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Detained in America

Miss Rachel Carr, 145 Heron St., Stratford, Ontario, Canada.
Miss Winifred King, Box 983, La Mesa, California.
Miss Hilda A. Swan, 4651 N. Paulina St., Chicago, Ill.
Miss Helen Draper, 1015 Williston Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.
Mrs. W. A. Mueller, University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt.

Retired

Miss Fannie Bennett, Janesville, Wis.
Miss Katherine A. Blair, 2040, Dale St., San Diego, Calif.
Mrs. W. P. Byers, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.
Mrs. James Lyon, "Ingestri", Kotagiri, Nilgiris, So., India.
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.
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APPPOINTMENTS FOR 1932

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English District

Asansol ... ... ... ... { Mrs. F. G. Williams,
Calcutta Boys' School ... ... ... Mrs. H. C. Fritchley,
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Feren Hill Hostel ... ... ... Mrs. C. H. Archibald.
Queen's Hill School ... ... ... { Mrs. Lila Engberg, Prin.;
Thoburn Church Pastor's Assistant ... ... (To be supplied).

Mrs. M. Welma Rebstock,
Mrs. H. C. Fritchley,
Miss Pearl Hughes,
Mrs. C. H. Archibald.
Mrs. Lila Engberg, Prin.;
Miss Miriam Scholberg,
Miss Emma Barber.

Gomoh District

District Work ... ... ... ... { Mrs. H. E. Dewey,
Hazariabagh Road ... ... ... Mrs. B. A. Mott.
Day-schools ... ... ... ... Mrs. Alfred Kessop.

Pakaur District

District Work ... ... ... ... Mrs. H. M. Swan.
Bolpur ... ... ... ... Mrs. Jibon Saren.
Chilhamara ... ... ... ... Mrs. R. L. Saren.
Evangelistic Work and Day-schools ... ... Miss Pauline Grandstrand
(Gonj) ... Mrs. Baijnath Marandi.
(Gonj) ... Miss Mildred Pierce
(Gonj) ... Miss Beulah Swan (after May 1st).
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(Gonj) ... Mrs. Kandna Saren.

Kola Jhora ... ... ... ... Mrs. Bodon Marandi.
Medical Work ... ... ... ... Miss Beulah Swan.
Saraidhalla ... ... ... ... Mrs. Kandna Saren.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Miss Ava Hunt, Acting Principal, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow; Member, Thoburn Church Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
Miss Mary Carpenter, Educational Secretary, Jubbulpore; Member, Central Bengali Church Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
Mrs. W. G. Griffiths, Women's Work, Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore; Member, Central Bengali Church Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
Miss Lulu Boles, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow; Member, Central Bengali Church Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
OFFICERS

President:
MRS. F. G. WILLIAMS.

Vice-President:
MISS MARY CARPENTER.

Secretary:
MISS DORIS WELLES.

Assistant Secretary:
MISS THELMA REBSTOCK.

Field Correspondent:
MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Conference Historian:
MISS EUGENIA NORBERG.

Statistical Secretary:
MISS BEULAH SWAN.

Treasurer:
MISS ETHEL WHITING.

Field Reference Committee:
MISS KATHARINE KINZLY.
MISS DORIS WELLES.
MRS. F. G. WILLIAMS.

Miss Beulah Swan.
Miss Pearl Hughes.
Mrs. Lila Engberg.

Ex-Officio: MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Alternates:
MISS EUGENIA NORBERG.
MISS THELMA REBSTOCK.
STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Board of Christian Education.—Miss Pierce, Chairman; F. G. Williams, S. K. Mondol, H. M. Swan, P. N. Dass, Faijan Biswas, W. G. Griffiths, Miss Carpenter, Miss Welles, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Haldar.


Evangelistic.—Miss Kinzly and all evangelistic missionaries.

Temperance.—N. D. Banerjee, Chairman; Chas. Swan, Baijnath Marandi, Mrs. S. K. Mondol, Miss Adhikari, Miss Rebstock, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Haldar, W. H. Mawson, Faijan Biswas, Alfred Kellop, S. Pandit, S. P. Lancaster.

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

House Furnishing.—Miss Norberg, Chairman; Miss Boles, Miss Rebstock.

Literature.—Mrs. Williams, Chairman; Miss Pierce, Miss Carpenter, Miss Kinzly.

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

Property.—Miss Welles, Chairman; Mrs. Williams, Miss Pierce, Mrs. Engberg.

Publication.—Miss Welles, Miss Rebstock.

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


Literary Program.—J. Nelson, Chas. Swan, Miss Adhikari, Mrs. Mawson, Mrs. Griffiths.


CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES


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

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss K. M. Kinzly, Alternate: Miss D. I. Welles.

Board of Governors, Isabella Thoburn College.—Miss Carpenter, 1932-33.

Mary Wilson Sanitorium.—Miss Boles.


All-India Literature Committee—Mrs. Williams.

Executive Board.—Miss Swan.

EDITOR

*Bengali Woman's Friend.*—Mrs. S. K. Mondol.
The forty-fifth session of the Bengal Woman's Conference met in the drawing-room of the Calcutta Girls' High School, 152, Dharamtala Street, Calcutta, on Thursday, January 7th, at 12 o'clock with Miss Carpenter, the Vice-President, in the chair. The devotional service, led by Miss Whiting, was opened with the singing of, "The Church's One Foundation." John 1:1-5 was read and the leaders talk was based on that passage. After her closing prayer three little girls from the Calcutta Hindustani Girls' Boarding School sang in Hindi and in English.

Roll Call.—The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Boles, Miss Carpenter, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Grandstrand, Miss Hughes, Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mawson, Mrs. Mondol, Mrs. Nathaniel, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Norberg, Miss Rebstock, Miss Swan, Mrs. Swan, Miss Welles, Mrs. Williams.

Elections.—The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Williams; Vice-President, Miss Carpenter; Secretary, Miss Welles; Assistant Secretary, Miss Rebstock; Historian, Miss Norberg; Statistical Secretary, Miss Swan.

Introductions.—Miss Boles and Mrs. Engberg were welcomed back from furlough.

Greetings from Absent Members.—Greetings to the Conference were brought from Mrs. Griffiths, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Byork, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Schanzlin, Miss Collins, Miss Eddy, Miss Stahl and Miss Draper.

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

Nominating Committee.—The Chair appointed Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Nelson and Miss Swan.

Field Reference Committee.—It was voted to make the election of the Field Reference Committee the first order of the day on Friday. After prayer by Mrs. Lee, the Conference adjourned, to meet at 12-30 on Friday.
Friday, January 8th

The session on Friday, was opened with devotions led by Mrs. Lee. After the singing of the hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," Mrs. Lee offered prayer. The Scripture reading was from Matthew 9:27-38, and we spent a few moments in meditation upon that passage. A season of prayer followed after which the hymn, "I Come to the Garden Alone," was sung by John and Lawrence Swan and Herbert Lee Archibald.

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

Field Correspondent.—Miss Pierce was nominated, and the vote was taken by show of hands.

Field Reference Committee.—It was voted to elect by majority vote and to ballot for six names, the Field Correspondent being ex-officio. On the first ballot, the following were elected: Miss Kinzly, Miss Welles, Mrs. Williams, Miss Swan and Miss Hughes. Mrs. Engberg was elected on the third ballot.

