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Top Row :—(left to right) F. G. Williams, E. R. Barnes, C. B. Bare, B. Mirandi, J. Saren, B. Saren, R. Swan, N. H. Fritchley, S. C. Katwar, J. S. Choudhury, P. N. Banerji, K. R. Das, S. Biswas.

Second Row :—P. N. Das, W. G. Griffiths, B. Mirandi, B. B. Naskar, B. A. Mott, S. B. Kazi, K. Saren, R. L. Saren, P. Nathaniel, J. Nelson, A. D. Volrath, A. P. Kessop, F. Biswas.

Third Row :—Mrs. S. K. Mondol, Miss D. Baldwin, Miss Ruth Field, Mrs. E. Beeben, Miss I. D. Collins, Miss A. Hunt, Mrs. M. Das, Miss K. Biswas, Miss S. Adhikari, Mrs. F. G. Williams, Mrs. H. E. Dewey, Mrs. C. B. Bare, Mrs. W. W. Bell.

Seated :—Miss L. Boles, Miss M. L. Pierce, Miss H. O. Wood, W. W. Bell, S. K. Mondol, Bishop J. R. Chitambar, H. E. Dewey, Miss S. Das, Miss K. Biswas, Miss R. Carr, Miss H. Swan, Miss G. Dawson.

Children :—Hashi Naskar, Jotu Das, Anil Das.

Motto: "Saved for Service"

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ROLL OF MEMBERS

Full Members

NAMES.	Date of joining Conference.	LANGUAGE.	STATION.
Adhikari, Shoelabala	.. 1926	Bengali	.. Calcutta
*Archibald, Mrs. C. H.	.. 1907	English-Hindustani	.. Calcutta
Baldwin, Dessie	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Beeken, Mrs. Elsie	.. 1902	Bengali	.. Pakaur
Bell, Mrs. W. W.	.. 1936	English-Hindustani	.. Calcutta
Biswas, Horshabala	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Asansol
*Boles, Lulu A.	.. 1917	English-Bengali	.. Lucknow
Carr, Rachel	.. 1909	Bengali	.. Asansol
*Collins, Irma D.	.. 1926	English	.. Calcutta
Dawson, Gayle	.. 1936	English-Hindustani	.. Calcutta
Dewey, Mrs. H. E.	.. 1922	Bengali-English	.. Pakaur-Darjeeling
Field, Ruth	.. 1919	English	.. Calcutta
*Griffiths, Mrs. W. G.	.. 1920	Bengali-English	.. Jubbulpore
Hunt, Ava F.	.. 1910	English	.. Lucknow
*Kinzly, Katherine M.	.. 1907	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Lee, Mrs. Ada	.. 1894	Bengali	.. Calcutta
*Mawson, Mrs. W. H.	.. 1928	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Mondol, Mrs. S. K.	.. 1929	Bengali	.. Asansol
Mott., Mrs. B. A.	.. 1930	Hindustani	.. Gomoh
Nathaniel, Mrs P.	.. 1926	Hindustani	.. Dhanbad
Pierce, Mildred	.. 1922	Santali	.. Pakaur
Swan, Hilda M.	.. 1905	Bengali	.. Pakaur
*Swan, Mrs. H. M.	.. 1908	Santali English	.. Pakaur-Darjeeling
*Tucker, Mrs. B. W.	.. 1917	Bengali	.. Santineketan
Volrath, Mrs. A. D.	.. 1930	Hindustani	.. Calcutta
*Welles, Doris I.	.. 1922	Hindustani	.. Calcutta
Williams, Mrs. F. G.	.. 1923	Bengali	.. Asansol
Wood, Hazel O.	.. 1928	English	.. Cawnpore

*Indicates those who are on furlough.

Associate Members.

NAMES.	Date of joining Conference.	LANGUAGE.	STATION.
Biswas, Binodini	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Dass, Kanonbala	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Das, Mrs. P. K.	.. 1936	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Das, Shushongini	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Hembrom, D.	.. 1935	Santali	.. Pakaur
Jones, Phoebe K.	.. 1936	Bengali	.. Pakaur
Lee, Premi	.. 1935	Hindustani	.. Pakaur
Mondol, Kironbala	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Mukerji, Mrs. Kristie	.. 1935	Bengali	.. Calcutta
Nelson, Flora	.. 1936	Hindustani	.. Calcutta

Retired.

Miss Fannie Bennett, Alhambra, Terrace, California.

Mrs. W. P. Byers, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

Miss Mary Carpenter, Steubenville, Ohio.

Miss Mabel L. Eddy, Fulton, Mich.

Miss Pauline Grandstrand, Taylor's Falls, Minn.

Mrs. D. H. Manley, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. J. P. Meik, 917 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Mrs. Frances Smith, East Center Street, Anaheim, Calif.

Bengal Woman's Conference

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1938

Asansol District

District Work	Mrs. S. K. Mondol
District Evangelist and Day Schools ..	Miss Rachel Carr
Asansol	Mrs. S. C. Katwar
Dhanbad	Mrs. Priya Nathaniel
Gomoh Church	Mrs. B. A. Mott
Gomoh District Evangelist.. .. .	To be supplied.
Ushagram Church	Mrs. J. S. Chowdhury
Ushagram School	Miss. H. B. Biswas, Principal, Mrs. F. G. Williams
Asansol and Gomoh English Church..	Mrs. S. K. Mondol

Calcutta Bengali District

Beliaghata	Mrs. E. R. Barnes
District Evangelist and Day Schools ..	Miss. D. L. Baldwin (Miss S. Das).
Lee Memorial Mission and School ..	Mrs. Ada Lee, Miss D. L. Baldwin, (Miss S. Adhikari), Mrs. P. C. Mondol
Nihati	Mrs. B. K. Sen
Tamluk	Mrs. K. R. Das

Calcutta Hindustani District

District Work	Mrs. C. B. Bare
Calcutta Central Hindustani Church ..	Mrs. A. P. Kessop
Howrah	To be supplied.
Calcutta Evangelistic and Educational Work	Mrs. W. W. Bell
District Evangelistic Work	Mrs. A. D. Volrath

English District

District Work	...	..	..	Mrs. W. W. Bell
Calcutta Boys' High School	..	..	..	Mrs. H. C. Fritchley
Calcutta Girls' School	..	..	..	Miss Ruth Field
Thoburn Church	..	..	..	Mrs. C. B. Bare
Darjeeling, Mount Hermon School and Estate	..	..	..	Mrs. H. E. Dewey

Pakaur District

Bengali Evangelistic Work and Day Schools	..	..	..	Miss Hilda M. Swan
Bengali Day and Boarding School	..	..	..	Mrs. Elsie Beeken
Chandrapura	..	...	..	Mrs. Kandna Saren
Gondai	..	..	...	Mrs. Bajnath Marandi
Jidato School	..	..	..	Miss Mildred Pierce Director
Kolajhora	..	..	..	Mrs. Bodon Marandi
Pakaur	..	..	..	Mrs. Jibon Saren
Pakaur	..	..	..	Mrs. Faijan Biswas
Sangrampur	..	..	..	Mrs. Sabjan Biswas
Saraidhalla	..	..	..	Mrs. R. L. Saren
Village Evangelistic Work	..	..	..	Mrs. B. B. Naskar
Medical Work	..	..	..	Miss Hilda M. Swan
Santali Evangelistic Work and Day Schools	..	..	..	Miss Lilian Canfield

Special Appointments

Mrs. W. G. Griffiths, Leonard Theological College Jubbulpore

Miss Ava Hunt, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow

Miss H. Wood, Cawnpore Girls' High School, Cawnpore

Miss Lilian Canfield, Language Study (Santali)

Miss Gayle Dawson, Medical leave till March 1.

On leave for service in America.

Mrs. B. W. Tucker, Mrs. W. H. Mawson, Miss Doris Welles, Mrs. C. L. Swan, Mrs. C. H. Archibald, Miss K. M. Kinzley, Mrs. H. M. Swan, Miss Irma Collins, Miss Lulu Boles.

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MISS HILDA M. SWAN

Assistant Secretary:

MISS LULU BOLES

Field Correspondent:

MISS MILDRED PIERCE

Conference Historian:

MISS RACHEL CARR

Statistical Secretary:

MRS. H. E. DEWEY.

Treasurer:

MISS E. L. WHITING.

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MISS RACHEL CARR	MRS. ELSIE BEEKEN
MISS RUTH FIELD	MISS HILDA M. SWAN
MISS DESSIE BALDWIN	MRS. F. G. WILLIAMS

Ex-Officio: MISS MILDRED PIERCE

Alternates

MRS. W. W. BELL	MISS AVA HUNT
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STANDING COMMITTEE.

Auditing :—J. S. Chowdhury, Chairman; The Cabinet, Ex-Officio; H. K. Mondol; Miss R. Carr; Miss H. M. Swan; Miss R. Field.

Board of Christian Education :—F. G. Williams; H. E. Dewey; W. G. Griffiths; H. K. Mondol; Jibon Saran; B. A. Mott; H. C. Fritchley; Miss Hunt; Mrs. Beeken; Miss S. Das; Miss Field; Mrs. Williams; Miss Baldwin; Miss Pierce; Miss H. Biswas.

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Evangelistic :—Miss Baldwin and all evangelistic missionaries.

House Furnishing :—Miss Carr, Miss Field, Miss Wood, Mrs. Beeken.

Programme :—Miss Field, Mrs. Bell, Miss Carr, Miss Baldwin.

Publication :—Miss Swan, Miss Boles.

Women's Relation Committee :—Miss Pierce, Miss Carr, Miss Baldwin, Miss H. B. Biswas.

Women's Societies and Home Missions :—Miss Carr, Mrs. Choudhury, Miss Jones, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Hembrom.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Temperance :—Miss Jones Chariman; Faijan Biswas; A. D. Volrath; P. C. Mondol; Kandna Saran; M. Swarnokar; Mrs. S. K. Mondol; Mrs. Fritchley; Mrs. Lee; Mrs. Mott; Miss Adhikari; Miss Field; Miss Premi Lee.

