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Detained in America

Miss Rachel Carr, 145 Heron St., Stratford, Ontario, Canada.
Miss Emma Barber, Canton, Ohio.
Miss Winifred King, 150 Mariposa St., Altadena, Calif.
Mrs. W. A. Mueller, 45 Fairmount Ave., Haokansack, New Jersey.
Miss Hilda A. Swan, 4651 N. Paulina St., Chicago, Ill.

Missionaries Retired

Miss Fannie Bennett, Janesville, Wis.
Miss Katherine A. Blair, 2040, Dale St., San Diego, Calif.
Mrs. W. P. Byers, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.
Mrs. J. P. Meik, 32 Gale Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Mrs. Frances Smith, R. F. D. 1, Ontario, Calif.
Miss Josephine Stahl, c/o Mrs. R. S. Beall, Mount Ayr, Iowa.
BENGAL WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

Appointments for 1931

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ENGLISH DISTRICT

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Asansol Church ... ... ... Mrs. H. E. Dewey
Calcutta Boys' School ... ... ... Mrs. R. S. Gibbons
Calcutta Girls' High School ... ... ... Mrs. Fritchley
Queen's Hill Girls' High School ... ... Miss P. Hughes, Principal
Fern Hill Hostel ... ... ... Miss Ruth Field, Principal
Thoburn Church ... ... ... Mrs. Lila Engberg
Thoburn Church Pastor's Assistant ... ... Miss Carrie Rost
Mrs. R. S. Gibbons
Mrs. Fritchley
Mrs. Lila Engberg
Miss Carrie Rost
Miss Miriam Scholberg
Mrs. C. H. Archibald
Mrs. W. B. Foley
To be supplied

GOMOH DISTRICT

District Work and Schools ... ... ... Mrs. W. H. Soule
Burhi ... ... ... Mrs. B. Smart
Fatehpur Circuit ... ... ... Mrs. B. A. Mott
Gomoh Girls' School ... ... ... To be supplied
Hazaribagh Road, Zenana Work ... ... ... Mrs. M. D. Kessop

PAKAUR DISTRICT

District Work ... ... ... Mrs. H. M. Swan
District Evangelistic Work ... ... ... Miss Pauline Grandstrand
Jidato Middle School Educational Director, and
Industrial Work ... ... ... Miss Mildred Pierce
Hostel Director ... ... ... Miss Beulah Swan

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Miss Ava Hunt ... ... ... Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow
Miss Mary Carpenter ... ... ... Educational Secretary
13, Wellington Square, Calcutta
Mrs. W. B. Foley ... ... ... Editorial Work

ON FURLOUGH

Mrs. R. S. Gibbons
Mrs. E. S. Johnson
Mrs. G. Schanzlin
Miss Hazel Wood
Miss Pearl Madden
Miss Emma Barber

Mrs. W. G. Griffiths
Mrs. W. A. Mueller
Miss Lulu Boles
Miss Irma Collins
Miss Helen Draper
OFFICERS

President
MISS AVA HUNT.

Vice-President:
MISS MARY CARPENTER.

Secretary:
MISS DORIS WELLES.

Assistant Secretary:
MISS THELMA REBSTOCK.

Field Correspondent:
MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Conference Historian:
MISS EUGENIA NORBERG.

Treasurer:
MISS ETHEL WHITING.

Field Reference Committee:

MRS. ELSIE R. BEeken.
MRS. F. G. WILLIAMS.
MISS DORIS WELLES.

MISS RUTH FIELD.
MISS MABEL EDDY.
MISS BEULAH SWAN.

Ex-Officio: MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Alternates:
MISS KATHARINE KINZLY. MISS THELMA REBSTOCK.
STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditing.—D. H. Manley, Chairman; the Cabinet ex-officio, G. S. Henderson, Miss Kinzly, Miss Hughes, Miss Pierce.

Board of Christian Education.—F. G. Williams, Chairman; Miss Pierce, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Carpenter, Miss Welles, Miss Hughes, S. K. Mondol, H. M. Swan, P. N. Dass, W. B. Foley, C. H. Archibald.

State of the Church, Aggressive Evangelism and Self-support.—B. W. Tucker, Chairman; Baijnath Marandi, P. N. Dass, B. A. Mott, S. K. Mondol, S. Pandit, B. B. Naskar, Jos. Nelson, Bodon Marandi, Mrs. Manley, Miss Welles, Mrs. Swan, Miss Grandstrand, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Lyon.

Evangelistic.—Miss Kinzly and all evangelistic missionaries.


Temperance.—Mrs. Manley, Chairman; B. A. Mott, Baijnath Marandi, Miss Norberg, W. H. Mawson, Miss Adhikari, Faijan Biswas, Jos. Nelson, S. Pandit, B. W. Tucker, Mrs. S. K. Mondol, Miss Rebstock, Mrs. Engberg.

Medical.—Miss B. M. Swan, Chairman; Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Mawson, N. G. Sircar, K. K. Chakravarti, Faijan Biswas, Bodon Marandi, Mrs. Beeken, Mrs. Nelson.

House Furnishing.—Miss Norberg, Chairman; Miss Field, Miss Eddy.

Literature.—Mrs. Williams, Chairman; Miss Pierce, Miss Eddy, Mrs. Ilahibaksh.

Program.—Mrs. Archibald, Chairman; Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Volrath.

Property.—Miss Eddy, Miss Welles, Mrs. Williams, Miss Pierce.

Publication.—Miss Welles, Miss Rebstock.

Women's Societies and Home Missions.—Miss Grandstrand, Chairman; Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Nathaniel, Miss Kanon Biswas.
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mission Claimants.—Miss Eddy, Mrs. Lyon, Miss Kinzly.


Literary Program.—Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Williams, S. K. Mondol, G. S. Henderson.


CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES


Bihar and Orissa Christian Council of Missions.—Miss Swan.

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly.

Board of Governors, Isabella Thoburn College.—Miss Carpenter, 1931, 32, and 33.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium.—Miss Eddy.

All-India Literature Committee.—Mrs. Williams, 1931, 1932.

EDITOR

Bengali Woman's Friend.—Mrs. Beeken, Miss Haldar, Joint Editors.
MINUTES
OF THE
Bengal Woman's Conference

FIRST SESSION

Opening.—The forty-fourth session of the Bengal Woman’s Conference met in the drawing-room of Anna Thoburn Hall, 150, Dharamtala Street, Calcutta, on Saturday, January 17th, at 11:30 o’clock. The Conference opened with the Vice-President, Miss Hunt, in the chair. Miss Hunt began with a devotional reading, after which the hymn, “New Every Morning is Thy Love” was sung. After the reading of the hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth”, there followed a period of meditation and prayer in which the thoughts of the group were directed toward the many good gifts which have come to us from the Heavenly Father. A number of short prayers of thanksgiving were offered. After the singing of the hymn, “Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace”, some of the girls from the Lee Memorial School gave a special musical number. The devotional period closed with prayer by Miss Hunt.

Elections.—Miss Hunt was elected President and Miss Carpenter Vice-President.

Roll Call.—The following members responded to roll call: Miss Adhikari, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Carpenter, Miss Collins, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Field, Mrs. Foley, Miss Grandstrand, Miss Hughes, Miss Hunt, Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Mawson, Mrs. Mondol, Mrs. Nathaniel, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Norberg, Miss Pierce, Miss Rebstock, Mrs. Soule, Miss Swan, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Volrath, Miss Welles, Mrs. Williams.

Elections.—The following officers were elected: Secretary, Miss Welles; Assistant Secretary, Miss Rebstock; Statistical Secretary, Miss Swan; Historian, Miss Norberg.

Introductions.—The following were introduced: Miss Kanon Biswas was introduced as a new member; Mrs. Archibald and Misses Kinzly, Swan and Hughes were welcomed back from furlough. Miss Carpenter, who was unable to be present at the Conference in 1930 because of illness, was introduced, and Miss Whiting was introduced as the new Treasurer for India.

Absent Members.—The roll of absent members was called and various members promised to write to those who are unable to be present in the Conference sessions.
Greetings to the Conference were brought from Mrs. Byers, Miss Blair and Miss Draper.

The Secretary was asked to send a telegram of greeting to Miss Eddy.

Nominating Committee.—The Chair appointed Mrs. Archibald, Miss Hughes and Mrs. Soule, the Nominating Committee.

Resolutions Committee.—The Chair appointed Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lyon and Mrs. Nelson the Resolutions Committee.

Official Letter.—Miss Hunt presented the Official Letter from our new Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hardie, giving the actions taken at the last General Executive meeting.

Treasurer’s Report.—Miss Whiting gave the financial report for Bengal Conference and it was accepted.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium.—The report of the Mary Wilson Tuberculosis Sanatorium was read and accepted.

The following recommendation, made by Miss Carpenter, was adopted: That we recommend to the Editor of the Bengali Woman’s Friend that one page each month be given up to story and other material required for putting into operation in the schools the Health Crusade outlined by Miss Fernstrom.

Field Reference Committee.—It was voted to make the election of the Field Reference Committee the first order of the day on Monday.

Field Correspondent.—It was moved and carried to determine election of Field Correspondent by majority vote. Mrs. Beeken and Mrs. Dewey were appointed tellers.

Miss Pierce was elected.

Reports.—The All-India Literature Committee report was given by Mrs. Williams and was accepted.

House Furnishing Committee.—The report was given by Miss Norberg and was accepted.

Property Committee.—Miss Pierce stated that as the Property Committee has not met this year there is no report.

Bihar and Orissa Christian Council.—Miss Pierce gave the report and it was accepted.

Miss Carpenter reported that Miss Pierce was appointed by the recent session of the All-Asia Educational Conference to organize an Association for Childhood Education for India, under the auspices of the All-Asia Educational Conference. We congratulate her on the opportunity thus afforded of making so significant a contribution to Indian Education.
Blackstone Missionary Institute.—No written report had been received, but Miss Carpenter gave a short verbal report.

Board of Governors, Isabella Thoburn College.—Miss Carpenter was elected to serve for the years 1931, '32, and '33.

Bihar and Orissa Christian Council.—Miss Swan was elected to be our representative.

Woman’s Friend.—Mrs. Dewey reported for the Bengali Woman’s Friend and it was accepted.

Mrs. Beeken and Miss Haldar were elected Joint Editors of the Bengali Woman’s Friend.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium.—Miss Eddy was elected to be our representative.

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly was elected as our representative.

Bengal and Assam Christian Council.—Mrs. Williams was continued.

Executive Board.—It was moved and carried that we make the election of our representative to the Executive Board the second order of the day on Monday.

The session adjourned with prayer by Miss Hunt.

SECOND SESSION

Opening.—The session on Monday, the 19th, was opened with devotions led by Mrs. Soule. After singing “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”, Miss Field led in Prayer. This was followed by the hymn, “Fade, Fade Each Earthly Joy”. The Scripture reading was from Matthew 5: 1-13. Mrs. Soule based her remarks on the first part of verse 13, “Ye are the salt of the earth”. After singing “More Love To Thee, O Christ”, and a closing prayer, Mrs. Foley sang “Oh, Rest In The Lord”.

Minutes.—The President took the chair, and the Minutes were read and corrected.

New Members.—The name of Miss Kanon Biswas was recommended by the Credentials Committee and she was elected a member of the Woman’s Conference.

The Secretary was asked to send a wire of greetings to Mrs. McConnell.

Field Reference Committee.—It was voted to ballot for x names beside the Field Correspondent for the Field Reference
Committee. The following were elected on the first ballot: Mrs. Beeken, Mrs. Williams, Miss Welles, Miss Field, Miss Eddy and Miss Swan.

Alternates.—The Secretary was requested to cast the ballot for the next two names receiving the highest vote, Miss Kinzly and Miss Rebstock, for alternates.

Union College.—Miss Carpenter reported on the proposals for a Union College in Calcutta.

It was voted that Miss Carpenter and Miss Welles be continued on this committee—Miss Collins going on furlough.

Bengal and Assam Christian Council.—This report was read by Mrs. Williams and was accepted.

Executive Board.—Miss Hunt was elected as our representative.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn early to give time for old committees to meet to formulate plans for the year.

It was voted to refer to the Field Reference Committee arrangements for Mrs. McConnell's visit here at the time of the Barrow's Lectures, so that she may see the work and meet the Field Reference Committee.

It was voted to make the Field Reference Committee the Committee to meet with Bishop Robinson to discuss appointments.

Nominating Committee.—The report of the Nominating Committee was read and it was accepted as a whole.

The Secretary was asked to send a note of greetings to Mrs. Robinson.

The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Lee.