Alternates.—It was voted that the two receiving the next highest vote—Miss Norberg and Miss Rebstock—be made alternates.

Resolutions Committee.—The Chair appointed Mrs. Mondol, Chairman; Mrs. Nathaniel, Mrs. Engberg.

Absent Members.—The roll of absent members was called and various members volunteered to write to those who were unable to be present at the Conference sessions.

Reports.—In the absence of Miss Eddy, Miss Kinzly read the report of the Mary Wilson Tuberculosis Sanatorium. This report was accepted. It was voted that this report be printed in the minutes after being edited by the Secretary.

Woman's Friend.—Mrs. Beeken gave the report for the Bengali Woman's Friend and it was accepted.

Mrs. Mondol was elected Editor of the Bengali Woman's Friend.

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

Official Letter.—Miss Pierce presented the Official Letter from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hardie, giving the report of the actions taken at the last General Executive meeting.

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly gave the report of the Blackstone Missionary Institute and it was accepted.

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

The Chairman was asked to invite Bishop Robinson to attend the Woman's Conference at his convenience.
It was voted that the Secretary send greetings from the Conference to Mrs. Robinson.

The session adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Beeken.

Saturday, January 9th

The session on Saturday, opened with devotions led by Miss Grandstrand. After the singing of the hymn, "Saviour, like a Shepherd lead Us," Miss Grandstrand read a few verses from the 10th chapter of St. John's Gospel. She told of the beautiful relationship which exists between a Santali shepherd and his sheep, comparing it to that which exists between the Great Shepherd and His children. The period closed with prayer by the leader.

Bishop Robinson presided, and the following reports were given:

- **Bengal and Assam Christian Council.**—Mrs. Williams gave the report and it was accepted.
- **All-India Literature Committee.**—This report was read by Mrs. Williams and was accepted.
- **Property Committee.**—The report of the Property Committee was read by Miss Swan and was accepted.
- **Executive Board.**—Miss Swan was elected on the fourth ballot.
- **House Furnishing Committee.**—Miss Norberg gave this report and it was accepted.
- **Evangelistic Committee.**—The report of this committee was read by Miss Rebstock and was accepted.

Bishop Robinson, being called away, Mrs. Williams took the chair.

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

**Central Conference Resolutions.**—Miss Pierce presented the resolutions taken at Central Conference, as here printed. Each article was read separately and accepted.

### III. Woman's Work

*Delegates may follow page 89 Central Conference Minutes 1928*

**Unit One**

**Constitution for the Woman's Conference.**

**ART. I.—Name.** This conference shall be called the Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia.

**ART. II.—Purpose.** This conference shall be associated with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal
Church in aiding the Church in the evangelization and education of the people of Southern Asia.

**Art. III. — Meetings.** The annual meetings of the Conference shall be held at the same time and place as the Annual Conference, at which time officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, reports heard and counsel taken with reference to the work of the church within the boundaries of the conference.

All important recommendations to the General Executive Committee of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society through the Foreign Department shall first be acted upon by the Woman’s Conference.

This Conference may delegate any of its functions to the Field Reference Committee, or other committees.

**Art. IV. — Membership.**

Sec. 1. The Conference shall be composed of full and associate members who are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. Full Members shall be:

1. The wife of the Resident Bishop.
2. All women after completing two years of Associate Membership who meet the following requirements:
   
   (a) Have completed a High School course or its equivalent (omitted "in recognized School"). And have had two years further educational training.

   (b) Have been recommended by the Woman’s Conference Relations Committee and elected by a majority vote of the members of the Woman’s Conference present and voting.

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

B. Associate Members shall be:

   (i) 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.

   (ii) Women included under (2) who are accepted by the Woman’s Conference but are not subject to appointment by the Bishop.

**Sec. 2. Application for Membership.**

Candidates shall present a written application for membership to the Credentials Committee of the Woman’s Conference,
Sec. 3. Duration of Membership.

A. Membership in the Woman's Conference shall continue as long as a member continues in the active work of our Church. Whenever such relations are discontinued, membership in the Woman's Conference shall automatically cease.

Sec. 2. We recommend that provision be made in each conference for the substitute salaries of furloughed nationals.

Art. IV, Sec. 3.—Duration of membership.

Under A. However, in case a member wishes to take leave for a year or more for the purpose of further study or for health reasons, her name may remain on the roll for the time, but she may be excused from attendance at Conference or work on committees.

B. If any member absents herself from Conference for three consecutive years without being officially excused her name shall be dropped from the Conference roll of membership.

Art. V.—Membership in the Woman's Conference shall not be understood to include appointment by the Bishop, but full members of the Woman's Conference shall be appointed as follows:

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

2. Other full members are subject to appointment by the Bishop.

3. Associate members are not subject to appointment by the Bishop, but are employed by the Manager or Managing Committee of the work in which they are engaged.

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

Art. VI.—The officers of the Conference shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, a Statistical Secretary and a Field Correspondent, to be elected annually and such other officers as seem necessary.

Art. VII.—The Conference shall elect a Conference Relations Committee, such committees as the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may require and any other committees deemed necessary.

Art. VIII.—The Woman's Conference shall work in co-operation with the ......... Annual Conference.

Art. IX.—This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Central Conference, in accordance with the rules of Central Conference.

Report Unit Three

Sec. 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 provide that the members of the 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.

Report Unit Five

Resolved that this Central Conference request each Woman's Conference to arrange for a consecration service for the admission of women into full membership to be a part of the programme of the joint annual sessions.

Committee for Approval of Minutes.—Miss Kinzly was elected to help the Secretaries edit the minutes.

Bihar and Orissa Christian Council.—Miss Swan was continued.

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

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly was continued, and Miss Welles was elected as alternate.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium.—Miss Boles was elected.

Reporter for "Indian Witness".—Miss Rebstock was elected.

Women's Societies and Home Missions.—Miss Grandstrand read this report and it was accepted.

Note.—Miss Kinzly made the suggestion that an exhibition of school work be given at the time of the next conference.

Note.—The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Mawson.

Monday, January 11th

A short session of the Conference, held on Monday, at 11:45 was opened with prayer by Mrs. Lee.

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Archibald and she, on behalf of the members of the Woman's Conference, presented a gift to Miss Grandstrand who is soon to return to America on furlough. Mrs. Archibald conveyed to Miss Grandstrand the love and good wishes of the ladies of the Conference, expressing to her their appreciation of her many years of service in Bengal and wishing her God-speed as she goes to America. Miss Grandstrand in a few words thanked the ladies for this token of their love and esteem.

It was moved and carried that since this is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Methodist Church in India a photograph of Mrs. Butler, the first Methodist Woman Missionary to India, would be most fitting as a frontispiece for the minutes.

There being no further business, the Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock.
Reports of Work

ASANSOL DISTRICT

Ushagram Girls' High School

Missionaries

Thelma A. Rebstock
Mrs. F. G. Williams

We feel that the past year has been one of progress.

We rejoiced last spring when the information reached us that our High School class had been recognized by the Government, for that meant that our own girls who wished to go on far Matriculation would no longer have to be sent away to other schools but could continue to read in Ushagram.