Medical :—Mrs. Dewey, Chairman; A. P. Kessop; B. B. Naskar; H. E. Dewey; Bodon Marandi; Faijan Biswas; Newton Fritchley; Miss H. Swan; Mrs. Volrath; Miss Baldwin.

Literature and Colportage :—Mrs. Lee, Chairman; S. C. Katwar; K. R. Das; P. C. Mondol; J. D. Nelson; Bodon Marandi; A. D. Volrath; Sabjan Biswas; R. L. Saran; Miss Swan; Miss Carr; Mrs. Mott; Mrs. Barnes.

Calcutta Christian School Society :—Ex-Officio, The Bishop in charge of Bengal Conference; H. E. Dewey; W. W. Bell; C. B. Bare; H. K. Mondol; H. C. Fritchley; Miss Field; Miss Whiting; Miss Baldwin; Miss Pierce.

Literary Programme:—Miss Hunt; Miss Wood; Miss Baldwin; Mrs. Bare; A. P. Kessop; H. K. Mondol; H. C. Fritchley.
Historical Society:—Miss H. Swan, Convenor; K. R. Das; Miss Carr; Mrs. Lee.

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES.

Bengal and Assam Christian Council:—S. K. Mondol; H. E. Dewey; Miss H. B. Biswas.

Santal Christian Council:—Miss Mildred Pierce.

Blackstone Missionary Institute:—Miss Hilda M. Swan.

Board of Directors, Isabella Thoburn College:—Miss Ava Hunt.

All-India Literature Committee:—Miss Mildred Pierce, (1937-39).

Mary Wilson Sanitarium:—Miss Ava, Hunt, (1938).

Bengali Woman's Friend:—Miss Dessie Baldwin.

International Unit:—Miss Hilda Swan, President; Miss Pierce, Vice-President; Mrs. Dewey, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Swan, All-India Representative.

W. F. M. S. Officers.

Treasurer for all India:—Miss E. L. Whiting, 150 Dharamtala Street, Calcutta.

Official Correspondent:—Mrs. P. C. Greenly, 93, Linden Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

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PROCEEDINGS

Fifty-First Annual Session.

Thursday, January 6, 1938.

The Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the Bengal Woman's Conference met at the Asansol Church on January 6, at 12:30 P. M. with Mrs. Dewey the Vice-President in the chair. The devotions were led by Mrs. Lee. After the singing of the hymn, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," Miss Kanonbala Das led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was read by Miss Shoelabala Adhikari. Mrs. Lee spoke on God's anointing and our need of His anointing before we can be efficient workers. A song in Bengali was sung by Miss Binodini Biswas, after which Mrs. Lee closed with prayer.

A message from Mrs. Chitambar was read by Mrs. Dewey, and the Secretary was instructed to write a message in return, expressing our regret at her absence.

Roll Call:—The secretary called the roll and the following responded. Miss Adhikari, Mrs. Beekan, Miss Boles, Miss Carr, Miss Collins, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Field, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mondol, Mrs. Mott, Miss Pierce Miss Swan, Mrs. Williams, Miss Wood, Miss Baldwin, Miss Binodini Biswas, Miss H. B. Biswas, Miss Shusongini Das, Miss Dawson, Miss P. K. Jones.

Elections:—In the absence of Mrs. Chitambar, Mrs. Dewey was elected President; The other officers were as follows:—Vice-President, Miss Hunt; Secretary, Miss Swan; Assistant Secretary, Miss Boles; Conference Historian, Miss Carr; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Dewey.

Introductions:—Mrs. Williams was introduced as she had returned from furlough since the last Conference.

Greetings from Absent Members:—The following had sent greetings to the Conference:—Mrs. Archibald, Miss Carpenter, Miss Barber (former Member), Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Beulah Swan Blomberg. The roll was called and several promised to send greetings to the absent members this year.

Official Letter:—Miss Pierce read the letter from Mrs. Greenly, and instructed all who had not already sent in their "Questionnaires" to do so immediately.

Woman's Relations Committee:—Miss Pierce reported the following Associate Members who were now ready to be admitted as full members:—Miss Baldwin, Miss Dawson, and Miss Horshabala Biswas.

Santal Christian Council:—In giving this report, Miss Pierce said that this is the only Christian Council which conducts its business wholly in the vernacular. Miss Pierce was re-elected as the representative for 1938.

Mary Wilson Sanitarium:—Miss Boles brought the report of the Mary Wilson Sanitarium. It was encouraging to note that arrangements have been made to secure equipment so that the work may be more efficiently carried on. Miss Hunt was appointed our representative for 1938.

Field Correspondent and Reference Committee:—It was voted that the election of Field Correspondent and Field Reference Committee, be made the order of the day, immediately after devotions on Friday.

Treasurer's Report:—Miss Pierce read a letter from Miss Whiting with greetings to the Conference.

After singing "Guide me oh thou great Jehovah" and repeating together the Conference prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Friday, January 7, 1938.

The session on Friday, January 7, was opened with the President in the chair. Miss Field had charge of the devotions. She asked Miss Wood to sing the opening song as a solo, after which she based her remarks on "Striving for the Best" Miss Hunt closed the devotional period by reading the prayer Hymn No. 279, in the new hymnal.

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

Order of the Day:—Misses Baldwin, Dawson, and Binodini Biswas were appointed tellers by the chair, and the ballots distributed. Miss Pierce was elected Field Correspondent, and the following were elected as members of the Field Reference Committee;—Miss Carr, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Field, Miss Swan, Miss Baldwin, and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Bell and Miss Hunt were elected alternates.

Nominating Committee:—The president announced the Nominating Committee as follows:—Miss Collins, Miss Field, Mrs. Beeken.

Resolutions Committee:—The following were appointed by the chair for the Resolutions Committee:—Miss Hunt, Miss Dawson, Miss Shushongini Das.

Literature Committee:—This report was given by Miss Pierce. She also reported from the All-India Literature Committee that the money given for the *Mohila Bandhub* would be the same this year as last, but that in 1939, the grant would be reduced.

Mohila Bandhub:—Mrs. Mondol gave the report of the Mohila Bandhub and reported a deficit.

Statistical Report:—Mrs. Dewey called our attention to the Statistical Report, which was on display for our perusal.

International Department:—Mrs. Dewey read a letter telling about our Bible woman at Wuhu, China, and told about the various auxiliaries in the Conference, who are contributing towards her support.

After reading the Conference prayer together, we were adjourned.

Saturday, January 8, 1938.

The third session of our Conference was opened with the President in the chair. Mrs. Bell had charge of the devotions. After the singing of "O Jesus Thou art standing," Mrs. Barnes led in prayer. Mrs. Bell read Acts 12:1-18 and brought us a message from the life of Rhoda after which Miss Field sang, "My Task."

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

Introductions:—Mrs. E. R. Barnes who has just come with her husband to join the work at Lee Memorial in Calcutta, was introduced.

Nominating Committee:—The report of the Nominating Committee was received and after certain alterations, the committees were elected. (See List).

Field Property Committee:—Miss Pierce brought from the Field Reference Committee, the following nomination for Field Property Committee:—Mrs. Beeken, Miss Carr, Miss Field, Miss Pierce.

Reports:—The report of the Auditing Committee was given by Miss Carr. Accepted. The report of the House Furnishing Committee was given by Miss Collins. Accepted. The Woman's Societies report was given by Miss Carr. Accepted. The Literature Committee reported that as Mrs. Mondol had asked to be relieved of that editorship of *Mahila Bandhub*, Miss Baldwin be asked to assume this responsibility, and that Miss Adhikari and Miss Shushongini Das be asked to be her assistants. Miss Baldwin agreed to do this.

Receiving news of Mrs. Griffith's recent illness, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings from the Conference.

Resolutions:—Miss Hunt read the resolutions as prepared by the Committee. Accepted.

After repeating the Conference prayer together, the Conference adjourned.

MRS. H. E. DEWEY, *President.*
HILDA M. SWAN, *Secretary.*

Message from Mrs. Chitambar.

"That in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

MIRAJ MISSION HOSPITAL,

MIRAJ, S. M. C.

January 1, 1938.

Dearly beloved Co-workers in the Lord:

Greetings! I am very sorry not to be able to attend the Conference, but I am with you in spirit with prayers and best wishes for a very blessed Conference, full of help and inspiration, with the Lord Himself guiding all its affairs.

I hope the Conference has made much progress towards the goal set before us last year. I am not able to write much but I do wish to put a few questions before you to lay stress on them.

1. (a) Are we all united in the Lord?
(b) How far do we trust each other?
2. How far have we succeeded towards self-support? Do we have Tithing Bands in every Institution and Church?
3. How far are we developing indigenous leadership?
(a) Dear Missionary friends do you really love your Indian fellow-workers and have confidence in them as the Lord desires?
(b) Dear Indian friends, are you proving yourselves worthy of the trust the Lord has placed in you?
4. How about Prohibition? Do we want it in India? Our actions must prove that to our national leaders who are pushing the cause. What about my appeal sent out early last year?
5. Is the Lord the Head of our homes? Are our children saved?
6. How many souls have we brought to the Master? Have we— have I been a real help or a hinderance in the cause of His Kingdom on earth? Am I filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 3: 14-20.

Lovingly,

SATYAVATI S. CHITAMBAR.

Reports of Work

ASANSOL DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Missionary. MISS RACHEL CARR.

While sitting quietly in the guest room at the Mission House in Gomoh one evening, I began to think about my report for the year. I got out my diary as a help to review the events of the year. I suppose many of us keep diaries—faithfully or negligently. Many blanks can be found in mine. Did you ever wish you could review God's report of your work for a year? What would He write of mine? During the past twelve months what would be worth remembering and keeping, in His judgement? Much is lost because we do not write it at the time of happening, and while the impression is fresh. In the villages I have been warned to keep my pencil and paper out of sight. People are afraid we are there to report something about them to Government. Otherwise I would keep a "thought-book" handy, always; for thoughts seldom return in the same form or force. A lady once said to me she was not much interested in a certain deaconess' visits because she knew each call was just one more to be added to her total for the year's report. In spite of all our misgivings about report writing I am here to recount to you some of the work of the Evangelistic group in the Asansol District and Day Schools.