THIRD SESSION

Opening.—The session on Tuesday, January 21st, began with devotions led by Mrs. Mawson. Hymn number 543, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", was sung. The reading was from "Daily Light" for January 19th and the leader based her talk on "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister", Matt. 20:26. Miss Field sang as a solo, "Nearer, My God, To Thee". Mrs. Mawson led in prayer. The devotional period closed with the singing of hymn number 410, "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak."

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

Report of Central Conference.—Miss Pierce reported on Central Conference, and gave the actions concerning the Constitution
of the Woman's Conference which have to do with India. Following are the important changes made. A full report cannot be given until the Minutes of the Central Conference are off the press.

ARTICLE IV. Membership in the Woman's Conference ; Section I. Paragraph 2 A 2. All women after completing two years of Associate Membership who meet the following requirements:—

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

B. Associate Members shall be:—All women who have completed a High School course or its equivalent and wish to consecrate their lives to the maintenance and development of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ, and who have been recommended by their Quarterly and District Conferences and the Woman's Conference Relations Committee, and elected by a majority vote of the Woman's Conference present and voting.

ARTICLE V. 4. Associate Members have the same relation to the Woman's Conference as lay members have to the Annual Conference.

Woman's Work Committee Report.

Unit. Three.

SECTION I. Resolved that the Central Conference of Southern Asia memorialize the Foreign Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to amend the Constitution of that Society so that it provides that the Members of that Field Reference Committee be elected for a two-year term, half of the terms expiring one year and half the next, thus providing for continuity in the work.

The Responsibility of the Central Conferences In Relation to the Board of Foreign Missions and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

SECTION III. Resolved that, until such time as the General Conference legislation shall provide for setting up a Council of Co-operation as between the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Central Conference of Southern Asia, we request the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to recognize the Executive Board as a Council of Co-operation to function as provided for in the foregoing resolutions.
International Department.—Miss Hunt presented the work of the International Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and spoke briefly of how it is functioning in other countries.

Women's Societies.—Mrs. Dewey gave the report of the Women's Societies, and her report was accepted. It was voted that Mr. V. M. Illahibaksh's account of the Bhabua Mission be printed in these Minutes if they are not being printed in the Men's Minutes for this Conference.

Mrs. Archibald reported on the work of the various societies in Queen's Hill School. The reports were accepted.

Evangelistic Committee.—Mrs. Beeken read the following resolutions from the Committee, and it was voted to incorporate them in the Minutes.

1. We recommend Summer Schools or Institutes to be held annually in every District.

2. We heartily recommend the holding of a Christian Mela in each District annually.

3. We urge more aggressive temperance work.

4. We feel there is a great lack of street-preaching and we recommend most strongly that all preachers give more attention to this great need. We urge each preacher to establish a Sunday School independent of boarding schools.

Language Examinations.—It was reported that Mrs. Mawson and Miss Rebstock passed the Junior Examination in Bengali in December, 1930.

It was voted that record should be made in the Minutes of those passing the Language Examinations in this Conference.

Resolutions Committee.—The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and accepted.

The Conference adjourned.
Report of Work

ASANSOL DISTRICT
Ushagram Girls’ School

A number of changes have been made during the past year. Some new buildings have been put up—a cosy little home for our head-mistress and new bungalows for the missionaries. As one new class had been added, the old school building was no longer adequate, so in July the former missionary residence was cleared of its household furniture, equipped with blackboards and school furniture from the old building and used as a school building. In January, we began our seventh class with an enrollment of eight students. In addition to their regular school subjects, an arrangement was made for three of the eight to take special work in art under the direction of the art master, three were to take special work in music and the other two had work in sewing under the supervision of the wife of one of the masters. The work which the girls have done in these different departments has been good. From the sixth class, two girls sat for the Middle English Scholarship examination in December and three for the Middle Vernacular examination. The report on these examinations has not yet come to us. The kindergarten class has been attended by children from the neighboring Christian village and a few from Asansol and they, with those in boarding, have made a large class. From July, the very small children, really of pre-school age, were put into a class by themselves and the village people have been encouraged to send their small children to this Nursery Class. In the building formerly used for class-room purposes, looms were installed and there the girls of the Industries Department have been taught weaving, a village weaver being in charge of the class. During the past year, only the girls of the Industries Department have been taught weaving but during the coming year, practically all of the girls who are in boarding will have an opportunity to learn it. During the earlier part of the year, the girls of the Industries class were taught ashan-making, embroidery and lace-making but after the summer vacation embroidery and ashan-making were discontinued.

There has been an increase in the number of day pupils. Every day, the School bus brings a load of girls from Asansol. We feel that it is good for our Christian girls to have the contact with these refined Hindu and Mohammedan girls and that our girls in their turn may give a great deal to these others who know so little of Jesus Christ. We felt that we needed to have some contact with
the parents of our day pupils who come from Asansol so it was decided to have a visiting day occasionally. On that day, groups of teachers, under the leadership of Mrs. Williams, went into the homes of these girls. The visitors were nearly always welcomed very cordially and the mothers seemed to appreciate their coming. In September, there was an exhibition held in the girls' school for the benefit of mothers of the girls and of other Hindu and Mohammedan women in Asansol, that they might become better acquainted with the School and with its work. For weeks before the exhibition, teachers and girls had worked hard on posters, maps and other projects in order that everything might be in readiness. About four hundred women came that day.

Besides the work of the class-room, there are other matters which enter into the lives of the Ushagram girls. Something should be said about their "home" life. It is difficult to have a real home life in a boarding school but the cottage system seems to furnish a nearer approach to it than the old dormitory plan. In each house, there are seven or eight girls. One of the older girls is the house "mother" and the affairs of the house are in her hands. On Saturday, she goes to the Ushagram store to buy her supplies of rice, dal and other things which will be needed in her house during the week. This training should be very valuable to her when she leaves the school and goes into a home of her own later on. The older girls take turns in cooking for their houses and this, as well as the buying, is under the supervision of the cooking teacher. The Panchayat (village council) meets once a week and discusses matters which pertain to the life of the girls. We have found it very helpful and enlightening to meet with the girls in this way to talk over their problems. There has been a regular program of work. The rule has been that every girl in boarding must work at least one hour a day. For this work, she has been paid by the hour. At the end of the week, the money which she had earned was deposited in the school bank and on Saturday she was allowed to draw out money for oil, soap and other necessities. In October, a change was made and the work put on a different basis. From that time, every girl was required to pay full board fees. If her parents or other relatives were unable to pay part of these fees, it became necessary for the girl to work more to earn the money herself. To those who received no help at all from relatives or friends, we gave special work for which they were paid a certain amount each week.

We rejoice that we now have our own pastor. Mr. N. D. Banerjee came to us in July and work in Religious Education is now under his supervision. On Sunday, there is the regular church service in the morning and Sunday School in the afternoon. The Junior League, composed of small girls from the school and neighboring village, meets during the week under the supervision of one of the teachers. There is an Epworth League for the older girls and the
boys of the Boys' School. A good interest has been shown in the League meetings and the children have been encouraged to take part. There was no Institute held, but next year we hope to have one. During the year, we have instituted directed morning watch. The girls had been expected to keep their own morning watch either individually or in groups in their own houses, but it was discovered that they had become careless about it, so it seemed best to set a certain time in the early morning when the gong should be rung and the girls assemble for morning watch which would be under the direction of the Head-mistress. The girls' evening prayers have been directed by the teachers. Each teacher has one house of girls to whom she is a sort of older sister, and it has been her custom to go to this house at night and have a little talk with the girls and to direct their evening devotions.

We thank all those who have worked with us during the past year. The year has gone and we cannot live it again, so we can only hope that what we have tried to do has not been in vain and that we have helped these girls of Village India a little farther along their way to the ideal of Christian womanhood which we have for them.

Hindu Girls' Day School

Missionary ... ... ... MRS. H. E. DEWEY.

Soon after the opening of this year's work the school had its annual program and prize distribution. It was attended by the women members of the children's families, a custom which was started the year before. The wife of the Divisional Superintendent of the E. I. Ry., with her mother, visited the school that day and took a great interest in the program and the children. A large percent of the children attending the school are from the homes of Railway employees. During the year the Railway Grant was increased.

The school continues to be a connecting link between homes and our evangelistic work. We are always welcome in the homes of all the pupils and only wish there were more time available to study these homes so that we might have more influence in the Christian impact.

During the past year a school for girls has been opened by prominent townsmen for their children. It is supported and managed by Hindu men. It is only natural that some families should prefer that their girls attend a school managed and taught by those of their own faith. There are so many girls in Asansol that should be in school and are not that there is need for even more schools.
The year, 1929, marked the peak of attendance for this school. This year there is a drop in the average attendance, however it still stands above 100. The problem of fees has been worked upon during the year. Beginning with the year 1920, through 1926 the average monthly fees was Rs. 8 or less; in 1928 it increased to Rs. 15; in 1929 to Rs. 21, and for 1930 to Rs. 30-3. This is with a smaller attendance than in 1929, which indicates that the families are more willing to pay fees than they were in the past, and that the school is appreciated, by the fact that their girls are sent here rather than to the Hindu school.

Classes beyond the fourth standard are not opened here as the girls have the opportunity of attending Ushagram.

We seek God's blessing upon the staff of teachers who strive to put their best into this school and who are faithful to it and its problems. May it continue to serve.

Evangelistic Work

Missionary ... ... ... ... MRS. H. E. DREWY.

The Bible-women have been very faithful in their work throughout the past year, 1930, and even though the National Movement at times seemed very strong, there was no sign of a desire on the part of the community to miss the messages the Christian workers carried. The teachers in the school have shown themselves very willing to join with the Bible-women, and at times they have taken a full share in the evangelistic responsibility. Special Bible-women have been at work in the Asansol, Barakar, Rampur, and Mongalbari fields, and the teachers in the Girls' School at Ushagram have taken definite responsibility among the nearby villages.

We believe that one of the best ways the Bible-woman can do her work is through close association with an educational institution, and we have tried to get each of our Bible-women to assume responsibility for a primary school. Through the school many homes are being opened, and many are the messages that are carried through the children into homes that seem closed in other ways to the Christian message.

Through the Bible-women, the community is being made to understand our purpose as a church, and the future work will be greatly helped by the open door that is being made a reality through constant visitation, preaching, and teaching. We feel that the Bible-women need to be better educated than many of them are at present, and we hope more and more of the educated young women will turn their attention toward definite service in the homes of the non-Christians, through the work of the Bible-women.
Hindustani Girls' Day and Boarding School

Missi0nary ... ... ... ... Mrs. H. E. Dewey.

The attendance in the class-rooms in the Hindustani Girls' School has changed little from last year, and the records show an average of forty-three pupils, most of whom come from homes in and near at hand to Asansol itself. The five classes have been cared for by three well-trained teachers, and the teachers of the Hindu Girls' Day School have joined with the Hindi teachers in supervising the outside work of the pupils. Besides regular duty in preparing the food and looking after the hostel and yards, the girls have had work in the gardens each day.

Due to continued illness on the part of pupils, and the unsatisfactory conditions under which the Boarding department was being kept up, an attempt is being made to close the boarding. The Sawtelle Girls' Middle English School at Arrah has been able to take eleven of the boarders, scholarships being sent from here to cover the costs involved. Until such time as the Conference comes to a definite decision regarding the establishment of a more suitable plant than that we have had at Asansol, we do not believe it advisable to open the Boarding department in Asansol again.

Of the staff of three, one has gone for further study, while a second has been given charge of a thriving Hindi day school at Ushagram. The third, Miss Maxwell, is taking care of the day school in Asansol, and through visiting the homes, we expect that the present attendance of twenty may be greatly increased.

There is no doubt but that there is need of a Hindi Boarding School near at hand to Asansol, and we trust this Conference will help to hasten the day of its coming.

BIRBHUM DISTRICT

Missionary ... ... ... ... Eugenia Norberg.

Another year has passed and the time has come for us to review the past and to forecast the future. As the curtain falls on the past year, we feel conscious that so little has been gained though one has made honest efforts. Village work is hard and slow work, and sometimes so discouraging that one may well ask, "Is it worth while?" Yet, we are not discouraged, for we have reasons for encouragement also.

The work among the children in the day schools is encouraging, and through them we reach the homes and parents. The school in Sangrampur with over a hundred on the roll is doing well. There are two trained teachers, one Bible-woman and one sewing teacher working there. The last few months, the pastor-in-charge there has
been taking a few classes in English and is hoping to organize Boy Scouts among the boys and night school for boys who may wish to attend. A Blue Bird company has been organized by the teachers and we hope it will grow in interest and in numbers. Epworth League is held every Friday after closing of school work, and every Sunday morning the bell calls all the children for Sunday School.

