interest in the patients,
From the statistics you will find fewer indoor patients and confinement cases but comparing with the past and because of the orthodox inhabitants and this being a healthy station there has been fewer cases the last few years.

General child-welfare lectures, clinics, and lantern lectures are given in the city and in the mission compound to interest people and to prevent disease, while hygiene, physiology and first aid lectures are sometimes delivered for the school girls. There is great need for the medical mission work in the town as this is the only female hospital where serious female cases can be admitted, and the poor can find shelter when ill; and they seem to have more confidence in us than in some other places. A poor lame Mohammedan who had to undergo a caesarean operation came to our hospital. The doctor in charge of the Sanatorium was on furlough and of course one doctor could not manage it, so we decided to send her to the civil hospital, but the woman refused to go. The reason was that she had heard of two deaths there because of this same operation and our hospital had had two successful similar operations the year before. A few hours delay would have caused her death and we had to try and save her life. We sent for the two men doctors, and borrowed a few instruments and soon got ready to perform the operation. It got dark before we could begin and so friends had to hold lamps for us. The patient was very poor and food, clothes and everything had to be supplied from the mission hospital. By the help of God the woman and the baby went away well and happy.

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Medical Report of Eastern Kumaon District

Mark 1: 41 "And Jesus moved with compassion put forth His hand and touched him, and saith unto him, I will be thou clean."

How many times this year when some blind fumbling hand has clutched my dress and a voice pleads to have eyes opened; or when some one has asked for relief for a body full of running sores or a crippled child has smiled up into my face with confidence, I have heard these words ringing in my ears. And I have longed to see someone with the spirit and power of Jesus of Nazareth walk through these villages of this mountain fastness and hear the words "I will; be thou clean."

For those to whom figures mean much I am giving the following.

Some 4,500 people have been treated or received medicine. One baby has been sent to the Warne Baby Fold and one was placed in a home in Almora. Two children died of cholera; one boy has been sent to the boys’ school here, and four children are still in the care of this hospital.

We are thankful for all the kindness and help to the hospital by friends at home, but send us a doctor please.

B. Mc Cartney.

The Board of Religious Education.

In order to facilitate the work of the Board it was decided to subdivide into committees to investigate what is being done and to formulate plans and policies for the future. The following committees or sub-groups were appointed:

For Village work.—C. D. Rockey, Miss Emery, R. S. Wilkinson.

For High Schools.—Misses J. I. Peters, Landrum, Stallard.

For Middle and Primary Schools.—Miss Calkins, Oram, Honnell, Bates.

For Sudder Churches, including, S.S., Epworth League and Junior Church:—Misses Beach and Ashbrook, B. E. Roberts; Mrs. Sheets was co-opted.

Miss Calkins reported for primary and middle schools that no two schools seem to be doing the same
things, but all seem, in a general way to be aiming at the Charterhouse Course. It was suggested that all procure the syllabus and follow it so that there may be uniformity. Miss Calkins was asked to visit as many of the schools as possible to see what is being done in each class and to help in organizing this course in the various schools.

Miss Peters reported the following suggestions that the course include the following:—a course in ideals, the life of Christ, the Teachings of Christ, How we got our Bible, history of missions in India, biographies, Clayton books (7 and 8), mission study each year through biographies (Africa, Aggery; China, Pastor Hsi; Islands, John G. Patson; Japan, Kagawa.)

Miss Beach reported on the matter of the Junior Church and it was requested that she be asked to work out ideas and plans for a worship programme for Junior Church, and report at the next Conference session.

C. D. Rockey reported for village work and schools that the book of 52 lessons on the Life of Christ, just published in Urdu be made the basis of the teaching, and that a system of examinations and checking up be used to make the teaching effective.

A committee on the possibility of working out plans for an Epworth League Institute was appointed as follows:—Miss Honnell, Miss Stallard, Miss Violet Phillips, H. A. Hanson, B. R. L. Chopra.

It was recommended that in connection with the next session of Annual Conference, for a day or two preceding it, a Conference on Religious education be held to which shall be invited managers of schools, head masters, head mistresses, managers of hostels and pastors of Sudder churches.

It was recommended that all managers and head masters take up in their staff meetings the study of training in teaching of ideals.

It was urged that all seminaries and training schools and refresher courses be asked to include in their courses a study of preaching to children. District Conferences were also asked to take up this subject.

It was requested that in making plans for the Sat Tal institute for teachers arrangements be made for the programme to contain special subjects on religious education.
Committee on Woman's Work

In considering the matter of Conference Membership at this time we should if possible outline a plan that will work under present conditions, when the great part of the work is under missionary management and which will work without reorganization as the work is more and more taken over by those who are members of the Church in India but not of the W. F. M. S.: that is it should be so related to the Church in India that the withdrawal of the individual missionary and her replacement by a member of the Indian Church will not make necessary a new arrangement of finances or management. For this it seems to us we will need four things:

1. An organization of the Woman's Conference that will make it possible for missionaries and members of the Indian Church to work side by side with equal privileges and responsibilities.

2. A plan whereby young women may be engaged as Headmistresses or Managers of schools and hostels, for a specified term of service on contract.

3. A plan of budgetting for our work, of audits and financial reports more complete than we have at present.

4. A statement of duties, responsibilities and privileges of Headmistresses, Managers of Hostels and Managers of Institutions, also of salaries to be paid, and qualifications required.

If we are to engage young women in educational work, the conditions under which they are to work need to be stated. And I am sure this is just as true of the evangelistic work though the need may not be as urgent there at this time.

With reference to: (1) 'Membership in Conference' this was fully discussed in the joint session last year and in its final form is probably satisfactory to most members of this Conference. Do you wish it to go in this form to General Conference for approval or are there further changes which you wish to suggest? The new feature introduced last year was a second class of non-missionary members who do not enter for life service but whose membership in Conference continues only as long as they are engaged in the work of the Church. They are not subject to
transfer but are engaged by the Manager of the institution in which they work so are not appointed by the Bishop.

On one point there still seems to be a question. Some think that membership in the Methodist Church should not be required of those becoming Conference members while others are just as sure that this should be one of the conditions of membership. It was also suggested as a compromise that those entering for life service should be required to be members of the Methodist Church but that those who contract for a term of service only need not be required to do so. I would like to know the opinion of the Conference on this point.

With reference to (2) a plan for engaging Headmistresses and Managers of Schools, we need something comparable to the Men’s Educational Service Council, though not on the same basis. I have here a plan for a “Conference Board of Control for Girls” which was worked out by a committee some years ago and which seems to me might be what we need. At least I think it is worth our consideration.

With reference to (3) “Budgets and Report,” when I have talked to young Indian women about taking positions of responsibility in our school they have sometimes felt themselves unprepared to take financial responsibility because they did not know our method of keeping accounts, etc. Also as auditor I have found folks having difficulty with accounts much more than should be necessary. Just this last year four of our conference school have been in difficulty and two have lost part of their grant on account of their method of keeping accounts. I have not yet worked out a plan but I feel sure we should have a plan of budgets, reports and audits that would be more helpful than our present plan.

That “a statement of duties, requirements and salaries to be paid” is needed seems to me self-evident. Now when a young woman asks about the possibility of entering Mission service I do not know what to say for the conditions of Mission service are still so undefined. For this reason it is difficult to present the appeal to those who might be interested or to answer those who are already interested and seeking information.

For the help of those who are just entering into the work and in the interests of more efficient management of our institutions, we would like to re-
commend to the Bishop that in every institution he consider the appointment of a Manager of the Institution, a Headmistress of the school and one in charge of the hostel. Where there is only one in the institution, as there too often is, the duties of all three would have to be combined. If there are two one would be the Manager of the institution, upon whom the financial responsibility would rest, and also Headmistress or in charge of the hostel. Then one first entering the work would not need to carry the financial responsibility until she had had time to become acquainted with the work. We say this because we realise from experience what a help it is to have the work divided and responsibility shared.

G. C. Davis,
The Committee on Women's Work.

Conference Boards of Control for Girls' Boarding Schools

Resolved, That we recommend the formation of Conference Boards of Control for Girls Boarding Schools, the Powers and Composition of the Board of Control to be as follows:

1. Powers of the Board of Control

1. To formulate general plans and policies for the Girls Schools of the Conference.

2. To recommend the Board of Education, the opening of new schools or departments and the closing of schools or departments of schools.

3. To recommend the salary scale for Managers and Teachers of Girls' Schools who are not missionaries, subject to the approval of the Field Reference Committee of the Woman's Conference.

4. To appoint Managers of Girls' Boarding Schools, or recommend for appointment, when the appointee is subject to appointment by the Bishop, all appointments to be subject to the approval of the Bishop.

a. In case of missionaries who are subject to annual appointment the appointment could be for one year only.

b. Women who are not missionaries might be appointed on a contract of one two or
three years, on conditions to be determined by the Board, and approved by the Bishop and by the Field Reference Committee of the Woman's Conference.

II. Composition of the Board of Control.

1. The Bishop of the Conference.
2. The Educational Secretary of the Area.
3. Five women to be nominated by the Schools Committee and elected by the Woman's Conference.
4. Two Men to be elected by the Annual Conference.

(A plan of election should be worked out so that only two or three members should be elected each year and these should hold office for three years. In this way at any meeting there would be two-thirds of the members who have been on the committee for one year or more and so were more or less in touch with the problems of the schools.)

The Woman's Conference.

I. Membership—The Woman's Conference shall be composed of the following members:

1. The wife of the Resident Bishop.
2. Missionaries of the W. F. M. S., including Contract Teachers and local missionaries.
3. Wives of the missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, and other missionaries working under the Board.
4. Indigenous women workers, evangelistic, educational or medical, including wives of Indian members of Annual Conference, who,—
   (a) Are full members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
   (b) Have completed a high school course or its equivalent in a recognized school and had two years higher educational or technical training.
   (c) Have had two years of experience of work in the Methodist Episcopal Church.
   (d) Have been recommended by the Field Reference Committee of the Woman's Conference, the District Superintendent of the district in which she has worked, and the resident Bishop, and has been elected by a majority vote of the Woman's Conference, present and voting.
5. Those women appointed in charge of work by the Bishop who have been recommended by the Field Reference Committee and elected by the conference.

II. Appointment—Members of the Woman's Conference shall be appointed as follows:

1. Missionaries receive their appointment from the Bishop not as members of Conference, but in accordance with the rules of the society under which they work.

2. Those members included under (4) who have submitted Application Form A receive appointment by the Bishop.

3. Those members included under (4) who have submitted Application Form B receive their appointment from the person or committee in charge of the work in which they are engaged.

III. Application for Membership: Applicants for membership under (4) shall present their applications, Form A or Form B with the required certificates and recommendations to the Corresponding Secretary of the Field Reference Committee of the Woman's Conference, through the one in charge of the work in which they are engaged. These applications shall be presented by the Secretary to the Field Reference Committee, the Bishop and the Woman's Conference.

IV. Duration of Membership: Membership in the Woman's Conference shall continue as long as a member continues in the active work of the Church. Whenever official relations are severed with the Mission work or with the work of the Church, membership in the Woman's Conference shall automatically cease. However, in case a member wishes to take leave for a year or more for the purpose of further study or for health reasons, the name may remain on the roll for the time but she be excused from attendance at Conference or work on committees.

Form A.

1. Full name.
2. Residence.
3. Place and date of birth.
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?
5. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a regular attendant on its services, and are you fully in accord with its doctrines as set forth in Part I, Division A, of the Discipline?
6. Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures?

7. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ and how has this desire been manifested in the past?

8. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon yourself definite Christian work? How much have you already done?

9. How long have you entertained this conviction?

10. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work? Are you willing to go anywhere in Southern Asia?

11. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church? How long have you been a member of this Church?

12. Have you any views that would prevent your cordial co-operation with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church?

13. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which might grieve your fellow-workers and lessen your influence with the Indian Christians?

14. Are you a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and from opium, cocaine, and other narcotics?

15. What is the condition of your health?

It will be necessary to present with the application a medical certificate from a fully qualified doctor, recommended by the Field Reference Committee of your Conference.

16. Outline the character and extent of your education. Name the institutions in which you were educated, the course or courses pursued and dates of graduation.

17. What languages have you studied and with what facility do you acquire them?

18. Have you a knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental?

19. Have you had business training and in what lines?

20. Provide testimonials relative to your success in teaching, or evangelistic or medical work, and in the management of financial matters.

21. Have you been married? If so, is your husband living?

22. Are you engaged to be married?

23. Are you liable for debt?

24. Is any one dependent on you for support?
25. This application must be accompanied by the names of at least six people for reference, these to include the Bishop in whose area you are working or residing, the District Superintendent in whose district you reside, and the lady missionary with whom you have most recently worked, or who has known you the longest—all these to be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Form B.

1. Full name.
2. Residence.
3. Place and date of birth.
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord? Answer this question somewhat in detail.
5. Are you a full member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are you a regular attendant upon its services? And are you, fully in accord with its doctrines as set forth in Part I, Division A of the Discipline?
6. Have you completed the course in a recognized High School and have you had two years' additional training? Please outline the character and extent of your education. Name the institutions in which you were educated and the course or courses pursued, and dates of graduation.
7. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church? How long have you been a member of the Church?
8. What experience have you had? Please state in detail whether your work has been in the mission or elsewhere.
9. Are you a total abstAINER from all forms of alcoholic beverages, opium, cocaine, tobacco in all its forms, and other narcotics.
10. This application must be accompanied by written testimonials from at least four people, these to include the lady missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church with whom you have most recently worked.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Blackstone Missionary Institute.

Wednesday, October 27, 1927. 9 A.M.

The following resolutions were passed to be presented to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.
1. That the English Department of the Bible Training School be a two years course for High School graduates; students who are not High School "pass" must take a third year for completing the course.

2. That an entrance examination including conversational and written English be required of those who have not passed the High School examination.

3. That the Principal with the authority of the Board of Trustees, send out a circular letter calling attention to the need of trained teachers for the teaching of the Bible in the Boarding Schools and asking that each Principal of Boarding Schools send one of her best teachers to Muttra for training so that she may return to her school as a supervisor of religious education.

4. That we appoint a committee to outline a new Course of Study for the Higher and the Lower Vernacular Courses with the understanding that the Higher Vernacular be closed to all girls below Middle Pass and will also be adapted as a course to girls who are eighth pass.

5. That a committee of five be appointed, one of whom shall be the Secretary of Religious Education, from which the Educational Secretary shall select two to assist him in the inspection of the school. This system of inspection is understood to be a substitute for the system of examiners.

6. Due to the increase in the number of conferences, the number of members of the Board of Governors be limited to one member from each of the organized Conferences.

The amendment was passed fixing the membership of the Executive Committee as the Principal of the Institution, and the members of the Board representing the Lucknow, Indus River, Central Provinces, North India, and the North West India Conferences.

The following Amendment concerning the time of meeting was passed. That the regular meeting of the Board of Governors be held every two years.

The following trustees were nominated as members of the Board to their respective conferences.

Central Provinces .. Miss Ruggles.
Lucknow .. Mrs. Wilson.
Indus River .. Miss Christenson.
North India .. Mrs. Stanley Jones.
South India .. Miss Ericson.
Burma .. Miss Stockwell.
Hyderabad .. Miss Naylor.
Bombay .. Miss Dove.
Bengal .. Miss Eddy.
Gujarat .. Miss Bailey.
North West India .. Miss Lawson.

It was requested that greetings and a report of the institution be sent to Mr. Blackstone.

The motion was passed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Crow's sons and daughters who built the present hostel quarters for the English Training Department in memory of their mother.

Moved and carried that in the Vernacular Department the scholarship to be returned to the Training School be Rs. 2 (two) per month for two years.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bishop Robinson.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium.

The Mary Wilson Sanatorium admitted its first patients, two girls from the Ajmer Girls' School, on June 18, 1906. At the end of ten years there had been 500 admissions, and up to this time, March 22, 1927, 1,312. Of 340 deaths occurring in the Sanatorium during the time of its existence over 9/16 occurred within three months of the patients' arrival.

The institution had at its beginning one building for the patients, and one for the staff. These were of stone. By 1917 one other building—a home for the Medical assistant, and a Church to replace the old mud one had been erected. In addition to these nine grass huts had been made to accommodate the patients of whom there were over one hundred. The first building was housing one third more patients than originally planned, and the string cots in the huts were placed side by side so that the patients had to climb in them over the foot of the bed. Since 1917 a 30,000 building project has been completed and in addition a plant erected which supplies the "San" with electricity, and also grinds the meal and flour, and pumps the water for the use of the institution.

Last year we cared for 145 tuberculous cases in the Sanatorium—a total care of 27,836 days during the year, an average of nearly 77 per day. The average length of stay for each patient was nearly 100 days.
Our missionary staff at present consists of Miss Murray, our Business Superintendent, Miss Matthew in charge of Vocational therapy, Miss Fernstrom, health educational work, and Dr. Kipp, physician in charge.

We have a Sanatorium school, conforming to the Government curriculum and teaching classes up through the middle. The past four years we have sent up patients for the government examination, and have had no untoward results physically and with encouraging results as to passes—one of our candidates winning a scholarship. Our patients do not put in more than four hours of school each day. This includes the study hour. Our teaching staff is made up of patients and ex-patients.

We are able this year for the first time to give some definite help regarding the diet in our schools. Miss Matthew has checked up for Mr. Hill the diets of all the schools where he has visited.

Occupational therapy has received special attention for the first time this year under Miss Matthew’s direction. Quite a number of our patients who are not suitable for school work are able thereby to earn their pocket money and in some cases part if not all of their clothing. The financial side of this line of work is only a minor detail but the raising the morale of the individual and the sanatorium as a whole looms large in our thinking.

Miss Fernstrom at the end of her first year in India began Health Educational work in the Hindustani speaking area of our Sanatorium. Language will limit her labours largely to that area but it will not prevent, we hope, the spilling over of some of its blessings into the Bengali, Hindi, and Gujerati areas who send patients to us.