We go out in the freshness of the New Year in the faith that "it can be done;" and do we now come with the triumphant shout that "it has been done?" If we have accomplished anything it has been because we have tried to be loyal to the Master who said: And greater works shall ye do. Imagine us doing greater work than Jesus himself—because He went away and sent the Holy Spirit who is with us in this great cause.

Whether or not the day will eventually come when the Bible women will not be needed for community visiting, I am glad we have a few such faithful workers at our command. It has been said that only in heaven will it be understood how much they really have done toward building the kingdom in the new Christian churches. To them goes the credit of keeping the Christian Community together, in touch with each other, and attending the regular services. Members could be more faithful. This Church can seat more people than come every Sunday. This is true of our other Churches, too. Yet on special occasions we find the capacity taxed to the limit. On Christmas day there were about four hundred and fifty people in the service.

In our regular work the four Bible women have accompanied me to *melas* weekly markets and to villages. I might better say I accompany them. They move about among the crowds quietly and offer Gospels and books for sale, and tracts free for the reading. Some days the sales surprise us, as do also the requests for certain pieces of literature.

I suppose there are few Christian homes in this district now where the Bible is not found, if people can read; and there is a constant demand for the hymn book. Offering a book for sale or a tract to read often opens the way for conversation, and explaining who we are. One day the car was standing beside the offices in Kulti while the driver went to interview his brother. The two women offered Gospels to the men who were then going home. Many were going away with tracts which I was giving out to those who had no pice to buy books. Two Sahibs stood at a little distance. The younger man was sent to to get one. I selected a Hindi paper "What is true Christianity?" If there was any suspicion before it was gone with a wave of the Buro Sahib's hand "Alright." Strikes had been common in the works this year.

It is encouraging to find sometimes a desire on the part of Europeans to co-operate in our work. A Roman Catholic widow asked me recently to give her a definite piece of work to do. And she repeated "without salary." Every year now the English ladies help with the teas at the Health and Baby Show week, and in Girl Guide work. A choir helped with music this year. One of these earnest women asked me to take her along on one of our trips. She wanted to see what our work was like. I believe we could enlist more if we made the effort.

The recent Convention was a source of inspiration and help to all our workers who attended. Although the dates broke into their vacation they gladly took it. We should do all we can to support this Convention which has had a good record for attendance and results. It is good for our people to meet with workers of other denominations and exchange thoughts and experience and methods of work.

In the town Church the Foreign Missionary Society is now in its second year. We have met our obligations a second time by raising ten rupees for a Bible woman in China. We have also enough to give a donation to the Home Mission in Bhabua. We have a membership of fourteen. The programmes from the *Indian Witness* are used, and the members continue to show much interest. We speak of this organization here because the majority of members are teachers and workers in the Town Day Schools. We look for the day when the women of the Church will take up this activity.

The eight day schools continue. The school at Begunia, Barakar, has maintained its attendance and could take in more pupils, but thirty-two pupils are quite enough for one teacher who has to use her own house for classes. Last year a girl won a

Lower Primary Scholarship, and two others have written the Government examination this year.

Bangshi Dhar Das has continued to be the teacher of the schools at Barakdihi and Polas Bon. The attendance in either place has not increased, but we are glad to still have a hold. Recently the Roman Catholic authorities have been approached, by some of the parents, for help with the education of their children. They protest that they cannot pay the fees in our schools. We still hope and pray for Sarakdihi. A village which has produced teachers and nurses and home-makers can do even better when touched by divine life. They need that touch.

The Hindi class at Ushagram has been taught by Shanti Singh, a Middle English graduate of our school at Arrah. The Community House at Toranpolli is now the school house five days of the week, and I think the pupils are very happy there. They help to keep the room and surroundings tidy and ready for their work. A priest of a neighbouring family has approached us twice with a long petition in English to allow his son to read in our school free, because his father is a priest. But when he was told there were other schools to which he might send his boy free, he preferred our school and the boy pays with others. There has been a marked improvement in the personal appearance of the boys in this school. They are much more particular about their preparations for meeting their teacher and others. This teacher is asking for training.

The Dum Dumi School is the contact between the village and the outside Church. No doubt the little ones of the village are learning, but so often they are needed in the fields or in the home that progress is difficult. We have offered five boys the chance of attending Ushagram and hope the challenge will be accepted in January. The grown people of this group have had so many differences during the year it has been difficult to judge of their growth in better things, but severe sickness and death in their midst brought about a reconciliation and the pastor-teacher was called in at mid-night to pray, and peace was restored. How these poor people need shepherding. A few boys and girls trained in an outside atmosphere might bring new life to the community.

In Gomoh we had a chance to see the girls' school in operation in November. There are fifty-one names on the roll, eleven being Christian. The recent pujas called the children in many directions, and about twenty-five were present. There are two teachers working here. We saw the class-rooms freshly white-washed, but more suitable buildings and furniture would add greatly to the efficiency of the school, and have good influence on the people of the community. We hope this may be realized. This school like the one at Barakar is largely for non-Christians.

The other two schools are in Asansol town. Here, where our work first began there are two hundred and ten children enrolled this year. At the beginning of 1937 the Management

Committee listened to a request from the teachers to have the "cut" of 1933 restored. They did so on condition that the fees of the schools be maintained, and indeed, increased. If at mid-year we found that the funds did not permit us to continue they were willing to return to their former salaries. But both schools have steadily increased in attendance, and the fees naturally rose to meet the demand.

Never before in the history of the school have we collected one hundred and seventeen rupees in any one month in the Bengali School and thirty-eight rupees in the Hindi section. With such faith as the residents of Asansol place in our teachers and methods, they deserve better class-rooms and more up-to-date residence quarters for the teachers. I, myself, do not see how they get any results. But last year one girl won a scholarship and four others have written this year's test.

The school is now forty-five years standing being established in 1892. These are Upper Primary Schools. Our graduates go to Ushagram, Mohila Kalyan, Arrah, or stay at home and marry. A graduate of Arrah is here this year and another at Ushagram Hindi School. Two others leave Arrah this year with Middle English standing. Some of our pupils will take their places there.

We are glad to say that our large staff live together in peace and harmony, and we are a family of about twenty-five. We often feel the need of a temporary home or guest house for outsiders. We cannot invite or welcome strangers for lack of accommodation. Having come so far on the way we hope to press on to higher heights and a better understanding of what the will of the Lord is for His work and His Church.

Ushagram Girls' School.

Principal.

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MISS HORSHABALA BISWAS.

This is my first attempt at presenting a report before this Conference and I do it with pride as well as with humility—pride for being the first Bengali woman in our Church in Bengal to be made Principal of a school, and humility as I undertake such a responsible position, for which I feel myself unworthy. Though the task is big; I am trying my utmost with God's help to do the best I can. My desire is to serve the Church and the school as long as I can, and to look after the welfare of the girls in my care. I wish to give my thanks to my W. F. M. S. friends who helped me with the expenses involved in getting my B.A. degree. Also I thank them for receiving me as a member of this Conference.

To begin the report, I may say that we have now about 180 on the roll and the number is growing. Students come from Asansol town, from neighbouring villages, and some from farther away places as, Pakur, Calcutta, Mankar, Kaurapukur.

I am sure that you will be glad to hear that our two girls who appeared in the matriculation examination of Calcutta University last March, passed in the second division. One of them is teaching in our own school, and the other has a position in Balasore. This year three girls are preparing to take the examination. We are looking forward to these girls being leaders in our Church and Community.

You no doubt have read in our Ushagram Magazine about our Domestic Science Class. Last year two girls took the examination, and we expect them both to pass. One of them is teaching in Ranigunj and the other will soon have a home of her own.

This year we are trying to get our school affiliated with Calcutta University, and to improve our staff. At present we have graduates on our staff.

Last year we started a new system in our class-room, that of running classes without ringing bells. This surely sounds strange so I will tell it briefly. The teacher and pupils work out a two weeks assignment in every subject. One copy of this is given to the Supervisor, and one is posted in the class-room. At the end of the two weeks, the Supervisor spends two hours in the class-room going through the assignment, and seeing that the work has been well covered. This period has proven most interesting and helpful to both pupils and Supervisor. It is a great incentive to the girls to know that such a personal interest is taken in their work. The Supervisor on the other hand gets a very clear idea of what kind of work each class is doing.

Now I wish to say something about our Nursery School. Originally this class was a part of our school, but now it has become a part of the work of the Ushagram Clinic. The mothers of Ushagram and of our Christian village, Torinpoli, take charge of the children by turns. About 12 children between the ages of two and five come.

Undoubtedly you all know that Ushagram girls not only pass examinations but learn to do house work as well. This last year we have added a Home Industries Department. Every morning for two hours, a group of girls works there making a number of food articles. They husk rice, make "cheera," or flattened rice, "khole", puffed rice from unhusked rice, and "muri", purfied rice from husked rice. They also grind wheat flour and make cracked wheat for porridge. Unemployed women come during the day to husk rice and grind flour on a share basis. For one maund (bushel) of husked rice they get four pounds, and for twenty pounds of flour, they get four pounds. We expect big things of this department in the future.

Our Rangers, Guides, and Blue Birds are doing their work with great earnestness. As an act of special service the Rangers go on Thursday evenings to teach the women of a neighbouring village to sew. It is amazing to see how these village women have a great eagerness to learn to sew after their interest is aroused. One woman from that village even won a sewing

prize in our December *Mela*. Our Guide Captain, Helen Dass will attend the Guide Camp for two weeks in Calcutta this month. In November our Blue Birds took their cooking test and invited a few of us to eat. They cooked rice, dal, and potatoe curry. It tasted delicious. I still have the good taste of it in my mouth.

In Asansol every year during the month of March, the Mines Board of Health runs a Health and Baby Week. During that time there are competitions in health essays, home nursing, mothercraft, and first aid, open to school girls. Last year our girls stood first and second in almost every competition for which they received medals.