There has been a good attendance throughout the year. Several new pupils have been admitted into boarding and there has been an increase in the number of day pupils. Our staff of trained teachers has worked hard to make the year a success. Two of the girls who had sat for the Middle English and Middle Vernacular scholarship examinations in December, 1930, were the winners of scholarships and they have been reading in the seventh class. One of the most interesting departments of the School is the little Nursery class, where a number of wee tots gather every morning under the care of a motherly woman to have their songs, stories, plays and games. The Weaving Department has made decided progress. In July, Miss Olive Cleghorne, a weaving expert, came to Ushagram and spent a week in instructing teachers and girls to weave on the different looms which she had brought with her. Up to that time, only the pit looms had been in use at Ushagram, but after the coming of Miss Cleghorne some of the small, portable looms were made for the Department and are now in use. An excellent course has been worked out. Not only the girls of the Industries Department but other girls of the School have an opportunity to take this course. Good work has been done in the Art and Music Departments.

There have been various projects which have an educational value. It is to be regretted that Ushagram was unable to keep its Government Post Office. However, there is an Ushagram Post Office which is open at certain hours of the day for the purchase
of stamps, envelopes and post cards. A student of the Boys’ School carries the mails back and forth from Ushagram to the Asansol Post Office.

The Ushagram Co-operative Store is doing well. There, the girls may go to do their buying of soap, oil, exercise books and various other articles for their own personal use, and their household supplies of rice, dal, potatoes and other things. Each Head-girl keeps her household account book in which is written every week the amount of money which she has to her credit in the store. Some of the girls own shares in the store and receive their dividends once a year.

For some time, the Girls’ School has had its own bank but during the past year its funds were transferred to the Ushagram Bank which is organized on the same plan as any other bank. On three days of the week at a fixed hour, girls may go to make their deposits or withdrawals. Interest is paid on deposits, and loans are made.

Ushagram has a small library, too. All girls must become members of it and must pay a monthly fee of one anna. Each girl receives a library card which she has to present when she wishes to draw out books. If books are mutilated or lost or not returned at the proper time, a fine must be paid. There are magazines and papers, also, which may be read in the library room. We feel that during the past year students have done more reading than ever before.

The Panchayat (village council) still holds its weekly meetings. This organization has now been in existence three years and the girls have come to realize that it has a definite part to perform in the work of the village. They have come to have more respect for the authority of the Panchayat as a governing body.

Girl Guides, under the direction of Mrs. Williams, and Blue-birds, with the Assistant Head-mistress in charge, have held their regular meetings. We feel that the girls get from these organizations much of that which goes towards the building of strong character.

Life in Ushagram is not all work, by any means. The play hour has its place in the daily program and girls are expected to be on the playground at that time to join in the badminton, deck tennis, or volley-ball games. Several times there have been picnics and other outings. During the latter part of the year, week-end trips were taken by some of the girls and teachers.

The health of the girls has been good. Aside from the usual malaria cases, there has been very little sickness during the year. Miss Dunn, of Tilaunia, came in November to make physical examinations and recommendations. A good many of the girls had
diseased tonsils and one of Miss Dunn's recommendations was that those be removed as soon as possible. In April, Dr. Anderson and Miss Macpherson of the Scottish Mission Hospital, Kalna, came to Ushagram and removed the tonsils of eleven girls and one teacher. We are most grateful to them for their help. Two of our girls have this year gone to Kalna to take nurses' training and we hear good reports of their work.

The spiritual life of the girls has not been neglected. Every day there is a short morning watch service before the work of the day begins. The Epworth League has had some interesting meetings during the year in which teachers as well as students have taken an active part. The Junior League, too, has had a good year. Girls are required to attend the Sunday morning church service and Sunday School. A Junior Church service for the small children is held at the same time as the other service. Preparatory membership classes have been held during the year and quite a number of girls have become members of the Church.

Immediately before the close of school for the Christmas holiday, an Ushagram "mela" (fair) was held, lasting three days. Many Christians from various parts of the District attended. In the evenings, special programs were given. On the last afternoon, prizes were awarded for exhibits and for success in sports and other competitions. A Health Exhibit was of special interest to the women. Miss Miller of the Kulti Hospital came and talked to the mothers on health matters and made examinations of babies.

Mention should be made of the Ushagram paper. It is a Bengali paper, published bi-monthly and a teacher of the Girls' School is its editor. It goes to former pupils in the Christian homes of the District and to all who are able to read it, thus serving as a connecting link between the School and the Community.

On the compound, changes have been made. A new house for girls was completed in April and a group of eight girls moved into it in July. It is a two-story adobe house with a thatched roof and four rooms—one good-sized room above and one below and a small bathroom and kitchen. We were made very happy when the news came last July that the W. F. M. S. had appropriated money for more new cottages for the girls. A part of the old dormitory has already been torn down and new houses have been begun.

We thank the members of our staff and all who have worked to make the year a successful one. We go forth into the New Year believing that "the best is yet to be."
Hindu Girls' Day-school

Missionary ... ... ... ... THELMA A. REBSTOCK

The Hindu Day-school has had a good year.

In February, the School had its annual prize day. That day is always looked forward to by the pupils with a great deal of interest. The mothers of the girls had been invited. Of course, a great many of them did not come but there was a good attendance nevertheless. The teachers had worked very hard in planning a program of drills, songs and recitations. The Head-mistress in a brief speech to the mothers welcomed them to the school. She expressed the regret of the Staff at losing Mrs. Dewey who had been principal of the school during the past two years. We feel the need for a closer contact between the homes and the School. Such an occasion as this seems to help make the link a bit stronger.

From the middle of the year, the music instructor from the Ushagram School has been able to come for five periods a week each month to instruct the girls in Bengali music. This is a splendid opportunity for our girls.

The men of the Asansol community are beginning to awake to the fact that their girls have the right to an education and our school is no longer the only day-school for Bengali girls. It still meets a need, however.

I should like to thank the members of the staff for their faithful work and co-operation during the year.

Evangelistic Work

Missionary ... ... ... ... THELMA A. REBSTOCK

We have had five Bible-women at work this year. Two of them live in Asansol and go from there to the different parts of the District. A motor car now makes it possible for them to get to the more distant places with little difficulty. The other three women work only in the villages which are near them. Our workers have been faithful in their work during the past year. They have visited at least once nearly all of the Christian women and in many Hindu and Mohammedan homes they have given their message.

We are grateful for the assistance of Miss Pramanik, a village teacher and worker of another mission. She came to Asansol a few months ago and worked for a few days with our Bible-women, going with them into the villages. She was able to give them some excellent suggestions as to how to plan their work.
We consider one of the chief tasks of our Bible-women to be to see that every child of school age is attending some school. Many children of the District are in the boarding school at Ushagaram. There is a great need for more village schools and there is no lack of suitable places in which to start them, but there is difficulty in getting the right kind of teachers for them. We have at present four village schools in the District, each one having a Christian teacher in charge.

We begin the new year with high hopes.