Miss Fernstrom spent 10 weeks this winter in various school—boys' and girls'. Since then she has been using the Ajmer Girls' School and the "San" school as laboratories for health projects, besides carrying several hours daily with a munshi in language study and in the preparation of health work.

During the year the superintending physician was able to examine the children of quite a number of schools. With the help of Dr. Riste we gave practically four months of help to Clara Swain Hospital in the absence of a missionary physician.

The going on furlough of Dr. Riste will make such activities impossible; and the going of Miss
Bürger, R. N., lays the burden of the superintending of the nurses and of the nursing upon the one remaining medical missionary, making the giving of anything like efficient medical service impossible.

We desire that each Conference represented on the Board of Directors present at home the urgent need of at least sending a nurse to carry that department of the work.

C. I. Kipp, M.D.


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Clara Swain Hospital Report.

"He abideth faithful." 2 Tim. 2:13. Oh, how I praise God for his never-failing faithfulness during the year just closing, and for all the ways in which he has led and planned for his work and for his children, in this place. There has been much of joy and some of sadness, much of pleasure and some of heart-ache, during the days, but—God!
One of the good things the year has brought us has been the two American doctors who have helped us out in this time of need. Dr. Riste left her work in Tilauni for six weeks last winter in order to serve in this emergency. Then, a few weeks after she left us, Dr. Vrooman came to us, and is still with us. Her life and work among us and for us has been of untold blessing to many scores of people, and how the patients do love her: Her sympathy and love for them mean much in their treatment, and speed the cures. Many little new lives had their first experiences in the world within our walls, and some have left this world for another from this place, but the majority of our patients are those who have new life and hope given to them before they leave us.

Statistics are expected in annual reports, but it is hard to get an idea of what they really stand for, when they appear so abstract. Nearly 20,000 have streamed in and out of the dispensary this past year; that is about seventy a day for an average for each day that the dispensary is open to them, but many days have seen over a hundred come and go. Two hundred seventy-eight in-patients are recorded, some of them being cared for up to two and three months each, others as short a time as a week. Nearly a hundred out-calls have been made, besides almost daily visits to the Baby Fold. Over three hundred minor operations and twenty-four major operations have been performed.

In May we had a very lovely graduating service, when six nurses were graduated. Dr. West was chairman of the programme, and Bishop Badley gave the graduating address, while Bishop Robinson presented the diplomas. The six graduates are all making good, according to reports that are coming in.

The hospital was closed during June, when all took vacations at once, thus giving a full staff for the other eleven months of the year. During July, August and September, we had no regular assistant doctor, as Miss Butler did not return after vacation and we were very fortunate in being able to get Miss Townsend, of Bareilly City, to give us three hours a day for dispensary work, and this we found to be a very satisfactory and pleasant arrangement, for a short period, though it meant she was not available for night work. But we were all glad to welcome Dr. Angelina Lall, the first of October, when she came to us from Aligarh. She is a most beauti-
ful Christian woman, and a sympathetic and skilful doctor. We are expecting a great year together. Miss Theresa Lorenz came to the hospital on her return from Language School, and is a most enthusiastic and thorough worker in every line. With her years of experience in supervising nurses in America, we expect the work of the training school to go forward to great advance—especially as there are now two to share in the many and varied duties of such an institution as this. Last November we added a trained graduate Compounder to the staff, and feel that this is a very great improvement. So, at present, at least, we feel well-staffed.

Miss Lawson was with us here for three months last winter, and supervised a good deal of the repairing that needed to be done. Much was accomplished, and we think back with grateful hearts, on the help she gave us in that work. Much more remained to be done even when she left, and is being done by degrees, but much still remains undone.

The Nurses’ Institute, which was held here last month, was a most wonderful success. The fifteen nurses and teachers who registered entered into the programme with all kinds of enthusiasm, and the enthusiasm lasted for eleven hours a day for two weeks. They were interested and keenly alive every minute, and went away from here bubbling over with ideas and desires to carry them out in their own schools. Eleven of the nurses were graduates of this hospital, and they, with one who came up from the city that night, organized an Alumnae Association of the Clara Swain Hospital—perhaps the first of its kind in India. They elected officers, and set their dues at Rs. 3 per year, with the idea of doing something with the money for their Alma Mater. Such as a separate building for the night nurse to sleep in during the day, away from the noise of the hostel. The girls who have gone out from here are alive, they are doing what we expected of them, and they will do more as we give them more to do with. As I see the work of this institution, the greatest responsibility lies in our work with the pupil nurses. What do we want them to be when they go out from us? Then what must we give them while they are with us? The technical training is not the most important thing in their preparation but the things which are eternal. May God who is faithful, guide us and teach us how we must walk before them this year.
Claro Swain Hospital.

In the spirit of the thought of being co-workers with God and our fellow-Christians, the question is presented: Is the Clara Swain Hospital worth while? The statistical items indicate the scope of the work as work,—establishment, income, expenditure, output,—a particular business. We know it to be the King’s business, and ourselves the King’s trustees. But every business must conserve the proprietor’s end. That proprietor and those ends must be satisfied or the trustees are counted delinquent. Does the Clara Swain Hospital satisfy our King, the King of Kings, the Triune God? His ends are always the extension of the Gospel. Have His will and His wishes been thus met?

The trustees have their Commission in Jesus’ words to His Father: “As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world,” and in His words to us: “Go....preach—teach....baptise.” He came doing good, healing the sick, preaching the Kingdom. Has the Hospital done this too? Yes, good has been done, the sick have been healed, the Kingdom has been preached. Has all been even as Jesus was in the world? No, God forgive us, no. There has not always been His great, unfailing love, His mercy, His truthful dealing with sin and the sinner, His ready and perfect revealing of the Father’s justice and the way to forgiveness and restoration and usefulness—not the resurrection power bringing victory unto the uttermost. Why not? All the treasuries of His grace were available, but we confess with shame and sorrow that we have not drawn upon them adequately for ourselves or for those put into our care. “We” must be taken to include all the trustees—those at the Home Base as well as on the Field. All of us must seek the Mercy Seat. Why? Simply that all are co-workers. If there has been crippling lack of doctors, of superintending nurses, of instruments and other equipment, as there has been, the Home Base trustees are failing in prayer, in taking God’s word, in obediently calling for labourers, responding as labourers, sustaining labourers.

What will they do about instances such as these? One pair of slight shoulders bearing the oversight of 25 nurses, many hours daily in correspondence, and accounts, operating room sterilization of dressings,
preparation for and assistance at operations and midwifery cases, some of the lectures of the Nursing Course, contracts and oversight of repairs, care of the compound, directing the making of nurses' clothing, and food, meeting visitors, tradesmen and dealing with a hundred and one problems without definite assurance of expenses or assistance and with language study besides. One permanent doctor and assistant on the staff. Enough? No. And what when there has been no permanent doctor for nearly two years? And when there have been changes of assistant? A hospital ever closed for vacation? Yes, staff and funds being insufficient. Charges ever made at a mission hospital? Yes, in the fight for existence and progress and the upholding of self-respect and self-support. Nurses in the training classes all from among girls below American Grammar School eighth grade? The idea: How that affects the problems of training and after-employment!

Who come to the hospital? Patients with trivial troubles, patients with terrible troubles, patients rich, poor, Mohammedan, Hindu, Christian, patients truthful or deceitful, old or young, yes, so young! Their first cries give good news that a son is born!— Or a daughter! It is a happy fact that many an infant girl has had a loving welcome here, in a land where it might not always have been so. The proverbial mother-in-law and the ideal, the sad and the contented husbands and wives, the healed and the hopeless, life and death—all pass before us, light and shadow intermingling. Who is sufficient for these things? Whether for a broken heart, wisdom must come from above, and resources be from the Great Provider. The diseases are those common to all mankind, with certain variations for India. And so, also, the hearts and minds, with the limitations and potentialities of India.

Wherein lies our hope of radiating Christ-service? It centers in the Nursing corps. Through it the hospital duplicates and re-duplicates "fellow-workers with God." Every factor is to be weighed that may help or hurt these precious lives in spiritual inspiration or training, in secular teaching or in physical care. They are the asset by which Christ's light is to shine out from this hospital to dear, dark India. They should be true womanly women. Modern styles of dress may lessen their ideals of modesty and Christian simplicity, and through them affect critical,
non-Christian neighbours. Thus in every least and greater thing they may be given a Christ-like example or a stone of stumbling. And the example begins in the schools and in the community which produce the nurse candidates.

It is Thanksgiving Day. How glad we are that the Triune God calls us to be fellow-workers and permits us to train more fellow-workers and is enabling the Home Base to send helpers and other assistance to the Clara Swain Hospital. We are glad to feel the Hospital is worth while!

SARAH VROOMAN, M. D.

School Nurses Institute.

The first Nurses Institute of India was held in Bareilly at the Clara Swain Hospital from October 10 to 24. There were thirteen different schools represented, as follows:

- Nurse from Lal Bagh, Lucknow,
- " Muttra, Lahore, Bareilly, Muzaffarpur, Cawnpore, Sitapur, Arrah and Ajmere.
- Nurse and teacher from Gonda and Meerut,
- Nurse from the boys' schools in Ajmere and a teacher from the boys school in Sitapur, giving a total of 15 nurses and teachers.

The programme for the day started at 7:40 with silent prayer in the assembly hall. The nurses came quietly into the room and knelt for twenty minutes of silent prayer. The main theme for all of our devotions was "Would that I might hear the voice of God and that I might remember that all that I do should be done as unto him and not as unto men." Rev. Sheets gave a most helpful message to the girls one morning along the same line of thought.

Lectures were given from 8-9; 10-12 and 3-5 P. M. every day. Time was given for rest during the middle of the day but few took advantage of the time in that way for there was usually some more interesting bit to be jotted down in their note books to be taken back for use later.

During the first three days of the Institute Dr. Kipp of Tilaunia was present and made complete physical examinations of all who had registered. All defects were noted and then the nurses were told what they should do to have them corrected. Treat-
ments and medications were given each morning by the nurse in charge of the institute to all who were in need of care. Every effort was made to help the "Teacher of Health" to be a real example of health.

Dr. Kipp gave lectures on the signs, symptoms and prevention of the disease, Tuberculosis. Great emphasis was laid upon the need for preventive work in our schools by Missionary, Teacher and Nurse and that all should recognize the first signs and symptoms of illness in the child under their care and instruction, and provide early treatment in order to save the child from more serious ills.

Miss Matthews of Tilaunia gave full discussions on the ten weeks outline on foods and cooking which she had prepared for the fifth class. Much interest was shown in all of the class work and demonstrations. It was most interesting to see the "Old Spelling Match" game being used to see who could name the greatest number of foods rich in Vitamins, fats, carbohydrates etc. Most helpful material was given on diet for the sick.

Miss Wood of Muttra was tireless in her efforts in teaching Health songs. "This is the way we Wash our Hands," took on new meaning when in song and play it was demonstrated how the habit of cleanliness might be so easily established in the child if we appeal to his "Play" instincts. If the child plays at this game of Heath long enough in story, song and drama the first thing we know he will get to "liking to be clean" and once that is established we need not worry about his Health habits longer.

The nurses prepared and gave a Health play for the first Saturday night which was very fine; or as the nurse says in writing up the Institute, the people liked it very much.

Miss Salzer of Lucknow gave most interesting lectures on drills and games and how to teach them. Each evening from 5 to 6 there was ample demonstration that the girls believed what Miss Salzer had said about the value of play. Many nights the "Khana" bell rang all too soon.

Miss Lorenz of Bareilly gave demonstrations on how to apply bandages and how to teach the fifth class bandaging. Many proved most apt students.

Miss Calkins gave most inspiring talks on how to teach Hygiene to little children. She brought interesting reports of the actual application of Hygiene
teaching from the children in her school, of proper dusting of the school room, dressing of wounds and caring for the sick all under the direction of teachers and Missionary.

Dr. Foreman did not lack for material for demonstration of eye conditions Malaria and Intestinal parasites. Children were brought from the Baby Fold and Girls' school in order that the girls might see the actual conditions as the doctor talked, which proved most beneficial to the Nurses.

Miss Stallard presented an outline for the fifth class Hygiene covering the most common diseases and home care of the sick and the little baby. A complete "Baby's Outfit" for use in the teaching was given to each of the nurses. You may be interested to know that each set of five pieces were purchased for less than 13 annas.

Miss Fernstrom presented the material for the third class Hygiene which has been based on the Modern Health Crusade for India. Each month the children study a health rule by story, song and instruction from the teacher. Devices are used and the various titles of Page, Squire, Knight etc., are given to the children upon the completion of thirty weeks of work in the school and good reports from the teacher to the effect that they have actually carried out eleven Health Chores each day for the appointed time, thirty weeks being required for the obtaining of each title.

All of the nurses were made Pages in a special ceremony the last day of the Institute. One of the nurses in writing of it says, "Just as of old the Squires and Knights went forth to fight for honour and right so we have become members of the Army of Health for India to fight against disease and for the Health of India. We do hope that we may grow strong and healthy and be worthy of the Army of Health. We are hoping for the day to come when there shall be no need for Doctors or Nurses in Hindustan."

Perhaps it is a distant dream but we do feel that our nurses and teachers who were present have caught a greater vision of their place, responsibility and opportunity in the Army of Health.

Reports have come in from many missionaries since the close of the Institute and from almost every one we hear, "I don't believe I ever knew my nurse to be so enthusiastic ever her work before."
That is just what we want always and we believe the Institute has a real piece of work to do in bringing it about. Our hope is that we may have a bigger and better Institute next year.

The expenses of the Institute were practically all carried by the nurses fees. Due in part at least to the fact that some of our speakers were so good as to pay their own railroad fares. A thing which we did not approve of but we were most thankful to them.

We do not know of any place where we could have been more royally welcomed, feasted and made happy all of the time than we were at Bareilly. Misses Stallard and Lorenz and the entire missionary family were most wonderfully kind to us, speakers, staff, nurses and teachers for which we are most grateful.

We are looking forward to an early Institute next year. We want all Nurses and Teachers of Hygiene to join us!

H. J. FERNSTROM.

Woman's Training School, Budaun.

MRS. MARY K. CORE, MISSIONARY.

We have had an enrollment of eighteen women this year and have had the usual busy year, with plenty of sickness among the women and children. We have had measles and mumps and influenza and whooping cough as epidemics, to say nothing of the usual sore eyes, boils, malaria and kindred diseases which are always to be found in institutions like this. Nurse Premi and Mrs. Newton, our medical attendant, have been most efficient and helpful and we say it gratefully that with one or two exceptions among very tiny children all recovered and are now well and flourishing.

In spite of all this sickness the women have attended school most regularly and have done good work. I often wonder how they manage and whether I would do as well under similar circumstances.

Our course includes the first three years of the Bible Reader's course of study besides a regular graded Training Course. This course consists of reading, writing, and arithmetic for those who have come in not knowing anything. In addition to this, we teach Ingram's 24 Bible Lessons, Life of Christ,
Life of Paul, and Pilgrim's Progress. A good deal of attention is paid to story-telling and playing on the dholak (drum) and singing, as well as to making of their own and their children's garments, and knitting stockings and jackets. Every woman who goes out this year with the exception of one has passed all that the Training School has to offer her, including the Third Year Course for Bible Readers.

Our three teachers are much interested in their teaching and in the women. They work hard and pray much for the spiritual up-lift of these young women who are with us such a short time before they go to live and work in their isolated villages.

Our Training School hostel is swarming with babies their year. The nursery with its sand pile, toys and swings is a noisy center during school hours. Our little so-called kindergarten is half school and half nursery, for it consists of twenty-one little tots between three and five. They manage to learn some and play a good deal. Just now they are all learning to knit through spools. At our District Conference fair they made a contribution of fifty gaily colored ribbons which they had knit themselves.

The training of these young men and women for our village work presents many perplexing problems especially in the case of the women. To them it must be an intensive training, for in many cases it is all the chance they will ever have for an education. What can we give them that will help them most? Some need one thing, and some another but all need a distinctly spiritual experience, a vision of Christ that will go with them wherever they go and be with them in whatever they do. We pray that not one man or woman may leave our Budaun Training School without this vision.

Girls' Vocational School, Aligarh,

Our school has been full this year to what we consider the best number for most effective work, that is 96. These come to us from fifteen different schools. They are divided into twelve families of eight girls each. In the family groups they carry on most of the housekeeping activities of an Indian home. Recently each room has had a cupboard built into the wall and the monitresses display proper housewifely pride in keeping clean papers on the shelves and the dishes and supplies in order. Last
winter we started a point system by which each day the rooms are marked as to whether they are in order; the meals cooked properly and eaten with the whole family sitting together; and most important of all, as to whether there is "co-operation" among the members of the family. For each day that these points are all secured a star is given. By accumulating sufficient numbers of stars they win for their rooms such things as a mirror, a picture, or a Bible with a shelf to put it on. Friday afternoons each girl mends her clothes and then the monitress shows them at inspection time.

We have organized a chapter of the Epworth League within our school this year. A senior teacher who has had the Bible Training in Muttra is President and other teachers hold the various offices. The girls are in this way being trained carefully in taking part in such meetings and later in the year they themselves will become officers. We feel this to be an active agent in building up the strong Christian character which is the true aim of education.

We are also endeavoring to teach independence and self respect through having the girls work and earn the money for their own Sunday clothes, boxes, and small necessities. The work is chiefly that of cutting the grass that grows in such abundance over our large place during the rains. At first it was hard for some of the older ones to bring themselves to digging grass but now there are very few who hold back.

Recently among their letters I came across this sentence, "I am not ashamed to do any work that there is to do." We encourage them to save up their money for the things they need, so each girl has her own little tin bank. These are kept in a cupboard in the room where the school shop is located and on Saturday mornings as the girls are paid they may buy at the shop and put in or take out money from their banks as needed. They are making less lace than formerly because we feel that this other work gives an opportunity to a greater number. When a strip of land in the boarding was plowed and offered for individual gardens it was at once laid claim to with enthusiasm. Many of the girls who were already working the larger family gardens as regular class work also have their little private plots.