Our Director, Mr. Williams, after returning from furlough in February, erected two more two-storied adobe cottages in our girls' village. In them smokeless fire places and septic tanks have been built on an improved basis. All visitors like these cottages, especially the one we call the "Island House." The girls of these houses are are very proud of their new homes and keep them nicely.

Ushagram is a big Institution. There are many departments in it. So that the work of each department may progress better, an "Ushagram Council" was organized. The Council is made up of four men and four women together with the Director and Mrs. Williams. The Council acts as a guiding and planning body for the colony and its activities. It meets in the homes of members on the first and third Mondays of each month. Each member is responsible for reporting on a certain area of activity. He investigates the adequacy of the programme being carried on, suggests changes and additions and makes a report to the Council. The Council has no control over finances, but its advisory powers are very extensive.

Our aims are to prepare boys and girls for great leadership, to educate them and to build up their characters, to train them to know God, and to love Him. With these aims in view we are pushing on and on, keeping in mind the precious promise of our Lord, "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear."

CALCUTTA BENGALI DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Missionary DESSIE L. BALDWIN.

Last January when it was decided that I was to be Miss Kinzly's substitute while she went on furlough, I was nearly overwhelmed. My time had previously been completely filled up with my duties at Lee Memorial, in the class-room, caring for the sick, and the many duties incident to a Mission Home and a Girls' Boarding School. How could I crowd in anything more?

"As thy day, so shall thy strength be", has been proved many a time in the months that have followed. In July I sat for and successfully passed the Senior Examination in Bengali. In that month also the Field Reference Committee decided it would be well to relieve me of part on my duties in the school and provided the salary of a teacher to take my classes, leaving me more time for the district work.

It has been a joy to me to visit in the day schools, and in the homes with the Bible women. To me the village schools are full of promise. The children are eager to learn. Some of them are so bright and enthusiastic about it we wish we could give them better teaching. In our school at Nehata an untrained teacher is doing her best for forty students with her own little one of three years clinging to her skirts. Two trained teachers here could do a wonderful piece of work. Even one trained teacher would be a step to better things. In Kulpi where I spent four days in November one trained teacher conducts a school of fifty, children. Her niece who has read to the sixth standard takes a class without salary and has done so for six years. The Bible woman stationed there takes another. I wish we could put two more trained teachers there. As it is now the Bible woman has little time for visiting in the homes unless she is especially sent for which is very often the case. The children know the Bible stories, and scripture passages and catechism. At our Sunday evening lantern lecture held in the village school room, thirty to forty women were present. I did not count the men and children who crowded the room. They were attentive and orderly and eagerly accepted the tracts given out at the close. Our other two evening services were well attended too. How heart-breaking it is that so little is being done when people are longing to hear the story of salvation!

The Hatibagan School is so overflowing the quarters, we hardly know what to do. Three well-qualified teachers have faithfully carried on this year. Even so it has been necessary for Miss Das, our efficient supervisor, to spend much time there, taking classes herself to relieve the overburdened teachers. Two more teachers could be profitably used there right now. Mrs. Moore visited the Hatibagan School and seemed pleased to see so many bright, happy faces filling the class-rooms and engaging in their wonted tasks. Here we also had a share in the week of Witness observed throughout Bengal. We invited the mothers of our girls to a meeting in which the girls themselves took a large part, singing Gospel songs, repeating Scripture, and taking part in action songs and plays. Miss Das gave a very helpful talk on the Prodigal Son and the Love of our Heavenly Father. About forty mothers came ten of whom were Hindu mothers. Since this is the first meeting of its kind in the school, we felt very happy that so many Hindu mothers came. We hope to invite them often to such a gathering.

At Champahati the school work is progressing in spite of the

illness of the head teacher which necessitated substitutes until July when we got a permanent teacher.

Our District Workers meetings have been times of heart searching and prayer, and of inspiration to greater effort. In October we were privileged to gather with the Bible women in a Retreat for four days at Manickpur. A week before the meeting was to open the mud walls of the house where we were to stay gave way in a storm. The roof dropped down five or six feet, but we were able to get it up and temporary screening of bamboo put up on two sides of the house, so that our meeting was not delayed.

Each morning at seven, the devotional hour was led by Mrs. Christie Mookerjee, followed by a Bible lesson on 'Things That are to Come' by Mrs. Lee. After breakfast Miss Adhikari led the class in a study of 'How to Approach and How to Reach Hindu Women'. This proved most helpful. Then Miss Konan Das led a Prayer Discussion Class. In the afternoon we visited in the village homes and in the evening lantern lectures were given in which we showed Health slides provided by the Red Cross. This was followed by a Gospel message illustrated with slides. In the quiet mornings and in the silences of nature we felt we all drew near to God and He to us. We felt that some were definitely helped and inspired to more victorious living and greater zeal in the work of the Master.

At the close of the year's work we see anew the great need of lost, hungry souls groping in the dark for what, they hardly know. But we know! It is to bring them that Light that we are come. In the coming year we pray that we as workers together with Him may do more in Kingdom building because we are more fully consecrated and endued in fuller measure with His Spirit.

Lee Memorial Mission, Calcutta, India.

DEAR CO-WORKERS,

The new year brings praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful way God has led us—provided for us and our large family, during the last year.

Our Girls' Boarding School has had about 250 students—nearly two hundred living with us. Results in most classes are gratifying, especially in the Training Class,—23 new teachers are now ready to take up work. I trust the Bible teaching will bear fruit in their lives,—resulting in faithfulness and in many cases soul winning. Four of these teachers came to us child widows.

We are grateful for the degree of spiritual success that is visible. During the year four Hindu girls and one Mohammedan were baptized, and on Easter 20 girls and 12 of our boys joined the Church. A woman whose work was rubbing salt on hides in the tannery professed conversion and was baptized,—the fruit of our Bible Women's teaching.

We were impressed that it was our duty this year to go to the poor and outcaste people. We have opened up a most interesting work among the feeders of swine—they being of the very lowest caste. The first day we opened the school 52 were registered. A slate and first book helped to clean up dirty faces and the washing of old ragged garments. On Christmas eve there were a lot of our dirty darlings with smiling faces, who heard the Christmas story for the first time. An orange and sweets sent them home with something new to talk about.

The wretched hovels are being cleaned up, and the Mayor of the city is bestirring himself to furnish better drainage and more healthful surroundings.

Another event was the opening of a new school in one of our largest south villages. A fine man and his wife are there—she is a Nurse. There are about 80 on the roll, a most interesting lot of children who had never been in school before.

Our Kindergarten teacher in our Boarding School, with others visits the homes of our non-Christian children, and holds meetings in the School for non-Christian women. About two hundred and fifty of these women attend. They are from the Hindu homes,—many of them *purdah* women. This is having a wonderful influence in the homes of the people round about our schools.

What opportunities are ours. May Jesus our loving Saviour help us to make Him known this coming year.

Your Co-worker,
ADA LEE.

CALCUTTA HINDUSTANI DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

Missionary

MRS. W. W. BELL.

After a years work with the Hindustani peoples in Calcutta and after spending a great deal of thought on the future of the work I have come to the conclusion that the little we are doing here is so inadequate. We are in need of an organized City Welfare Center for the Hindustani speaking peoples who come into the city. A place where these people can come for help and guidance. So many are of the poorer class and many come from Mass Movement areas and know little of individual Christianity. Often they find difficulty of finding work and the houses in which they are compelled to live in are such hovels and they are forced to live in such crowded conditions that many of them suffer a great deal from illnesses caused by over-crowding. The Central Hindustani Church is self-supporting but the burden of taking care of so many of the working class is too great a task for it. We are praying for a missionary who can spend all her

time in this great work, one who knows city work. We must lift—

“Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O son of man.

The cup of water given for Thee,
Still hold the freshness of Thy grace.
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of Thy face.”

At Central Church Mrs. Nathaniel has been busy visiting the homes of the Christians, taking the sick to the hospital, and helping in the Church work generally. Her contacts with the non-Christian people is brought about by her visitation among the Christians. Of this work she writes, “It is a splendid opportunity and privilege to work among the people as it provides ample chances to spread the gospel message to the non-Christian women who live in great numbers in the same house. Their eagerness, patience and zeal encourages me and I read a portion of the Bible and explain to them what it means.” Through Mrs. Nathaniel’s efforts several have been brought to Christ during the year. One Mohammedan woman was baptized and is a faithful Church attendant. The Sunday school class at Central Church has had lessons most every Sunday and a great deal of interest has been shown by the children.

We miss our workers in Kidderpore and the work with the woman has had to be discontinued for the most part. However, the school is progressing. We have plans in hand for a new course of study and we are paying more attention to play for these poor children who know so little about such things. Mrs. Parker has taken a great interest in teaching the Bible lessons in the school and part of the time while Mrs. Morgan was away on sick leave she helped, under Mr. Morgan’s supervision, to carry on some of the Class work. She is making herself a useful place in this needy area. Mr. Morgan, too has been faithful with his work and we are praying that the influence of these Christian workers will have its effect on this non-Christian community.

God has been good and we are grateful for Christian workers who are faithful and eager to do His will.

ENGLISH DISTRICT.

Calcutta Girls’ High School.

Missionaries } MISS I. D. COLLINS,
.. .. . } MISS M. G. DAWSON.

‘Thy Kingdom Come’ fitted a conception that came into being with the coming of Christ. Since then, the development of childhood and youth has had an essential place in this Kingdom.

Schools are organized that children may develop in thought, knowledge, and Christian character. Teaching is concerned first with the children themselves. The curriculum and technique of teaching is planned in the light of the way the children learn, grow, and develop socially and spiritually.

The staff has been loyal and untiring in their efforts to accomplish these purposes. We feel that we have a talented staff, creative, and alert to their profession. Throughout the year, we have had the sympathetic co-operation of the parents. One visitor asked, "And what does mother say when paint gets on their clothes." To such questions, I reply, "Our mothers understand."