The Ladies' Aid consists of nearly every Christian woman in Sangrampur. They are raising chickens, sewing, and crocheting to help raise funds for the church work.

In November, a "Mothers' Institute" was held in Sangrampur which was a revelation to the Mohammedan women there and everyone expressed the wish that we would hold it again next year. The program included a daily devotional period which was very helpful, by Miss S. Mitter of the London Missionary Society, Berhampur. A period conducted by Miss Dunn, Health Nurse, Tilaunia, was of great practical helpfulness, when discussions, demonstration and visualization by means of posters, were all used to enforce the facts and methods of child-care in home and school. A period was devoted to child-training, led by Miss M. Carpenter, Calcutta. The late afternoon was children's hour, with games and story-telling. In the evening, there were lantern lectures, using the Brayne slides on the re-making of village India. There were from two to three hundred people at these lectures, many of them women. One afternoon was devoted to a Temperance medal contest. One of our older Mohammedan school girls took part and did very well. There was a baby show when the mothers brought in their small babies under one year of age. Four of the healthiest and cleanest babies received a prize and all happened to be Mohammedan babies. We believe if we can continue this type of work there, a much larger group should be reached next year.

The Hatpara school has kept up its attendance and work has continued through the year, most of the time without trained teachers. The Inspectress visited the school and gave quite a good report, recommending the school for a Grant-in-Aid. The new year has begun with two trained teachers in charge and we forecast a good year for the school. Sunday School is held there Saturday mornings when nearly all students attend and bring rice for collection.

The Bible-women have been called on to fill vacancies in various ways and have done school work and zenana work and most anything they have been called on to do. One trained sewing teacher, accompanied by an experienced Bible-woman, visits the homes of the women and teaches them sewing or any kind of hand work they may wish to learn.

The Ladies' Aid at Pakaur has held regular meetings with the pastor's wife as leader. Part of the funds raised were voted towards benevolences, the balance in the treasury to be used as need arose.
Daniel Biswas finishes his training in the Village Teachers' Training School this year. We look forward in the new year for great help from him in our village school work.

The Bolpur day school had its troubles the first part of the year. After change of teachers and re-arrangement of work, it has carried on through the year, though not with the success we wished to see, but we hope the new year will bring better results. There are now 46 on the roll. Irregular attendance by the students is one difficulty and reason for the slow advance the children make in their classes. The work in the day schools among the non-Christians has its own difficulties which the boarding schools have not.

Thus through the schools, in the homes and on the by-ways we have endeavoured to bring the light of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him. May they see Him in our lives as we touch their lives. With grateful hearts to all our co-workers at home and our fellow-workers here, we go into the New Year knowing God is able to make the desert blossom as a rose. The Lord willing, we will serve together another year with Him.

Bengali Girls' Upper Primary School

Missionary ... ... ... ... Mrs. Elsie Beeken.

It is with a thankful heart that I write this report. We have had a good year in many respects. The attendance has been well maintained and the health of the School good. With the exception of a few cases of malaria, we have had no anxiety on the health score.

Every month, the girls are weighed and those who require extra nourishment are given milk, eggs, etc.

We are greatly indebted to Miss Dunn, the School Health Visitor, for all her help and advice. She has visited our school on two occasions.

At the beginning of the year, we sent seven girls from our fifth class to Ushagram, Asansol. There are now altogether fifteen of our girls there. Two are taking the special Arts Course.

The Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues have met regularly once a week. Constructive criticism and instruction have helped the girls greatly in the art of story-telling.

The attendance at the Sunday School has been good. Rupees seven was sent from the Children’s Day service collection to the Educational Loan Fund.
Teachers and girls combined to help make the Mothers’ Institute held in the village of Sangrampur in November, a success. We came away inspired to greater service of this kind in the future.

The difference between the Christian girls of the Boarding School and the ignorant Mohammedan girls of the village was very marked. It certainly made one feel that the labour and money spent on the education of our Christian children was worth while.

In the Temperance Medal Contest held during Mothers’ Institute one of our girls was awarded the Medal. A Christian boy attending the village school stood second. We were most gratified to have a Mohammedan girl amongst the contestants. She did remarkably well considering it was the first time she had recited before a mixed audience.

We have an enthusiastic company of Girl Guides and Blue Birds. These organizations are indeed a great help to character-building.

We look forward to the New Year with expectation and hope. We have plans for the development of the work which, we pray, may bear fruit in stronger and healthier bodies and strong character. The hope of India is in her women. God bless them!

In closing, I must record my gratitude to all the members of the staff who have worked so faithfully and well. We know that some day we shall come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial Hospital

Missionary ... ... ... ... Mrs. Elsie Beeken.

In August, Miss Alley tendered her resignation which was accepted.

Dr. Edmondes of the C. M. S. Hospital at Heranpur, fourteen miles from Pakaur, has very kindly supplied. He is a most efficient physician and surgeon and has won the gratitude and esteem of the people all around.

We have not had to send cases to Calcutta and other places for treatment since Dr. Edmondes took over. We are indeed grateful to him for his help, for it has meant sacrifice on his part.

One of our nurses returned during the year after a course in midwifery. This has enabled her to attend to cases not requiring a doctor.

We have a girl in training at the Mission Hospital, Jragunj. We receive good reports of her work and conduct.
CALCUTTA-BENGALI DISTRICT

Missionary ... ... ... ... MABEL L. EDDY.

The past year has been enriched by the ineffable sweetness of the presence of Christ. His guidance has been unflagging, and we thank Him. Let me briefly relate an incident illustrative of the opportunities which fill the days.

Late one evening a caller came, an Indian man whom I greatly respect. He said he had been out of the city on business for a few days, and while away his evenings had been free and he had time to think over the past, of his family, and the change which has come to them. Then he told me that several years ago he was meeting a crisis: questions arose in his mind as to whether he had made a mistake in telling his people that he had forsaken the religion of his forefathers, thus breaking his mother's heart and bringing distress to his relatives and ostracism upon his wife and children as well as himself. He said he was needing someone to stand by him and strengthen the good purposes in his heart. (He had professed his belief in Christ though he had not been baptized.) Then tears filled his eyes and he said, "Just then God brought you into touch with me and my family. You cannot know what your frequent visits meant to us. We were enabled to stand true, and our whole future was changed." Again the tears welled up in his eyes as he said, "I have just returned to Calcutta and I could not but come at the earliest possible moment to thank you for what you have meant to us." I reminded him that all this was a manifestation of the love of God for them, and His care over them. Though I had been visiting this dear family for four or five years, not until that evening did I know that God had led me there when a crisis was being met. It made me long anew to be always on duty, ready for every errand my Lord may give; it filled my heart with singing because He gives these heavenly opportunities.

Changes have been made in our day schools, by employing a few better trained teachers. The new head teacher in our Hati Bagan school is well trained and experienced and is taking great interest in the school. The eight girls whom she sent for a special examination were all successful. We were unable to place a satisfactory teacher in the Cheari school and so closed it. But by closing this school we were able to open one in Nihata. Years ago a little girl from this village came into our boarding school, and became an earnest Christian. She took teacher-training and taught for a while but was eager to take a course in the Bible Training School. So she gave up teaching and spent two years studying the Bible. She then remained as a teacher in the Bible Training School until it was closed. She returned to our District to work and was glad to go back to her own village, where she is efficiently serving. We now have two teachers in our Ballygunge school instead of one—both earnest Christian
teachers. The Kulpi school continues to be a delight because of the thorough work our teacher is doing there. Her influence upon the community is very wholesome, and we should like to have one like her in each of our schools.

After Miss Daniel, our assistant in day school work, died we looked long for someone to take up the work she did so many years, and so well. And now we have another assistant who, after taking teacher training, taught for five years then came early in the year to supervise the day schools. She has been most active in the work of the church, for children and young people, in the choir, and part of the time as organist—playing the hymns which have Bengali tunes. She is indeed a real help and blessing in our work.

Our fourteen Bible-women continue teaching many women in the city and in villages—your representatives in many a home. Not long since I visited with a Bible-woman in village homes which I had not visited before. The woman in one of these homes greeted us with great joy, and called her neighbors to come and listen, and soon twelve women were ready to listen. As we were singing the first hymn I was struck by the expression on the face of the woman in whose home we were sitting: it was alight. As soon as the hymn was finished I asked her if she believed what we had just sung of the power and love of Christ. She replied earnestly, "Oh with all my heart." Then she spontaneously gave a testimony which I wish you might have heard. She told of how in childhood while attending a mission day school she came to believe in Jesus. Then she was married, and for many years she had lived in an environment of superstition and idolatry without much to help her. Then she spoke of the coming of the Bible-woman, and what her teaching and her prayers had meant to her; and how her faith, which had been like a little glimmering light from childhood, had been strengthened by the friendship of the Bible-woman. I thanked God as I listened and as I thought of the hundreds of women whom our Bible-women are teaching, many of whom are believing.

There are many other happy duties in church and Sunday School and hospital and Christian homes. Miss Kinzly returned from furlough in November, and it was a great comfort and relief to welcome her as a co-worker in our District. Pray for us all—Indian workers, missionaries and those whom we seek to help. We heartily thank all who have a share in this work through praying and giving. It is your work as surely as it is ours.
The year that is just passed, the first of my second term, has been full and interesting.

The Kidderpore Day School in the Coal Docks began the new year in the airy new school house built for us by Bird & Co. With this larger accommodation and a change in staff the number of pupils has increased from fifty to more than a hundred, and the school is making a real contribution in that locality.

A long-felt need in Calcutta has been for a Primary boarding department to accommodate the Christian Hindustani girls in this city and District whose parents consistently refuse to send them away while they are so young. The day school of the Central Church was reopened by Mrs. Manley while I was on furlough. Mrs. Lee was giving one small room to provide a hostel for a few little girls, with a Bible-woman in charge. When it seemed best to remove the girls from that room a decision had to be made. After much prayer and consideration, it was decided to continue the boarding department and the girls were removed to rented quarters at 11, Creek Row, just back of the Central Church. In this boarding each child must bring full fees, beside which they pay all personal extras themselves. The rent and other expenses are being provided for locally by gifts and monthly subscriptions, excepting the salary of the matron, who is also the day school teacher. The local church Quarterly Conference has accepted responsibility for the School and we trust that God will continue to honour this local effort of faith with provision for our needs as He has done thus far. Mrs. Nelson has worked untiringly for this school, as in every other department of the church work. Nine girls are now in the boarding department and there is room for as many more. Some would come if they did not have to provide everything themselves.

Due to shortage in funds two day schools in this District had to be closed during the year. We are very sorry for this, as day schools are our great evangelistic agency. But in making readjustments we are concentrating our efforts on the Christian children, and we believe this will be worth while.

The zenana work has been somewhat curtailed because of dropping two Bible-women from our staff; however, the homes of the Hindu day pupils have been opened to us where we are always given a cordial welcome. Contacts with a number of good class Panjabi families have been a pleasure this year. In several cases we have been able to help them in times of sickness. The hospital help we are able to give with the new car to people of all ages, classes and creeds is a wonderful means of contact and seems to be greatly appreciated by the people. This work is a veritable master-key to open doors for our entrance. With Miss Graham and Mrs. Parker in
Kidderpore, Mrs. Nathaniel in Sibpore and Mrs. Nelson in Calcutta, we have done what we could.

The Ladies’ Aid has not been as active as usual during this year, but has raised nearly fifty rupees.

In November a small mela was held on the lawn at 3, Middleton Street, when we had a good time together, and cleared about twenty rupees for the Boarding School.

Because of a generous gift from Bird and Co. at Christmas time, with other collections, we were able to give the children of the whole District a happy Christmas.

Together we have tried by preaching and teaching; by printed matter and magic lantern; by precept and example; by prayer and love and every service we could render as opportunities arose to sow the seeds of the Gospel. We pray for new wisdom, consecration and strength to care for the work in the coming year, that this little part of the Master’s garden may be beautiful for His abiding.

Lee Memorial Mission

This has been a most interesting year—not lacking in disappointments. But some of them have been disappointments calling for greater faith and effort.

Sometimes, the thought has come when funds became low and expenses mounted higher—What if there was not enough? But the thought is banished by the promise “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory”—and He has. In our Girls’ School we have had over two hundred boarders—often nearing the 250 mark. We have sent away some little ones to make room for Hindu wives and widows. This movement is wonderful and continues—and the changes in life and looks is delightful to see. I cannot see how these girls can ever worship idols again. They will not unless driven to it by fear. They are learning to pray and sing. It does one good to see their faces brighten. Seventy of our girls gave their hearts and lives to God during a week’s meetings held in our school and about 30 joined the Church. It was a beautiful sight—as they stood at the altar of the church dressed in their white saries.