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**Hindustani Girls' Boarding School**

*Missionary ... ... ... ... ... MRS. DEWEY*

The Hindustani girls of the Asansol District are being cared for as well as possible under the circumstances. Ten of those who were last year in the Boarding School in Asansol town, went into the Arrah Boarding School at the beginning of 1931. During the year three others followed them to that school, and at the beginning of the year just at hand our total in Arrah is 12. A few of the older Hindustani girls who had no homes to go to, and whom it was thought best not to send further for the regular class-room work, have found an opportunity in the Industrial classes at Ushagaram. Of the very young girls some few are reading Bengali. One older girl is in High School in Jubbulpore, in the 10th class, and another is taking nursing in the Brindaban Hospital.

The number of Hindustani girls probably justifies having a Boarding School in the Asansol District, but we do not feel that Asansol town is a suitable place for the school, and until such time as other arrangements are made, we find in the Arrah school an opening for those we wish to send.

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**The Hindi Girls' Day-school**

*Missionary ... ... ... ... ... MRS. DEWEY*

The day-school has had from 23 to 30 on its roll during the year. The attendance now is very good. Fees have nearly doubled over those received last year.

Miss Ellen Maxwell has charge of the school. During the past year the Kindergarten and the 1st Standard were taught. For 1932 the second class will be taught. Miss Mable Maxwell will
assist in the school until July. She has completed her Middle English work at Arrah.

The children in this school are largely Hindu girls from the Buniya, or Shopkeepers, class in the Asansol bazaar. There are only five Christian girls in the school now.

By their daily contact with Christian influences and from the Bible stories these little ones learn, I feel they will be better fitted to live. May God Bless them and those who direct their developing minds.

BIRBHUM DISTRICT

Evangelistic and Day-school

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

It has been a great delight and privilege to have had another year of service in Pakaur and Birbhum District. We have much to be thankful for when we look back on the year that has passed. All the workers have been comparatively well, and none has been taken away from us by death.

I wish at the beginning of this report to express my appreciation and grateful thanks to all the teachers and Bible-women who have so loyally stood by me with their advice and help in the work, and also to my co-workers in the station for their cooperation and help, and for the lovely home with them.

Our Village and Day-schools are the most encouraging work this year. This coming year we hope to do more effective work in the villages among the women in the homes.

Bolpur School has had a good year. The Inspectress gave a good report, and the Government Grant-in-Aid has been renewed for another three years at Rs. 20 per month. One girl went up for the L. P. Scholarship Examination, the results are not out yet, but we hope she has done well. The roll number is 54.

We greatly appreciate the help and inspiration Mrs. Mondol has given to the teachers and children in the school since she came to live in Bolpur.

Hatpara School in Pakaur began the new year with two new teachers. They have worked in happily and the children have learned to love and trust them. The roll number is now sixty boys and girls. None of these children are from Christian homes. They are Hindus, and a few Mohammedans. Every Saturday morning Sunday School is held there when 30 to 40 children attend. They bring rice for the collection and for the last nine
months the collection amounts to Rs. 3. Two women have worked in the Zenanas in Pakaur, one teaching sewing, knitting, and crochet and embroidery. Religious teaching has been given in each of these homes and in other homes as well, and we are gladly received everywhere we go.

Sangrampur is our big centre. The school there has 90 boys and girls on the roll. This year Babu Subjhan Biswas has given full-time teaching in the school, besides taking care of the Church in Sangrampur. He has taught English in all classes, and had charge of the higher class, and interested the boys in sport and healthy play. In the evenings, he has also had a class for big boys who work during the day. The children are very interested in their hand work. Beside their regular school sewing, they have had spinning and some weaving, knitting, etc. One of the Bible-women helped in the lower classes this last year. The teachers in Sangrampur also visit in the homes and keep in touch with the parents of the school children.

There are two Ladies’ Aid Societies, one in Pakaur, and one in Sangrampur. Both organizations have worked to raise funds by which to help their local church.

Dulian School is our youngest but not smallest. In the beginning of the year we were asked to come there and start a school. Dulian is ten miles away by cart road, and 30 miles by rail. When Daniel returned from Chapra having finished his training there he was sent to Dulian to open a school. We rented a small house for the teacher to live in and to start his school on the veranda. Before the baggage was removed off the cart that brought the teacher he had a dozen children there ready to enter school. After a month when I visited the school he had 50 children crowded on to the small veranda. We secured a small plot of land and built a school house, and teachers’ house with two rooms and cook-house out of bamboos and straw, at the cost of Rs. 198 land included. One teacher could not take care of the children who now numbered 110, 92 boys and 12 girls, a helper was secured and his salary must be raised by fees collected from the students. We feel it is one of our promising centres, and the teacher is very happy and encouraged in the work there. The school has so quickly sprung up. May it not share the same fate as Jonah’s Gourd, but continue to grow and be a real blessing to the people in Dulian.

Before closing I wish to mention the Mothers’ Institute held again this year in Sangrampur. It was along the same lines as last year. Our helper this year was Mr. S. K. Mondol, a children’s Missionary. He spoke each morning on the spiritual life, and gave lantern lectures in the evenings which were helpful and gathered hundreds of men, women and children, who heard, and saw, the beautiful message of Christ and His love, and works.
Mrs. P. Sarkar spoke also on the religious life and told of her own conversion, and her experiences as a convert from Hinduism, and of the mission work she now is doing. She made a great impression on our Christian women and girls especially.

Miss Carpenter and Miss Dunn contributed with their messages and helpful instructions on how to live clean, healthy, industrious, and happy lives, and how to help others to do the same. The village people were delighted and took great interest in all that was done. The Temperance Medal Contest was another attraction when our Pakaur Bengal Boarding School girls and Sangrampur school children took part. The Pakaur school took the first prize and Sangrampur the second.

One evening, thirty mothers brought their small babies, all under a year old, and gathered on the compound for Miss Dunn to see them. She had quite a time deciding which one should be the prize baby, so four babies received prizes. Three of them were Mohamedan and one a Christian baby.

There was also a display of work done by village women in their homes. Our Ladies’ Aid in Sangrampur put up quite a show of their work and some received prizes, and some of the work was sold for the benefit of the Ladies’ Aid fund. The Mohamedan women brought in many very nice things, baskets, fans and other things done in jute and straw, and bed covers very nicely done. Some received prizes for this work also.

Great credit is due to Mrs. Beeken for the success of the Institute, for the plans and untiring work for the meetings, and for bringing her school girls and teachers to help in the classes and with the singing and play hour. The Christian women of the village were present at nearly every class hour.

May the lives which we have touched in this way this year, in the schools, village work, and Zenana visits, be blessed, and may they have seen in us the love of our great Saviour and Redeemer, and may He soon be theirs.

Our hope for the new year is in Him. With Him as our Guide and Helper we want to serve another year. May we be found good and faithful servants.

Bengali Girls’ Upper Primary Boarding School

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

“Give me boarding schools every time. A boarding school of 50 boys (or girls for that matter) where the missionary is in close and constant touch with the boys is worth as much as a day-school with 500 boys. It has religious value; it is a place where character is formed as well as knowledge gained—” So writes a Missionary Superintendent in the ‘Christian world’.
I have felt the truth of this more keenly this past year than ever before. It has been a joy to live close to the girls and see character develop, and victory gained over self.