Examination results were good. Three out of four candidates received Cambridge Local Certificates two passed in First Division among the highest in Bengal; six out of nine passed the University of Calcutta Matriculation Examination, three in the First Division and three in the Second Division; eighteen pupils received St. Ambulance First Aid Certificates, twenty Home Nursing Certificates; all eight passed in the Trinity College Music Practical Examination, one with Honours, four with merit, and one received the Associate Teacher's Diploma.

This year, we have succeeded in getting light moveable tables, Cubby holes, more apparatus, and more class rooms for our Kindergarten. The breakfast rooms supervised by Miss Simpson, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Paine have helped in forming better social and health habits of our children. We appreciate the clean towels furnished so regular each Monday morning. An individual record of each child is kept. Also, they are carefully and individually examined each term in the fundamentals. I have never had a staff more willing to undertake new ideas or more creative in carrying them out. We appreciated the splendid help Mrs. Nuttal gave us during January and February.

The projects or activities have given the children an opportunity for being active in a comprehensive sense. Their spontaneous interests were followed in the release of creative expression with the saw, blocks, sand table, brush, or pencil. Their knowledge has been widened in understanding the world around them, a world of things and of people. I hope that today each child showed his parents his individual contribution or group work on the projects of Dharamtala Street or the Maidan. The Christmas Unit was made by all the classes.

Excursions included visits to the Weather Bureau, City Water Supply, Museum, Zoo, Customs, Boats and other Centers. The Firms and Officials have been very kind in opening their departments to our pupils and in making the visits educationally beneficial. Many of the girls have made use of this knowledge in their correspondence with 'Over Seas Pen Friends.' International correspondence was encouraged last year with the Girl Guides, and in the Geography classes and Know Your City Club. Now, every mail brings letters from their Pen Friends. An

extract from one of the Girl Guides letter describing the visit of Lady Baden-Powell appeared with leading head lines in a Toronto, Canada Newspaper.

Our closing enrolment is 351 of whom 78 are boarders. The health of the school has been good, especially the boarding department. The hostel supervisors are very attentive to the needs of the boarders, and to keeping us all well. The school nurse and gym. Teacher have inspected each child every month. The Kindergarten has had supervised play daily. Their mid-day rest is considered another fundamental of health.

The Games Clubs are one of the most enthusiastic activities of each day. At this time, the girls develop physically and socially in friendly Inter-House rivalry, learning to be leaders and followers, and in taking turns. We made a good beginning in the Inter-School Sports. However, we consider our Inter-House Games in which all girls take part as of more value than the Inter-Schools Sports.

Daily chapel and the scriptures classes have helped all the children in spiritual and ethical lives. Their Thursday chapels are uplifting to C. G. H. S. The children appreciate our Pastor's chapel talks. The boarders enjoy Sunday School and Epworth League. Several day-pupils attend Sunday School and there is room for more. Several of the older girls have been confirmed in various Churches.

The dominant note of the handwork display to-day is the intergration of this work with other subjects. The charts displayed by the upper standards show various interests; as Flags, of other Nations, Time lines in History, Scripture, Hygiene and Geography. In the Junior Department the core subjects were: Middle Ages and Geography in the Fifth, Ancient History in the Fourth, A Study of Boats supplementary to the Age of Discovery and World Geography in the Third, and Transportation based on Indian Geography in the Second. The First Standard study the homes of other people. The needle work has kept to its good standard of former years. The Elizabethan dolls are of special interest. Our needle work will be exhibited during Education week in January.

The Wednesday Clubs have worked along various interests. In October the Choirs and Drama Clubs joined in the production of the Cantata 'The Finding of the King' which you have heard this evening. We were told by a friend that we were ambitious in attempting 'Crowd-work' in the choruses and with the entire school. Mrs. Simpson, Miss Perie, Miss Duckworth and Miss Pierce have worked very hard and we congratulate them. All the staff have given their moral support at every practice.

The Girl Guides and Blue Birds have had a year full of abiding experiences. In February, Bengal Province welcomed Lady Baden-Powell with a series of events including a Pageant, Cathedral Service, and Rally. Each Guide first treasures the Chief Guidess friendly hand shake. Also, they treasure their

Trefoil presented to them by Lady Arthur for having been the most efficient company in 1936. We congratulate their Captain Mrs. Martin whose untiring efforts and leadership made this possible. Seven girls have earned their coveted swimming badges and hiking badges. Mr. and Mrs. Rossetti gave much time to instruct our girls in swimming. The First and Second leaders enjoyed a week end camps. Rati Pestonji tied for First Place in the Bengal St. John's Ambulance Contest. The Blue Birds have worked hard and placed third in the recent Rally.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guide Parade Service was held in Thoburn Church on the 21st November. Lady Arthur, Miss Wooster and Mr. Fritchley initiated this Service. Lady Arthur has not missed a service when she was in Calcutta. This is typical of the Guide Spirit of Bengal. We are sorry that she leaves India next year. She has helped to establish a rapidly growing organization in the Guide Movement. We hope to welcome her return to India as a World Officer. We are very grateful to Lady Arthur for so kindly consenting to distribute our prizes this evening. Her friendship for and interest in this school is much appreciated.

We have been fortunate in having Secretaries from both Societies visit us during the year. Early in the year Dr. Donohue and Dr. Lewis visited the work and spoke at chapel. In November, we welcomed Mrs. Moore. We appreciate these contacts and the inspiration which comes as a result of them seeing the work.

In closing, we express our best wishes to Miss Yates who leaves us this year. She has been faithful in her class room work. The staff joins me in thanking all who have contributed to the success of this year—parents, Thoburn Church, Mr. Limond for this Shamiana, the Firms, the School Committee, the Government for Grants, Rev. and Mrs. Bare for chapel and many kindnesses. Miss Whiting never too busy to help, and Rev. and Mrs. Bell for their encouragement and help. This has been a good year and we thank our Heavenly Father—"May His Kingdom Come and His Will Be Done."

Report of Mount Hermon School for 1937.

Darjeeling

.. } RUTH FIELD
.. } HAZEL WOOD

"What makes a city great? Hugh piles of stone
Heaped heavenward? Vast multitudes who dwell
Within wide circling walls? Palace and throne
And riches past the count of man to tell,
And wide domain? Nay, these the empty husk!
True glory dwells where great deeds are done,
Where glorious men rise whose names a'thwart the dusk
Of misty centuries gleam like the sun!
In Athens, Sparta, Florence, 'twas the soul
That was the city's bright immortal part,

The splendor of the spirit was their goal,
 Their jewel the unconquerable heart!
 So may the city that I love be great
 "Till every stone shall be articulate."

With apologies to Dudley Foulke who wrote this poem, I want you to insert the word "Highschool" where he has the word, "City" and read it again.

Mount Hermon School is great as its boys and girls are great and as they attain to that splendor of the spirit and as they show by their deeds that unconquerable heart of uprightness.

Mount Hermon School is articulate to-day of the friends of the school who have given of their best to make the school possible. It is articulate of these boys and girls who have been educated here and are living lives, many of them unknown, lives which are showing Christian attitudes. They are better, doctors, better nurses, better business people, better preachers and home makers because they have spent a few years in this school.

We believe that school life should help to develop such people. If our children fail to learn skill in practicing the good they knew, then we have failed in our privilege of teaching them. All phases of school life give opportunity of practicing right characteristics and attitudes and so are of interest as we review the year's work.

The school party left Calcutta on March 8th and regular class work began the morning of March 10th. Regular work has gone on during the year with the usual vacations for Easter, Mid-term, and Pujah holidays with an occasional surprise holiday thrown in. The school party left Darjeeling for the winter holidays on November 26th except the Cambridge Examination pupils who left on December 14th and so closed the 43rd year since the founding of Queen's Hill School in 1895.

In sports, we are trying to create real interest in the sport itself and so this year on Sports Day, individual prizes were not given but many good records were made in running and jumping ect., and we hope each year will show that the children are more thorough in their training and that they make better and better records. The cups presented are challenge cups only. Sports Day was a day of real fun and good sportsmanship and friendly contest as it should be.

In connection with sports, we are glad to speak of added equipment put in during the year. Last winter, with help of friends, a Jungle Jim was erected on the little children's playground and I think no one piece of apparatus has given as much pleasure or been as constantly used as has Jungle Jim. Pingpong sets have added much pleasure both at the main building and at Fern Hill during the rainy season. The games have been well organised this year and all the children have had a share in them. The little boys and girls have played in

separate groups this year and so have been better able to choose the kind of sport best suited to them.

The Examination Results of last December are as follows; Five Seniors took the Examination and two passed. Eight Juniors sat for the Examination, and six passed. The Music examination results were very satisfactory. Fourteen took the examinations on the piano and twelve passed, four gaining merit and two with honours. All the Theory examination candidates passed.

The classes this year have been very much interested in making charts and collecting leaves and stones and butterflies, etc. They have made interesting news charts also concerning places they are studying. I think this has helped us all to become more interested in the many interesting things happening all round us.

The Clubs have given a variety of interests to the children. "Know my District" club has taken several trips to places of interest nearby. The junior "Dramatic Club" gave us a play on Sale Day. The "Whats On" club has consistently right through the year supplied us with Weekly Bulletins on various news items of interest to all. The "Domestic Science" Club carried out a project of House Decoration in a near-by cottage and served several meals to invited guests. The "Pipers" Club did some work on making bamboo pipes. The senior "Debating" Club has held the interest of the older children and afforded much good practice in public speaking.

The Annual Sale was held the last Saturday of May and as usual it was a day of fun and pleasure to all as well as a profitable day the funds from which have gone to help pay for the sanitary system at the servants' quarters, and also to finish paying for the Community House which has been enjoyed by all groups at various times.

In May, we had a visit from Dr. Thomas the Inspector of European School Bengal. He was well pleased with the school and through his help we have received a small grant for Science Equipment which is helping us furnish a geography room with maps, sand table, shelves for pictures etc., as well as further equipment for Manual Training, etc. A small grant from the European Schools Improvement Association this year has also helped us to buy more Science Equipment and teacher's reference library books as well as games equipment. The Kindergarten is also putting in individual labels for its children for next year using the money raised by the Kindergarten concert given in June.