We still have 6 Bible-women working in the city and villages and 6 Day Schools. I had thought we had better try to curtail our expenses and began prayerfully to look around for the work least progressive. I went to a Day School. They did not know I was coming. Before I reached the building away in a suburb—a densely populated part of the city—I heard the girls singing a Christian song. As I entered they were having their morning Bible lesson.
repeated several Psalms, the Beatitudes, and numbers of verses—told Old Testament stories, and then the teacher called on one of the older girls to lead in prayer. I looked about on 45 of them having the only Bible instruction they will ever get—the future mothers—and I came away feeling I could not close the school without plainer leading—which has not come.

The Boys' School is still sheltering poor boys. Seven have gone into the high school, who are earning their fees and books by working during vacation. An attempt to collect small fees has thinned our ranks and we wonder what the future of such boys will be who go away from us. Church work, League, and Sunday Schools continue.

Our Bible-women and Colporteurs have been faithful in selling the Scriptures—sometimes in the midst of opposition by extremists. Yet others buy them eagerly. Thousands of Gospels are sold every month, and from the Melas are carried to all parts of India. What shall the harvest be?

We are praying earnestly for a revival that shall spread over all India. God says, "Is my hand shortened that I cannot save?" We go forth another year with thankful hearts trusting Him and in His mighty power for the future.

ADA LE,
Superintendent.

Calcutta Girls' High School

Missionaries ...

IRMA D. COLLINS.
HELEN A. DRAPER.

Of the past year we can say, it has been full of good steady work and progress. Both pupils and parents have been interested and co-operative. The enrollment has been 396 with a present enrollment of 346, of whom 100 are boarders. The Kindergarten overflowed on to a verandah. This department, under the supervision of Mrs. Hecquet is an important part of our school and much appreciated by the parents.

Examination results have been good—the three Cambridge candidates passed; six out of seven passed the University of Calcutta Matriculation, with four in the first division; all music candidates passed with good grades; nine out of eleven were successful in First Aid; all passed the new course in Dress-making and Cookery. The examiner of the last two wrote, "Their frocks were certainly very well done." In cookery, "I was impressed with their cleanliness and the methodical way in which they set about their work." We feel that these splendid results are due in a large measure to the efficiency, loyalty and faithfulness of our staff.
This year, the curriculum has been further strengthened by a reorganization of subject material. Mrs. Corbet who has recently specialized in geography in London has given much time toward working out a course and selecting new textbooks. History has been reorganized from the first to the seventh standards. The new textbooks deal with world moments or stresses. From the fifth to the seventh standards the course is pivoted on English History. The Domestic Science syllabus has been extended to all the grades in which the subject is taught. Mrs. Milner has done splendid work in the Hygiene Department. We are glad our work is sufficient to merit the Lavalette Medal again.

The Physical Education Department continues to grow. The Games Club and Gymnasium classes gave a very successful demonstration on Sports Day. We were very glad that Mrs. Evelyn J. McConnell of New York City could be present and distribute the trophies. An appreciation is due to Mrs. Symonds and Miss Reynolds for their untiring efforts. At present Miss Reynolds is studying for a certificate in Physical Education. Now that we have a trained nurse we hope soon to start more health work for all our students. Mrs. Hoyle and Mrs. Lathorne take good care of our girls. We wish to thank the parents for their ready co-operation in providing uniforms and gymnasium shoes for the girls.

All the School activities have been helpful influences for cultural training, school enthusiasm, and character-building. The Literary Society with Miss Webbe as advisor gave some interesting programmes. Miss Webbe has also conducted the Chapel music in a vital, helpful way. The Junior Chorus, with Mrs. Simpson as conductor, was rewarded by bringing home the Music Cup for 1930. The Senior Chorus tied with the St. Thomas' Girls' School but lost by two points in an additional unison song. We wish to thank Mrs. Bullock for her faithfulness and untiring efforts with this large chorus of over eighty voices.

The School owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Worster for the responsibility she has carried with the Girl Guides. We also appreciate the visits of Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Arthur, and Mrs. Buckley. Girl Guiding has been a keen activity. Five girls have passed their second-class tests and others have earned badges. In the Rally Day Competitions they placed second. Remarks on one Patrol Leader were, "Very good Patrol Leader. Helpful and friendly. Made the most of her opportunities." We wish the same for all our girls. Grace Smith, having again attended camp in Ootacamund, brought back her enthusiasm to her flock of Blue Birds. They tied with Diocesan College for the shield. The Parade Service in Thoburn Church was beautiful and impressive.

To break the monotony of school routine, the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the educational films. Mr. Archibald's Palestine talks were helpful. A demonstration by boys from the Blind School
was much appreciated by the staff and pupils. The Y. W. C. A. vocational talks were stimulating to our older girls.

The Junior and Intermediate Leagues have met regularly. The devotional meetings have been conducted by the girls, and they have grown in self-expression. We hope the Pug Pups remain always in our school. Sunday School has met weekly in Thoburn Hall. The Superintendent, Mr. Ford, always has time to give to youth and the young people.

The Home Missionary Society girls have been enthusiastic and worked very hard under Miss Limond’s leadership. The proceeds of their hand work netted the exceptionally high amount of Rs. 400.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Hughes on her return from furlough. We have kept her quite busy since her return and she is happy to be at work. She spent much of her time while away in studying for her Master’s Degree at Garrett Biblical Institute and Northwestern University.

We are sorry Miss Draper has had to be away again because of health reasons. She was very interested in the Domestic Science Department, of which she is the organizer. It is to be regretted that she will have to return to America.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Corbet, Miss Yates, Mrs. Simpson and Miss Franz as new members of our staff. Miss Phyllis Simpson, a graduate of this school, will return next year as a trained teacher.

Gratitude is due to our School Committee for their continued efforts to help us; also, to Thoburn Church, the Official Board, and Rev. G. S. Henderson who has been a real friend of the school and patrons at all times; we thank the friends, patrons, and firms who have contributed to our school, and the donors of the much coveted medals. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the opportunities and experiences of the past year. We trust that every pupil has been drawn nearer to her Master.

My first term of service in India will end early next year. I shall return to America with a feeling of appreciation, love and respect for India and those with whom it has been my privilege to work. I am sure that India has given me more than I have given her.

Report of Queen’s Hill School for 1930

Miss Ludgate, Miss Rost, Miss Warner, Miss Field.

Queen’s Hill School has closed another year of its history and we look back over it with feelings of sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His unfailing presence and help thro’ its many opportunities and responsibilities.
The Cambridge results of December, 1929, were received in April and caused great excitement and rejoicing. Of the eight students who took the Senior Cambridge Examination, all passed, three with honours. Of the thirteen who took the Junior Cambridge Examination, twelve passed, one with honours. This was Miss Stahl's last class and the splendid results are only a small indication of the faithful and thorough work Miss Stahl and her teachers had put in thro' the years. This year we are sending up eight for senior and six for junior and are hoping the results will be as good.

The music results have been very satisfactory this year, both in the practical and theoretical examinations. Queen's Hill again this year won the Darjeeling Singing Contest cup for the Senior Choir, and the Junior Choir won second place in the Junior Contest. Miss Sheridan and Miss Bloud who trained the choirs have been very thorough in their work and we owe much to them as well as the rest of our staff for their earnest efforts to give to the children the very best in education.

The Girl Guides, Blue Birds, and Wolf Cubs have had a successful year under the direction of three of our teachers, Miss Hart, Miss Smith, and Miss Cox who has had the honour to be chosen as the District Cub Master, and next year will thus be in close touch with the Cub Packs from other schools.

On November 8th, we had our first public Sports Day and many friends from Darjeeling attended and enjoyed it with us.

The health of the school has been very good this year for which we are very grateful.

Religious services have been carried on as usual in Church, Sunday School, Epworth League and Chapel. We feel this is a very important part of the school life in building up character, and it is a great privilege and responsibility to help lead the children to know Christ and to so get into touch with Him that they will be able to live their daily lives victoriously.

Bishop Badley came to us in September and gave us two days of very helpful services. We had hoped that he might be continued as our Bishop, but we are just as glad to have Bishop Robinson and he has already proved a great help to us in solving our problems.

The building up of a boys' department at Queen's Hill has taken up a great deal of attention and, in trying to work out the plan of action, Mr. Johnson was appointed Principal of the school with two other men missionaries as well as four W. F. M. S. missionaries. Miss Ludgate was appointed Head-Mistress but suddenly took ill in the middle of the year and was compelled to leave. We are very sorry that she was not able to continue with us. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln also left in the middle of the year, so there has been considerable change during the year. Both Miss Ludgate and Miss Warner belong to other Conferences and we are very sorry we are not able to keep them
but they have now gone back to their own Conferences. Miss Rost, tho' belonging to another Conference, will stay with us another year in charge of the Kindergarten.

For the coming year, Miss Field has been appointed Principal and Mr. O. H. Archibald, the Business Manager. Mrs. Engberg is on her way back and we have just had word that Miriam Scholberg is coming out to us. She is an old Queen's Hill girl and her parents are missionaries in India, so we are especially glad to have her come back to us.

We feel it is well to have a school where both brothers and sisters can attend the same school as they do here and so we are looking forward to a larger co-operation from the Board of Foreign Missions as well as perhaps from other missions, besides the continued help of the W. F. M. S., for, in these present unsettled times in India, many parents are finding it very difficult to pay the fees necessary for a hill school and so we must keep a very close watch on our finances.

We know there is a way out and so we are looking forward to the new year full of hope and courage.

"Father,
In this new day of splendid possibilities,
We taste again the old most sweet relationship
Of trust and love;
Between Thy high and holy Soul
And these base sordid souls of ours
Thine ancient miracle of love is wrought again.

Rejoicing, we set forward on our path unknown,
Held by Thy hand, and jubilant in Thee;
Thanks be to Thee, all thanks to Thee,
O loving, tender, joyful God."

J. S. HOYLAND.

GOMOH DISTRICT

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... MRS. LYON.

The past year (1930) has closed, and we feel it has been one of quiet, yet steady progress in spite of many difficulties at the beginning of the year when we had to change our place of residence from Gomoh to Hazaribagh Road, thirty miles away, where fortunately we were able to get a suitable house to live in. That our orphans would be under my close supervision, of course, we brought them all along with us, as well as the orphan children of the late M. D. Kessop who died of cholera on the 9th of November, 1929. Mrs. M. Kessop also accompanied her children. We started a new
school with all these children, and a few others attended from the village. Mrs. Kessop has done the matron's work as usual most cheerfully. Unfortunately, in May and June she got ophthalmia and had to go to a hospital to have her eyes properly attended to. Her son Alfred Kessop, who had just graduated from our Theological College at Jubbulpore, took charge and taught all the classes. The health of our orphan children throughout the year has been excellent. Christmas Day was looked forward to, and spent in great happiness.

Our day school for girls at Gomoh is prospering under Mrs. A. B. Mott and is well reported on by the Government Deputy-Inspector of Schools. There are fifteen girls on the roll now after the transfer of so many to Hazaribagh Road; also, a few Hindu girls got married at an early age to avoid the Sarda Act passed by Government. Our Boys' School at Gomoh has fifty-five boys on the roll and is under Mr. Kethro Subarno. This school is also well reported on by the Government Inspector. Mrs. Kessop still dispenses simple medicines to the poor. There being a Hospital and Dispensary close by, the people do not appeal to us so much. We thank our Heavenly Father for His many mercies and pray for His blessing and care over us through 1931.

Missionary  ...  ...  ...  Mrs. W. H. Soule.

Just a few lines will suffice to account for the work done this year, and this is my first time to give the report of the Gomoh District since my appointment as Supervisor of the District Schools.

Schools.—We emphasized this year in our District the importance of village education, with a view to training our village Christian children as well as non-Christian children. There are seven Day Schools, which are attended by 120 children out of whom 59 are Christians. In Gomoh, we have one school for boys and one for girls. Both these schools are getting grant from the District Board of Rs. 4 per month.

W. F. M. S.—Gomoh District needs the co-operation of the W. F. M. S. There is ample scope for them to work in several ways, namely, by having a hospital, a Girls' Boarding School and by starting zenana evangelistic work. If this sort of work is started in this District, it will, I am sure, be greatly appreciated by Christian as well as non-Christian people. I am convinced that a cart without both the wheels cannot accomplish much in the way of a quick and satisfactory journey. Women's work must go side by side with Men's work to achieve success. We are, however, thankful to the W. F. M. S. for what they have been doing for the District, but we expect them to do more and their co-operation is needed in every direction.
Temperance Work.—This year, we did splendid work along the lines of temperance among our new converts and enquirers, delivering lectures and distributing tracts.