Of the 85 on the rolls, 42 are boarders and 43 day-scholars. We have been such a happy little family. Our 7 fine healthy 5th class girls leave us to continue their studies at Ushagram and Lee Memorial. It is hard to part with them, but I know they will be well cared for in their new environments. The increase in day-scholars is encouraging. Of these 28 are non-Christians.

At the beginning of the year, three of our senior girls left us to continue their studies in three different schools. The one who is in St. Margaret's High School was selected to sit for the Government Scholarship examination held in November of this year. The results are not out yet.

We have sent up two girls for the Upper Primary Scholarship examination and one for the Lower Primary scholarship examination.

Miss Cleghorn, the weaving expert, spent a week with us. Our teacher and girls learned to do different types of weaving.

The health of the school has been very good for which we are indeed thankful, we believe the screening of dormitories and the use of mosquito nets have helped much in combating the malaria menace. There is not a single girl in the 'poor' grade. We are grateful to Miss Dunn, our Health Visitor, for all the help she has rendered.

The staff and students have been helping out every year at the Mothers' Institute at Sangrampur. We feel it is our great privilege and joyous duty to give of our services to our less fortunate sisters in the village. During the Institute the Temperance Medal Recitation Contest was held and again one of our girls won the medal. She is sister to the girl who received it last year.

At the Old Boys' and Old Girls' gathering the staff and pupils staged a drama, "The Sign of the Cross," which was appreciated by all. Rs. 15 of the proceeds were sent to the Central Conference Educational Loan Fund as also Rs. 5 from the Children's Day collection.

The Girl Guides and Blue Birds have had their meetings regularly and are forging ahead. Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues meet once a week. One of the features of the Senior league meetings has been, testing the knowledge of the girls in the Bible. They are given questions every week and bring the answer at next meeting. Their knowledge of the Scriptures has increased and the study of the Bible has been made interesting.

One morning I was told a little girl wished to see me. She was on the verandah and, oh! how ill-cared for she looked! Hair
matted, sari filthy, fearfully thin, with an enlarged spleen. She had a pitiful tale to relate. She had come from a village 79 miles or so from Pakaur. Her uncle, a Hindu, had beaten and ill-treated her. The poor child had a bad sore on her foot—the result of a beating. Unable to bear the life in her relative’s house (her parents were dead) she had run away and boarded the train without a ticket. She got out at Pakaur Station because others did so and was directed by non-Christians to the Mission House. She said she wanted to stay in the school and agreed to have her vermin infested hair cut off and to be thoroughly cleaned up. A few months of treatment and nourishing food has worked wonders in this little one. Her merry laugh often rings out, and I thank our Father for this precious life saved from untold misery to His honor and glory.

At the beginning of the year a round swing, or ‘Giant Stride’, was added to our playground equipment. The girls and boys make good use of it and derive much pleasure from it.

Our kindergarten tots have their large baby doll which they have dressed and cared for as a baby should be. They sewed all the bed linen, etc., and are proud of their handiwork. The boys have their engine on rails.

12 of our older girls and one boy were admitted into the Church as probationers. Our hearts rejoiced at the step they had taken. We pray they may develop into strong useful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bengal.

In closing, I wish to record my grateful thanks to all our teachers and helpers who have worked so faithfully and well. There have been trying days when the heat left one feeling very listless and lifeless, but the work has gone on steadily. It is to these faithful workers I would give the word of encouragement that their labour is not in vain in the Lord and—‘He who began a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ’.

We look forward to another year of service with hope and courage.

Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial Hospital

Missionary ... ... ... ... Beulah M. Swan

As the year draws to a close we feel very thankful for God’s guidance in this new field of endeavor. There have been many anxious hours and days but He has been our ever present Help.

During the year we have tried, through advertising and inquiries, to get an Indian lady doctor, but have not yet been successful in getting one suitably trained to carry on our work. Dr. Edmunds has continued to come to Pakaur twice a week for dispensary
patients and has kindly come in whenever there has been an emergency call. He has done a large number of major operations here, among them quite a few cataract operations. It is really wonderful to see the joy with which the patients go to their homes, seeing. We are very grateful for his kind co-operation.

We started the year with two trained nurses, one trained in midwifery and the other had some training in compounding. After the summer holidays, the compounder-nurse did not return, and we heard shortly afterwards that she had died very suddenly of Malaria. So since the holidays we have had to carry on the work with but one nurse. She has been both faithful and willing and has done duty 24 hours a day, sleeping within call of the patients. However one of our own girls has returned from training and is beginning the New Year with us. She is the first Santal girl to have taken nurse training and she is a most welcome addition to our staff at this time.

We have had a number of confinement cases most of which our nurse has been able to handle without the aid of the doctor and we are thankful to say we have not lost a single mother or baby, though some have been most trying cases.

Since we have Dr. Edmunds as our surgeon we feel the need of a new operating-room, as the one we have is very small and dark. We hope that in the near future we can have this very necessary addition to our equipment. Our most pressing need, however, is the repairing of our dispensary building which has a thatch roof which needs either thorough repairing or replacing with something more permanent than thatch. This we hope may be done this coming year.

We shall continue to look for a suitable lady doctor as Dr. Edmunds goes on furlough this spring and will be gone almost a year. We hope and pray that this very real need may soon be supplied.

CALCUTTA-BENGALI DISTRICT

Missionary ... ... ... ... Katharine M. Kinzly

It is a wonderful privilege to again take up work in India, and upon my return from furlough, I was asked to assist in the work of the Calcutta-Bengali District. It was just like coming back home, as so many of the workers were known to me, and some had been my training school students.

We now have seven day-schools in this district, and twelve teachers, with one assistant supervisor. Several changes were made in the staff, as the inspectresses are insisting on trained teachers. All are now normal trained. We have had a substantial increase in
fees, and examination reports show improvement. Two of the schools have had a renewal of grant-in-aid, and two more are pending renewal. I have found the three inspectresses very sympathetic and helpful in solving the numerous problems. It has been a joy to work in these schools, and encourage the teachers. The school at Nehati taught by my Bible Training School assistant fills a great need in the community, and the teacher commands the respect of all. At Kulpi we have an interesting school, and on one of my visits to the village I visited in several of the homes of the students. The school at Ballygunge is increasing in numbers and our school-room is now too small. This part of Calcutta is growing in population, and we shall probably gain some new students of the upper classes. There has been a change in teachers at Champahati, and we expect to introduce more hand work, as the parents are very indifferent and ignorant. Most of the girls are from very poor families, and no fees are realized.

There has been a great deal of illness among the Bible-women this past year. One of our older Bible-women left us for a change of climate in her own country in August and has not yet returned. By securing a graduate of the Bible Training School and adding two to the staff of Bible-women, who were formerly teachers, we now have a staff of seventeen, but their numbers should be doubled, for effective work in this large district. Many of our Bible-women can visit a home only once a month. We have four Bible-women in the villages, and thirteen who live in this city, but who regularly go to the surrounding villages. The Bible-women visit in the homes of the day-school scholars, thus forming valuable contacts.