Last year at the time of the report our new Community Dispensary was just starting. Now we wonder how we ever got along without it. In the
year 10,331 treatments have been given to over five
hundred patients. It is proving very popular with
the people of the surrounding villages as well as
taking care of the health of the workers and school
boys and girls. At examination time the physical
condition of the girls showed a marked improvement.
In general the health has been good but last spring
there were two cases of typhoid. And in the summer
one of the Boys Industrial School boys had typhoid
and was under our care. After weeks of anxiety he
too was restored to health. The first of October Dr.
Lall left us to go to the hospital in Bareilly so now
Dr. N. Cousins is carrying on the work.

J. BALL.

Bareilly Woman's School report for 1927

By God's help the past year has been a very
happy and successful one for us all.

At the close of the last School year 5 women
were graduated, each one of them having completed
their Course of studies. Now and again we hear
from them and thank God for the work they are now
doing.

The present total enrolment is 18. Each year
we are getting better grade of women whom we can
teach more. Of these 18 women 7 are taking special
subjects in the Men's department. The subjects
taken by them are Old and New Testaments and
Method of Story-telling.

Although our number is small. We have to con­
duct 3 classes; 4 of Dihati Course and 4 of Bible Read­
ers' Course. Our Staff consists of 3 teachers and 1
Assistant.

Mrs. Sheets has been in charge of the Kindergar­
ten department and has also taught Methods
Class for sometime. Her help is greatly appreciated.

A Reading Room has been set up for the use of
the women. Good helpful Hindi and Urdu literature
is provided by the Seminary for the use of our wo­
men who take great interest in reading these books
and papers. Almost every woman gets a free period
each day and this extra time is gladly devoted to
this kind of outside reading.

The following activities are in progress:-

1. Weekly class meetings are regularly held and
are a source of great blessing to many.
2. Mothers’ meetings too are regularly held. Talks have been given on the lives of the mothers of great men, such as John Wesley, Abraham Lincoln, etc.

3. The Weekly Sewing class which provides a very necessary part of their training.

4. Missionary and Temperance meetings are conducted monthly.

5. The Stri Sewa Samiti, or the Woman’s Social Service League is doing fine work not only amongst themselves but outside their own small circle whenever they can help in time of need.

6. Weekly Cottage meetings are also held in different homes of the students by turns in which the staff also joins.

7. Sundays are always full of joyful service for the Master. The School is divided into two groups—one, divided into three or four bands going out, each under the leadership of a teacher to Mohallas in the city and Government Female Hospital to hold meetings, and the other staying at home and taking care of the babies of those who thus go out.

8. The women are taught to keep their homes clean and tidy. Surprise visits are paid to their homes each month by the School Staff, annual Prizes being given to those who come out first.

During the Revival month a small party of women went to Sahiswan to work with Miss Emery for one week. The women were greatly benefitted by that kind of work, and learnt many practical lessons.

On the whole, the health of the women and children has been good and there has been no special case of illness. Our Mission doctor and her associates deserve credit for the same, and their help is greatly appreciated.

Although our enrolment is small yet there is hardly any fall in the number of the children in our Nursery department. It is marvellous how the Da’s give constant untiring attention to the individual babies for full 4 hours daily although each one of them has a group of 6 or even 7 children to care for.

There are 18 children in the Kindergarten class. We have been able to get a good trained teacher for this department, and she takes interest in her work.

The spirit in the Woman’s School both among the Staff and the students is very good and every thing is undertaken and attempted with interest and willingness to the glory of God and to the good of others.

ZOE N. DEVADASAN
Report of the Lal Bagh Girls' School, 1927

The year has brought as usual a number of changes in staff. Miss Lawrence went on furlough in April and Miss Hutchens returned from America in June, one Indian teacher resigned and two have returned after leave for study so the sum total of changes gives us one more member on the staff which now numbers twenty in all. Of the Indian staff, one has the M.A. degree, two the B.A. and eleven are trained so we have this year the best qualified staff we have had.

In July of this year we reopened the IX class as the first step in transferring the High School classes from the college back to the school. The X class will be opened in July next. The IX class opened with an enrolment of twenty-one and there are thirty-five enrolled in the VIII class which gives promise of large High School classes in the future. To help in the expense of the added class the Government has given an additional grant of Rs. 152 a month.

The total enrolment since July of this year has been 312, of whom half are boarders. The numbers by departments may be of interest, there are 31 in the Kindergarten, 159 in the Primary and Middle classes, and 122 in the High School—that is in classes VII, VIII and IX, or all classes above the Girls' Middle Examination.

With the increase in classes and numbers all teachers rooms are occupied, dormitories are comfortably filled and the study hall has been more than full. We are now having the old dining room remodelled for a study hall and will later use the present study hall for a dormitory, for which it was originally built. The cost of remodelling the study hall was estimated at Rs. 2,219; the Government has given a grant for half of the amount and the balance is paid by a special gift in the 1926 appropriations. With this and the added dormitory thus made available we will be ready for the new class that comes in next July. Other repairs carried out during the year have included repair of plaster and cement work and colour-washing of all the downstairs verandahs or the kothi. This I think had not been done for the last fifteen years so none would say that it was done before there was need. The roof over the school hall has been covered with Everseal, the
high wall around the back of the hostel compound has been reteeped with cement and there has been a long list of petty repairs. There is still a long list of things to be done but we feel we are gaining ground on the repair problem.

One of our most urgent needs in the school this year, due to the added class was the need for scholarships and it looked as if we would have to refuse a number of those coming in from the Middle Schools in order to carry on the IX class. However when I presented the matter to the Field Reference Committees of the two Conferences they saved the situation. The North India Conference gave Rs. 1,000—from balances and the Lucknow Conference Rs. 500—thus making possible the admission of fifteen more girls to the seventh class than otherwise would have been able to come. For 1928 we will need this much and more. We have made an appeal for new scholarships next year but if no current work increases are given I fear we will again be faced with the necessity of refusing new girls for lack of scholarships.

Health conditions in the school have been unusually good. Since July this has been particularly true. Ordinarily I think we have more illness among the girls than we should have and I wonder at times how much of it is due to poor living conditions in childhood. True it is that the effect of such often become apparent at High School age. We plan for nourishing food, long hours of sleep and supervised play, that ought to build up health and strength, and I have been pleased this year at the improved health record.

Since July our girls have been working on a series of athletic tests such as has been carried out in the schools of the North-West India Conference in the last three years. As our girls are older than the Middle School girls for whom those tests were prepared we have added team games and walking tests to the list. A number of the girls have taken the five mile walking test, made it in good time and come back without feeling over-tired. None have yet tried the six mile walk which is the longest on the list. In this as in many things we plan to do the chief difficulty is lack of time to plan and supervise work and play.

Only because of the helpful co-operation of the teaching staff are we able to do as much as we do of
things outside the routine of the school day, things which have more influence on life and character than school work. Two teachers are Captains of the Guide Companies, three meet with the girls once a week in morning vespers, six teach in the Sunday School, one has charge of the dining room, another has charge of the upper class girls in the hostel, study and games are in charge of the teachers who take them in turn; so throughout the school by teaching and example the influence of the teachers is helping to establish the ideals which we strive to attain.

Life in a girls' boarding school is of necessity lived mostly within our hostel walls and we often regret the fact that the girls do not develop more of a sense of responsibility because they are so much of the time under direction. Yet we find our girls teaching in the city Sunday School and the Primary Department of the regular Sunday School, serving as proctors in dormitories, dining room, clothes room and class rooms, and in charge of the hostel library and reading room, one girl had charge of morning prayers in the little dormitory and another of their rest hour. Sometimes they fail but there is growth in character day by day though you can judge more clearly if you look back a year or two. We were one day checking grades and a teacher remarked concerning one girl, "I have had her in class three years and she has made steady improvement in those years." Another said, "You will find the same steady improvement in character and behaviour in school and hostel," and one after another the teachers gave the same statement concerning her record. Many have more of ups and downs but few there are who are always down.

It is easy to say 'This many classes I have taught to-day' but to measure the influence of ones work with High School girls is not so easy yet when I look at our group of teachers and realise that less than ten years ago they were girls in school, most of them in our own school, and hear them at times speak of the things that have helped them in their school life. I get an idea of the value not of one year but of the sum total of the years in school, and realise that not only are what we teach and what we do important, but that what we are counts most of all. Then we realise our own need of help in daily living.
Isabella Thoburn College

As each returning date for submitting reports to the Annual Conferences comes along, the danger of making a merely formal statistical report grows. It has been my wish that in submitting these reports it might be possible to bring to the conferences interested in Isabella Thoburn College an account not only of the attendance, the passes and such routine matters, but something which would show what the College has done and is doing. For that reason I am submitting in this year's report a few statistics which were worked out in the latter part of the year 1926-27, so the figures do not include the College enrollment of this present year.

The first college candidates were presented for examination in 1885. The figures for the graduates since that time, considering only the B.A., Intermediate and Training classes, are as follows: 371 young women have passed in one or more of these three departments. After leaving College 47.4 per cent became teachers, 21.5 per cent married, 13.2 per cent have pursued graduate study in India, 7.8 per cent have gone abroad for study, 6.2 per cent have selected the medical career, and 4.3 per cent are Government inspectresses. In the 36 years from 1885 to 1921 there were 59 B.A. graduates; in the 5 years from 1922-1926 there were 41. That is to say, 41 per cent of the College graduates over a period of 41 years have gone out in the last five years. This shows how rapidly the higher classes of the College have grown in recent years.

Another interesting study in College history has been the development of the attendance and graduation of non-Christian students. The first non-Christian graduate went out in 1905, 20 years after the first Christian graduate. Within the next decade there were 20; 5 years more added 17; while the last 3 years have sent out 31. In 1916 there were 6 non-Christians in the student body; 5 years later there were 9, and in another 5 years, i.e. last year, there were 32. Statistics are always more or less tiresome and it is not the purpose of this report to burden your minds with columns and paragraphs of figures. These which have been quoted are given with the purpose of showing that within the last decade there has been a sudden expansion of the higher departments of the college and a rapid increase in the attendance of non-Christians.
In this varied community which makes up our College group we have been able to keep free of the communal strife and jealousy which is so prevalent in the world outside. Friendships are not always formed within the community of the student, nor is there any jealousy between Hindu and Mohammedan, Christian and non-Christian, Indian and Anglo-Indian. These things belong to the tradition of the College and it is hard to say exactly how they have grown up, but certain it is they must tend toward that time when we "shall all be one."

One of the strong features of this year's work has been the definite teaching programme on the ideals of the College. It is not easy to confine one's self to a limited list of ideals and it took some time and research to determine upon a list sufficiently brief to be easily remembered and sufficiently inclusive not to leave out very important things. This, however, was finally worked out and much time in the first term was devoted to emphasizing these ideals, getting them definitely before the students and doing this in such a way that they would become common topics of hostel conversation and be woven into the daily life. The religious teaching of the first term was done in connection with these topics and we feel that it has been so very helpful and so much worth-while that it will probably become a permanent scheme in our religious instruction.

The results of examinations in April 1927 were not as good as we have sometimes had, although, if that remark is made within hearing of certain members of the staff and student body I am always reminded that the High School had 100 per cent success. The Intermediate passed 75 per cent of those presented and the University 60 per cent, with two more entitled to take only the compartmental. The Training class which for two years has had complete success suffered a slight reverse this year, passing 8 out of 10, while the graduate training department has come to its present age without a single failure.

The enrollment for this year gives some interesting topics for study. For the first time since the College moved to its present quarters we did not admit any High School students, since, according to the plans made last year, Lal Bagh has opened its High School Department, and we are only carrying on those who were already in our classes. Admissions therefore, were made only for the Intermediate, Uni-
versity and Training Departments. The heavy enrollment in the Intermediate Science has continued until we are now greatly embarrassed for lack of room. When the laboratories were opened it was supposed that sufficient room had been provided for both the Intermediate and the B. Sc. classes in case it should be necessary for them to be working at the same time. Already the Biology laboratory is unable to accommodate the Intermediate students. All admissions in the 1st Intermediate this year numbered 41, while the 2nd year has 30 students. The first year University admitted 13, while the second year will present 10 students for examination in the Spring. The Training Class was also exceedingly popular during the summer when applications were being made and because it was possible to admit only 10 students an almost equal number had to be refused. The new ruling of Government requiring that no teacher shall be employed in aided schools without a government certificate has brought a very heavy demand upon the Training Department. The total number on rolls at date of this report is 131.

In the matter of staff we have been both fortunate and unfortunate. Miss Hunt, of the Bengal Conference, came to us in January and has proved invaluable on the staff. Miss Wallace, of Central Provinces Conference, went on furlough at the end of the year, and, although India was searched from shore to shore and from mountains to cape, no woman was found who could take her place. It was, therefore, necessary to employ a man teacher for the Chemistry this year. Miss Justin, who has so ably managed the Domestic Science Department, also left us in April. To our great regret this Department must be discontinued when we lose the High School classes, as the subject is not recognized for Intermediate or University study. Miss Oldroyd returned to us in August after an absence of 10 years from the College. Miss Isabella Thoburn, 2nd, arrived in October and will take her place in the Graduate Training Department. Miss Venkata Krishna Rao's place has been filled temporarily by one of our own graduates. Miss L. Ghosh, who suffered family bereavement in the early days of the session did not feel able to return for sometime, so Miss Venkata Ratnam has been engaged for the year in Miss Ghosh's place.

Mark Guy Pearse, the noted preacher and writer, a number of years ago used to give a lecture on "The
Pretty Little Ways of Providence." Certainly he never had any better experiences on which to base such a discourse than have been ours during this year. Teachers have been found just in the nick of time, when there seemed absolutely no hope. Mrs. Thoburn, our Treasurer, was unfortunately very ill during the summer and was unable to return for her work until the end of the first term. We faced the problem of opening College without a Treasurer and it seemed a situation impossible to handle. However, a temporary English teacher had been employed and she desired to bring with her a friend who wanted to make the acquaintance of the College and she was given permission to do so. The friend proved to be an experienced book-keeper and accountant and a woman of wonderfully fine spirit who walked into the Treasurer's Office, took over the whole work of the office, and carried it on with the utmost efficiency and satisfaction. We cannot be grateful enough that God brought these two women, Miss Sage and Miss Moore, to India at a time when Isabella Thoburn College needed them so greatly.

Another development of great interest at this time is the farm. As those will know who have visited Chand Bagh, the buildings occupy less than half of the Compound. The larger half of it had not been brought under cultivation or care since the buildings were put up and it was causing great distress because of the wild grass and jungle which grew up. When the Board of Governors met last January it was suggested that an overseer for the place be employed, if such a person could be found. While there was at the time no serious thought that it should be done immediately, the condition of the Compound was such that the kaska grass had to be dug out to save the place from ruin. This seemed a logical time to put in the mango grove which we had considered and just at this time also, we found a man who could undertake the oversight of such work, and he was employed to supervise the coolie work during the summer, get the grass dug out, and plant the mango grove. However, one thing always leads to another and when we realized that the mango trees would have to be cultivated and the ground kept free of weeds and grass, the only sensible thing seemed to be to plant some crops on the land and try for an income as well as an out-go. This has been done and the place has been of great interest to the Government.
Agricultural experts and other Government officers who make frequent visits to the place to see how the experiment proceeds.

No provisions were made this year for special meetings for students during Dasehra, but every possible opportunity was given them to attend the meetings in the city. Several went in for the day so as to take advantage of mid-day meetings as well as morning and evening services; others who could not do that, went for the public services of morning and evening. On the whole we consider the plan a success, although it was rather unfortunate that the terminal examinations followed the next week and proved a distraction which we regretted. It is hoped that a similar plan may be made for next year, but with more consideration as to what precedes and follows. However, the students found much enrichment for their spiritual lives and to many of them new experiences have opened up new knowledge of God and have made Him real in their daily lives in a way which they had not before known to be possible.

Through this report, the staff and students of Isabella Thoburn College send greetings to the Conferences. One and all, we hold for ourselves and for our College, the ideals which we cherish as expressive of the highest Christian student life, and through which we hope to commend our life and service to the world—the ideals of Health, Honesty, Dependability, Scholarliness, Broad-mindedness, Courtesy, Poise, Spirituality, Loyalty and Service.

MARY E. SHANNON,
Principal.

Resolutions.

The North India Woman's Conference rejoices in welcoming back as their presiding officer, our beloved Mrs. Robinson. We appreciate her sympathetic interest and readiness to help in all the work of the Woman's Conference.

We wish to thank the programme committee for their carefully planned programme and especially for the consideration which they gave to Religious Education, which is such an important part of our mission work. We also wish to thank all those who took part on the programme.
We rejoice that we have had the unique privilege of having Mrs. Zwemer present in our meetings and for the inspiration of the Devotional hour which she conducted.

We wish to extend to Miss Crawford and Dr. Gourlie our heartfelt sympathy that so early in their service they were compelled to lay down their work because of ill-health. We rejoice in the good news that they are steadily improving and pray that very soon they may be completely restored to health and strength and be able to work among us again. Also, we wish to extend to our sister, Mrs. Jordan, our deepest sympathy in these her days of suffering. We assure her that her brave cheerfulness in meeting this trial is a help and inspiration to all of us. She has our love and earnest prayers for the renewal of her strength.

We heartily welcome Dr. Vrooman, Miss Lorenz, Miss Root, Miss Haberman, Miss Cox, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Singh as co-workers and members of our woman's conference.

We are glad for the safe return of Miss Dunn, Miss West, Miss Honnell, Miss Kennard, Miss Hardie, Mrs. Moffat and Mrs. Titus from furlough. We extend a glad and hearty welcome to Miss Oldroyd who after ten years at home again returns to us. May God preserve their health and greatly bless their service during the coming years.