The Scouts, Guides and Blue Birds have had a good year of work and fun. The Guides and Blue Birds joined other companies of Darjeeling in giving a very enjoyable concert in Darjeeling in October. The Scouts came very near to bringing home the Jackson shield again this year. In fact they came second in the contest for both that shield and the Ambulance Shield.

On November 11th, we again joined with other schools in a Musical festival. We are glad of the opportunity of meeting other schools in this way and enjoy hearing them as well as taking part in furnishing entertainment to others.

The Sunday School and Epworth Leagues have been carried on during the year and have given the children a chance of self-expression in Church work which we feel is very valuable. They have been using as usual the collections to support the teacher for the servants' children and last Saturday they held the Annual Christmas Tree for the servants and thus are trying to share with others some of the opportunities and blessings they themselves enjoy.

We feel we must express our thankfulness to God for the exceptional health record of the children this year. For several months we have had scarcely any in-patients and we are glad when the children are well. We want to thank Major Drummond and our school nurse, Miss Earle for their watchful care of the children during the year.

I want personally to thank every member of the staff for the very helpful services they have given this year. Many difficult tasks have been lightened because they were willing to give extra time to helping.

In closing, I want again to express something of the hope we have for our boys and girls. We want you to choose the right and to dedicate your lives to it, perhaps in very humble work but work well done and with a true heart of good cheer and trust in our Master. The words of Sarah K. Bolton express my wish for you.

"The Inevitable."

"I like the man who faces what he must
 With step triumphant and a heart of cheer;
 Who fights the daily battle without fear;
 Sees his hopes fail, yet keeps unfaltering trust
 That God is God,—that somehow, true and just
 His plans work out for mortals; not a tear
 Is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear,
 Falls from his grasp—better, with love, a crust
 Than living in dishonour; envies not,
 Nor loses faith in man; but does his best,
 Nor ever murmurs at his humbler lot;
 But, with a smile and words of hope, gives zest
 To every toiler. He alone is great
 Who by a life heroic conquers fate."

PAKAUR DISTRICT.

Jidato Middle English School, Pakaur.

Missionary MILDRED, PIERCE

Of the 206 children on the roll of the Jidato School in 1937 all but ten per cent are Christian. Before they went home for

the summer holidays 20 of these children said it was their desire to be Christians too and that they would talk with their parents about the matter. When asked what they had learned at Jidato concerning which they could tell their parents, some said, "beautiful stories, Bible verses and songs; others mentioned the Lord's prayer and the Commandments. Five of these children have since been baptized with their families. Fourteen more are members of a preparation class which the pastor of the Jidato Church holds each Sunday after the service. It is our hope that these boys will be baptized in their villages with their families in the near future.

It is not a difficult thing to create the desire to become Christians in the minds and hearts of the Santal boys and girls since there is so little to appeal them in animism. It is however quite a different matter to succeed in developing the type of Christian character that will help them to overcome temptations that they meet in their village environment, and to inculcate new habits that should take the place of old ones.

It is our aim to emphasize the development of Christian character in every phase of school life. In the class-room this takes the form of the studying of ideals which are put into practice in both school and hostel life. During the year each class chose ten ideals which the members considered that each Jidato student should exemplify in daily living. From the entire number listed ten were chosen on which to work during the ensuing months. Each class chose one of the ten to study and practice. Then they listed situations in which they had found it possible to practice this ideal. At first the discussions and reports were too general to be of real value but finally some of the groups were able to report on specific situations. One girl said with reference to courage, "If I go to the tank when I am not supposed to, I should have the courage to confess it," and again, "If I see another girl doing something I know she ought not to do, I should have the courage to speak to her about it. During the coming year we hope to make use of the discoveries of these classes in other groups.

The reading of a report of types of chapel services which were considered most valuable by a group of students has led us to experiment with a new form of service for the Middle School. Each student comes to the chapel with a copy of the New Testament. The leader then directs the reading to a particular portion of Scripture with a comment or two as to the thoughts to the especially considered. These forms the basis for petition and praise in the prayers offered both by students and staff members. This seems to have made the chapel service more meaningful to the entire group.

There is a very close relationship between the Jidato Church and School. The pastor teaches classes in the school and attends all of the teachers' meetings. Students and staff members hold membership in the Jidato Official Board and Quarterly Conferen-

ces. The Evangelistic Committee is made up of students and staff who have worked out a programme of visitation of Mahal-pahari, the village which was chosen as a special Jidato project during 1936. Four new students have come to the school this year. The villagers are now asking for a village school. When a former Jidato student completes his training at the end of the year we expect to co-operate with the village people in opening a school there.

Nearly every member of the staff has had an opportunity to visit other schools during the year to gain inspiration and new ideas. Pyari Murmu spent six months at Ushagram studying Art and Domestic Science. She has now returned to take charge of the Art work and to supervise the planning and cooking of meals in the girls' hostel. Another teacher, Subashini Marndi, will return from Muttra after the summer holidays. She has been specializing in music. The addition of these teachers to the staff will help in the enrichment of the curriculum for the students.

Perhaps the most important event of the year was the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Tobit in September. In a series of meetings which lasted nine days they awakened in us anew the sense of the need of the power of Christ in our lives. Most of the staff and many girls and boys testified to a new spiritual experience. It has been evident in their daily living in the days that have passed since. It produced a spirit of helpfulness which made all willing to accept extra burdens when it was necessary because of illness for the Principal to be away for a month.

Santali Evangelistic Work—Pakaur

Missionary MILDRED L. PIERCE.

It has again been necessary to add the tasks of the supervision of the Santal Day Schools and Evangelistic work to that of the administration of the Jidato School as there has been no-one else available for this work during the year. This has been detrimental to both the Educational and Evangelistic work as neither could be given the supervision that it required.

At the beginning of the summer holidays a Summer School for village women was held at Jidato. There were over 50 women representing some 20 villages present. Jidato teachers took care of the ? children while the mothers were engaged in class work. Other Jidato teachers and village workers were in charge of classes. Subjects presented were Bible lessons, the requirements of Church membership, simple lessons in hygiene and child-care, singing and sewing. Many of the women are members of sewing classes in Circuit Centers so they had learned the rudiments and were able to make a garment for themselves. Others had to be taught to hold and thread a needle. All seemed to enjoy the Christian fellowship and the freedom from home duties for a few days.

Government grants have been promised for our recognized village schools. With this extra money we plan to employ enough more qualified teachers to raise the standards of the other schools so that they too may obtain Government recognition and grants. Two village school houses have been built during the year with the co-operation of the village people.

Visits have been made to all of the Quarterly Conferences of the district. These gatherings are very important to the village people. Large numbers of lay-leaders, both men and women attend them. Several of these Circuits are growing so rapidly that new Churches are required. At one Quarterly Conference one Bible woman made a plea for a new Church so that the people in her village and villages around it might not have such long distances to walk. She asked that the Quarterly Conference pray about it. She evidently found an answer to her prayer for she suggested that a new house that they were building be used temporarily.

Quite a number of women and children as well as men were baptized at the District Conference. This group will form the nucleus of another Church in the near future. The pastors are asking for more help in the supervision of the women's work. The women of these families need special teaching and preparation for Church membership in order that they may not hold back the rest of the family. It is to be hoped that someone will be found in the near future who can take charge of this most important work.

**Bengali Girls' Middle English Boarding and Day School,
Pakaur.**

Missionary MRS. ELSIE BEEKEN.

"That in all things He might have the pre-eminence" has been our School Motto for the year. We have tried to live up to this high ideal. Feeling a soul hunger for a closer walk with God for myself and the school, I was led to invite Mr. and Mrs. Tobit to hold meetings at Pakaur. All who know and have met this godly couple know that of their lives it can be truly said "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me." We had a wonderful week. Lives were changed and made joyous. Our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving to our wonderful Saviour.

"Further studies in the building of a New World" has greatly helped and inspired our Intermediate League under the able leadership of Rev. S. Biswas. One boy especially, at the last meeting of the year rose and gave his testimony to the help he had received in his spiritual life. In our morning devotions, Fosdick "Manhood of the Master" led by a teacher has been thought producing.

Some of the Girl Guides had the happy privilege of meeting the Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell, at Patna. They returned very enthusiastic over all they had seen and heard.

The Sub-Divisional Officer permitted our Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Cubs and Blue Birds to form a Guard of Honour at the Railway Station on the occasion of the visit of the Premier of Bihar to Hiranpur. This same Officer has asked us to send some of our Guides to Hiranpur on the coming visit of the Governor. He will stand all expenses

Childrens' Day Service was held as usual and on the last day of school the children and some of the staff gave a Christmas Drama which was much appreciated. The Sunday School has collected during the year their Annual Subscription to the Leper Asylum.

Some extracts from the District Inspectress' report:—"I was very pleased to hear the action songs by the Infant Class. It seemed to me that the children loved their school and their teacher and the teacher is also very keenly interested in her work. I was glad to note the method of keeping the girls well informed of the news of the world, their country and the daily occurrences of their school; thus properly guiding and encouraging the development of their natural instinct of curiosity and their power of understanding by enabling them to understand what is going on all around them. I also noticed that in teaching the various subjects of the syllabus the teachers have fully utilised many opportunities of teaching the children by doing, thus following the right path in assisting and guiding in the development of childrens' minds."

The average Roll No. for the year 1937 is 175. Of these 105 are Christian. There is a steady increase in numbers.

There is a great need for a school conveyance to bring children who live on the other side of the railway track. We have some very fine Bengali families who desire to send their girls but are hindered through this lack.

Last year we sent up all candidates for the M.S.C. Exam. 9 passed, 2 gaining honours and distinction in Group II and 4 others distinction in Group III. This year we sent up 23 candidates.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the Head Mistress and staff also to our Pastor for their helpful co-operation throughout the year. We are workers together with Him in helping to build a New India.

Report of Evangelistic and Medical Work, Pakaur.

Missionary HILDE M. SWAN.

When Jesus was here upon earth He went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every

disease among the people. We have in a very small way tried to follow this programme through our evangelistic work, Day Schools, Hospital and Dispensary work.