There should be a full-time missionary for the evangelistic work in this district. I have spent week-ends at Jhangara, Kulpi, and Nehati, and the Bible-women have rendered valuable service on these trips. In March I joined in an evangelistic campaign with a missionary of the London Missionary Society, and a party of six of us, two missionaries and four Indian women spent a week in a village south of Calcutta, and from there daily walked eight to ten miles to another village where some of the families of the London Mission and Methodist Mission lived. In the evenings the Christian boys from the High School at Bishnupor, walked to the village in singing bands, and a magic lantern lecture was given. It was a week of profitable service, and at the request of the village people, a school will be opened for the small boys and girls early next year. The school teacher is one of the girls of the Lee Memorial who read up to the fifth class. She is married and seems very enthusiastic about her work.

There will probably be other avenues of service wherein we can co-operate with the other missions in this territory, and in
the face of reduced income and missionary staff, it is most fitting that we join in any union efforts whenever possible.

It has been a great inspiration to teach a Sunday School class in connection with the Central Bengali Church. The teachers were students of the Lee Memorial Teacher Training Department, and have now taken positions as teachers. I have also assisted in the work of the nine churches in this district.

We had a very profitable and helpful Workers' Conference held for two days before the District Conference in November. Bible-women and teachers were present and there were some very valuable discussions. Miss Carpenter assisted us and spoke on the training of children in the home and school, and the value and use of pictures. We plan to have this a yearly event and we hope to conduct it for three or four days preceding District Conference next year. These Workers' Conferences are made possible by special gifts coming to the field for summer schools.

I had eagerly looked forward to a year of evangelistic effort in this district, with a division of the work with Miss Eddy, but our dreams and hopes were not realized, as her health was greatly impaired, and I had to assume full responsibility almost upon arrival. It seemed wise for her to take furlough in September and I miss her help and valuable advice, but I am glad I could be here for "such a time as this."

We thank you for your help and prayers, and are glad to represent you in this needy land.

GALCUTTA-HINDUSTANI DISTRICT

Missionary ... ... ... ... DORIS WELLES

There is an old proverb which says that, "All true progress is very, very slow progress." If this be true, then, I believe that we have made real progress in this District this year.

The Zemana work has been much appreciated. Miss Graham and Mrs. Parker go regularly into homes of Hindus and Mohammedans, as well as Christians, where they teach fancy work and reading and writing, but more especially, they are teaching the women to know Christ. There have been opportunities to help the women of these homes in various neighbourly ways this year, and they have confidence in us.

In Sibpore Mrs. Nathaniel has been teacher in the boys' day-school and also zemana visitor in Sibpore, Lilooah, Santragachi and other places. Her only assistant in this heavy work has been little Pamela Kunwari Violet, who makes friends for her
mother and opens doors with her baby hands which would be hard for her mother to open. The women open their hearts to this good friend who comes to them regularly. Mrs. Nathaniel has also been able to give help in times of sickness, and has taken a number to hospital.

In Calcutta the Zenana work has changed somewhat as necessity demanded. We visit more in homes of the school children, although there are also many other homes where we go as often as we can. Mrs. Nelson has had her hands full with this calling in non-Christian homes, as well as the Christian homes in each of which she tries to call at least once a month. We are glad to report several new Punjabi and Marwari homes opened to us. There are also Chinese families where a little calling has been done, but these women have been away in China most of the year.

I have tried to be of help in all these places in any way I could. I do not know what we should have done this year without the “Blessing Car”. One of our Zenana women who had been a believer in Christ for several years, was in hospital for some weeks. She died firmly believing in her Saviour. Almost every evening during those weeks, we drove out to the hospital to see her. All through the year there has been a steady stream of folks needing medical help of some kind. Not only from this District, but from all over India people come to be directed where to go and what to do to get the help they need, and often this means going with them. The hospital work is a part of my work which I especially love and upon which God has given His special blessing. Never a week passes without several trips to hospital, dispensaries, and often to two or three in one morning. There is much calling in hospitals to be done in the evenings, as well as the follow-up work to help the patients carry out doctors’ orders. From all this going about to hospitals, calling in the wards and conversation in waiting-rooms, contacts are made with non-Christian women and they invite me to go to their homes. They are glad to listen and to read the books we give them.

In the school work we have had ups and downs this year. But the Sunday School Rally during the District Conference showed that God’s blessing has been upon the work. In the Kidderpore Coal Dock School John Mangold and Victor Nelson worked together for part of the year. Then Victor Nelson went into Y.M.C.A. welfare work, and John Mangold has carried on with the great help which Miss Graham and Mrs. Parker have been able to give in their bi-weekly visits. There has been an enrollment of from 70 to 90 with a high average attendance.

The Kidderpore school-room has also been used for a night-school for the young men in the Docks. The church Prem Sabha meetings have been held there and lantern lectures have been given to as many as could pack into the room or find standing space
around the windows. Bird and Co. have continued their support for the school, and this year, in spite of the depression, they gave Rs. 30 for the children's Christmas.

Through great effort the Central Church school has held steady. Our trust has been in Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." He has blessed us in this work. We now have a day-school of 50 children, most of them from a good class of homes, and of this number seven Christian girls are boarders.

Since the beginning of our new locally supported Hindustani Girls’ Boarding School, in October 1930, we have taken in, in gifts, subscriptions and fees, Rs. 1,162-2-0. Hindustani friends in other parts of India sometimes send gifts of money. The needs have somehow been met thus far. Our Heavenly Father is looking after this school. We take our needs to Him, and the little girls in the Boarding School are also praying for their school. On the closing afternoon of the District Conference, the seven boarders gave a little drama of the Christmas story. All were delighted to see the lovely unaffected way the children took their parts without forgetting a word.

For several years we have had a Ladies’ Aid, in Central Church which has raised a goodly sum of money. This year we have not raised much as a Ladies’ Aid, but the women of the church have generously given for special collections, or gifts for the school or church. We have held several good meetings. The largest meeting was held in October when women came from all over the District to hear Sadhu Stricke.

Our need in this District is for volunteer workers holding Sunday Schools, teaching children or adults to read and write, gathering the women of their own neighbourhoods together for Bible teaching, sewing or reading circles. Many Christian women could do these things even without leaving their own homes.

God helping us, we, the women of the Calcutta-Hindustani District, pledge ourselves anew to give more whole-heartedly of our time, our talents and our means that the work of the Kingdom may go forward in 1932.

Lee Memorial Mission

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... MRS. ADA LEE

In reviewing the year just closing, our first expression must be that of praise to our Heavenly Father for His protecting and keeping power. In the midst of unrest and political uprisings, no harm has come to us. Even in the time of picketing schools, during which many had to close, we were not interfered with in
any way. It has been difficult to keep our numbers within bounds and we are overcrowded. It has been so difficult to turn away needy ones and promising ones—especially those who will never have another chance. We still stand in awe at the wonderful way God continues to provide the means to carry on the work—and we thank every one of you who have so faithfully, and often with great sacrifice, continued to send your offerings. May Jehovah bless you "in basket and in store" as well as with His richest Spiritual gifts. He has encouraged our hearts in giving us to see the constant improvement in those He has entrusted to our care—some of the Hindu wives and widows graduate this year, others are pushing right up through the classes—transformations are continually going on.