Resolved that we express our hearty thanks to our hosts and hostesses of Bareilly for their unstinted hospitality and their thoughtfulness in providing so many comforts for us during this long conference session.

Resolved that we express our deep sympathy to Professor H. L. Mukerjee in his great sorrow for her who was our loyal co-worker, so faithful to the cause of Christ and so true a representative of His spirit in home and church community.

Resolved that we bid God-speed to our members about to go on furlough—Misses Blackstock, Bates, Calkins, Mrs. Clement, Miss Sellers, Miss Loper, Miss Wright, Mrs. Rockey, and Mrs. N. L. Rockey—and assure them of our loving prayers and our gratitude for the work they have so faithfully performed.

Miss Wright

It is with joy and sadness we write these few lines. Joy to recount the victories, the efficiency,
the loving labours of our Miss Wright; sadness that she is leaving us, and doubly sad that she must leave for health reasons.

For more than thirty-two years she has been the Lord's messenger in North-West India and North India Conferences. She has been one of the outstanding educational missionaries. So much so that when one who has known her work for years was asked she said "When a school was run down and a problem to the conference it soon became one of our best if Miss Wright were put in charge."

We think of our girl's school at Budaon as a monument to Miss Wright's earnest and efficient service.

We delight to honour her to-day for the firm foundation work she has done in many of our schools.

Among these we think of Muzaffarpur, Muttra, Budaon, Shah, Hardoi, and Bijnor where many of her children and grandchildren rise up to call her blessed.

One phase of Miss Wright's work deserves special mention. Her marked ability to develop the Indian young women with whom she worked. Had all missionaries this ability they could soon be withdrawn, leaving the Indian Church and Christian institutions standing firmly on their own feet.

We glory in your work, Miss Wright, our love and prayers are with you as you return to the home land. We pray that you may be restored to health and strength and for many years enjoy the spiritual fruits of your labour in India.

May our God of love keep you and bless you abundantly is our prayer as you go from us.

To Mrs. Rockey

We the members of the North India Women's Missionary Society wish to express to you, Mrs. Rockey, our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the long years of service which you have rendered among us. Your home life, in earlier years surrounded by your children and the later years spent at the bedside of an invalid husband, have never absorbed the whole of your time and thought. You have been among us as one who served, and whether in managing a school, serving on a committee, or giving your advice and counsel in the meetings of our Woman's Conference you have never been known to shirk your task however difficult it may have been.
Your two fine children which you have bequeathed as your legacy to the Indian Church, prove, better than words of ours can convey, your success as a mother. They will carry forward the banner from where your age-worn hands have been compelled to lay it down. As if this were not sufficient you have raised up daughters and sent them back as strong and capable leaders to the home church so that today two continents rise up and call you blessed.

As you go back for the well-earned rest to the land that so graciously gave you to us you carry with you our prayers, our tears, and our blessing. To the younger members of our conference you have been as a mother in Israel; to the older ones a staunch and loyal fellow-soldier; while to hundreds of Indians, even to the third and fourth generations, you have been father and mother, sister and brother, temporal and spiritual adviser, counsellor and friend all rolled into one.

We cannot think of you as "resting" even in America. We are sure that you will make a big place for yourself in the church and hearts and homes over there even as you have done on this side of the water. Of one thing we are sure. Your home, wherever it may be, will be a Mecca to every traveller from India. Many of us in our brief flittings to America will be glad of the chance to rest a while by your fireside and warm our homesick hearts with talks of auld lang syne "The Lord bless thee and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

Resolution for Miss Sellers

Whereas,

Miss Rue Sellers, Principal of the Wellesley Girls' High School, Naini Tal, is retiring after 37 years of honourable service and is proceeding to America and

Whereas

Her widespread influence upon the English-speaking girls of India has made the Wellesley Girls' High School socially, spiritually and educationally a conspicuous success, and
Whereas

Miss Sellers has rendered valuable service in the Conference as Secretary, as champion of the provident fund and by her wise counsel in all other activities,

Therefore be it resolved

That we express our high appreciation of all her varied labours and assure her of our deep affection in this climax of her wonderful life.

In co-operation with her life-long friend, Miss Easton, carrying on so successfully the finances and building up of the endowment of Wellesley Girls' High School, evokes our highest admiration.

Her sterling character and queenly bearing united with her broad sympathies and kindly heart has created an atmosphere that has permeated the staff and the pupils of the institution for more than a third of a century. She lives in the lives of hundreds of girls who came under her molding hand, many of whom are in homes of their own continuing her influence.

That Wellesley in the estimation of the Government and the Trinity London School of Music and among the citizens of Naini Tal stands so high as an educational and moral force is largely due to her personality and labour. Miss Thoburn once remarked "I always like to have Wellesley girls come to my college as they are distinguished for character."

Thank God for giving such a life of service to India.
DISTRICT REPORTS
BAREILLY DISTRICT

Bareilly District and Evangelistic Work.

Mrs. J. N. West, Missionary.

In beginning my report I feel I cannot do better than to use an illustration that I wrote in the early part of the year. All parts of our work are most interesting to me and to choose but that which will interest our readers of this report is not easy.

Every woman knows the intricacies of housekeeping and if any are neglected the whole is marred. The man in the office knows his work is not successful if some detail is neglected. The mechanic knows that if some band, nut, screw, bearing or oiling is forgotten, danger and havoc are in the way; so on I might go. It is as true with mission work on the field; there are many intricate things to deal with. There is much office work and detail work to look after; the bearings must be kept oiled and slackness at any point means havoc in our work as well. I drove our Overland Car for nearly three years and did all the usual work on it and when we handed it over to our successor he said the engine was in splendid condition as were the bearings in the wheels. Do I not know how much care had been given to those special parts of the car and the amount of care it took to have that said in the end? When I take each part of the car and go into it for illustrating the deeply spiritual life, great lessons come to me of which I cannot take time in this report to write. However I offer just one. Look at the four delicate valves that are put into the inner tubes of the heavy outer tires. If one of those tiny springs or the bit of rubber band is faulty it can cause a complete stop to the car despite the faithful engine, for Motor cars do not make time on three wheels. Slow deflation retards speeds, blowouts cause great expense, lack of mobile oil causes burnt flanges and tappit, poor gas hinders smooth working in the Carburettor. How much depends on faithfulness in every department of our many sided work and this we are trying to be and do by the help and blessing of HIM, whose we are and whom we serve.

We have travelled many miles, visited many villages giving the message to thousands during the last year. Men and women alike have heard the message.
We have realized the interest in the message has been more than ever before; the women have been freer to come to the village meetings and we are deeply impressed with the deep and earnest desire they have to know Jesus. We are greatly crippled because of having so few workers and so little Missionary help. We also know that he understands it all and makes us more conscious of our need and his blessed presence.

We have felt the extra burden of the Pilibhit District work. I am happy to say that at the beginning of the work in the last half of the year, I have found much help in the Pastor's wife who looks after the city Bible readers in Pilibhit city and does some going out into some of the special homes that had been opened up by Mrs. Bevan; this adds greatly to the work. I am sure it has been in answer to prayer as she could have taken a fine position in Government at a salary that would double that of her and her husband.

The Bible women on the Pilibhit side of our large district are almost all helpful workers and we feel that seed sown in other years by the Evangelists and Mrs. Bevan are bearing fruit. We spent some time going into the villages there and found that our peoples had been taught much.

I can only take time to mention one case which was the direct result of visiting in the Zananas. A fine young man came to see my husband and told us that his wife had been taught in the home and that they both were longing to be Christians but family relations made it impossible. He is an earnest seeker after the truth and gives all he gets to his wife. God will not allow this work done for him to go unrewarded.

We had a most successful District Conference just closing this last week. I asked four of our strongest Indian women if they would be willing to be the officers and they kindly consented and were duly elected and it was well done and they also conducted the Examinations and did that well. We had as a subject for debate whether "Self support could be made possible in our work or not?" A friend present said "That debate as given by our district women would have been worthy of the whole conference hearing it." I felt deeply repaid for the word of encouragement. Thank God our women are learning to think things out and we have great hopes for them.
We are indebted to the New York, Cincinnati, North Western, and Pacific Branches for support of this work.


Mrs. A. Gulab.

Early this year the work of the Bareilly Circuit and City among the women was entrusted to me. I was unwilling to accept the work at first, as the church responsibilities weighed heavily on my husband and me. But I felt it was God's will, that I take the work, and I gladly did so.

I was ill all of December, but I prayed continually that God grant me a speedy recovery, and give me strength to do his work. He heard my prayers, and I have been able to work for him all year.

There are six women workers in this town who preach the Gospel in the zananas, as well in the village. We begin our work each day with prayer, and undertake our task in his strength.

1. In Bareilly proper, there are 178 'parda' homes, seven mohallas where leather workers live, and twelve Christian mohallas, where we go. Our hearers number 1,383. There are twenty-eight villages nearby inhabited by Christians, Hindus and Mohammedans. Here, too, we preach the Gospel. Our women hearers here, number 1,258. They have memorized several Bhajans (religious songs), and some Bible stories, and acknowledge that the Christian religion is the best.

2. There are four City Sunday Schools run entirely by the zanana workers. The attendance is ninety-five. The children come willingly, and seem attentive and interested. We help with the Church Sunday School also.

3. In the homes, mohallas and villages, along with the religious instruction, we give lessons on Temperance occasionally. The women realize that drink and opium-eating are evils, and are trying to discourage the use of these in their homes. Once a month the Woman's Christian Temperance Union holds a meeting, and one Sunday is set apart annually by the Church as the Temperance Sunday, when the question of Temperance is dealt with by the minister. We also have our monthly missionary meetings for women.
4. During the Revival month this year, we women workers went to Christian homes, and preached the Gospel to our people, and our effort was greatly rewarded.

5. We sold fifty Testaments and Bhajan books this year at the melas, and distributed 1,400 Tracts.

6. There has been a great deal of disturbance between the Hindus and Mohammedans of Bareilly this year, but we thank God, that during all that trouble our work went on unhindered.

We need your prayers.

Bareilly Girls’ Orphanage

Miss Grace Hennell, Miss Janette Crawford, Miss Nellie M. West, Missionaries.

Hurrah for our new dormitories! Yes, we have new ones, and if you could have seen with what joy the girls picked up their beds and walked with them across the compound and deposited them in their new rooms you, too, would have been glad. There is one long line with six rooms, and another line with only two rooms. There is an open space between the lines and some day we may have them connected by a dining room, the matron’s room, and store rooms. The girls have been very interested in decorating their rooms and in keeping them clean. The one who has the cleanest room for a month gets a picture or some other decoration for her room. Picture cards are in evidence everywhere, and paper with red tissue paper borders is in the open shelves.

There are 180 girls in the two hostels. While this is an orphanage there are only forty orphans in school now. Most of them are among the smaller children. However, four of our girls have become brides this year, and have started homes of their own. It is a big step from a boarding school, where one has always lived, into a little mud house where you may have things as you choose that is, if the husband happens to choose what the wife does. When a girl gets married she gets a number of cooking utensils, a strong wooden box to keep her clothes in, and two new dresses and underwear, besides her wedding dress. It has been great fun going shopping for the girls and helping them plan things for the future, and giving them motherly talks about the future. I have sometimes felt that they were my own and it has been difficult to see them go out
into the future. There have been many more requests for girls to get married than I have been able to grant.

There were a hundred here to care for during the vacation. Some teachers and two nurses came from other places, as they had no homes to go to. Some were girls of this school and are now out helping to train others. It was a joy to help the girls to have a happy vacation. We sewed together, worked, and played. The girls made over a hundred garments during the vacation.

All of the girls received material for Sunday dresses, and helped each other to make them. After that was done they sewed for others and received a little pocket money by so doing. Each girl who is an orphan gets two annas a month. This gives her a chance to give something in collection and to buy a few things for herself. The orphans all get boxes, with locks, during the vacation. Only a few had anything to drink from, and so I also gave them brass glasses. These last things were given because of special gift money.

Many of our girls have had an opportunity to help take care of the babies at the Baby Fold. The manager has been short of help, and it has given our girls a chance to be of real service. Some have been on day duty and some on night duty.

There have been three groups of Girl Guides organized in our school. The girls have their own costumes, which they earned by doing hand work. Missionary society, temperance meetings, and Epworth League give them opportunities to express themselves. There is much yet to be done in their lives to make them strong for Christ. Progress has been made, but we pray that the coming year may be more blessed, and more to the praise of His glory.

We appreciate the help that comes from every branch in our society, and we pray that your money and love and prayers may bring an abundant harvest.


Nellie W. West  Missionaries.
Janette Crawford  Missionaries.

I wonder what the step mother in a home would have to report a few weeks after her wedding trip about her past years work in that home. That is
something of how I felt when asked for this report. This is a report of other peoples work.

The girls who live in the institution, some Christian children from the city, some Hindu and some Mohammedan children compose the student body of the school. Each class through the first five classes has two sections because of the large enrollment in those classes.

Eight girls were prepared for the government examination and all passed. Seven of these are now in other schools preparing themselves for better service. One of the eight is now helping in the Baby Fold for this year. There are eleven girls preparing for this year's examination.

Many of the teachers are trained and have been faithful throughout the year. After Miss Crawford had to leave, and before I came, much of the responsibility for the classroom work was carried by Miss Phillips, who has been alert and efficient.

The girls have been much interested in the garden. Each class has its own plot and vies with the others. Another thing of interest this last week has been a questionnaire in which each girl was asked to answer questions about her own habits and home training. I am going to use the finding in training more definitely toward Christian character.

The Warne Baby Fold.

Edna G. Bacon, Missionary.

The time has come for writing the third annual report since I have been in charge of this institution. It is written with a great sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the health of our family and for the wonderful way in which He has helped us financially. Nor would I fail to express my appreciation of what it has meant to have a strong governing board back of me in everything that has been done to make the work more worth while. Each conference has at least one Indian member on the Board and their fine spirit of co-operation is greatly appreciated.

We have had a good year. 58 children have been cared for, 43 of whom are still with us. We have lost but two children by death, since the first of November 1926. Two children have been given in adoption into good Indian homes. One child was sent to Tilaunia. Seven have been sent to school. Seven
have been returned to their homes after being temporarily cared for here. One of these was the child of a Hindi pandit when the father married again, he brought the new wife to see how the baby was being cared for and then they took him home. He was our first non-Christian boarder and it was a joy to send him away so strong and well.

During the two and a half months I was compelled to be away because of illness the work was cared for by the Misses Emery, Smith, and Dr. Vrooman. It was a joy to have a co-worker for four months of last year and we are now looking forward to the coming of an American nurse who is to be our very own and share in this work. Our staff consists of a matron, one graduate nurse, a teacher and a helper, together with six student nurses who come to us daily from the Clara Swain Hospital.

There have been times during the past year when the burden, financially, has been very heavy. But enough money has come in to enable us to carry on the work, keep our interest paid to date, and pay Rs. 215-0-0 on the building debt. It is most encouraging to note that of the Rs. 14,957-8-11 received, only Rs. 8,079-6-0 has come from the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society in America. Most of the balance has come from India. There is still a debt of over Rs. 27,000 on our building, but we feel that in time this can all be provided for in India.

We have recently had the great joy of having Bishop Warne with us over Sunday. It was his first visit to the institution that bears his name. He again expressed his appreciation of all it meant to him to have an institution of this kind named for him.

The Bareilly Christian Club held a mela on Easter Monday and gave the proceeds of Rs. 150-0-0 to the Bably Fold. We would be glad if other Christian communities could do likewise.

A number of requests for the admission of babies have come which we have had to refuse as all scholarships were in use and we had no other funds to draw on for their support. May I again urge upon you the need of very careful consideration before taking every baby that is offered to you for the Mission. When we once take them, the responsibility of their future rests upon us. I have been much concerned for many months, regarding the future of two children who have been sent to us. Neither show signs of much mentality.
We greatly appreciate all the women and children of America are doing for us and trust they will continue to help us until we can get rid of our building debt and the Indian church can take over the full responsibility for the upkeep of the Baby Fold.

For your prayers, your words of appreciation, and for all you have done to help in the work of the Baby Fold this year, we render heart-felt thanks.

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English Work in Bareilly and Naini Tal.

Mrs. P. S. Hyde, Missionary.

The first three months of the conference year were spent in Bareilly and the rest of the year in Naini Tal. The work in Bareilly has two phases—the usual work involved in serving an English congregation and the work among non-conformist soldiers, for whom a parade service is held every Sunday morning. We were at home to the soldiers Thursday evenings. On March 1st, we bade farewell to the Welsh Regiment, whom we had in Bareilly for three years. We had formed many pleasant friendships with the "boys." Mr. Sheets, in addition to heavy work in the Seminary, carries on the English work most acceptably to all, during our absence in Naini Tal.

We came up to Naini Tal early in March and were welcomed the first day with a 3-inch snow storm!

At the beginning of the year our church in Naini Tal was made in name what it has always been in reality, the "Union Church." Its relationship with our conference and denomination remains the same: The community has appreciated the change and we believe some have been attracted to the church by the name. The year has been an unusually good one. The congregations have been larger, in spite of our loss of the American community that went to Mussoorie on the amalgamation of the Himalayan School with Woodstock. Our Sunday School, albeit modest in numbers, was maintained throughout the year, not a single session having been missed even during the rains. The collections of this school and that in Bareilly, which was held only during the cold session, amounting to Rs. 70, were given to the Baby Fold. Our Children's Day collection in Naini Tal broke all records, amounting to Rs. 860. This was given as
heretofore to the Cawnpore Girls' High School. Mr. Archibald, the children's evangelist, held meetings in both Wellesley and Philander Smith College and did a great deal of good. He was particularly successful in Philander Smith, where he did much personal work among the boys. The parsonage has again endeavoured to be a social centre for the church, where members of the congregation and staff of the schools might meet over social tea-cups.