Zenana Work.—This work is being carried on by the wives of our preachers in charge. They visit Christian homes and neighbouring non-Christian families. They help them as much as they can, and their labours are greatly appreciated by the people.

Jidato Middle School

Missionary ... ... ... ... MILDRED PIERCE.

Jidato has done nothing very new or startling during the year 1930, but it has lived up to the meaning of its name in making a "persistent advance". As we look back over the year and think of all the plans we had, we realize that many of them have not been carried out, but, on the other hand, when we compare the work of the school with that of the year 1929 we rejoice to note that there is an evidence of steady progress.

Six of our boys have gone to Kaerabani to complete the work of the Middle English School; two are entering the teacher-training class there. Two boys have also entered the carpentry and weaving classes at Benegaria. Three girls are attending high school. Two girls have begun their second year of teacher-training at Deogharm, two more will enter the teacher-training class at Moharo this month. We rejoice in the trained leadership that these young people will bring to us in the years to come.

Another reason for rejoicing is the number of Christian homes that have been established in our Santali villages this year. There we are beginning to see the results of the training Jidato has been giving our village boys and girls the past six years. Two of these homes are really community centers of service. Both husband and wife teach in the village schools. The work in these two schools compares very favorably with that of the boarding school. In a recent arithmetic test given in the eight village schools and the boarding school, the children of these two village schools, Solagardia and Saraidela had nearly as high scores as those of the boarding school. It was interesting to note too, that these scores were only a little behind the norm set for American children. We are seeking to link Jidato more and more with the village schools by planning institutes for the village school teachers, by encouraging exhibitions of the work of the village schools at these institutes held at Jidato; by giving the girls and boys in Jidato opportunities of service in the villages and through the principal of Jidato acting as a "teacher-helper" of the village school teachers.

Jidato has been most fortunate this year in having two Health Examinations. Miss Dunn of Tilaunia spent several weeks here in 1997-5
March and again in November. It was an inspiration to us all to note the progress our children had made since the first examination as a result of following Miss Dunn's recommendations. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Edmunds of Hiranpur for the help he has rendered in making it possible to carry out these recommendations. Fourteen children have had tonsils removed; a hernia operation was performed on one little boy and many children had teeth extracted. One of the most important results of these examinations has been the new interest the children have taken in health and the development of health habits. Even a wee tot in the kindergarten remarked one day "mota idik' kanaan." (I am getting fat).

Projects or activities of various kinds have put new life into class work. The first and second classes have been interested in hospitals and dispensaries. The run of patients was so large that four dispensaries were necessary to care for them. Members of the class as well as a large group of dolls were listed among the patients. Pieces of wood made good beds. Thermometers were improvised from sticks, and bottles in which to put medicine were collected from every possible source. This interest continued over a period of several weeks. Then these children began the building of a model village. It is not yet complete, but contains eleven mud houses that are ready for the roofs. So great was the interest in this project that the children were up before daylight some mornings to see if the rain of the night before had injured the mud walls. Considerable ingenuity was used too, in carrying on the work. The children collected bits of rope and bamboo from an old roof that was being torn down and when they found they did not have enough tools to cut the bamboo they built a fire and burnt it in two. Classes two and three have been interested in a rice project. Classes four and five have modelled large relief maps of India and the British Isles. A heavy rain filled up the Bay of Bengal, the rivers and the Indian Ocean so that they appeared quite realistic.

The Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Bluebirds have all been very active this year. An unexpected honour came to the Girl Guides when they were presented with the Ezra Cup given for the largest number of first-class guides in the province in proportion to the size of the company. The girls had worked for their first-class badges over a period of years but with no thought of winning a cup. Therefore it came as a very pleasant surprise.

The Boy Scouts have a live troop. The District Scout Master examined them recently and declared himself very pleased with their work. The boys visited a display given by the Scouts of Taljhari and have taken part in two displays themselves.

Three Bluebirds passed their first-class tests and hence were allowed to wear wings and fly up to the Guide Company. They have all had an interesting time learning new games and songs.
The Epworth League has had a profitable year studying "Socrates in an Indian Village" and "The Remaking of Village India". Members of the League have visited village homes, reproduced Socrates' conversations with village people and laid out models of villages and village homes. Several have expressed the determination to make changes in their own homes that they may be more healthful.

Jidato made an excellent record in the Santali Inter-denominational Sunday School Examinations. In the Junior Division Jidato children won first and second places; in the Intermediate, second, fourth and ninth places.

Two of the big events of the year were Miss Swan's return and the sanctioning of our building plans. For weeks before Miss Swan's arrival the geography classes were studying the map, following her on her trip. Each Sunday they reported at Epworth League where she was that day and described the city she was visiting and something of the customs of the people there. Maps posted on the bulletin board showed the course of the boat. Never were maps studied with more interest. Children could be heard saying, "She is in Rangoon to-day; she will be in Calcutta soon and here next week." Everyone gave Miss Swan a royal welcome indicating very clearly the pleasure her return had brought to all of us.

The sanctioning of our building plans by the Foreign Department of the W. F. M. S. makes the future seem very hopeful. For many years we have said, "When we get our new school we shall do thus and so." Now the day has actually arrived when we may begin the building. The waiting has not always been easy. But these years of experiment with temporary arrangements taught us many useful things. We look forward to the coming year's work with great anticipation and with gratitude to God that our hopes for Jidato are so soon to be realized.

School of Industrial Arts

Missionary ... ... ... ... MILDRED PIERCE.

The programme of the Pakaur School of Industrial Arts has been entirely changed this year. Formerly, the chief occupation of the girls was the making of pillow lace, crochet or embroidery. There has been little demand for these things the last few years, so it seemed wise to change the curriculum.

It is our aim to teach industrial arts that the girls will find useful in their own homes; for which they can obtain materials and also a market for the finished products in their own villages. We are now using jute to make rope, bamboo to make baskets and fans,
the leaf of the date-palm to make mats, baskets, and fans, grass
or broom corn for brooms, and cotton for spinning and weaving. So
far the weaving has consisted of the making of the simple
durries and nawar-tape. We expect to put in the weaving of cloth
soon. In addition to these activities we have outlined a course of
cutting and sewing similar to that used in the middle school. The
girls advance much more rapidly, however. They have a large garden
too, which was started through the initiative of the Industrial Arts
teacher. The girls bought their own seeds and have taken entire
care of the garden which is in a flourishing condition.

This school is made up of Santals, two Hindustani girls and one
Bengali girl who teaches sewing and the making of lace. This past
year two girls came from Jagdalpur to learn all they could concerning
Industrial Arts and the cottage plan of hostel. They have now
returned to teach the girls in their own school. This month two
girls have come from Raipur to take this type of training. We wel­
come these opportunities to share with other schools anything of
value that we may have to offer.

We believe this school offers a real opportunity to girls who are
over age when they come to school or who for various reasons do
not find the government prescribed curriculum suited to their needs.
They live in the Jidato hostel and take part in all of the middle
school activities. It is our purpose to develop this school on as high
a plane as possible; to teach the girls the dignity of labour and that
they too have a real contribution to make to their communities.

Santali Evangelistic Work

Missionary ... ... ... PAULINE GRANDSTRAND.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to God and to dear friends who
have during the year made our work possible.

Our Summer School for village women was held in May. It was
our third Summer School and it has proven to be the largest and the
best. There were 70 village women attending the classes. These
women represented 22 villages. The work accomplished was all very
satisfactory and our plans are to have one yearly.

On May 11th we celebrated Mother’s Day. A special programme
was given and 110 mothers were present. This was our first meeting
of this kind. It was an inspiration to see these mothers. Some of
them had walked in 18 miles for this service.

In the month of November we had our Summer School for
workers. Rev. Jebon Soren was in charge. We all felt it was a most
helpful one and the results of the examinations were excellent.
In our Santali District we have 14 Day Schools. Five of them are in Birbhum and nine of them around Pakaur. We are giving more time and better qualified teachers to our village schools and therefore they are much improved. Miss Pierce has visited these schools and she has also given the children tests in their school work. We are thankful to her for her help. This year one of the students went from the village school to Keerabani where he will enter the 5th Standard. The children are so delighted with their footballs which have come to them for the first time. All children are lovers of games and sports. At Christmas programmes were given and prizes distributed which meant much to the children.

In our eight Sewing Circles there are 145 members. Their yearly sale brought in Rs. 41-3-6. The women meet regularly in the various circuits and their aim is to help the church in self-support.

This year the Bible-women have worked in 174 villages. Three of the Bible-women have local preacher’s licenses and six of them have exhorter’s licenses. It is a new day in India to hear of women in charge of Sunday services, also reading the ritual at a funeral. This has taken place a few times in our District, when the pastor has been absent. The Bible-women, teachers and pastors are in charge of 27 Sunday Schools.

Jessie Soren, our first Santali Bible-woman, has given 26 years of faithful service. She has now retired. We thank God for her beautiful life.

Our District Conference was held in November. There were 58 workers present and 10 delegates. The meetings were a great blessing to us all. We felt God’s presence among us and were renewed in the power of His strength. At the close of the District Conference the Day Schools gave a good programme, also a display of the work done by the children in the various schools.

I want to thank the friends for the many Christmas parcels which have come to us. The gifts have made hearts rejoice.

Christmas Day was a day of great joy among our Christians. Each circuit planned its own programme and feast. For New Year’s Day harvest festivals were planned. We rejoice over the year’s work and pray God to continue to guide us and use us in His service. The need is great and souls are precious. Let us therefore go in and possess the land.
Report of the General Educational Secretary for the Bengal, Lucknow, North India, and North-West India Conferences

It is well perhaps that periodical reports of one's work are called for. Such reports call for a clarifying of objectives without which work becomes haphazard and ineffective. The writer of this report prefaced the writing of it by a review of the various actions taken by responsible bodies in this land and America leading up to the creation of the educational Secretariat at the Central Conference held in Calcutta in December, 1923. From these actions it is apparent that an urgent need was felt by our Church here in India for a type of service which an Educational Secretariat might render. "Supervision" was the term most commonly used to describe the service which was desired and repeatedly asked for during a period of twelve years from our Boards in America. To meet such a need Central Conference, in 1923, appointed three General Educational Secretaries. In the six years which have elapsed since that time, however, due to furloughs and the resignation of one of the Secretaries, with the exception of a period of about two years, there have been only two of the group of three General Educational Secretaries actually at work at any one time, in the field.

Educational "supervision" as applied to the Secretariat has been variously understood and interpreted. Defining it in very liberal terms, the writer of this report has thought it meant relating herself to all in the field which she has been appointed to serve who are engaged in the work of schools of all grades in every way which may be found possible so as to share by any means at her command in the effort to accomplish that for which our schools have been instituted. The following is submitted as a summary of the manner in which some part of this responsibility has been discharged.

Itinerating.—In spite of circumstances which greatly curtailed her activities during the early part of this year, it has been a happy experience, since she joined the Secretariat on the field in the latter part of September, 1929, to be able to visit, for a longer or shorter period, practically all of the schools of the five Conferences to which she is related with the exception of the more remote schools in the northern part of the North India Conference. In attendance at Annual Conference Boards of Education meetings or on her trip across from Bombay to Calcutta on her arrival from furlough, she has also been able to be in all the Station Schools but one of Bombay Conference, as well as to touch on the work of the two Southern India Conferences. In but two of the eleven Conferences of this field has she been able to make no contacts since her return to the field. The following summary of the Boarding Schools and more important Central Day Schools in the four Northern India Conferences suggested something of the dimensions of the task. She hopes to be able to
give more attention in the ensuing year to the village school, and also to the schools in Burma. The latter has an important educational undertaking with which the Secretary has as yet been able to make only a brief contact.

A concise summary of our Institutional work in the four upper India Conferences may be of interest. There are in the Bengal, Lucknow, North India and North-West India Conferences, schools as below:

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Total of Boarding Schools and Central Day Schools, 64

The above figures do not, of course, include the very large number of village and city Primary Day Schools.

The visits in these schools were carried out in the North and North-West India Conferences especially under the happy circumstances of a joint visit of Bishop Robinson, in whose good hands is the residential supervision of these Conferences, and the Educational Secretary. Meeting with teachers and students in your schools and with your Boards of Education and some of your Committees, the Secretary has tried to gain a clearer understanding of your problems and plans and to do her part in keeping alive the challenge of the great task which we all alike face.