We have had several serious cases of Enteric and Pneumonia this year. Many have come for injections for Kala-azar (Black-water fever), as this is very prevalent in our district. The people are beginning to realize that these injections help and are willing to pay the fee charged. The doctor has had many calls to the homes in and around Pakaur, as well as to distant villages. Very often she is called too late. For the new year we are planning on establishing centres in some of our Christian villages where the doctor can go regularly and treat the sick as well as to give health talks and teaching the mothers now to care for their little ones.

On the 31st of March the Silver Jubilee Ward and Operation Room was opened by Bishop Chitambar. This added room has proved of great blessing and has aided the doctor and nurses to better care for the sick.

We have also re-roofed and thoroly renovated the Dispensary building. In addition to the money granted by the Reference Committee for this purpose, a gift of Rs. 50 was received from our genial District Superintendent.

The meetings led by Mr. and Mrs. Tobit last November, were a great inspiration to our Christian community at Sangrampur. The Hindustani songs which they taught were readily learned and are being constantly used. The early morning prayer meeting and evening meetings are being kept up and are well attended. We feel that our Christian community here needs a full time pastor. This flock needs shepherding and I believe many who have strayed from the fold could be brought back again.

The work of the Day Schools is progressing in spite of opposition and discouragements. One teacher has been sick the whole year and is obliged to give up the work at present. A rival school started in the vicinity of one of our schools, took some of our pupils and it looked for a time as the we would have to close, but the numbers have increased again to normal capacity. A boy who after finishing the U. P. School at Dhulian, came and finished his M. E. at the Mission School is now asking for baptism. Another boy has applied from the Dhulian School to enter the M. E. Mission School. Both are Mohammedans,

There have been many obstacles in the way preventing our going into camp this year, but we hope to spend some weeks after Conference out in camp. We hope to spend some time near the village of Burunga where our first Muchi family has been baptised. These people seem ready to accept Christianity but need a lot of teaching. We pray that their eyes may be opened to behold the beauty of Christ, and that they may become true followers of Him.

Report of the Board of Christian Education, Bengal Conference, 1937.

The Board of Education held two meetings during the year, one at the time of Annual Conference, and another in July at Pakaur. Twelve members were present at the mid-year meeting which continued for two days, and it is the opinion of all that this plan should be continued. Important considerations discussed at the meetings are outlined below.

Survey of Graduates.

This Survey was ordered last year and is nearing completion. When completed it will give us a concrete idea of the vocational placing of the graduates of our schools. Those schools which have not made full reports should report before the mid-year meeting to the Secretary of the Board. When completed the findings of the survey will be made available by the Board.

Relating the school to the Church.

Attention was called to the fact that it seems much easier to secure loyalty to the school than to the Church. It was suggested that the Church does not have a sufficiently large place in the lives of the students. Boarding schools are inclined to be school-centered rather than Church-centered. Proposals for remedying this situation were:

- (1) To give increased importance to the reception of Church members.
- (2) To give boys and girls special responsibilities in the Church.
- (3) To seek to make all organizations of the Church such as Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, a part of the Church rather than of the school.
- (4) To develop a follow-up programme of Church relationships when students leave school.

The follow-up programme was referred to the Committee of the State of the Church.

Survey of Methodist children not in schools.

In order to discover the extent to which the schools of the Bengal Conference are meeting the needs of Methodist children, a survey of all circuits was ordered. This survey has been completed but enough facts have come in to show the following:

- (1) Calcutta, Bengali District—all Methodist children in schools.
- (2) Pakaur District—all but 12 children in schools.
- (3) English District—all children in schools.
- (4) Asansol District—More than 50 children not in school largely at the Gomoh end of the District (Hindustani).
- (5) Calcutta Hindustani—50 children not in school.

In-complete returns and full reports should be sent to the Secretary before the mid-year meeting. The need seem to be in the direction of a school for Hindustani speaking children which strengthens the demand of the Gomoh Circuit for a school with attached hostel. This request was considered and it was decided to present the need as forcefully as possible to the authorities with the view of some re-distribution of funds to take care of this urgent situation.

Educational magazines.

The following were suggested as helpful :—

The Teachers World	..	English.
Child Education	..	..
The Instructor	..	American.
The Grade Teacher	..	..
Arts and Crafts	..	English.
The New Era	..	Indian.
Indian Journal of Ed.	..	..

Adult Education and Literacy.

The Board has interested itself in the literacy methods and materials prepared by Mr. Bilash Mukerji. The Pastor of Ushagram, Rev. Faijan Biswas, attended the institute conducted by Mr. Mukerji and has since been training leaders for this service. This method, a modification of that developed by Dr. Laubach, appears to be very fruitful of results, and the members of the Board have acquainted themselves with this method and are promoting it.

Salary scale for teachers.

A Committee was set up to study the present salaries of teachers in Methodist Schools and to bring a report before the Board at the mid-year meeting.

Rev. P. N. Das, *Chairman.*
 Mrs. E. Beeken.
 Rev. P. Nathaniel.
 Rev. S. K. Mondol.
 Miss M. L. Pierce.

Appreciation.

The Board greatly appreciates the keen interest which Bishop Chitambar has taken in the educational work of the Conference, and in the deliberations of this Board. He took the time and trouble to be with us at the mid-year meeting and his counsel and advice were of great value in those deliberations.

The visit of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. King to Bengal Conference is a real educational treat and we are all expecting much help from these seasoned educators. We look to them for guidance in our philosophy as well as in techniques. Their itinerary will be announced before the close of Conference.

January 7th, 1938.

Secretary.

The International Department .

A hearty welcome into the International Department came from Mrs. Nicholson a year ago this month, January, 1937. The letter read as follows : "Nothing in connection with our great Society gives me more encouragement than the fact that the Methodist women in other countries are uniting with us in the great enterprise with the purpose of knowing Christ, and making Him known."

After writing to the Chinese Secretaries, Mrs. Nicholson assigned a Biblewoman, Miss Li Sing-Yeng of the Wuhu General Hospital, as our Conference Auxiliaries' Supportee, and Representative. Her salary is fifty-six dollars a year, and our contribution, amounting to Rs. 75 covers one-half. We share the privilege of supporting this worker with Mrs. Niergarth of the Southern Illinois Conference.

News came to us in September in the form of a letter from Miss Li and several notes regarding her. She has been in Wuhu for the past six years where the General Hospital carries on an extensive public health and rural service programme, keeping two of the Bible women from the Social Evangelistic Center busy party-time, a service they render in connection with regular Bible-women's work from the Ichisen Church in Wuhu. Of late this hospital has had its share in caring for wounded soldiers from the battle fronts.

Miss Swan was appointed early this past year as the Bengal Conference Women's Auxiliaries' Representative on the All-India Committee.

Reports show the following from the several Auxiliary Centers : The Asansol Samity have had an interesting year studying lessons on Africa, as outlined in the *Indian Witness*. They have earned their contribution through indigenous methods.

At Mount Hermon, the school girls devote a part of their League time to hearing a report of Miss Li's work. News items of her work were posted on the School Bulletin Board from time to time, the children showing considerable interest in the tures, and messages from their Bible women.

At Pakaur there are now one Ladies' Aid Society, one Auxiliary, and one Sunday School Class of women under Miss Swan's supervision, each of these taking a share in the support of Miss Li, in addition to studying the work which is being carried on in China. The Auxiliary has been following the lessons on Africa as found in the *Indian Witness*. The Marsal-Ak-sen-ko (Light Bearers) of Jidato have had their regular meetings also.

From January up to the summer holidays, the Africa lessons were used at Jidato. At the April meeting there was a special Candle Lighting Service in which the teachers and girls lit their candles at a central candle, signifying their desire to help spread the light of Christ during their holidays. At the July meeting reports were received of the success and failure of the summer work.

Calcutta Girls' School group have an active interest in this project and had a busy day making and selling candy to raise their money. The Calcutta Bengali District has given Rs. 5.

We feel anxious for the Staff at Wuhu General Hospital at this time because of reports of the bombing again, but trust in God's unfailing care of his children. I am sure this widened interest in another field will help us all feel that we have a real part in His Kingdom.

Report of Women's Societies and Home Missions, 1937.

During the year Ladies' Aid Societies have been active in Calcutta Central Church, Thoburn Church, and the Pakaur Churches.

In Mount Hermon Temperance work is carried on through the Epworth Leagues. The collection raised in the Sunday School and Epworth Leagues have been used to pay the salary of the teacher in the school for servants' children. A collection was also given at the end of the year for the Home Mission work at Bhabua.

Temperance instruction is given in connection with the Hygiene Department at the Calcutta Girls' High School and material was purchased to aid in the teaching. The Epworth League studied Tithing during the month of August. Stewardship of giving is encouraged and most children give part of their income or pocket-money in this cause.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Central Church, Bengali District, Calcutta has met at the homes of its members on the first Saturday of the month. At these meetings a devotional hour has been observed. At each meeting mission work in China, Japan, and Africa has been studied, which study also included a glimpse into the customs and living conditions of the people peculiar to the country in which they live. Ten rupees was paid into the Benevolent Fund of the Church. A fee of one anna a month per member is paid into the Society Treasury.

In Pakaur, Santali District, the Ladies' Aids and Sewing Circles have had regular meetings during the year. A number of women have been taught to sew; others who had learned the rudiments before are now able to make garment. The proceeds from the sale of these articles is used in most cases for the upkeep of the Church. One circuit proposes to use its funds toward buying benches or chairs for the Church. Another expects to help with cleaning and repairing. Still others expect to invest the funds they now have in goats with the hope that the increase may enable them to carry on some worthy projects.

The Missionary Society in Asansol contributed five rupees to the Home Mission in Bhabua, and the schools are active in helping local funds such as the Leprosy Relief Association.

The Ladies' Aid of Thoburn Church held eight monthly meetings during the year with an average attendance of nine. There are now thirty members. Money for their various projects is raised in many ways; subscriptions, donations, jumble sales, work classes, sale of calendar, Halloween social, and Christmas Pageant. Some of their projects are: Pensioners, milk supply for Baby Clinic, winter clothing for poor people, and twenty Christmas hampers.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved:

That we express our deep regret because of the serious illness of Mrs. Chitambar. We miss her gracious presence and her wise counsel at this Conference, and we wish to assure her that we pray earnestly for her recovery.