The year ends in sadness over the sudden Home-going of Mr. R. P. Fleming. Reared in the Philander Smith College, he has been on the staff of the school as assistant master and vice-principal for thirty years. He was a fine type of Christian manhood, an excellent teacher and a most valuable all-round man. He was our choir leader for many years. He was very highly respected by the entire community, as witnessed by the fact that his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Naini Tal. Such a man is evidence of the value of our English work.

This year Miss Rue Sellars retires from the principalship of Wellesley and returns to America after thirty-seven years of service in that school. Wellesley Girls' High School is a splendid institution, a credit to the W. F. M. S. Perhaps the fact that it makes no demands for financial support from the society tends to let the school slip from our thought. It deserves a high place in our pride and esteem. Miss Sellars has had a big part in making the school what it is. She and the late Miss Easton worked together in such close co-operation, one cannot perhaps separate the work and influence of the one from that of the other and ascribe proportionate praise. They would each desire it to be so. The school enjoys an enviable reputation for high standards of school work and of moral and religious training. An "old girl" recently returned from America as a missionary speaks gratefully of the influence of Wellesley in her mental and spiritual development. She found herself at an advantage in the social and religious life of an American university because of her long training as a boarder in Wellesley. The school is what it is in large part because Miss Sellars has built into it her own vigorous moral ideals. She has never spared herself in her devotion to the school, from which she has been absent only about two and a half years during her entire 37 years' connection with it. There are hundreds of young women and women in India, Eng-
land, and America that are the better for the wholesome impact of her life upon them.

Shahjahanpur City, Circuit, Zenana Mohalla work.
Mrs. J. N. West, Missionary.

The work in this circuit has gone on in a faithful way. The health of the our nine Bible Readers has been good. One of our women worked up to the last day when the work closed for the District Conference and had two good meetings and then her little girl came healthy and happy. She cannot join us for a couple of months. But she is a lovely mother and good worker. The women find great things of interest, in the work. In one Zenana where a young wife is being taught, the husband, a High Caste man, stopped back one day and told the Bible Readers that they had a letter from relatives to be on the alert never to become Mohammedans but to give their hearts to the Christian's God as that was the sure way to life eternal. The Lord will bring blessing and fruit from the faithful work of these women who go into the homes daily and sow good seed. If only friends of the home land could see the changes we have seen in the lives of the people and such strides as have been made then they would better realize all that this sowing of the seed means and the promised returns there will be in the heavenly kingdom.

As I view the changes and to the outward eye none would say that Christ is far from India or far from making himself known, but much depends upon us and the way we carry on for the next ten years. We must not fail him who called us to this service. If we have the true vision, we may say with Whittier,

"The night is mother of the day,
The winter of the spring;
And ever upon old decay
The greenest mosses cling.
Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
Through showers the sunbeams fail;
For God, who loveth all his works,
Has left his hope with all."

We are indebted to the New York and Cincinnati Branches for their support.

Bidwell Memorial Girls' School, Shahjahanpur
Miss A. Means, Missionary

The year 1927 has not been marked by any events of special interest in the history of this school but
the regular routine has been followed in class and hostel work. The completion of the new buildings of the small girls’ hostel made it possible for them to be occupied in July and thus the younger girls live quite separately from the big girls, with their own matron and their own separate food arrangements. Just now the second half of the double-storied dormitory in the big girls’ compound has been completed and this gives room enough so that it will be possible next July to open a VII Class for which we have not had room before. This completes the new hostel and gives fine living accommodation to all the girls. An epidemic of measles made us appreciate the value of the new hospital and having a place where girls could be properly isolated and cared for. We are most grateful to all the people who have made these new buildings possible.

A company of Girl Guides has been organized in the school in which they are greatly interested and which is helping to build their characters. The Guides make things of various sorts, have sales and in this way earn money themselves for costumes, badges, etc.

All the girls in the school have now learned to spin, and weaving has been introduced. This is on a very small scale as yet, but we hope it may prove to be a useful thing.

A good spirit prevails throughout the school and we are thankful for the health and happiness that we have.

Many kind friends last year sent parcels of things for the girls so that we were able to give them a fine Christmas which we and they all greatly appreciated.

BIJNOR DISTRICT.

Bijnor City and Evangelistic Work.

Laura S. Wright, Missionary.

This is the first time in years that a second W. F. M. S. Missionary has not been in Bijnor. Mary Means, whom we all loved so much, left us a year ago. On every hand we see the fruit of her love. It stands to reason that one person for both school, and city and district work can do almost nothing at either task.

Mrs. Thomson has given herself generously to the people. Daily she has met with the women at prayers. Two women have come to us this year, one from the district to help in the city work. The other,
Phulwanti, from another district has given herself to the city and village work unstintingly. Mrs. Ashraf has been faithful in her work talking and giving the message to the women of the city, out in the villages and at melas as the opportunity has come. A school among the children of the low class people in the city is well attended and they gave some fine numbers at our Epworth League during District Conference.

There has been no opportunity to visit the outside places. We have been thankful to meet the people as they came to our town—the fathers who have come to see their children. Friends of other days in other districts, among these men and women have been recognized.

At district conference when the people were here for ten days it was our privilege to get in touch with the women from all the circuits. We realized as never before that the year had been one of work. So little time had come for talking and for praying with the people. There had been no opportunity to meet them in their own homes in their own villages; and this was a grief to us.

The district conference brought us all closer together. Many of the people got a clearer vision of our Master. A prayer meeting such as has not been seen since the days of the revival of 1906 was in our midst at this time. May we not forget those who are in lonely places.

Louisa, the mother of two dear little girls, was with us for some weeks. It was our privilege to be much with her. She slipped away rejoicing to go to her Master. The little girls are with us one in the Baby Fold and Sonamani is here in school. Two other women in their villages finished their work and slipped from us.

We had encouraging reports of the village schools where the widows and wives of retired workers are teaching. At District Conference two of these schools put on a good programme. It is encouraging to see these mohulla children so interested. Our hope is in the children.

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Lois Lee Parker Girls' School—Bijnor.

Laura S. Wright, Margaret Habermann, Missionaries.

Miss Hadden, after almost six years of service in Bijnor, left December first. Soon after this our work began. Mrs. Thomson who spent some years in
Muzaffarpur with us has been our faithful co-worker. She has helped to make this work possible.

Our first visit to the school was immediately after Conference when Miss Fernstrom, R. N., examined all the girls and teachers. The condition of the school was on the whole good. Our nurse was ordered away to Tilaunia but she will be returning now in a few days. Only a few days ago Miss Fernstrom again visited our school. On the whole the report was better. Some of the weaker ones who had fever recently were later examined by our own Civil Surgeon in Bijnor. He said all these girls were in fine condition physically. This was such a relief.

Miss Habermann came the middle of February. She spent a happy six weeks with us before going to the Language school. She endeared herself to all and much enjoyed being among the children. Again in August she came back to us when on account of illness she was needed. Just now she is having some new experiences in camp in another district with an evangelist.

Of the seven teachers who are with us four are our own Bijnor girls. Two returned to take up work in July after completing their training. All are doing good work and are happy.

Twenty-five girls are studying in other schools. Twelve girls passed in the fourth class. Eleven of these joined the middle school in Moradabad making a total of twenty girls there. Two are in Meerut and two in Aligarh. One girl in Lal Bagh, Lucknow stands first in a class of twenty-two girls. We know you are praying for us. We realize day by day how great is the responsibility in caring for girls ten months in the year. Will you not continue to pray. When one realizes the temptations which come to our young people we know only prayer can save them.

Next year we are being given permission to open a fifth class in our school which we hope will lead to better work for us here. At present there are sixty-two girls enrolled. Of these two are day pupils.

Thirty girls passed in the All-India Sunday School examination.

The Inspectress of schools was especially interested in the sewing of the girls represented by the clothes which they wore. This is done under the supervision of the matron.

We wish to thank the friends in America who have sent parcels and money for the girls. These
parcels have made it possible for our girls to be the happy recipients of gifts at Christmas time and at other times too.

Personally we feel that the year has not been one of successful work done. But we know that God very definitely led and guided us to this place. Our times are in His hands. God grant that we may not fail in ceasing to pray for the girls who go out year after year from our schools.

Bijnor District Work.

Mrs. C. E. Phillips

Again it is my privilege and joy to present this report with a grateful heart to our gracious Heavenly Father for his inestimable mercy in bringing us safely to the close of another fruitful year. As I look back to the time which has gone by I am reminded of the wonderful promise of God to His servants as contained in His Holy Word, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." In the midst of heavy and onerous duties, both domestic and official, grievous oppositions to our work and person "by mine own countrymen and by the heathen," and in unbearable trial and sorrow, I am thankful to say that His goodness and mercy have followed me very closely. It is also very gratifying to note that the year under report has been one of great success and fruitage in many respects and there has been much to cheer and encourage us in our field. The different aspects of my work may be accounted for in the following manner:

Work among the District Women.—Although on account of my local ties I have not been able to do any touring at all this year, I am comforted by the thought that by means of my supplications before the Throne of Grace and occasional letters to my Bible Readers I was able to arouse fresh interest and zeal for the work. Practical hints were given to them in regard to how they could arrest the attention of their hearers by singing to them religious songs, relating to them in a dramatic form the Bible stories, and how by reading them the various periodicals supplied to them purposely for these homes they could make their efforts more fruitful. Papers like "Khażina i Jawāhīr," "Auratōn ka Gazette," "Rafiq i Niswan" and so forth were found very suitable for this
purpose. Our Bible Readers, I am glad to say, have worked whole-heartedly among women and girls of homes belonging to people of high and low status in the district. The Sweeper and Chamar Mohalla women have not been neglected but have been faithfully visited by our sisters. In almost every case encouraging reports have been received regarding self-support raised by our Bible Readers from the homes visited by them. It has not been very much but has added to the self-support contribution which forms a part of the salaries of their husbands. Then I owe a deep sense of gratitude to my husband for kindly supervising the work of our women during his visits to the various circuits together with the help of his Preachers in Charge. Many difficulties have been solved through him and his men in connection with our women's work. All through the year and specially during the rainy season and at our District Conference different kinds of medicines were supplied to our sisters. I have to record with deep regret the passing away to the Better Land from our ranks of four of our Bible Readers, namely Mrs. John Walter, Mrs. Mawashi Singh, Mrs. Chimman Lal, and Mrs. Stella Cutler. They were all good Christian workers. We are fortunate to have in place of the late Miss Means a new District Evangelist in the person of Miss L. S. Wright, but it is to be regretted that by reason of her health not being quite up to the mark she has not been able to tour through the district.

Educational Work.—According to the plans of our last Annual Conference I again had the management of the Vail Boys’ Hostel in my hands this year. I have had to devote a great deal of my time and energy in order to keep the Hostel work up to the mark. We have had two visits to our Hostel from our beloved Bishop J. W. Robinson, D. D. and our wise and energetic Educational Secretary, the Rev. T. C. Badley, M.A. They were very much satisfied with seeing the work of the Hostel and splendid yearly results. We had from them very practical hints and suggestions in regard to the work of our Hostel and boys. Thank God we have had very encouraging results in our Annual Examinations. Our only boy at the Lucknow Christian College passed all right in his F.A. Examination, and he is now studying in his Third Year B.A. Class at the Lucknow University. Out of our 14 boys at Parker High School, Mo-
radabad, 10 passed in the Classes from VIII to III. Out of our 13 boys at the Hostel 12 passed in the Tehsili School Examinations. Out of them two have gone to the Parker High School, Moradabad and three are studying in Class III at the Government High School, Bijnor. Two of our students are learning profitable trades at our Boys' Industrial School, Aligarh, two are at the Theological School, Bareilly, and one is at the Lodipur Training School, Shahjahanpur. We now have in all 39 students at the various institutions. The health of our boys and their moral character is very satisfactory, and it is earnestly hoped that many of them will turn out to be fine Christian men in time to come. All of them are imparted very practical Bible education.

District Conference.—We had one of the best District Conferences ever held in Bijnor from a spiritual standpoint. The arrangements made by our local friends were very satisfactory and our honoured visitors gave very helpful spiritual talks. Our friend Mr. W. A. Revis was mainly responsible for the spiritual revival which took place in a very conspicuous manner during our Conference among our workers and people.

Hopeful Signs and Results.—At the close of the year we are glad to report the following encouraging results. For all this our hearts are filled with great reverence and gratitude. We are deeply indebted to all our numerous friends and patrons in America for their valuable financial support given for our work and above all for their fervent prayers for our work. The interesting figures show that we have had 1,020 baptisms among women. We have 965 women in full connection and 3,037 Probationers. The number of women who are under Christian instruction is 4,565. We have 37 Bible Readers in all on our roll. We have 10 Village Schools. The number of non-Christian women under Christian instruction is 3,043. In conclusion I ask every reader of this report to remember us in their prayers so that we may have yet more glorious results in the coming year.

BUDAUN DISTRICT

Budaun District Work

Mrs. Mary K. Core, Missionary

The most outstanding thing in our village work this year has been the great increase in our village
schools. We have now in our District 38 village and mohulla schools, and they are real schools too with a simple but very comprehensive course of study. Twice a year Miss Emery visits these schools and holds an examination, passes those who should be passed and reclassifies the schools. It was my privilege to help her conduct some of these examinations in April and May. I was much impressed by the great advancement that had been made and by the fact that these little schools were fast becoming the most vital part of our village Christian community.

Just as soon as the date of the examination is known—and this is often weeks in advance—all of the interest of the village centers about that particular event and when the great day arrives the parents drop their work and assemble on the shady mud platform where the examination is to be held. Gay paper penants flutter in the air and the children are gay in holiday attire. It is in truth a big day. No need to organize a Parents-Teachers Association in that village, for they already have one.

Presently Miss Emery comes sailing up in her Ford and receives a joyous welcome. The examinations are a strenuous time for the teachers, pupils and examiners, but eventually they come to a grand finish. Prizes are given, promotions are made, and there are many proud parents and children and of course, as is always the case some who are not so proud.

A good deal of interest centers about the little tin box which is always carried in at this point and opened up. It contains a fascinating array of pencils, slates, crayons and books. The children pay for their own books and are very glad to do so.

I am wondering if we would ever have found out how possible it is to have these schools if it had not been for the "Cut." They had their birth in trying to provide work for the wives of some of the men who had to be dismissed at that time. Now that we have seen their possibility we have given the order that every circuit Bible Reader must have a school in her village even if there are just three or four children to attend it. From now on all of our Bible Readers must be teachers as well as evangelists. The wives of our preachers in charge will have control of the Zenana and mohalla workings their circuits and this too will be examined by the District Evangelist as well as the schools. This ultimatum
was given out at our District Conference which has just closed and it was gratifying to see how responsive the women were. Even some of our weakest women who can hardly read themselves feel quite important over the fact that they are to be teachers and say that they will teach all that they know and then learn some more from their husbands.

In Budaun station we have had a busy and somewhat strenuous year but a happy comfortable one. We have a fine sadar church here and a large Christian community. Our people are very thoughtful of us missionaries and spare us many burdens. They are not only willing but able to carry much responsibility. There is a fine spirit of union and co-operation. This year we have given two melas for the benefit of the Mission Claimants. At the first which was held at Easter time we cleared Rs. 80. Then just the day before District Conference the Woman’s Auxiliary of the church gave a sale of clothes and other articles of needle work.

In this they were assisted by the teachers of the Girls School. At the sale they cleared Rs. 70. For nearly a year they had been giving all of their leisure time in getting ready for this sale and the result was very gratifying for everybody was made happy—those who planned and worked for it, and those who were able to buy for a very small sum neat and practical garments. Also the money realized will help out to the extent of nearly six rupees a month on somebody’s pension.

And so the work goes on and the Church of Christ in India is being slowly and steadily built upon the foundations which were laid by the Butlers and Thoburns, and Parkers and Waughs and Blackstocks and many an other of our brave and dear missionaries. God grant that the Christian Church of India may be beautiful and strong—a fitting exponent of Christ's Holiness and Power and Glory.

Methodist Girls’ School, Budaun.

Anna Blackstock, Missionary.

It all seems to have come so soon—the end of a term. I can hardly realize that I have been here for six years. I could not have had a happier term, pleasanter associates, wiser counsel and all the things that go to making a place ideal.
Staff.

We have eleven resident teachers, a Moulvi, Pandit, and Drawing Master besides. The school has seen but few changes in the personnel of Staff in the six years. This year we had one change, one leaving us to study nursing and in her stead one came to us from another school. They have been faithful, interested and loyal, never too tired to help in the outside things that also comprise a part of our school home life. A couple of weeks back they put on an historical drama, the proceeds of which were given to the Mission Claimants. They all take a part in the Sunday School, the Epworth League and Missionary Society. They have had for the past four years a Teachers' Association, which meets every Tuesday, the officers being elected from their own numbers. Papers or model lessons are given by each in turn. These meetings have been very helpful, and in connection with it they have their socials, too.

Scholars

There are one hundred and thirty-five in the Hostel; sixteen of these comprise our Training classes—seven in the senior and nine in the first year. These girls have come from schools in our Conference and three of them come to us from the American Presbyterian school in Fatehgarh. The middle school girls are either the daughters of mission workers or Christians in the villages of our District. The children are all interested in the Church work, last year the Intermediate League members put on a pageant taken from the Junior Methodist and proceeds of that along with another pageant from the Junior Methodist given by our Fifth class went to the Conference and Mission Claimants. The girls have been very generous in giving to a good cause.

The health has been excellent; even the malarial season passed us by with just about two or three down, to remind us of its advent!

The spiritual life has had a very decided change, the girls have really tried to lead better lives, and a great many were blessed and helped at meetings held by Mrs. Mansell among them. We have made a decided change from the routine in our Chapel exercise, which seems to show the results for which we
looked. This year our pastor has come every Friday and has given splendid talks. The Scholarship has been good, all the teachers being trained that it should not be otherwise. Nine appeared for the Middle examination and all passed. We sent up our first candidates for the Vernacular Teacher's Certificate examination and passed seven out of eleven. The follow-up classes had good results too.