Religious Education.—From the beginning the Secretaries have looked upon the religious educational activities of the school as one of their chief concerns. It has been most heartening to find a growing emphasis on this aspect of the work bearing fruit. A conspicuous example of this is the much more carefully planned type of school Chapel exercises which one now finds in many schools. The careful study made by the Board of Religious Education of the North India Conference and reported at its mid-year meeting, however, indicates that as yet only a beginning has been made in the direction of an adequate religious educational programme for our schools. Such phrases as those quoted below, taken at random from the report then
presented by Mr. Nave, show how far we have yet to go. The results of the questionnaire as a whole, Mr. Nave says, seems to indicate the following things:

"That our Christian teachers do not, to any great degree at least, enter enthusiastically into the teaching of religious education.

"That only ten teachers out of more than a hundred have had any special training for teaching religious education.

"That in the majority of schools effective supervision is not being done.

"That most of the schools do not have adequate equipment for the teaching of religious education."

Your Secretary has tried, through her visits in year schools, through co-operation in Training Institutes, and through her place on the Editorial Board of the Central Conference Council of Religious Education to give what assistance she could to your efforts to make religious training, as it should be, the very heart of our whole educational task. One of the outstanding facts of the year has been the experimentation going on with the Charterhouse Program. Encouraging progress has been made in its introduction in the schools. The Charterhouse Institute held at Sat Tal in May, in which it was the Secretary’s privilege to co-operate, had a full enrollment of Managers of schools, Head-masters and Head-mistresses. From it have emerged not only a more adventurous spirit in the matter of the vitalizing of the programme of religious training, but also a clear sense of the necessity for a special programme for village day schools, and the Hindustani Area Council of Religious Education, as a modus operandi for clarifying the needs and conserving the resources of the Hindustani-speaking field, as regards vernacular literature to carry out the Charterhouse Program, and the training of teachers to use it.

The requirements of schools in the field of Religious Education have also been served, we trust, by the efforts made during the year, in which the Secretary has been privileged to have a part, looking towards the development in India of a School of Religious Education. Proposals for such a School as a Department of the India Methodist Theological College at Jubbulpore are now being placed before our Boards in America.

Literature and Editorial Work.—The Secretary’s contribution as Joint Editor of Christian Education has been very slight, credit for the character of that magazine going almost exclusively to her colleague. She has attempted, however, to take some part in meeting the almost limitless need for literature suited to the needs and setting of the Indian school. Early in the year a “Study of the Content of Children’s Prayers” was published in Junior Methodist. In December a “Portfolio of Indian Art”, with a Teachers’ Manual
was issued for use in Schools. A small booklet of Bengali stories will soon issue from the Press. And a series of leaflets amounting to twenty pages of material has been arranged and issued and used in Bengali, for Mothers' groups, dealing with the problems of the earliest training of the child in the home. The latter is an adaptation of material prepared in America by the Child Study Association.

Institutes.—Mention has already been made of the Sat Tal Institute. The Secretary has also held two other Charterhouse Institutes for groups of schools, of approximately a week each, and attended by class-room teachers for two or more hours each day, while going on with their regular work. The Epworth League Institute at Ghaziabad was also an opportunity for co-operation in a Young People's Camp which demonstrated again the utility of the Camp in the Programme of Young People's work and its entire suitability to Indian conditions. Another group was touched on in the Mother's Week at Pakaur, when the village school in a largely Moslem village was used as the nucleus of an attempt to bring to mothers, Moslem and Christian, as well as to the teachers of primary children, some help in dealing with the problems of the earliest training of the child.

If the year has not marked much in the way of actual accomplishment, it has at least served to bring into clearer relief lines along which a new year's work may be done, with more value, it may be hoped, to the field which we would serve.

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Methodist Episcopal Church, India and Burma.

"The Woman's Friend"—Bengali Edition

Editor ... ... ... ... Mrs. H. E. Dewey.

"The Bengali Woman's Friend" has continued to find a large place in the homes of the Province throughout the past year. Christians and non-Christians have taken the paper into their homes, and after carefully reading it, have passed it on to others. The colporteurs have not been as successful in their distribution at Asansol, largely because they have been deprived of the opportunity of selling booklets at the Station, but the number of subscribers has held up through the year and an average of 900 copies per month have been printed and sold.

The future may see a decrease in the number of copies sent out as the present financial depression has already shown itself to be effecting orders for the coming months. We trust, however, that the twenty
pages of well-chosen material each month, may prove of true value in the cause of lifting the homes into which it finds its way. To the chief editress, Miss R. Robinson, is due our thanks for a large part of the material used from month to month.

Bengal and Assam Christian Council

Report ... ... ... ... ... Mrs. Williams.

Besides the regular meeting of the Council held in February, at which papers on various subjects were read two meetings which I attended stand out in my mind as being of enough importance to pass on to you. The first was a Rural Conference, convened by the Rural Education Committee of the Bengal and Assam Christian Council, to meet with Dr. Butterfield in Ushagram. About 20 delegates from missions were there. The one idea which we all got from that meeting was that missions must work more in villages, that we must recognize that until the village is changed we cannot hope for great changes elsewhere. The value of organizing co-operative societies in the villages as agencies of great help was strongly urged.

The other meeting which I attended was the Annual meeting of the India Sunday School Union held in Bangalore in December. I went as representative of the Bengal and Assam Christian Council. This Union is trying to give us all the help possible for our Sunday Schools through graded Sunday School lessons, yearly examinations for pupils, reading courses with examinations for teachers, six weeks' intensive teacher-training courses in May and June in Coonoor, and eight-day training schools held at stations desiring them. It is unfortunate that the Bengal Auxiliary of this Union does not make this material available in Bengali, but I urge all Sunday Schools to avail themselves of this help by appealing directly to Rev. E. A. Annett, Coonoor, South India. The material is available in English and Hindi.

Board of Religious Education

The Board of Religious Education has had but one meeting during the year, that held on January 17th, 1931. A Mid-year meeting was called, but a quorum was not present and the opportunity was thus lost of making a really effective study of our Conference needs and problems in this important aspect of our work. Experience has repeatedly shown us the futility of expecting, in the midst of the regular business of Annual Conference, that adequate time will be available for the work of the Educational Boards. However, the Board wishes to report the following matters.
It has considered the desirability of merging the two Educational Boards of the Conference, namely, the Board of Education and the Board of Religious Education, in conformity with the recommendations of the Central Conference of 1928, and concurs with the action of the Board of Education in asking that this Annual Conference replace the two Boards by one Board of General and Religious Education, as provided for in the Minutes of Central Conference, 1928, page 108. Two members, namely, Miss Pierce and Mrs. Williams, were appointed to confer with the similar Committee appointed by the Board of Education, and place before the Cabinet a nomination for the Chairman of the proposed re-constituted Board.

The Board wishes to report most encouraging progress being made in the religious educational programme of our schools. A beginning was made last year at Jidato, Pakaur, in the introduction of the Charterhouse Program and further progress has been made during the year under report. The Principal and one member of the Staff attended the Charterhouse Institute at Sat Tal in May. Mr. Bannerjee, who came to Ushagram, Asansol at the mid-year, also attended the Sat Tal Institute. He was able to arrange for a local Charterhouse Institute on the Ushagram compound in October, bringing together teachers from the three schools in the Station, and has since made a beginning in the introduction of the Charterhouse Program at Ushagram. Two of the English Schools in the Conference, Queen’s Hill School, Darjeeling and Calcutta Girls’ School have also made a careful study of their English educational needs and have arranged for excellent courses in the several grades during the ensuing year.

On the invitation of the Convener of the Hindustani Area Council of Religious Education which is seeking to co-ordinate the resources of the five upper India Conferences which work mainly through the medium of the Hindustani language, Miss Welles was appointed to represent the Hindustani section of Bengal Conference as an associate member of this Council. The purpose of this Council is to study the needs and make representations to our All-India Secretary for Religious Education in the matter of the translation of the Charterhouse materials into the Hindustani language, the holding of vernacular Institutes for training in the use of the Charterhouse Program, and in every possible way seek to advance the practical working out of this programme in the schools.

The literature needs of the Bengali field as regards the Charterhouse Program have received attention. The Board recognizes the impossibility of hoping for an extensive publication of literature in Bengali solely for a constituency as small as that of our own Church in Bengal. Miss Carpenter was asked to explore the possibilities of co-operation with other missions at work in Bengal, with a view to ascertaining whether there may not be a demand for such material beyond the borders of our own Church, and, if so, to the organizing of such a demand so that our General
Secretary of Religious Education may be asked to supply us with the material necessary for a full carrying out of the Charterhouse Program with a reasonable hope that the materials prepared will have a sale.

The status of our Epworth Leagues was discussed. It was reported that the Project Material supplied last year by Mr. King had been found practical and helpful. The use of the 1931 material supplied by the Epworth League Secretary for India and Burma was endorsed.

It is the feeling of the Board of Religious Education that an Epworth League Institute should be planned for the ensuing year. Bengal Conference was the pioneer of the Institute movement in India and still has more Institutes to her credit than any other Conference in India. An excellent Institute was held during the year under review at Thoburn Church. It is recommended that plans for a vernacular Institute be formulated before the close of this Conference or immediately after its adjournment, by the prospective Board of General and Religious Education. Mrs. Beeken, Mr. Bannerjee and Miss Welles were appointed by the Chair to bring tentative plans for such an Institute before the newly constituted Board.

The Board of Religious Education commend to those in charge of churches and schools that earnest consideration be given to their Sunday School programme. The grading of the Sunday School, the training of teachers for such service, the possible correlation of the Sunday School programme with that of the week-day school, as provided for in the report of the Religious Education Committee of the Cawnpore Central Conference are all matters calling for earnest study.

The Board of Religious Education also wish to call the attention of District Superintendents to the need of special training on the part of preachers in the matter of preaching to children. The fact cannot be avoided or evaded that when children are required to attend religious services in which their particular needs and interests are not kept in view they are learning not to wish to attend such services, an attitude which cannot fail to operate in their later life when school discipline no longer holds them. With this in view we would recommend to District Superintendents and preachers that District Conferences include in their programmes some training along the line of preaching to children. This might take the form of a preliminary contest among the preachers of the District in the writing of a children's sermon, each sermon being judged by a Committee being appointed to do this, the best sermon being chosen to be preached to a group of children at the District Conference session. We should like to recommend also that in a similar way provision be made on Annual Conference programmes for an Annual Conference sermon to children.

Submitted by M. F. Carpenter, Chairman, for the Board of Religious Education.
Medical Report

During recent years, there has developed a strong and growing interest in the physical well-being of the students of our schools and the Christians and others who are within reach of missionaries, Indian preachers, Bible-women and other workers. There have always been those who attempted to help the sick and weak but not with regularity nor with organized assistance. Even in the schools, the weighing of children and the giving of attention to diet was not given first consideration. Now in practically all our schools very careful attention is given to the health of the students. Doctors visit regularly and medical examinations are given at intervals—at the Lee Memorial School every two weeks. Courses in Hygiene and First Aid are given and children are trained to welcome rather than to fear medical care. At Pakaur, an English doctor takes care of operations at the Mission hospital which makes it no longer necessary to take such cases to other hospitals. Several of the school children have had their tonsils removed.

Miss Dunn, health visitor, has visited Asansol once and Pakaur twice and has made very thorough examinations of girls in the Boarding Schools. In the English school, regular visits are made by doctors and all cases requiring more than a nurse's care are sent to hospitals. The District workers and Evangelistic missionaries try to give some care to village people by distributing quinine and by treating sores and skin diseases. There are a few who attempt small dispensaries. In Calcutta, the women Evangelistic missionaries find the assistance given in taking women to hospitals in the city a real opportunity as it gives them entrance to many homes and admission behind purdahs which they could not otherwise gain.

It would seem well to have the recommendations of the former committee included in this report again this year and to urge that careful consideration be given them by all who are concerned with the health of students and Christian communities.

The recommendations were as follows:—

A. That more attention be given to a balanced diet in the schools.

B. That all girls' schools include in the curriculum classes in First Aid, Child Care, and Nursing, and the boys' schools include in the curriculum First Aid.

C. That a class be held in First Aid at the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

D. That every district minister keep on hand an antidote for snake bite—Lexicon obtained at Dr. Bannerji's Dispensary, Mihijan, is advised.

E. That the Medical Committee arrange an itinerary for Miss Fernstrom to visit the schools.

Mrs. B. W. Tucker, Chairman.
Women’s Societies and Home Missions

From year to year there has been a question as to what constitutes the work of this committee and just what reports rightfully belong to this heading. For example, the girls of Queen’s Hill School, Darjeeling, support a day school for servant’s children, and have a large and joyous Christmas for them. One could not call this women’s work, nor is it exactly missions, but it comes from the fullness of their hearts and is a fine thing for them to do.