We have had some blessed meetings during which a number of girls were blessed and some have dedicated their lives to God's service, to be missionaries among their own people. We have received several widows and other wives, the last wife admitted is only 9 years of age. Our temple babies are doing well and are bright promising children—the youngest only a few months old. Our boys' school continues with about 65 boys. The little church there is self-supporting and helping outside work.

Our colporteurs' work is being blessed. During the last three months they have sold 11,000 Gospels. As we think of this great number—His Word going out among the people, we rejoice knowing His Word shall not return void. A fine Hindu man was baptized last Christmas who was led to accept Christ as His Saviour through reading God's Word. His wife and old mother felt it much at first and opposed him. Now they are seeking to know God,—being taught by our Bible-women and preparing for baptism.

We are still praying confidently for the adjoining house. Gifts in small amounts continue to come. Another three or four thousand dollars will enable us to proceed to arrange for the purchase, and we will then use the old building until the Lord gives us that required for new dormitories.

India is full of unrest. It will take more than a Mahatma Gandhi to bring her peace. It is the Saviour— the Prince of Peace—who alone can save India. Now is the time of great opportunity for mission work. My heart rejoices in the privilege of being a co-worker with Him—and with you. God willing we will serve another year. May the New Year be full of peace and joy for you all. "In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". St. John 17: 33.
Calcutta Girls’ High School

Missionaries ... ... ... [Miss Pearl Hughes
[Miss Ruth Field

Another year has passed by bringing to completion seventy-five years of service. To celebrate this event a special historical service took the place of the usual Patrons’ Day program. Bishop J. W. Robinson presided, and a pageant showing the early history of the school was given. Miss Field, who had spent many hours in searching old records for its production, was to be congratulated on its success. Many former staff members and students gathered to make the occasion a great success. It is hoped to organize an ‘‘Old Girls’ Association’’ during the year.

The school year opened on January 8th with 289 children in attendance on the first day. In March, the enrolment rose to its highest figure for the year, 371; and we close with 341 on the rolls. All classes from the Kindergarten through Standard V have been crowded and it has been necessary to turn away many who wished to enroll. The teachers have shouldered the burden of their large classes with a good spirit, and the annual reports do them credit as well as the children. Emphasis has been laid all through the year on doing well in all subjects, instead of just in the particular ones the children happened to prefer. This goal has resulted in making better all-round students.

Six out of seven candidates presented for the School Certificate examination last December were successful. Of the six girls who appeared for the Matriculation examination in March, all passed, three in the First Division and three in the Second. Twelve passed the St. John’s Ambulance test for Junior First Aid. Probably the victory which arouses most enthusiasm is when we bring away the cups from the European Inter-School Singing Contest. Fortunately, Miss Field returned to the school for the second term in time to prepare the three contesting groups. We were fortunate enough to bring home the Intermediate and Junior cups, and only lost the Senior cup after a second appearance, the judges not being able to make a decision the first time. Five girls were sent up for the practical examinations under the Trinity College of Music, three passing, one with honours; five were sent up for Theory, all passing, three with honours.

The health of the school on the whole has been good. During February and March a measles epidemic started among the day-scholars. Only eight of the boarders contracted the disease, but the prompt removal of these cases from the school prevented any further trouble in the hostel.

In March, Miss Berry of the Children’s Special Service Mission spent a very helpful week with the girls. Four Epworth
Leagues have met regularly under the guidance of Miss Field, Mrs. Chappell, Miss Simpson, and myself. The Senior girls gave a concert at St. Mary's Home, in November, which was much appreciated by the old ladies. Bed-time prayer-meetings have been held for the older boarders throughout the year. Forty-five girls gathered for the last prayer-meeting of the year, at which Mrs. Lee spoke.

The Home Missionary Society, under the leadership of Misses Limond and Howsden, has had a good year. A very successful Garden Fete was held in the school compound on November 7th, at which time Rs. 450 was raised toward the support of the Children's Home at Coonoor.

Rev. G. S. Henderson's talks in Chapel and on Sunday mornings have been a real help to the children. Occasional chapel talks by outside friends have given us glimpses of other peoples and a larger world, but for the most part we have had to depend on the staff and children for our devotional services. Miss Webbe has given us many character-building stories, and the children have enjoyed the privilege of taking Chapel themselves on Fridays, the classes taking turns. It is interesting to see a Roman Catholic, a Protestant, a Jew, and a Parsee uniting in leading our devotions. We find the non-Christian children most responsive to Christian teaching, and carrying the high grades in Scripture. During the year, ten girls and one staff member joined the church.

Miss Field organized two Woman's Christian Temperance Union Silver Medal Contests, fourteen girls in all giving recitations. As a result of these contests, twenty-five signed the Temperance Pledge.

The physical development of the girls has been ministered to through the regular drill classes and the Games Club. Miss Reynolds entered 50 girls in the Drill Display organized by the Y. W. C. A. in March. Because of the large numbers in the Middle and High School, it has not been possible to include the Fourth Standard girls in the Games Club. Mrs. Symonds is to be congratulated for the way in which she has kept almost one hundred girls busy and happy throughout the year, and at the same time has taught them to be good sports-women. John Ruskin has said that "Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave". We have felt as a staff that our largest contribution is to be made through character building. Knowing is important, but being is essential; and if our girls go out without having been led to Jesus Christ, we feel that we have failed in fitting them for life.

The First Calcutta Company, Girl Guides, have had a successful year. During the year 7 Guides have won their Second
Class badges; 6 their First Aid, 8 Domestic Service, 4 Child Nurse, one Needlewoman's, and one Embroidress. In recognition of the School's successes in the Inter-school Singing Contest, our Company has been chosen to form the Choir at the next Church Parade to be held at the Cathedral in January. Our Guides and Blue-birds united with the Scouts and Cubs from the Calcutta Boys' School in a very impressive Parade Service at Thoburn Church on November 29th, at which Scout Master H. C. Fritchley gave a most inspirational address.

The Primary Classes of the school have been made very happy recently by the gift of 56 primary readers from the Library Service of the W. F. M. S. These books have been divided into class libraries, and the children vie for the privilege of reading them.

Throughout the year the Governing Body has been negotiating through the Government for the purchase of a strip of land in front of the main building, for which we have been paying rent for years.

There will be few changes in the staff for next year. Because of the present financial uncertainty it seemed best to make a slight reduction of staff, so Mrs. Corbet and Miss Dyceford will not return. Miss Crookes, also, will leave to take up nurse's training, and Miss Field goes on furlough. Our best wishes go with them. We wish Miss Field a very happy furlough and a speedy return to us. Miss Edna Davis of Simla, a specialist in dressmaking and drawing, will join the staff when school re-opens on January 14th.

We feel that this has been a good year, despite all the stress and uncertainty about us, and we wish to join with the children in praising God for His continued guidance and blessing. As we start on the next seventy-five years may He continually open up to us wider avenues of service so that there may be more and more daughters to rise up and call us blessed and to carry the fair name of the Calcutta Girls' High School into a new world where peace, brotherhood, and the love of God shall be the keynotes.