We wish to thank our friends for the lovely Christmas packages received last year and those that have been coming in now. Our hearts are filled with gratitude that we are allowed even a small part in the great work which belongs to the King of Kings.

This school is supported by Pacific, Columbia River, Cincinnati, Topeka, Northwestern, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York branches.

District Evangelistic Work, Budaun.

Phoebe Elizabeth Emery, Missionary.

It is the first of November and plans for the winter itinerary are racing through my head while my unwilling fingers fumble with the typewriter keys. I really should have been off a couple of weeks ago, but District Conference intervened, and now that is over the preachers have begged for one week's grace to get back home and settle down before I put in my appearance. That extra week will not go begging with me, either, for there are tents to be patched, the ox-cart needs repairs, and the trailer a new coat of paint, while pots and pans, blankets and rugs, camp chairs and stools all have to be overhauled and prepared for six month's strenuous gypsy life.

Folks sometimes get the idea that this camp life is all there is to an evangelist, and that when the tents are brought in the latter part of April that all evangelistic efforts are abandoned until they start out again in November. Never was there a more erroneous idea. When the camp comes in to headquarters in the Spring it simply means the closing of one phase of work for the year and the opening of another.

For the purposes of the winter's evangelistic campaign the District has been roughly divided into two sections. By this plan I can reach the farthest outlying village once in two years. It means hold-
ing meetings in over five hundred villages during the six months that are available for camp life, but by the aid of the motor we manage to accomplish this seemingly impossible feat.

The last month of our itinerary this year was much hindered by a wild rumour that children were being kidnapped, and as we happened to come along just at that time the suspicions in that section became centered upon us and our mysterious motor, which left the rock roads mapped out for law-abiding proper cars and swept through the lanes and by paths of the smallest villages, bringing consternation in its path. Many times the car was surrounded by angry men armed with clubs, and it was only by the aid of constant prayer and patience that we were able to overcome the opposition.

That we succeeded as well as we did was due to the medicine box as much as to any other agency. Our camp was shunned at first like a pest house, but a farmer cut his foot badly one day while working in the field across the road, and as I happened to be in my tent at the time I administered prompt first-aid treatment. There was no hospital in this section, so along with the rumours of kidnapping another rumour began to fly to the effect that a wonderful doctor had arrived who could cure anything. It was not long before my camp was besieged by all kinds of sufferers. They even brought the maimed, the halt, and the blind, expecting me to heal them. Those that were hopeless I frankly told so. Some that were too ill to be reached by simple remedies I persuaded to take the journey to the hospital in Budaun, giving them a letter of introduction to the government doctor. But many suffering from simple ailments were relieved, and went forth to swell the chorus of those who proclaimed me as a wonderful and potent doctor. It reached the point where carts from far distant villages would arrive in the grove in the middle of the night, and wait patiently until daylight in order to be first in line. We would act the part of a doctor until ten o'clock and then be off for a preaching tour in five or six villages, arriving home, sometimes, long after dark—to repeat the performance the next day.

During the winter months we had over twenty-one thousand non-Christians who attended our meetings, not counting the thousands of others who would drop in for a few minutes and then drift on.
The village day-schools were stressed throughout the year, and the examination results have been most gratifying. The Bible Readers themselves are coming to see the advantages of a systematic curriculum over the old hit-and-miss method of teaching. And the two or three hours at the noon period, which is the only time the Christian children are free from work, in no way interferes with their reaching their Hindu and Mohammedan neighbours with the gospel message. The day school curriculum is divided into two parts, half of the time being devoted to Bible memory work and half to the "Three R's."

A humorous sidelight on the power of knowledge was given us in one of our examinations this fall. Three years ago the Christian night watchman of the village enrolled in our day school. He completed the four years' course this Spring, and thus became a graduate of the school. I was very anxious that he should not forget to use his knowledge, so at the October examination I called him before me and asked him what he was now reading. To my amazement he brought out a fat doctor book, and informed me that he was studying to be a doctor. I was amazed and horrified at the same time, for fear he would practice his knowledge and poison somebody, but I soon found that the remedies were mild homeopathic ones, which, although they would not do much good, would certainly not do any harm, so I gave my fellow quack practitioner the right hand of fellowship and proceeded on my way.

The day-schools have now grown to the proportions that they take an entire month in the Spring and another in the Fall for their examinations. The summer months are spent in intensive work in the outlying villages that are close enough to Mission headquarters to allow us to visit them and return before the heat of the noon-day. Many a time during the rains we have to wade in order to reach them, but it is all in the day's work, and all of the Bible Readers and myself have kept in unusually good health this year, so the wading has not hurt us, and the results have more than compensated for the efforts. In one place where the river was too deep to be waded by us we evolved a swimming suit for the Ford, and, tucked into that, it made the crossing—albeit with some coughing and sputtering.
It is a big job that I am tackling as your representative over here. Pray for me that I may be given wisdom in proportion to the task.

City and Zanana Work, Budaun

Mrs. Florence Perrine Mansell, Missionary.

The past year has been full of much encouragement in this difficult work of presenting Christ to non-Christian women and to the Christian women and girls of the city wards or mohallas where the city scavengers live.

This latter work, though our most important one, because they are Christians, is very difficult and almost impossible in the heated term just closing. During our hours of early work, they are all over the city, sweeping the streets and cleaning the houses, returning weary from their work to cook their food just as we are leaving the city. We hope to do better work among them in the cool season. In past years some wonderful Christian workers have come out of the Budaun mohallas; one among them, Lachhmi, was a power among the women of Budaun.

In the zanana work, i. e. work among the women, especially in the secluded homes, mostly Mohammedan, we have access to the ears of perhaps 400 women and girls. We do not teach reading, but at a nominal price supply a copy of our mission paper, The Woman’s Friend, to some of the 47 readers among our listeners, seventeen more than last year, for we have entree to about thirty more houses than last year, 151 in all.

Our two Bible readers are, most of the time, assisted by another Bible reader in the circuit, and all three are, I think, growing spiritually and in the ability to present the Gospel more and more clearly and attractively.

We prepare the assigned lesson privately, discuss it after morning prayers, and then, with prayer in our hearts, go out to the work. As we pass from one house to another, there is opportunity for further suggestions.

We have been personally enriched this year by the study of the Rev. Andrew Murray’s With Christ in the School of Prayer, and have begun to share its riches with our earnest band of Bible women and teachers, who meet for morning prayers on the
verandah, and this new appreciation and understand­ing of the prayer-life, though we have only touched its borders, has been of great value in our work.

A Mohammedan believes in only one God and in Mohammed as his prophet. He has a high regard for Jesus Christ, but as a mere man, though a prophet.

A bright, sweet little Mohammedan woman, while waiting at the Hospital, was chatting with me. When I told her what we did in the city and of our belief about Jesus Christ, she cried out brightly, sweetly, but with intense earnestness, pointing upward with her little forefinger, “Only one God, only one God.” I thought of St. Cecilia, dead in the catacombs, because of her faith, with three fingers outstretched, to prove in death her constancy to her faith in the Holy Trinity, a faith crystallized in the marble monument now picturing her as she lay in death.

If we say that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, some one will say, scornfully perhaps, “God is a spirit and can have no son,” for they cannot dream of the spiritual meaning of our claim. I tell them that if we meant what they think we do, it would indeed be blasphemy.

From these two types of Mohammedans, opposition sometimes comes and we must learn to meet it, for it is a mere waste of time and precious money to go to zananas and merely try to interest them in some of the beautiful teachings of Christ. We must lovingly, tactfully, clearly without fear and hesitation, with explanations, tell them exactly how we regard Jesus Christ, who He is, what He came to do, what He is to us, and will be to them.

They love to have us come, are friendly, but when it comes to the teaching, some are careless listeners, some merely courteous, but sometimes, especially when we have had the most real prayer preceding, eager listeners. Not long since, I looked into a lovely face, like that of Mary at Jesus’ feet.

One morning early, a desperate little appealing prayer was sent up to the throne—desperate, because of desperate need, and the answer came in a wonderful interview with some Mohammedan women. Indifference melted into interest of the most intense kind. I do not mean that they were converted, but we had wonderful freedom in presenting the truth to two who gave the word a most friendly reception.
a spirit of love filling at the place and drawing our hearts together. Only in such soil can the Spirit of God do His work on their hearts. Do add your prayers to ours.

This work is supported by the Northwestern Branch.

CHANDAUSI DISTRICT.

Chandausi District Zenana Work.

Mrs. D. M. Butler.

Another year of faithful work has passed and we have reasons to thank our Heavenly Father for the manifold blessings showered upon us and our work. I regret to say that this year owing to the serious illness of my own and of my dear husband whom the Saviour has called to his blessed place, the work has not been done as last year. However we kept on to our maxim, “Strive for the Lord.”

Bible-readers in all our circuits report satisfactory progress. We in Chandausi have spent much of our time in visiting our Christian women and girls whom we taught about our Lord through stories. I feel thankful to my Saviour when I say that I used to see many of these women and girls in our church services. We sent some of our promising girls to schools in Moradabad and Bareilly and I am glad to tell you that they are doing good work there.

We have taken the Holy Word to non-Christian high class people’s homes, who have responded well, but are afraid to decide for the Saviour openly. We are praying to our Heavenly Father for his blessings on them. May God bless them and us also.

GARHWAL DISTRICT.

Garhwal District Work.

Mrs. H. H. Weak, Missionary.

“For his merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.”

So has it been among us! This past year, 1927, there has not been much sickness, but we have lost from our midst some of our best people. We sorrow at their departure; but their lives and their trust in God has been very precious in his sight.
We are sorry to be missing the spiritual help and inspiration of Mrs. Weak's presence since March, but are looking forward to her return to her own District soon. The sisters in the District have kept themselves busy, as opportunity offered, going to see nearby villages two or three times a week and being good to their village neighbours. Sometimes they come to hear the words of the Bible Reader, or to get a patch sewn upon a jacket sleeve.

One munshi or teacher at a place two and half days' march from Pauri has suffered seriously with sore eyes. His wife has taught his school among the kindly but rough and ignorant villagers.

At Chopra, the headquarters of the Mission, some of the Christian masters' wives volunteer to teach at their Sunday School and preside at Sewing Circles, and this year they have very enthusiastically transformed old garments and donations of cloth into very presentable clothing for small children, to be sold at a very cheap price at the fair. The collections through auxiliary dues and the sale of these garments was Rs. 17, half going to the Bareilly Baby Fold and half to the Conference Claimants' fund.

At the Christian District Conference one day was given over to a social affair. There were shops of tea and sweets, other stalls of Indian foods, school exhibits, and games. Our Bible women are showing an interest in passing their Bible readers' examinations.

Chopra Primary School.

Three fine teachers, Mrs. Nathan, Mrs. Ratan Singh, and Mrs. I. Money, are teaching faithfully in the Chopra primary school. They were able to pass their quota of pupils.

Thoburn Hostel.

Mrs. G. A. Chowfin with her husband has been interested in the care of the Christian boys of the hostel. Mrs. G. Wilson has carefully distributed medicines to the boys and along with her husband, the house-father, has been untiring in her care and nursing of the children.

In December the Rev. and Mrs. Nave with their two sons left us for their well-earned furlough. They may be glad to know that their work so well planned has made a lasting impression. They have won a big warm place in Garhwal hearts.
Miss Beach was appointed to Pauri at the November Conference and since her arrival in early December has been living for the good of her girls and their people.

Thanks and obligations are due to the women who are supporting His work.

Mary Ensign Gill Girls' School, Pauri.

L. W. Beach, Missionary.

To live among the “everlasting hills” is indeed an inspiration and one cannot help daily to pause and consider the source from which comes our strength, even as the Psalmist bade us. Day by day the wonder of the power and love of the God who is the source of our strength fills our hearts. It has been a year rich in experiences of various kinds and we are glad to be alive and able to “look up and laugh and love and lift” if even just a wee bit.

Our school family has numbered from ninety-two to ninety-eight in our hostel with sixteen of our girls in various other schools for training, some in Lucknow, Bareilly, Badaun, Moradabad, Muttra, and Brindaban. Two girls left our school because of illness, one was married, and others have been kept at home by parents. It is with thankfulness I am able to report “no deaths.”

There have been several changes in our hostel and teaching staff during the year, but through the loyalty and helpfulness of those that have stayed and the new ones who have come the work has been carried on. Four of the seven girls who went up for middle examination passed, and we hope our percentage may be higher this coming year. So many changes in staff and management in the last few years has made it difficult to do much constructive work, but we are hoping to come nearer to attaining our ideals some day.

As has been customary for several years, our whole school moved over to Chopra for the week of District Conference and there took part in the programmes and services. The 6th Class girls did very nicely in their examinations on Jeremiah, three of them receiving prizes for their work. A class of twenty girls joined the Church in full membership the first Sunday of the Conference and we hope
these children will be a real example of the Christ spirit and life year by year as they grow older.

The Girl Guides work was begun with much promise, but, owing to the captain having to go on with her college work, not as much progress has been made as was hoped. But the girls and teachers are doing the best they can and we feel the organization has been a good thing.

We thank all those who have helped to make our new hostel building a fact. The dedication took place October 20th amid much rejoicing. The dormitories are now occupied by the fifth and sixth classes and their departure from the old rooms gives more breathing space to those left behind, as well as a little room for new girls.

We thank all those who are helping to make our work here in Garhwal possible and ask a definite place in your prayers.

Garhwal District Evangelistic Work

Mrs. May Gill, Missionary.

In October 1926, on returning to Garhwal, some friends accompanied me to see the little house above Chopra called "Darkhula," or the Open Door, the open door in the future of good things and of progress. Dr. Huffman had seen it finished, had made vegetable and flower gardens, and dug out thorn bushes. She had lived and travelled among the people, ministering to them physically and spiritually, and they loved her. Miss Cox, too, gave herself in service to the Garhwalis, and Darkhula improved under her care.

This year, water-piping and drains to collect rainy season streams have been added. Dr. Weak has very kindly supervised and done some of the difficult feats of making the place more comfortable.

I have gone about as much as possible, travelling among some of the villages on footpaths. A few of our workers' little girls are still at home, because the school has not enough money for more. People are hard to reach, but are worth while when their hearts are once touched. Please pray for this "Land of Forts," which we know will some day yield to the love of Christ.
District Work

Mrs. Olive G. Titus, Missionary.

To one who has been convinced of the value of intensification in missionary work, the thinness with which the forces are spread out in this District seems appalling. Only a comparatively small number of even the larger centers are being reached, because of the reduction of the number of preachers in recent years from 75 to the present number of 31. This has of necessity reduced the number of Bible women by about the same proportion. The District work, therefore, presents many problems and discouragements.

The territory of this combined District includes that of three Civil districts, Kheri, Hardoi, and Sitapur, with a population of more than two million people. The leaven of Christianity seems very small for these vast numbers, for there are barely 3700 who bear the name of Jesus Christ, in all this area. Many of those who have become Christians belong to wandering tribes and orders of faqirs, the very poor, whose places of abode are temporary, thus making for constantly shifting statistics. There is no doubt that the Good News of Christ’s salvation is most needed by just such as these, so one bit of satisfaction to which we have the right is that here, too, that miracle of the message is true, that “the poor have the Gospel preached to them.”

We are still too new to the District to report satisfactorily on the work of the Bible women. The total baptisms for the year number 108, of whom 43 are women and girls.

The one great step in advance which this District has seen this year is that the Girls’ Boarding School in Hardoi has been placed entirely in the charge of two Indian women, Mrs. Bertha Shaw and Miss Hira Singh. We may all be justly proud of the successful way in which they are carrying on this work.

The work of the District Bible women is supported by Cincinnati, New York, and Pacific Branches, to which we again express our thanks.
This year when I was transferred to this place for hostel work in the girls' school, I was also given privilege of having a share in the City and Zanana work of the District. On account of being in the hostel work, I have not been able to go out with the Bible-women as much as I would like to. However, the women have been doing their bit of work regularly, except for the time when they had a month's vacation the last hot season.

The three women visited 50 homes every month and about 125 gathered together to listen to the Word of God. They are taught Bible stories. When questioned about the stories told, they give a good response, which shows how attentively they listen. They take part in singing hymns and learn a great deal from them. Two women are learning to knit.

The number of girls and boys that attend our village Sunday School is about 25. Whatever little collection they give, goes towards our Church.

Now that we have two more Bible-women, we visit more homes and have the opportunity to extend our work over a larger area.

HARDOI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Hostel Report

My service in the Hardoi School began at the end of last April. After twenty years of service in the medical line, this work seems entirely new to me.

There are 66 girls in the hostel, five teachers, a Matron and a trained experienced Nurse. I am glad and thankful to say that there has not been much sickness in our School this year, except for a few cases of Malaria. Two girls have lately returned cured from the Mary Wilson Sanatorium, Tilaunia. And they are keeping well.

I have found the girls very helpful and independent in many ways. The older girls look after the little ones who are not able to do much for themselves. They help in cooking by turns, mend their own and the little one's clothes, draw water from the well for their use, and help in several other odd jobs. Most of these older girls are Guides.
Great improvements have been made in the hostel buildings. The girls now have good flooring in their dormitories. They take pride in keeping them clean, and have flower gardens in front of them. The kitchen belonging to the kothi (teacher's bungalow) has been turned into the girls' sickroom, with an addition of a verandah; and one of the godowns, attached to the "kothi," is now being used as our kitchen. We owe our thanks for this comfort to Miss Means, "the builder," who so kindly supervised our hostel and school-building repairs during the hot season.

The work is running smoothly; everybody seems to be doing her bit earnestly. By the help of God and your prayers we hope to be successful in our work.

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Educational Report.

Miss Hira N. Singh.

First of all I must thank the authorities for giving me a trial by entrusting this heavy job to me. I am trying to do the best I can, and use all that I have taken in during the past eleven years of teaching in three different schools under six missionary ladies.