The Calcutta Hindustani Church has had its regular monthly meetings during the year, with Mrs. Nelson acting as president. Mrs. V. M. Ilahibaksh visited the work at Bhabua and gave an interesting and encouraging report to the society. The treasurer reports nearly Rs. 50 collected and spent during the year. The women of the church helped collect funds for a clock for the church.

I am sorry to have to report that the Bengali Central Church Society has not functioned this year due to illness among its leaders.

The Howrah Mother’s Club, under the direction of Mrs. Nathaniel, has met quarterly for lessons in child-care and related subjects.

At Lee Memorial there is a Tithers’ Band that is faithful from year to year. It assists very considerably in raising the pastor’s salary. Would that we could enthuse more tithers!

The Ladies’ Aid Society of Thoburn Church has held nine meetings during the year at which there was an average of eleven members. These faithful few do remarkably well. Their two jumble sales brought in Rs. 153-8-0. Three socials brought in a total of Rs. 210-9-6. These funds have been disbursed to needy families and girls in the Calcutta Girls’ School, and for Christmas hampers. They began a new entertainment this year for children, in the form of a Christmas tree and treat. The children left in the schools for the holiday season acted as hosts to 77 poor children. Together they spent a happy evening, ending up, after games and tea by a visit from Father Christmas.

Pakaur Bengali.—The Ladies’ Aid Society has held regular meetings, under the presidency of Mrs. Kudu Ram Das. Of the funds raised Rs. 20 was paid toward benevolences and the remainder is to be used as needs arise.

The Sangrampur Society consists of nearly all the women of that Christian community. They are all busy doing hand work and raising chickens to help finance the pastor’s salary. Such efforts are worthy of commendation and we are full of hopes for the churches that are making such splendid attempts to develop their givings for the church.

In the eight Sewing Circles of the Pakaur Santali Church we have another Indian method of raising funds to report. Their method is to buy goats, one for each circuit; the pastor is to care for the
goat. The young goats will be sold and the funds used toward the pastor's salary and church needs. The members have themselves devised this plan, they have set down rules to govern the circumstances that may arise and are on the job. What a change to have plans and methods spring up from within, such are certainly more apt to succeed than plans put forth and fostered by the one interested person, the missionary. Progress is on its way among them. These groups have heard read the book, "Mary Jones and her Bible", this year and have given Rs. 6 toward the work of the Bible Society as a result of their wider interests.

The Board of Home and Foreign Missions is thriving under the leadership of V. M. Ilahibaksh, he writes of the work at Bhabua, "the aim in Bhabua is not solely to gain a large number of converts. The aim is rather so to train, educate and inspire the Christian community already established as to make it self-expansive. Self-support is increasing in Bhabua, voluntary and unpaid preaching is also increasing." During 1930 this Board assumed the responsibility for the entire budget of the Ashram in Calcutta, since 1925 the Board has assisted in the support of the Ashram at Brindaban. Both the Ashrams are in the hands of spiritual men of character.

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Report of Temperance Committee

A few reports have come to the Committee from the field, but we are quite confident that this does not represent the work done. No extensive campaigns have been carried on this year, but from all sides there are evidences of faithful teaching of the principles of abstinence from all forms of drugs and intoxicants.

Calcutta Boys' School shows a lively interest in every thing along these lines. Dr. Maud Allen's book, "Here's Health to You", is being used by the teachers. Fifty boys signed as stiff a pledge as the W. C. T. U. can produce. A. Hing, a Chinese student, won first prize in the Senior Poster Contest.

Calcutta Girls' School had a Temperance week, in which all classes joined in a Poster Contest. Iona Dean won second place in the Senior Contest.

From Bolpur comes a reaction from the Indian Christian community. The pastor says they have had no regular temperance meetings for more reasons than one. We quite see how that could be, but we gather from many sources that the campaign against intoxicants has had an impetus among Christians and non-Christians alike, and all are ardently desiring that drink be driven from the land. Seven hundred and fifty tracts have been distributed at Bolpur. Two good strong Temperance Societies have been organized among the men there by Mr. Swan and at Suri by Mr. S. K. Mundol.
Splendid work has been done among the boys and girls of the Pakaur Boarding School.

The W. C. T. U. is having poor success in trying to introduce text-books into the schools. Our Mission Schools are using our books as reference books.

In reports at the Calcutta-Hindustani District Conference frequent reference was made to the teaching of the evil effects of drink, drugs and tobacco.

The Principal of one Boarding School was asked to take in the daughter of a frequent visitor to charitable friends, but said he could pay nothing as he had been ill and out of employment for two years. He was asked to pay for his daughter only what he spent on tobacco and pan, but he went away sorrowing.

There is an abundant supply of all kinds of literature within easy reach of all. The one difficulty is that it is for sale, not for free distribution. The local W.C.T.U. made a grant of Rs. 15 for free literature, but it was soon exhausted.

At the National Convention of the W.C.T.U. January 7th-12th, 1931, in Calcutta, Mrs. Cover was made an organizer for Bengal. If you can organize any kind of a Society, W.C.T.U. for women, Blue ribbon for men, Young People's Band for young people or Loyal Temperance Legion for children, Mrs. Cover will go to your station and give you some very worth while information and organize for you.

Some have expressed a desire for a Woman's Temperance Society in which all castes could join. This is an excellent idea and if you can do this, Mrs. Cover will come to you. Third-class railway fare, both ways, is the only requirement.

Prohibition for India has been our slogan since the first missionary landed in India. We rejoice in the enthusiasm with which women, men and children are entering into this campaign. Agitate, Educate, Organize. For God and Home and Every Land.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium

The sanatorium has had a busy year. The first two months were filled with Christmas festivities, quarterly examinations of all the patients, and readjustments, as Miss Bothwell and Miss Bell were new on our Missionary staff. In March, the Executive Committee of the Governing Board of the Sanatorium had a profitable meeting. This Committee authorized certain readjustments of walls and bridges, repair of roofs and the enclosure of one 20 bed ward with expanded metal. Early in the winter a real gardener was secured—and since then we have made several strides toward beautifying the
Sanatorium grounds. We have had a daily average of around ninety patients or more—a good part of the year. Fully 40 of these most of the time have been on complete or almost complete rest. This means much of necessary education for the nurses and for the patients; for rest in bed is not held in favour by our people when the patient really feels fit to be out of bed. This year, for the first time since the old grass huts were burned in January, 1918, on account of plague, we have had a waiting list. All year we have had three children in the nursery. Each child has a mother who is a patient in the sanatorium.

This year while Brindaban hospital was closed for two months on account of vacation we kept in separate quarters four of their babies all under one year of age. Last year we reported the affiliation of the Clara Swain Hospital Nurses’ Training School with ours. Two nurses have come every three months from this hospital at Bareilly and have had special lectures and practical training under Miss Bell on tuberculosis and the care of such cases. Also definite health-teaching in preparation for school nursing has been given by Miss Fernstrom or Miss Dunn. Both training schools have been very happy with the results. One graduate nurse serving in a “Hill” school has asked to come for this work during their winter vacation. Dr. Tower of Brindaban and Dr. Chase of Bareilly have kindly done some throat work for us.

Dr. Taylor of Madar Sanatorium has very kindly done our X-ray work for us and has advised us regarding cases. He and his assistant, Dr. Nath, have helped us in emergencies and also in relieving us. Their help made a trip to check up the institutions of Pithoragarh possible. Dr. Touissaint opportunistically was in charge for a month while the doctor went on vacation.

Since July we have two regularly employed teachers for the Sanatorium School—and for the nursery a young woman with several years’ experience at Warne Babyfold.

The attempt to get a medical assistant has been most discouraging. We also have failed to get a second fully qualified doctor. The special committee of the Christian Medical Association of India for surveying the Missionary medical institutions—require as a standard one doctor and 1 nurse for every 50 beds. We have 100 beds and 1 doctor and 1 nurse—just half of what we need. We need additional doctors and nurses for carrying out our Health Programme. We need a woman fully trained to care for the occupational therapy. Imagine lying on a bed day in and day out—fit to use one’s hands and no employment given. There is a little proverb about idle hands that is certainly true. Cures would come faster and more happily if suitable tasks were provided for all.

With our limited staff we have done practically nothing in the way of laboratory work. This means that we are often working in
the dark. We need some one trained for this line of work. Here again Madar Sanatorium has helped us some as to sputum examinations—but a far more extensive line of work needs to be done if we are to give efficient service.

Our numbers.—

The past year we have had 141 cases in the Sanatorium. Of this number 77 have been admitted during the year. As to religion there were 135 Christians.

4 Hindus.

2 Moslems.

By denominations or by Missions:

Methodist Episcopal ... ... ... ... 106
Church Mission Society ... ... ... ... 3
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel ... ... ... 2
Church of Scotland ... ... ... ... 7
A. M. Presbyterian ... ... ... ... 2
English Baptist ... ... ... ... 5
Assemblies of God ... ... ... ... 1
Zenana Bible Medical ... ... ... ... 3
Woman's Union ... ... ... ... 1
Friends English ... ... ... ... 1
Wesleyan ... ... ... ... 2
Independent ... ... ... ... 2

A total of 29 patients of other missions. As the Sanatorium is an interconference institution the number of Methodists by conferences are reported as follows:—

Indus River ... ... ... ... 9
North-West India ... ... ... ... 34
North India ... ... ... ... 27
Lucknow ... ... ... ... 15
Bengal ... ... ... ... 3
Central Provinces ... ... ... ... 8
Bombay ... ... ... ... 5
Gujarat ... ... ... ... 5

Our Sanatorium family has come from Calcutta, Raipur, Nagpur, Bombay, Sukkur, Lahore, Pauri, Almora and Pithoragarh, and many places lying within these out-posts.

Dismissals.—

Arrested cases ... ... ... ... 44
Improved ... ... ... ... 5
Unimproved ... ... ... ... 3
Transferred to other hospitals as non-tuberculous ... 5

Total number ... 57
Deaths—9.

Of these 1 died within a week of admission.
2 ,, 3 months ,, ,
3 ,, or just over 4 months of admission.

3 above that length of time;
of these 5 were Methodists and 4 of other churches.

Since the opening of Mary Wilson Sanatorium on June 25, 1906, there have been admitted 1,608 patients. There is a record also of the deaths.

By grouping the admission and deaths in 5-year periods—the last period being 4½ years we have the following figures:

1st period number of deaths were 37.3% of the admissions.
2nd ,, 25.8% ,, ,
3rd ,, 31.4% ,, ,

This period covered the past plague when a very limited number were admitted.

4th period number of deaths were 21.3% of the admission.
5th ,, 19.3% ,, ,

Health Department of Mary Wilson Sanatorium

The past year Miss Fernstrom has been able to give full time for Health work; and also Miss Dunn, all except for three months when she supplied at the Sanatorium while Miss Bell was in Language School. As a result the following schools have been visited—every child and every member of the staff having a very definite health examination—a personal contact being made with each one.

Girls' Schools.

Roorkee.
Lahore.
Delhi.
Meerut—Middle, High and Normal.
Bijnor.
Bareilly.
Pithoragarh.
Dwarahit.
Almora.
Muttra—Middle

Muttra Bible-Training Schools.
Lal Bagh, Lucknow.
Ajmer.
Budaon, Twice
Hissar.
Arrah.
Pakaur (Santali.
Pakaur (Bengali.
Muzaffarpur.
Shahjahanpur.

Total 24.
Boys' Schools.

Bijnor. | Raewind.
Pithoragarh. | Arrah.
Ajmer. | Pakaur.
Budaon. | Total 7.

Woman's Home, Pithoragarh. Agra Staff—Educational and Evangelistic.

This made a total of 2,627 health examinations. Eyes were tested for vision, teeth were cleaned and some extractions made. Where possible, the doctors of the medical institutions of Delhi area attended to check up questionable cases—otherwise these special cases were taken to a local doctor for advice and to make chest examinations. Unfortunately in at least one school, no doctor has as yet found time to make the chest examinations.

In addition to the above the following work has been in hand.

(1) A skeleton outline in English of the courses of Health study for the 3rd and 4th classes (U.P.). These have been distributed widely to our educational institutions of India.

(2) The revision of the third and fourth class courses.

(3) The 5th class course has been made available and is in use.

(4) The 6th class course has been prepared and is being translated into Urdu.

Lectures.—

(1) Two were given at the United Provinces Senior Teachers' Conference.

(2) Eighteen were given at the U.P. Christian Council Bible Readers' Conference at Cawnpore.

(3) Nurses' Institute at Bareilly with an attendance of 27 for 6 days.

Requests have come for lectures and for help at District Conference which we were not able to meet. Neither have we been able to handle every call for work in the school.