That we welcome back from furlough Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Williams and their family and wish for them a happy and fruitful term of service.

That we welcome to our fellowship the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Bare and the Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Barnes and their families and trust that they will find much joy and blessing in their opportunities in connection with Bengal Conference.

That we record our sincere appreciation of the very cordial hospitality extended to us by the friends in Asansol. They have been very generous in giving time and thought to looking after our needs and have made us very comfortable, caring for everything in a cheerful manner. They have done much toward making this a delightful Conference.

That we extend to the Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Griffiths, Miss Boles, and Miss Collins best wishes for a good furlough with rest and recreation of body, mind, and spirit.

That we express our hearty thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. King for their inspiring messages and helpful suggestions, and for the benefit which we know we will derive from their tour through some of our Conference stations. It has been a privilege to have them with us in our Conference and we hope they will return often.

S statistics for Medical Work in Schools and Districts 1937 Conference for the Conference year 1936-'37.

DISTRICTS.	WORK.				INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.				
	No. of Nurses.	No. of In-patients.	No. of patient days.	No. of Dispensary or Itinerary Treatments.	Fees.	Appropriations.	Total.	Drugs and Supplies.	Medical and Hospital Fees.	Current Expenses.	General Expenses.	Total.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A.
Asansol District, Ushagaram Girls' School ..	1	78	338	287	18 3 0	105	120 3 0	50 0 0	309	..	24	383 0
Calcutta Bengali District ..	..	..	..	..	..	126	126 0 0	50 11 0	3	..	..	53 11
Calcutta Hindustani District ..	..	10	..	20	..	18	18 0 0	..	..	..	18	18 0
English Girls' High School, Calcutta ..	1	176	206	6,260	204 6 6	..	204 6 6	352 7 0	200	†1,380	25	1,957 7
English Girls' High School, Darjeeling ..	1	151	1,574	9,885	4,825 0 0	..	485 0 0	2,608 0 0	*2,783	..	..	5,991 0
Total ..	3	415	2,118	16,452	5,047 9 6	249	5,296 9 6	3,061 2 0	3 295	1,380	67	7,803 2

*Dr., Nurse and ayahs's salaries.
†Nurse and ayahs's salary.

District Statistics for Educational Institutions for the

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL.	Number of schools.		Sex of pupils.	NUMBER OF TEACHERS.		Lower Primary.
	Number of weeks in session (Use average for a group.)			Foreign.	National.	
ASANSOL DIST.						
Ushagram Boarding, Asansol ..	1	40	M.F.	2	14	102
Hindustani Girls' School, Asansol..	1	37	M.F.	..	3	0
Hindu Girls' School, Asansol ..	1	37	M.F.	..	8	0
Day Schools, District ..	6	38	M.F.	..	7	157
ENGLISH DIST.						
Calcutta Girls' High School ..	1	39	R9. M.F.	2	A.21	115
Darjeeling Girls' High School ..	1	36	M.F.	8	A.16	30
BENGALI DIST.						
Day Schools, Calcutta ..	4	40	M.F.	..	11	90
CALCUTTA HINDUSTANI DIST.						
Day Schools, Calcutta ..	1	42	M.F.	..	2	38
PAKAUR DIST.						
Alma Jackson Keventer, Pakaur ..	1	42	M.F.	1	8	83
Village Day Schools ..	4	40	M.F.	..	10	..
"Jidato," Santali, Pakaur ..	1	42	M.F.	1	15	..
Village Day Schools, Santali ..	15	42	M.F.	..	17	..
Total ..	37	475		14	132	1,231

Calcutta Bengali no reports; same as previous year.
Hindustani

year ending January, 1st 1936, to December 30 '36.

Upper Primary.	PUPILS (Day and Boarding.)				Boarding and hostel residents.	Number of Christian pupils.	Total under instruction.
	Middle.	High School.	Other.	Total pupils.			
27	19	20	11	179	68	124	179
62	..	..	..	62	..	14	62
117	..	..	..	117	..	12	117
..	..	..	..	157	..	45	157
125	62	60	..	362	63	207	444
51	19	20	..	120	87	112	120
114	..	..	..	204	..	54	204
4	..	..	..	42	..	1	42
32	46	..	..	161	79	98	161
..	..	..	..	164	..	15	..
..	..	..	..	204	186	182	204
..	..	..	..	501	..	95	501
525	170	100	11	2,273	488	959	2,355

General Statistics for Bengal Conference.

For the last complete conference year preceding July 1st, 1936.

DISTRICTS.	SUMMARY.						
	Missionaries on the field.	Missionaries on furlough.	Wives of missionaries in active work.	Other foreign workers.	Local missionaries.	Indigenous workers Christian.	Total staff in all departments.
Asansol ..	2	..	..	..	..	33	36
Calcutta Bengali ..	1	..	..	..	..	20	21
Calcutta Hindustani ..	..	1	..	..	..	5	6
Calcutta English ..	3	..	..	15	..	30	48
Pakaur Bengali ..	1	..	..	..	1	23	25
Pakaur Santali ..	1	2	..	..	..	46	49
Special Appointments ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total ..	11	3	1	15	1	157	188

Evangelistic Statistics for Bengal Conference.
For the last Complete conference year preceding October 31, 1936.

DISTRICTS.	Missionaries appointed to. Indigenous Bible women, social and evangelistic workers em- ployed.		WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.									ORGANIZATIONS ON THE FIELD.				
			Full members.	Probationers.	Women and girls baptized during the year.	Infants baptized.	Training Classes.		Social work.		Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young People.	Members.	King's Heralds and Little Light Bearers.	Members.
							Short Term In- stitutes.	Enrollment.	Other.	Enrollment.						
Asansol ..	1	4	333	177	14	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calcutta Bangali ..	1	11	188	70	42	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calcutta Hindustani ..	..	3	54	20	13	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pakaur Bengali ..	1	9	90	53	2	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pakaur Santali ..	1	47	217	404	32	51	..	..	..	..	8	58	..	..	..	..
English ..	..	..	178	1	1	8	1	42	6	120	..	..	1	67	1	75
Total ..	4	74	1,060	725	110	187	1	42	6	120	3	58	1	67	1	75

**Medical Statistics for the last complete year preceding
June 1st, 1937.**

I. NAME OF HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

1. *Official name of Hospital or Dispensary.*—Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial.
2. *Other names by which known.*—Mission Hospital for Women and Children.
3. *Official name of Training School.*—

II. IF A UNION HOSPITAL, NAME THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES.

III. HOSPITAL BOARD (GIVE NAMES.)

- (a) Foreign: Mrs. Elsie Beeken, Miss Mildred Pierce, Miss Hilda M. Swan.
- (b) Nationals: Rev. B. B. Naskar, Rev. Benj. Saren, Dr. S. Mondle.

IV. STATISTICS.

1. Staff.

- (1) Missionary doctors (give names).
- (2) Other foreign doctors (give names). Dr. S. Mondle.
- (3) Missionary nurses (give names).
Total (1), (2) and (3).
- (4) Native doctors One—Dr. S. Mondle.
- (5) Native nurses: (a) Graduates Two.
(b) Students Three. Total (5) Five.
Total (4) and (5) Six.
- (6) Other workers (a) Foreign—One part-time.
(b) Native Two.
Total (a) and (b) Three.
Total Staff—Nine.

2. Hospital.

(1) No. of beds	..	21
(2) No. of in-patients	..	268
(3) No. of patient days	..	1,360
(4) Average days per patient	..	5
(5) No. of major operations.	..	..
(6) No. of minor operations.	..	..
(7) Obstetrical cases in hospital	..	10

2. Out-patients.

(1) Obstetrical cases	..	14
(2) First visits (include obstetrical visits)	..	14
(3) Return visits (include obstetrical visits)	..	3
(4) No. of itinerary treatments given	..	4
(5) Total out-patient treatments (Sum of 2, 3 and 4)	..	214

4. Dispensary.

(1) First calls	..	1,988
(2) Return calls	..	12,947

(3) Total dispensary treatments (Sum of 1 and 2)	..	14,805
(4) No. of minor operations (included in 3)	..	42
(5) No. of preventive inoculations (included in 3)	..	284

5. *Baby Clinics.*

- (1) Number.
- (2) Number of treatments.
- (3) Return visits.
- (4) No. of babies receiving milk.
- (5) No. of bottles of milk prepared.
- (6) No. of examinations made.

6. *District Health Work.*

- (1) Number of nurses.
- (2) Number of villages visited.
- (3) Number of visits in homes.
- (4) Number of treatments.
(including preventive inoculations).
- (5) Number of health meetings.
- (6) Number of better homes campaigns.
- (7) Number of lectures on hygiene.
- (8) Approximate number attending meetings.

7. *School Health Work.*

- (1) Number of schools visited.
 - (a) By nurae.
 - (b) By doctor.
- (2) Number of health examinations made.
 - (a) By nurse.
 - (b) By doctor.
(Indicate if same patient was examined by both).
- (3) Number of health talks given.
- (4) Number attending health talks.

8. *Income* (use local currency).

		Rs.	A.	P.
(1) From hospital patients	..	65	2	0
(2) From dispensary patients	..	165	10	0
(3) From outside patients	..	158	0	0
(4) Appropriations of Society.				
(a) For Hospital and Dispensary	\$ 770	2310	0	0
(b) For Training School				
(c) For Baby Clinics.				
(d) For District Health Work.				
(e) For School Health Work.				
(5) Government subsidies.				
(6) Other sources:				
(a) Foreigners.				
(b) Nationals.				

If part of items (a) and (b) are from definite contracts or regular fixed gifts from foreign or native firms or other agencies, please specify below, each agency and the amount received.

(c) Miscellaneous.

	Total Income	..	2,698	12	0
9. Unit of Local Currency Used in 8,	Rupee.				

Remarks:—A Building grant of Rs. 4,000/- was received from Government for and additional ward and operation room. This has been completed without debt.