We came here at the end of April after the final examinations; new classes had begun their new years' work. Out of the eight girls who appeared for the middle examination four passed; three are studying in Meerut and one is taking Teachers' Training at Moradabad.

The number on the roll at present is 85, 66 boarders and 19 day-scholars. I am trying to get more to come to us. Out of the 19 day-scholars, 12 are non-Christians of all castes. The parents prefer to send them to us. They say children learn good habits among Christian girls. This is one way of sowing seed in young hearts among non-Christians.

I have had just a little alteration done in the school house, but it has made the inside of the school look quite different and very much better.

The number on the staff, counting me, is nine. I am glad to mention that both the assistants are Hardoi girls. They decided to come back to their school to work, after finishing their study at Lucknow. All of us are trying to show good results and
not only that but are trying to set good examples before the girls and lead them in the paths they should walk. Four girls were taken into full church membership in October.

Please pray for us for wisdom and guidance.

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Sitapur Girls' School,

Grace M. Bates, Gladys B. Doyle—Missionaries.

As we look over the records of the past year we feel that we have made an advance along several lines which would have been impossible had there been only one missionary in our school. Looking after the physical, intellectual, and spiritual life of nearly a hundred girls has managed to keep both of us as well as the matron, and staff of eight teachers busy.

We are sure that you would agree that we have as interesting a group of girls as you could find anywhere if you could just attend one of the special chapel programs prepared by the girls; see the girls at study or recitation; or visit a Girl Guide rally. They have become so enthusiastic over their gardening and sewing, that many of the girls of their own initiative have planted gardens of their own in the Boarding, and some of the older girls not only make their own clothes but have been working outside of school on dresses and knitted caps, socks, and sweaters for the Baby Fold at Bareilly.

Thirty-six girls belong to the Girl Guide organization. Last week after a most impressive service conducted by Miss Hacon, an English Guider, nine recruits passed their tenderfoot examinations and were enrolled as Guides.

Miss Fernstrom, the new travelling health nurse in India, has just finished giving our girls their second yearly physical examination. Even though there has been much sickness recently in the school, she reported a marked improvement in the general physical condition of our girls. Since her visit last year, we have placed more emphasis on keeping the girls well and strong, giving special food and medicine to the girls who are underweight or have any special ailment. She started the Modern Health crusade in our third class and the girls are bubbling over with enthusiasm over doing the everyday health chores that children of that age often find a drudg-
ery. The knights of old could not have taken their pledge more seriously than the twelve girls in the class when they promised to obey the eleven health rules and make their bodies truly a Temple of God.

Following special service by our pastor, twelve girls came forward and united with the church on Easter Sunday. We felt that the seed sown in our Bible classes in school had borne fruit when two of our Hindu day scholars took part in the Easter Sunday school program.

As Christmas draws near almost each home mail brings new parcels for our girls. We wish that you who have had a part in sending the gifts could be here to enter into the joy of our Christmas festivities. We also wish to thank especially the patrons of New York, Cincinnati, Pacific, and Des Moines Branches who have made it possible for these girls to have an education.

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Sitapur City and Zenana Work

Grace M. Bates, Missionary.

Since we have had no District Superintendent's wife living in Sitapur this year, it has been my privilege to have charge of the city zenana work. As it was a new line of work for me and was given to me in addition to my responsibilities connected with our Girls' School, I don't feel that we have accomplished as much as I would have liked. However the Bible Readers were not new to the work so have gone on with their work as usual.

At the morning prayer services with the Bible Readers, we have discussed various religious ideas and answered many questions which have arisen in their minds in connection with our scripture lessons. The Bible Readers have found that they are gladly received into the majority of homes where they visit. Their work is entirely among non-Christian women and children, many of whom we believe have accepted Christ and the Christian ideals in their hearts but are afraid to acknowledge Him openly.

The three City Sunday Schools, which I have attended regularly turn by turn, are very interesting. In one of our Sunday Schools there are several small boys who attend the Government Schools and since they have some education, learn more quickly and remember better than the other children. In these
meetings there are chiefly boys and girls with their baby brothers and sisters but occasionally the fathers and mothers or grandfathers and grandmothers come to see what the children are learning. Our Sunday School in the fishermen’s mohullah has been rather discouraging at times because the attendance is so irregular but I have encouraged the Bible Readers by reminding them that Christ chose some of His disciples from just such people as these.

We express our gratitude to the New York and Cincinnati Branches for making possible this work.

KUMAON DISTRICT.

Girls’ Boarding School, Dwarahat.
Miss C. Oram, Local Missionary.

This year the chief event in our work has been the tearing-down of the old church, which had served the girls for a school-house for many years, and the erection of a new school-house on its site.

We, who taught eight classes in two small rooms, and a hall, are very thankful to have this new building, and accept it as a gift from God.

It certainly was a day of great rejoicing when we moved into it on May 5th, when it was formally opened by Bishop Robinson, and Dr. Core.

All the work in the school, and Boarding, has been done cheerfully, and faithfully by the teachers and girls. The Annual Examination results were good, also the A. V. Middle results. The health of the girls has been good, so they have been happy, and all our work has gone on smoothly. We are grateful to our kind friends in America on their behalf.

Kali Kumaon Work.
Miss E. Hayes, Local Missionary.

This year we changed our system of itinerating and stayed in three central places instead of moving our camp from village to village. This saved expense but made it necessary for the Bible women to walk long distances to reach the villages. 71 villages were reached, many of them four or five times. We used the magic lantern and had singing hands with musical instruments and these were a great help. We visited one three-day mela where we distributed many tracts and sold 233 gospels.
Much medical work was done on our tour as well as in the Phulhari Dispensary. The number of patients treated was as follows:

- Dispensary out-patients: 1,744
- Hospital in-patients: 4
- Patients nursed in their homes: 15
- Midwifery cases: 3
- Minor operations: 12

When we moved up to the higher hills in March we found that influenza had entered Phulhari and all through the summer our work was hindered by many cases of illness among our workers and I myself had my turn. However the Bible women have gone on with their daily village visiting and give hopeful accounts of their work and its influence.

Ella Prem Dass returned from her training in Muttra in July and has been a great help to me.

The Wilkinson's were transferred to Phulhari Church Pastorate in April and have been a great help especially as both are musical and we have had good times singing His praises.

The Phulhari School continues to improve. We have opened a third class this year so as to keep the children long enough to learn something about Christ.

I find I cannot keep the Rescue Farm closed. One woman is there now. I tried to find other suitable places of refuge for her but could not on account of the expense. She is helping me in the hospital now and doing good work. A 13 year old girl also came last month.

As I look back to the past months I realize that it has been a hard year in many respects but His aiding presence has been my strength and comfort and I am ready to face another year of service whatever it may bring.

Wellesley Girls' High School, Naini Tal.

Miss R. A. Sellers, Miss A. M. Kennard and Miss E. Z. Moore, Missionaries.

Miss S. M. Crossen, Contract Teacher.

With the English Schools closing the middle of December and Conference coming the end of November, it is impossible for one in charge of a hill school or those teaching the Government Examination classes to attend Conference. I have always felt that the hardest task in connection with English Hill Schools
is getting the children to and from school. It is a matter of regret to me that this heavy work comes at Conference time but of course the convenience of the work of the greatest number must be considered first.

We have had a very satisfactory year. There have been 146 enrolled, with the boarding department more than full and there has been no sickness among the boarders. Miss Plumley and Miss Plomer returned from their furlough in time for the opening of school and Miss Cnossen, a contract teacher from America arrived in time for the beginning. The Staff has been complete except for one month, when a new teacher resigned at Easter, but we were more than compensated in the appointment by Bishop Fisher of Miss Elizabeth Moore of the Lucknow Conference whom we have for many years coveted from Isabella Thoburn College.

Of the nine candidates presented for the Cambridge School Certificate examination, only two passed. It was a poor class but one of the two won a Rs. 40 scholarship for two years. Of the ten Juniors seven passed, two gaining Rs. 15 scholarships and twelve of the thirteen Preliminary candidates passed, four obtained Rs. 10 scholarships for two years.

The Music Department has been as successful as usual. There have been 108 pupils enrolled. All on the 25 candidates presented for the Trinity College Theory examination passed, 21 with honours. If June three passed the Art of Teaching Examination and obtained the Associate Certificate. 30 candidates entered for the Trinity College Practical examination and 7 for the Associated Board. All passed, 15 of the Trinity candidates gaining honours. In the Associated Board, 2 gained distinction and 4 honourable mention. Miss Bease has just sailed for England for a six months' rest and her sister is in charge of the department in her absence. Mrs. Smythe retires after thirty years of faithful devoted service.

The long-planned-for "Easton Chapel" is at last in the process of building. It was started a year ago but there was so much work required in the preparation of the ground and in building retaining walls, that at the present writing only two feet of the chapel walls are above ground. No other building has been attempted this year but the plans for new teachers' quarters have gone into Government
with an application for grant. A drinking fountain and eighty-one new desks were brought out from America at a cost of about one thousand dollars.

The Senior Branch of the Y. W. C. A. has been carried on chiefly by the senior girls under Miss Kennard's supervision. Miss Plomer and Miss Plumley resumed charge of the Junior Branch. A good year's work was done by both.

I am closing my last year in Wellesley after thirty-eight years of service. I am thankful that the work was entrusted to me and I am now glad to give it up, and I am more than thankful to hand it over to Miss Kennard who is so eminently fitted in every possible way for the work of the School.

Pithoragarh Women's Home.

Miss I. G. Loper, Missionary.
Miss K. Ogilvie, Local Missionary.

The experiences of the year recall Job's query, "Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" It has been a time of testing but we are thankful for the grace that has kept us from being disheartened, and for the good that has come.

The first part of the year had little of incident except the disappointment of Miss Reynolds and coming to take over the school, the months of unsuccessful efforts to get help in the Home, in view of Miss Perrin's furlough, and in March the school being put under my supervision.

The annual examinations and promotions occur in March and they were hardly over when the rinderpest which for nearly a year we had eluded, and which we though was removing from our neighbourhood, broke out in our herd and in three days twelve cows and buffaloes were stricken, and thereafter for three weeks a new case developed every day or so until forty of our herd of fifty-two had it, and twenty died. About half of the latter were calves, and all of our twelve oxen escaped. Owing to the last-mentioned fact there was no need of an immediate outlay though there was an estimated loss of rupees four hundred. The supply of milk and butter has been scarce because the villagers also lose their cows and buffaloes. Only one village to my knowledge, in this vicinity, has escaped. The supply of the only avail-
able fertilizer is much depleted, but on the other hand the remaining animals are in much better condition, and owing to the preventive sanitary measures we used the infection did not spread to our neighbour's cattle and the hope is inspired that in future others may take like precautionary measures that will thus prevent the spread of the disease.

May gave us an interval of pleasanter, if not less strenuous days in the preparation for, and fellowship with the District Conference visitors. During the Conference we learned that there was cholera in Gangolihat, a village eighteen miles distant, on the road to Almora. We have since learned that there were two hundred fatal cases there. During the Conference new remedies were discussed and as there was a likelihood of its coming to Pithoragarh, directly Conference was over those in charge of institutions ordered medicines, and the preacher at Gangolihat removed his family to Chandag.

The Conference closed on May 17th and on the evening of May 26th a Christian day pupil of the Girls' School was taken with cholera and died the next morning. The news had barely reached the school when two girls were reported as showing symptoms of the disease, and later in the day two women of the Home complained of feeling ill. The two girls recovered after a struggle that lasted the whole time the cholera was in our midst, but one of the women died the next day, as did a little girl in school taken the next morning, and another on Sunday. On Monday there were no more seizures and we hoped the worst was over. Indeed, some expressed the opinion, especially before any case proved fatal, that the sickness in our midst was probably mostly fright. But from then on for about two weeks there was a new case every day or two until there were thirteen fatal cases in the Christian community: four in the Home, three in the school, two in the Hospital, and three in as many Christian homes. The last case in school was after a respite of ten days and strict quarentine, and yet it was of the most virulent type, ending fatally in a few hours.

Another regrettable effect of the disease coming first among the Christians, was that we were unable to help our non-Christian neighbours, as the villagers, for fear of infection, would not even permit the Bible women to visit their homes.
An unusual feature of the disease was its long duration. For a month or more it raged in the nearby villages until there was a mortality of one hundred and fifteen in Pithoragarh and vicinity.

There have been many conjectures as to the way the infection was brought, the most likely being that germs were brought from Gangolihat by a very high wind that had been prevalent a few days previous or that coolies or people attending court going back and forth to Almora had brought it. We have recently learned that cholera was first in Luntera, the village that is nearest to the spring that supplies the Christian community and that during the epidemic a man who had been prohibited from getting water from the spring of that village was seen coming to ours. As usually there is nothing to prevent anyone, day or night, from taking water from this spring, in every epidemic we are at the mercy of anyone who will deign to drink the water from our spring.

Some of our people have been perplexed that this affliction was permitted to come amongst us remembering the plague and other diseases on the plains from which Christians are immune though living in close proximity. If the source of our water supply did not solve the problem, our living in the midst of fatalists who know little of sanitation (and care less) almost insures our being fellow sufferers in all that comes to them. Our hope is that by meeting these afflictions with courage, using the newest and best medicines and discoveries of science, and bearing our losses with fortitude, we may indirectly render the aid for which we have come.

Even in our sorrow there is much for which to be thankful. Our doctor was tireless and fearless not only for us but for the surrounding villagers, inoculating hundreds, and ministering early and late to all alike.

In the school the nursing was done by the matron and older girls, one of whom had a year’s training in nursing. In the Home there was a young nurse and a visiting nurse still in training. With the help of Miss McCartney and myself they were in charge of the Home. Though most of the helpers were young and inexperienced they never flinched and doubtless it was their courageous going about their tasks that kept the little ones from panic. One going into the school compound would have
hardly noticed any difference though afterwards we remarked there had been an absence of singing.

The servants, too, were remarkably faithful, only three Hindu servants absenting themselves from duty. We wondered if the daily lesson from the Bible the past years had not helped them to realize that God was near and that to help. The five Christian servants, two of whom are less than a year in the way and all but one family men, performed their dangerous and difficult tasks creditably. One of the converts had a baby boy of whom he was very fond, sick unto death. As he watched beside him he could not fail to see, as I did, that the battle was going against him, and even as I wrote the doctor that I thought the end was near, I breathed a prayer that if it were possible, for the father's sake, his boy might be spared. At that time there were three of the little children of the Home very ill but from that time all three began to improve. There were also five girls in the school and two women in the Home that recovered.

As soon as it became known that unusual burdens were coming on the missionary Miss Ogilvie was transferred to help in the school or Home wherever her help was most needed. Dr. Kipp sent a teacher for the Home, and with a nurse, two teachers, and a girl from the Vocational school returning for work, we have been better staffed than perhaps ever before; certainly it has been so in the Home.

The epidemic interfered with the weeding of the rice so that the harvest in that was not very good but the marwa, or millet, is the best we have had and the oxalis fields are all bearing good crops and can be cared for with little extra labour.

During the year there have been 17 children in the Home but this month five boys are entering the Boys' School.

There have been eight non-Christians come to the Home; two mothers, one with a little boy and one with a little girl, two young men who were given work on the farm, and a man and his wife who work on the farm and are still under instruction.

One young man and the mother with the little girl stayed only a short time but they may return later.

The women are obedient and much more responsive than in former years and with more people to
teach and help them there is great hope that there will be still greater improvement in the coming years.

Pithoragarh Girls’ School.

I. G. Loper, Missionary.
K. Ogilvie Local Missionary

Although heroic efforts had been made to provide a missionary for the Girls’ School, or competent and adequate help for the Home. March 10, 1927 witnessed the departure of Miss Perrill, her furlough having been twice postponed, without either objective having been reached.

Fortunately the staff in the school was efficient and experienced, and little was required but advice, and that was for a time, at least, about all that could be given. Their good work the previous year was attested by all of the five candidates sent up for the Government examination passing in the II Division, and whatever may be the outcome of the extra leave, and loss from anxiety and extra work due to the cholera epidemic, it will not be because of any lessening of effort on the part of teachers or pupils.

The sickness was in our midst before we were aware it was near and it was almost impossible to segregate the girls. Even though the parents were willing to take their children home, the villagers, fearing infection would not permit it, and to send them away meant possible absence of attendance and medicine in time of need. Those who could went to friends in Pithoragarh, and others were lodged in the school-house, the dormitories being reserved for the sick. The brunt of the nursing fell on the matron and the older girls, one of whom had had one year of nurse’s training. My own time was divided between the Home and the school, the most of the time being given to the former, as a nurse and a visiting nurse in training were the only helpers there, the new members of the Home staff having just arrived.

The girls, whatever their feelings may have been, went about their tasks like veterans, and neither fatigue, lack of sleep, nor fear, made them shirk a duty.

After a vacation of a month school was re-opened, but girls were slow about returning because for weeks cholera was in near-by villages and it was
not until the end of July that the attendance was normal.

We were however to have two more afflictions. Itch had been prevalent in the villages and the girls returning introduced it into the school and it spread until by the beginning of September seventy girls had been infected, but October 15 finds us with a clean bill of health, and the girls practically recovered from the influenza which immediately followed.

Of course outside work in the villages which we had planned earlier in the year was out of the question. The teachers and I however, did attend a fair in August and the Head teacher and I another early in October. At this 1,000 tracts and 900 picture cards on which the teachers had written a text in the vernacular, and 7 Gospels were distributed. The non-Christian boys of our Mission schools joined in the singing of Christian songs and many asked for song books. As our Indian bhajans are the Gospel in song we hope much from this dissemination of literature.

There are at present 99 girls on our roll, and 16 in other schools.

During the year one teacher and one girl were married, and one Hindu girl came to the school and was baptized.

This year Bishop J. W. Robinson and Dr. Core attended our District Conference and they remarked on the improved condition of the work and spirit of the workers, and spoke particularly of the good attention paid by the girls.

The Hindu doctor who has been such a help to us has been transferred and we are entertaining the hope with a number of doctors home from China perhaps one may find her way to our Hospital.