Expenses.—

We have had no appropriation for this work. The school children or the schools are giving 4 annas per head and the school staff are paying 8 annas per head for examinations. Some special gifts have been used for meeting the expenses.

From the Sanatorium funds help has been given in translation and stationery, paper, etc.

Not counting that which the Sanatorium has handled, the expense has been Rs. 964-9-0 and the income Rs. 1,006-13-0. This
expense covers some translations, all the travel to various schools, and also the expense for the Nurses' Institute and the travel of staff for this Institute and of the nurse for the Bible Reader's Course.

Remarks.—

(1) We would like to see both boys' and girls' schools adequately examined with full corrective follow-up work.

(2) The regular weighing—at least monthly—of every child and every member of each school staff. Rupees sixty will buy a good pair of Scales and not of the spring variety.

(3) We are being asked to economize in our Missionary work. The making of healthy children is the way to cut down medical bills and save weeks and months of life in hospital and sanatorium. We would urge that every candidate for work above the Middle School have a rigid physical examination by a fully qualified doctor before being given a scholarship for advanced work.
The year 1929-1930 was on the whole a good year for Isabella Thoburn College. The teaching staff was more nearly adequate than it has sometimes been and the changes which came at the end of the year were for the most part such as to make little disturbance or confusion in the management and work of the institution. It was a very great disappointment to us that Miss Hermiston could not come to us before Mrs. Thoburn left, but we are grateful that she was able to join by the first of October of this year. Those leaving for furlough last April were Mrs. Thoburn, Miss Landrum and Miss Wheat. Miss Kuryian, who had come to fill the vacancy created last October by our friend Mr. Cupid, did not seem to be quite the person for the post she was in, so she was not made permanent on the staff. The nurse, Mrs. Guttredge, resigned just at the end of the year and Miss Leenhouts, who had been in the Principal’s office, went home. Miss Hermiston is with us now in Mrs. Thoburn’s place, Miss Tupper, one of our own students who has just completed two years of study in America on a McDowell fellowship, came in Miss Wheat’s place; Miss Chakko took Miss Kuryian’s place, and a part-time teacher, Mrs. Menon, is also teaching in that department; Miss Dewnes has succeeded Mrs. Guttredge in the hospital. Miss McMillan, who had made such an excellent record with music, went home in 1926, taking with her Miss Satyaviti Chitambar, who had been one of her most promising students. This year Miss Chitambar has returned to us to fill Miss McMillan’s place so long vacant. This may be the case which proves the old adage, "All things come to him who waits". We hope the day will come when a successor to Miss Mason will be found, Miss Mason also having gone home in 1926.

The examination results for the year were not as good as we are accustomed to have. Only nine passed out of the twelve presented for the B.A., and only one of the three presented for B.Sc., though the other two were placed on the Compartmental List; Miss Chitambar, who had been one of her most promising students. This year Miss Chitambar has returned to us to fill Miss McMillan’s place so long vacant. In the Intermediate we sent up eighteen in the Arts section of whom fifteen passed, and six in the Science section of whom only three passed. The English Teacher’s Certificate class presented nine, of whom eight passed and the other has only to do a lesson in practice teaching at the end of this year in order to secure her certificate. We feel like apologizing for only 75
per cent pass record, as we are accustomed to at least 80 or 85, but bad years do come occasionally. It is but fair to the candidates and to the College to remark that both in the B.A. and in the Intermediate, students were taking examinations who were very seriously ill during one or two papers. This explains at least one failure in the Intermediate and a third division in the B.A. which should have been a first, and it probably accounts for other failures in both sections when students were so far from well that they were unable to do their best work.

But I assume that you are interested not only in the number of students who get through the Government examinations, but also in what becomes of them, and whether this Christian College, still predominantly Methodist, is justifying its existence and the investment that has been made in it. In the Diploma of Teaching section, only two of the nine students were Methodist. Neither of these is in Methodist work, but three Anglicans and one Baptist from the list are in our schools. In the English Teacher's Certificate class, six out of nine were Methodist; all of the six are now engaged in teaching in our own schools as well as two Anglicans. (That is to say, all but one out of this class have gone directly into our schools.) In the B.A., only one Methodist girl passed; she was in poor health and as far as reports have come to us has not taken up any work. Only two of the whole class took up employment. The rest are still students. Those who failed are trying again and those who passed are going on for further study, except the one girl mentioned. In the Intermediate, ten out of twenty-four were Methodist. These ten are accounted for as follows: three failed; two are teaching; four are in the B.A. class of the present year, and one has joined the Medical college. Of the three who failed, one is teaching.

The enrollment for the present year is the best we have ever had. We opened the year with about one hundred and fifty students. Two were eliminated by their physical examinations, one or two did not find their niche and withdrew almost immediately; so with one or two other casualties we have on the roll at the beginning of the second term one hundred and forty-two bona fide daily attending students. Before this report reaches you we are likely to have an increase. We have been asked to admit the students who joined the training department of Crosthwaite College in Allahabad, as that department has to be closed.

It was impossible this year to admit all the Science candidates because of lack of room in some of the laboratories. Had there been any way to foresee the heavy demand for admission in this department a good opportunity for selection would have been before us, but since it was not anticipated, those who applied early were received and those who applied later were refused. It was extremely difficult to turn them away, not only because we should like to have the department larger, for financial reasons, but because they were so anxious to
come. One girl arrived in spite of refusal and sat in the hostel two weeks until she finally became convinced that the answer was not to be revised and she would have to go elsewhere. Another was blocked en route by an urgent telegram; another is still battering at our doors and has been promised first place on the next year's list. I had a personal regret in the refusal of two Parsi girls, a community which we have not yet touched and where I would be glad to make a beginning.

Five years ago I had a consultation with the Vice-Chancellor who was then our good friend, Dr. Cameron, as to the advisability of cutting down our Intermediate Department which included at that time two high school classes, because I felt that the preponderance of the lower classes rather unbalanced our academic life. He advised me to be patient with it for a little while, and I have now to report the wisdom of that patience. We have in the present year's enrollment sixty students registered in the Intermediate Department and sixty-eight in the University Department. This still leaves out of account the English Teacher's Certificate class which we consider to be on a par with the Intermediate, but you can see how rapidly we are approaching a balance between the two academic departments.

It may interest you to know just how many girls were being aided by College scholarships (or, as we prefer to call it now, by College loans) in the last term of 1929-1930. Those who received help are, by classes, as follows: First Intermediate, 5; Second Intermediate, 10; First B. A., 1; Second B. A., 1; First E. T. C., 4; Second E. T. C., 4; D. T., 1. This totaled Rupees 370 per month. Each loan is made on the understanding that it is to be repaid by the student either partly in service and partly in money, or if service is not rendered in Christian schools then it is to be repaid in full. I cannot say that we get back every rupee that is coming to us. There was a certain period in the history of the College when payments seemed to lapse almost entirely, but although this was several years ago we are collecting some of what we were tempted to think were bad debts. Students who are going out now are almost without exception repaying their loans in the finest spirit.

I have thought it worth-while to speak of this in my report, because it is a matter in which you as Conferences and as missionaries dealing with Christian young people are probably interested. I am glad to say that the time seems to be passed when students who have received loans from the College regard it merely as something to which they are justly entitled and which it is really a favor to the College to accept. This seems to us a herald of the better day.

The disturbances in the educational world, when many colleges were being prevented from doing their daily work, did not touch us although we were threatened several times and made to feel that our days of immunity were about to end. The spirit of both teachers and students, while decidedly national, is also splendidly loyal.
The Christian activities of the College claim the allegiance of a large number of students—servants' school, Sunday School groups, Y. W. C. A., our College Church, the Chapel Committee, Students' Chapel programmes, Church choirs, and many less organized forms of service take their toll of the time of both students and teachers. The daily Chapel is well attended by students of all religious beliefs except the Roman Catholic.

On the advice of a missionary who has in previous years had to listen to these reports I have tried to cut this down to two pages which she considered the proper length. It could not be done. God gives us too much in a year to report it in two pages. Truly, of His fulness have we received, and we ask you to give thanks with us for all the year has given us of good, and spared us of evil.

Since the writing of this report sanction has been received from America to proceed immediately with the erection of the hostel, which, owing to the poverty of Government, must be built without Government grant, though we are promised that the hostel may be considered later for such aid. This means that as soon as the preliminaries can be attended to, actual work will begin and we hope the building may be ready for occupancy next July.

MARY E. SHANNON.
Resolutions

We, as a Woman's Conference, welcome Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Robinson and wishing for them a happy term of service, we pledge our loyalty and co-operation to them and their leadership.

We wish to express our appreciation of the inspiration and guidance of Bishop and Mrs. Fisher, and hereby record our good wishes to them in their new field of service.

We appreciate the privilege of meeting and knowing Bishop and Mrs. McConnell and hope that their contacts in India may bring about closer understanding with the home Church.

We wish to express our appreciation of the faithful work and untiring efforts of Miss Madden as our Treasurer and friend, and assure her of our loving thoughts and prayers.

We welcome Miss Whiting as our Treasurer for all of India.

We welcome from furlough Misses Swan, Hughes and Kinzly, and Mrs. Archibald, and wish for them useful years in Bengal.

We wish God-speed to Miss Collins and Mrs. Gibbons going on furlough, and to Mrs. Johnson, Miss Draper and Miss Wood already gone, and pray that America may profit them much.

We welcome to our membership Konan Biswas, and hope many others may follow her example of becoming a member of the Woman's Conference.

We have enjoyed our Conference in Calcutta, and thank all those who have made it happy and comfortable for us.
### General Statistics for Bengal Conference, for the last Complete Conference year preceding July 1st, 1930

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### Statistics for Medical Work in Schools and Districts, Bengal Conference

#### For the Conference year ending December, 1930

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<th>DISTRICTS</th>
<th>WORK</th>
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<td>No. of Nurses</td>
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<td>Calcutta, Bengali</td>
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<td>Hindustani</td>
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<td>75</td>
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<td>12</td>
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Medical Statistics for the year ending June 30, 1930

I. Name, Location, Date of Founding of Hospital.
   1. Official Name.—Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial Hospital.
   2. Other Names by which known.—Mission Hospital and Dispensary.
   3. Location.—
      (1) In the city: One-quarter mile east of E.I.Ry. Station.
      (2) In relation to other buildings of the Mission and other hospitals in the city: Two miles east of Government Hospital and dispensary; within a mile radius of a score of villages:
      (3) Date founded: 1906.

III. Hospital Board (Give names).
   (a) Foreign—Mrs. Elsie Beeken, Miss Mildred Pierce.
   (b) Native Miss Susan Alley.

IV. Statistics for year ending June 30, 1930.
   1. Staff.—
      (4) Native doctor: Miss Alley.
      (5) Native nurses: (a) Graduates 2. (b) Students 2.
      Total (5). Total (4) and (5), 5.
      (6) Other workers (a) Foreign—None. (b) Native 2.
      Total (a) and (b) 2,
      Total Staff 7.

   2. Hospital.—
      (1) No. of beds ... ... ... ... 12
      (2) " in-patients ... ... ... ... 338
      (3) " patient days ... ... ... ... 2,384
      (4) Average days per patient ... ... ... ... 10
      (5) No. of major operations ... ... ... Nil
      (6) No. of minor operations ... ... ... 4
      (7) Obstetrical cases in hospital ... ... ... 9

   3. Out-Patients.—
      (1) Obstetrical cases ... ... ... ... 3
      (2) First visits (include obstetrical visits)... ... 15
      (3) Return visits " " " Nil
      (4) No. of itinerary treatments given ... ... ... Nil
      (5) Total out-patient treatments (sum of 2, 3 and 4). 15

   4. Dispensary.—
      (1) First calls ... ... ... ... 776
      (2) Return calls ... ... ... ... 6,896
      (3) Total dispensary treatments (sum of 1 and 2) ... 7,662
      (4) No. of minor operations (included in 3) ... 43
      (5) No. of preventive inoculations (included 3) ... Nil

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5. **Property.**—

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<th>Description</th>
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<th>No. of buildings</th>
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(3) Describe buildings as to purpose for which used, size, and material out of which constructed.—

1. Dispensary—brick walls—thatch roof.

(4) Estimated Value (use local currency)—

- **(a) Land.**
- **(b) Buildings.**
- **(c) Equipment.**

6. **Income** (use local currency).—

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<td>(4) Appropriations—(a) Society</td>
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**Total Income** ... **3,796 2 3**

(7) **Expenses** (use local currency).—

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<td>(3) General upkeep (including light, heat, etc.)</td>
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**Total Expenses** ... **3,726 6 0**