All but one of the Branches support this work and we have heard from nearly all of them in their acknowledgment of the patrons letters. We hope for a better report next year, but are glad that it is as well as it is with us.

Hospital and Evangelistic Work, Eastern Kumaon

Blanca McCartney, Missionary

Matthew 10; 42. “And whoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple............”

It is an impossibility to write a comprehensive
report of evangelistic work. I can tell you how many villages I have visited and how many people have been taught and helped by medicine but most of you have never seen an Indian village and it would mean little. As I began to write this the thought came to me that mothers would understand this work better than any one because much of your work is just "giving cups of cold water." The results of which you cannot estimate.

The work here in the mountains is not done among crowds because the villages are small and often far apart. Often it takes hours to reach one village and then there may be only three or four people there. I wish you might come with me for a few days and then you would understand, would realize that your gift has not given in vain. Here is the woman tending her buffaloes by the temple whose daughter-in-law will not obey her so we tell her to show more love. There is the man who oversees the cleaning of the road, and to him we give a word of praise for his good work and a tract to read while he waits for his men. There are over a hundred little school houses, Government Schools, where we talk with the boys and leave a book for the master. To the little wife far from home we give a picture, and to the old woman with her feet and hands swollen with rheumatism, some salve or a plaster. We meet the Brahmin priest who throws water on us so that he may not be defiled by our sitting in his court yard, but who stays to hear of the pure life of the Christ. There is the young bridge caretaker who buys a Bible and reads it daily and the man who has his tooth extracted and is sent on his way relieved of pain. We sometimes hold evening meetings with the lantern pictures, where we get the crowds and sow seed that will bear fruit many-fold.

Concerning the hospital I cannot tell in words of the faithfulness of the helpers who in my absence carry on the work there. Of the children who have been given to us, one is in the blind school at Rajpur, two are in the Warne Baby fold at Bareilly, two died of cholera, one has been adopted by a Christian family in Almora, and one boy has been sent to the Boys' School in Pithoragarh. I have six children left, all of whom have one or both parents living, for if the children's parents come to see them I do not send them away. Be glad for every penny you give for the work here, for it is most worth while.
Examination results are only a partial index of the progress of a School, but since they are something definite and since one should include them in a report of school work, we herewith record that Almora Girls’ School sent up eight candidates for the Anglo-Vernacular Middle Examination. Six passed, one taking the 2nd place in the Provinces and gaining a Government Scholarship. Of the four who sat for the High School Examination two passed, one with Distinction in Mathematics and a Scholarship.

The two Training Class candidates passed and have since been employed as teachers, one here in Almora and the other in Pauri.

But this does not tell the whole story of effort and growth. Not only the Examination classes, but all of us have had a busy, happy year of work. Miss Ashbrook, who spent her vacation in Almora, very kindly gave up some of her mornings to showing the teachers in the Preparatory Section and the Training Class girls the games and methods used by her in the Lodipur Community School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the work and have benefitted by it since.

The Staff has worked loyally and well. Two teachers are away taking the English Teachers’ Course. Others have filled the vacancies very satisfactorily. We, in the Hills, being in a Hindi-speaking area have to look far afield for qualified Hindi-speaking women teachers. Miss A. Nath, a graduate of Isabella Thoburn Normal School, who came to us from the Central Provinces has fitted in remarkably well.

We have 42 Hindu girls in attendance as day scholars not only in the Primary and Middle Sections but in the High School and the Training Class. One welcomes the opportunity of becoming acquainted with them thus, in the school room. There are 25 little boys in the Preparatory, who, as they finish the work of the II class are transferred to Ramsay Boys’ High School.

Application has been made to Government to recognise Almora as a High School. Till it is granted our pupils must appear as private candidates for the High School Examination of the United Provinces Board of Education.

Miss Newman, having spent six months in Mus-
soorie at the Language School, returned the end of October, and we rejoice and feel strengthened because she is with us again.

Adams Girls' High School, Almora—Hostel
Department.

Jessie I. Peters, Missionary.

We are rejoicing over the fact that during the year we have in a sense been adopted by the Indian Conference. At least they have given us a new name and taken us into the large family of the W. F. M. S. by paying for us. How I wish that all those who have had a part in this could be put upon a magic carpet and brought out here to see us and our beautiful surroundings. The piece I love best to hear at the close of the day is "Sanctus" for in very truth the "Glory of the Lord" fills our horizon. As we day by day lift up our eyes to the hills about and gaze down into the valleys through which flow the rivers wending their way to the plains "the whole earth seems full of His glory."

In speaking with one who has known India for many years in an official capacity we were congratulated on the fact that the women of this part of India especially were the workers. The only kind of work not done by women in the hills is ploughing. The reason they do not do that is because it would be a disgrace to the oxen to be driven by women. We are glad there is one kind of work, at least, of which we do not wish to deprive the men—notwithstanding the reason thereof.

We did have such a lovely time last Christmas. We had special teas for the Bible Women and the teachers. The Day School children came to the bungalow and gave a Christmas program and we gave prizes to those who had passed into higher classes during the year. A little Hindu baby was the Christ child as the children acted out the story of the shepherd of the Bethlehem hills on the first Christmas night so long ago.

The boys and girls learn new Christmas songs every year and at different times during the night of Christmas eve visit every Christian home in the community. It is very beautiful to hear their young voices ringing out the Glad Tidings up and down the hillsides. The Tuberculosis Sanatorium and the
Leper Asylum are five miles apart but the boys visit them both before morning with their cheering carols.

For the Christmas program in the church a special feature is the lighted procession. They all meet in the compound of the girls' school and with lighted candles or Japanese lanterns they march up the hill to the church singing about the joys of Christ's coming to earth. The Hindu and Mohammedan children of the neighbourhood love to join with their Christian playmates in this processional. On other days there are sports and the girls had their own Christmas tree (for we live in Christmas tree land) and a specially good dinner, and also the gifts that came in parcels from home.

Our girls are as jolly and lively as ever and give constant witness to their Christian living by their fine co-operation. When the matron went for her holiday this spring they divided up the work so that all the older girls had a part of the responsibility.

During the week of special evangelistic work the girls decided to hold their own meetings. They were divided into five groups and the older girls took the meetings and I met with the leaders. We had 55 meetings during March. They are splendid at arranging programs for the Leper Asylum and they are keen about visiting the sick in the hospital and the Sanatorium. Some of them during the winter holidays visited some of the villages with the Bible women. We have had many most interesting discussions in Sunday school and daily scripture classes about the problems of religion and daily life. The roof on one of the hostels was becoming unsafe and we have had to reroof and also straighten some bulging walls so that one of our hostels will be as good as new when finished.

We have all been well and happy and each passing day finds us more and more in love with our surroundings and the young people who we are trying to help grow into Christ-likeness and to enter the various lines of service that await them in India.

Almora City Zenana Work and Day Schools.

Jessie I. Peters, Missionary.

The day schools and the Bible women carry on their work from day to day with the faithfulness so characteristic of our people. Every month I think I
will go out with them more, but the daily classes and the hostel correspondence and other work keep me all too busy. We still visit in 280 homes in the city and near-by villages. There are 104 women and girls who are reading and there is an average of about 700 women who hear the gospel message each month.

It seems to me that if ever there was a simile that applied to this work it is that of the leaven hidden in the meal. The almost silent, unnoticed, faithful work that goes on so constantly year in and year out is just as surely permeating the whole fabric of society as did the leaven. The women themselves testify to the change that they can see in the attitude of the people. It used to be the custom to sprinkle the place and themselves with water after the Bible women had departed as an act of purification but that is never done any more. Many of the women in the zenana tell of the comfort they have in their own hearts from the teachings of Jesus Christ and there is a very great change in the practices of idolatry.

It has been a great help to have some of the teachers from our Boarding school go for a month at a time for an hour or so a day to help in the Lal Diggi Day school. It has been a joy to the children and an inspiration to the teachers. The Lal Diggi School has 41 on the roll and the Narian Tewari school which is entirely supported by the District Board has 28 on the roll. We have a Sunday school at the Diggi school run by one of our teachers and a Training Class girl. They are very faithful to this bit of Christian service.

Like those who have been here before us we are much attached to our people at the Leper Asylum and we always have a meeting with the women on Saturday afternoon. The girls often go with us, some of them to see their mothers, and how the women do enjoy their visits and beam upon them in love and admiration. Their songs and stories are much enjoyed. A dear little boy by the name of Jai has been given to us this year from the lepers. His mother had a mighty struggle to give him up. He was nearly three years old and a beautiful child. Before she gave him up we almost never saw her and she rarely attended the meetings but now that we have the keeping of her boy she is always on hand and takes an active part in the meetings. One of our Bible women takes the responsibility for him and while she is gone he plays happily in the school compound. After
he had been given over and he had his bath and clean clothes one day his mother came to see him; of course he wanted to run to his mother and throw himself into her arms but she sat at a distance from him and explained to her baby why it was she could no more take him into her arms and she showed him her fingerless hands. It was all very sad and heart-breaking. But she has tried to think of his good rather than her own aching heart. It is going to help her spiritual life as all sacrifices for the good of others do.

MORADABAD DISTRICT

Moradabad District, Work

Mrs. C. D. Rockey, Missionary.

"I teach a school two miles from my home. There are 6 boys and 3 girls all of whom are learning to read. Some of them can read the Bible, and more would be able to do so if we had more Bibles. We have only one, and when my husband needs it for his work, we have none for the school. I would appreciate having a companion who could go and come with me because I have to pass the headquarters of a group of bad men on my way to the school." Such is the report of only one of the many Bible Readers of Moradabad District. I might add that this woman is the kind who will keep on going to her school even though it may be impossible to find a companion for her.

Other reports at district conference told of visits in the zenanas, Sunday School teaching, talks on temperance, and in fact all of the big and little tasks which women busy in their own homes can still find time to perform. There are 20 day schools taught by women, with an attendance of 150 boys and 110 girls. There are 50 Sunday Schools taught by them, with an attendance of 350 adults and 450 children.

We are hoping that this year more definite thought can be put on the business of bringing up the morale of some of the Christian women of the district, to try to keep homes from being broken up, keep women from aiding and encouraging bands of dacoits, and to prevent quarrels and revenge from being dominant factors in the Christian communities. A group of women has promised to pray daily for the removal of evil practices especially by women of the Christian church."
Miss Calkins and Mrs. Mansell have been a great help to the women in teaching them school methods, hygiene and personal evangelism during the district conference.

Moradabad Girls' School.
Ruth Warrington and Esther Blackstock.

This year has been sadly broken up by the departures of Miss Bothwell early in March and of Miss Hoath and Miss Peters in May. The work has necessarily suffered, in some respects, at least, but as there were few changes in the teaching staff and hostel staff, things have not been as difficult as they might have been with more changes.

The girls have had no very serious illnesses except for malaria, which has been bad during September and October.

The enrollment is quite large, there being about 170 hostel residents in the Middle School and 17 students in the Normal School. A few boys in A Class and twenty or more girls who come as day-scholars bring the total enrollment in the Middle School up to nearly 200.

We have a Girl Guide band of more than thirty girls and more will soon be enrolled and we also have younger girls in Blue Bird bands, the leaders of whom are two Junior teachers. This work adds interest to school-life and benefits the girls in many ways.

It is difficult to measure progress within a period of only a few months, but we feel that many of the girls are trying hard to lead earnest Christian lives and to influence their companions for good. There is a regular intercessory service every Sunday at noon, at which the attendance is voluntary and in which much good is accomplished. We hope that our friends will remember us always in their prayers and so will add to the results of our service.

A few Christmas gifts from American friends have already come for the girls and we have had notice of others on the way. Please accept our grateful thanks for all the love and kindly thought which have prompted the sending. And we also appreciate the regular support given by the patrons of each girl.
Parker Branch School

Ethel M. Calkins and Carrie Rost—Missionaries

The past year has had its disappointments and failures as well as its joys and successes.

We have had an excellent staff of fine Christian young men, and Miss Chester, supplied to us from Pacific Branch, has been a most efficient head mistress and has been interested in every phase of the life of our large family of boys.

We have all been pleased with progress our boys have made in their school work and it is a joy to look in on any class and to watch their interest and enthusiasm in learning. School is not drudgery to them, and work seems to be play as it should be.

Our aim is to make our boys industrious, self-reliant, and appreciative. The idea is of course prevalent that manual labour is a disgrace for an educated man, and people do not send their children to school to work. However this idea has been almost overcome, until now we are fearing that our boys work too hard, but they are enjoying it.

They are learning to think for themselves. They are now responsible for their own clothing. It is pretty hard sometimes, and patches are abundant, but the clothes are their own, having been obtained through their own efforts or those of their parents.

We are attempting to lead the boys to appreciate what is being done for them and to create a desire to pass on to others what they themselves have received. We have a Patrons' Day each year when there is a special program in which the boys express by songs, dramas, and stories their gratitude to those who made it possible for them to come to school. This year they dramatized a scene in an American home when a patron's letter was received. This drama was written by Miss Rost, our new missionary, whose presence and help has been a real inspiration even though most of the year has been spent in language study.

In March during some little revival meetings held for the boys a number were drawn very near to God, and entered into a vital experience of His presence. This is something we crave for every boy.

M. P. House, Lucknow.
Statistics Report.
## General Statistics for
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### North India Conference

**Year preceding Nov. 1, 1926, Oct. 31, 1927.**
## DISTRICT STATISTICS FOR

For the year ending March 31, 1927

The Report should cover the last complete school year ending within this period.

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### BOARDING SCHOOLS

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### PUPILS (Day and Boarding)

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### EXPENDITURES

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### DISTRICT STATISTICS FOR

The Report should cover the last complete school year ending within this period.

#### Classified Summary

1. **Day Schools**:
   - **Bareilly Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 46 M. F.
     - 40 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Bijnor Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 40 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Chandausi Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Garhwal Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Hardoi Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Kumaon Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Moradabad Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Sitapur Dist.**
     - 5 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 08 Lower Primary
     - 08 Upper Primary
     - 08 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 00 English
   - **Total**
     - 48 schools
     - 08 M. F.
     - 10 Lower Primary
     - 10 Upper Primary
     - 10 Anglo-Vernacular Middle
     - 10 English
     - Total 1,366 students

#### Other Schools:

1. **Bareilly Baby Fold**
   - 1 school
   - 0 M. F.
   - 10 Lower Primary
   - Total 4 students
2. **Bareilly Theological Woman's School**
   - 1 school
   - 0 M. F.
   - 10 Lower Primary
   - Total 5 students
3. **Budaun Training Woman's School**
   - 1 school
   - 0 M. F.
   - 10 Lower Primary
   - Total 4 students
4. **Moradabad Parker Branch**
   - 1 school
   - 0 M. F.
   - 10 Lower Primary
   - Total 6 students

#### Total

- **Number of Christian pupils**: 1,366
- **Total 4 schools**: 24 schools
- **Total 76 students**: 76 students

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

#### Revenue

- **Property and endowment**
  - **Use local currency**
  - **Income**
  - **Expenditure**
  - **Furnishings and equipment**
  - **Total expenses**
  - **Total contributions**
  - **Total endowment**
  - **F.M. E.**

#### Expenditure

- **Building and lodging**
- **Current expenses**
- **Total contributions**
- **Total endowment**
- **W. F. M. E.**

#### Educational Institutions ending March, 1927

- **Bareilly**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 1,225 students
  - **Income**: 2,230 students
  - **Expenditure**: 2,760 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 1,725 students
  - **Total contributions**: 1,464 students

- **Bijnor**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 2,880 students
  - **Income**: 3,003 students
  - **Expenditure**: 3,063 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 3,463 students
  - **Total contributions**: 798 students

- **Chandausi**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 112 students
  - **Income**: 383 students
  - **Expenditure**: 4,084 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 4,084 students
  - **Total contributions**: 475 students

- **Garhwal**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 11,255 students
  - **Income**: 3,825 students
  - **Expenditure**: 3,825 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 3,825 students
  - **Total contributions**: 315 students

- **Hardoi**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 12,620 students
  - **Income**: 360 students
  - **Expenditure**: 360 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 360 students
  - **Total contributions**: 88 students

- **Kumaon**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 788 students
  - **Income**: 360 students
  - **Expenditure**: 360 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 360 students
  - **Total contributions**: 88 students

- **Moradabad**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 1,366 students
  - **Income**: 1,227 students
  - **Expenditure**: 1,227 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 1,227 students
  - **Total contributions**: 1,464 students

- **Moradabad Parker Branch**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 12,111 students
  - **Income**: 12,111 students
  - **Expenditure**: 12,111 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 12,111 students
  - **Total contributions**: 12,111 students

- **Sitapur**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 115 students
  - **Income**: 172 students
  - **Expenditure**: 172 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 172 students
  - **Total contributions**: 115 students

- **Total**
  - **Boarding & lodging residents**: 102 students
  - **Income**: 159 students
  - **Expenditure**: 159 students
  - **Furnishings and equipment**: 159 students
  - **Total contributions**: 76 students
  - **Total endowment**: 76 students
## North India

### Medical

#### Conference 1927

**Statistics**

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| 2. Zanana Mission Hospital, Pithoragarh | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 4 | 6 | 22 | 20 | 360 | ... | 23 | 5 | 28 | 67 |
| 3. Phulbari Dispensary, Champawat | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 4 | 1 | 30 | 4 | ... | 30 | 3 | ... | ... |
| **Total** | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 10 | 40 | 103 | 396 | 4,022 | ... | 89 | 88 | 124 | 125 |
| 4. Mission Hospital, Almora | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 4 | 17 | 110 | 1,074 | 7 | 21 | ... | ... |
| **Total** | ... | 3 | 5 | 23 | 12 | 44 | 128 | 478 | 4,728 | 7 | 110 | 40 | 124 | 125 |
# Statistics for Medical Work in Schools and Districts

**North India Woman's Conference**

*For the Conference Year Ending March 31, 1927.*

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