Queen's Hill School

{ MRS. LILA K. ENGBERG, Principal
MIRIAM SCHOLBERG
CARRIE ROSS

As we review 1931, we feel that it has been a most interesting year—a year of successes and failures, triumphs and disappointments. But through it all, we have tried to see our duty and to do it. At the end of 1929, as I was leaving for furlough, it fell to my lot to write the school report. Since that time, there have
been three different principals at the head of Queen’s Hill. These changes have meant numerous adjustments, calling for greater efforts and abundant faith. As we consider this transition period, I wish to express my gratitude to Our Heavenly Father for His divine blessing, and guidance, and for strength and courage to do his work.

Like all hill schools, we have felt the effects of the financial depression. It is constantly getting harder for our patrons to keep their children in a hill school, and we have had to make numerous adjustments to meet these conditions. In spite of these conditions, however, we have had 153 pupils on our roll this year.

The school wishes to express its gratitude to the W. F. M. S. in America for the Rs. 86,000 which they paid toward the building debt in October. Not only does this lighten the burden of excessive interest which we have had to carry, but it presages better days to come and gives us greater faith and courage to face the future.

In scholarship, it is not easy to measure results. We have striven towards a closer, more personal supervision of each pupil’s work. We have aimed to make every subject interesting and to help fit our pupils for a full life. In Cambridge exams in 1930, seven of the eight candidates for Senior Certificate passed, one with honours. In the Junior, six entered, three passed, one with honours. This year, we sent up five candidates for the Senior, and seven for the Junior; as well as one for the Bengal Final in Commerce.

In Music, 15 candidates sat for the Associated Board Practical. 10 passed, 2 with honours. In theory, 21 candidates were entered, all passed, 16 with honours. In the Trinity College, 12 candidates were entered for the Practical, 9 passed, 1 with honours. In Trinity College Theory, five candidates were entered, all passed, four with honours.

Queen’s Hill has numerous extra-curricular activities which allow an outlet for self-expression and development of pupils, preventing that thinking and acting in a line which characterizes so many boarding school pupils. Classes, Guides, leagues, houses, singing classes and even the Kindergarten have done their part in having teas, parties, socials, and entertainments. These have helped to make school home-like and the pupils happy, and many have proved financially successful as well. The music department paid Rs. 1,000 for a new piano and added Rs. 250 to the hospital fund from the proceeds of its entertainments. And the kindergarten have partially paid for a new piano for their department. Our gratitude is due to the teachers and pupils whose efforts made these activities so successful.
Besides the Guides for the big girls, the Blue-bird Flock for the little girls, and the Wolf Cubs for the little boys, the bigger boys were organized this year into a Scout group with Mr. Swan as Master. It is our aim for 1932, to have every pupil above eight years in one of these organizations.

This year, we tried to place a little more emphasis upon the Physical education of our pupils. Besides regular drill classes, each boy and girl had a part in organized sports. Keen interest was shown in swimming, basket-ball, volley-ball, tennis and hockey; and the basement play-room has been equipped so that even in the rains, the children have an opportunity for getting fresh air and exercise. Keen competition between classes and houses made October 10th, Mount Hermon's Annual Sports Day, a day long to be remembered. Miss Brittain, Miss Balthasar, and Mr. Swan have won our gratitude and appreciation for their time and efforts in helping to develop the Organized Sports in the school.

The Mount Hermon Parent-Teachers' Association was reorganized at the beginning of the year, and held its regular monthly social meetings, which were well attended and which fostered the spirit of co-operation between parents and teachers. The Annual Sale, held the last of May, added Rs. 1,000 to the hospital fund. We now have about Rs. 3,000 and a promise of Rs. 6,000 from the European Schools Improvement Association when we raise an equal amount. We are hoping to begin work on the hospital this winter.

At the beginning of the year, almost all our pupils were inoculated with Toxoid, an anti-diphtheria serum. It is a relief not to live in constant dread of an outbreak of that disease. In the matter of health, our record has been almost perfect. We have had only the usual short run of measles and chicken-pox at the beginning of the year.

The school owes its gratitude to Rev. Archibald for the helpful, interesting services held each Sunday in our Community Church. A class of 15 girls, 7 boys, and 4 teachers joined the church from our school. Sunday School has met each Sunday afternoon, and we have chapel each morning before school. This year, the various classes have taken turns in conducting Saturday morning prayers. The Leagues' meetings each Friday evening were largely conducted by the pupils themselves. Their dues of Rs. 35, help to support a Hindustani girl in Calcutta. At the beginning of the year, Miss Berry and Mr. McNeil of the C.S.S.M. were at Mount Hermon for three weeks, holding meetings with the boys and girls. Later, the evangelists from Asbury College came out and gave some inspirational talks. Miss Kinney, a doctor from the American Baptist Mission, gave the girls a series of helpful talks on Social Hygiene.
Throughout the year we have been fortunate in the efficiency and co-operation of our staff. The school is very grateful to Miss Field, who was principal when school opened, for postponing her furlough to pilot the school over the difficulties of the first few months. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald have had charge of the Boys’ department at Fern Hill and Minton Dormitories, and have worked hard to develop this department and give the boys a school home. Mr. Archibald has also been business manager of the school, and I am grateful to him for his understanding and his assistance over the many hard places.

We welcomed to our staff this year, two old Queen’s Hill girls: Miss Scholberg returned from America and took charge of the Science, organizing it, and making it a real department. Miss Day returned as Domestic Science and Geography teacher. Miss Rost, who was loaned to us by North India, has gone home on furlough, and we are happy to welcome Miss Barber back as Supervisor of the Kindergarten for 1932.

We are grateful to the W. F. M. S. for their co-operation and financial assistance during the year; to the School Committee for their co-operation; and to our friends and patrons and pupils for their confidence, sympathy, and interest in our welfare. We are happy that we have had this opportunity of working in the Master’s vineyard of young people.

Jidato Middle English School

Missionaries ...

Mildred Pierce

Beulah Swan

The year 1931 has been a very happy one for Jidato folks as we have begun to realize some of the many hopes we have had for Jidato. Early in January we were recognized as a Middle English School. Two of our seventh class girls sat for the Middle English examination in November. One of them will join our two Santali girls who are attending high school in Jubbulpore. We are now beginning to make plans and to look forward to the time when Jidato may have a high school department. There is no other Middle English School for Santali girls in the province and as yet no High School.

One of our hopes that has at last been realized is the remodelling of the old boys’ school for class-rooms. For six years we have been using the lower part of the mission bungalow and other makeshifts for class-rooms. It is a delight to have our own school building now with each class properly seated in a well-lighted class-room. These new class-rooms have acted as a stimulus to better work. New black-boards invite use; plenty of space encourages worth while projects. The first class has built a most
interesting train. It is a mixed train with freight, passenger and cattle cars. Animals and people made of clay occupy the seats or stalls as the case may be. The second grade has been interested in children and houses of other lands. In their class-room they have made models of the Syrian tent, the igloo, a Japanese, an African and an American house. Other classes have modelled relief maps of Palestine and built the Christmas story in clay.

A great deal of time has been given to the supervision of building. Cook-houses have been built in connection with all of the cottages of the girls' village. Four new cottages have been built for the boys' village as well as a septic tank and pumping system. Until July the boys lived in some of the rooms now remodelled for class-rooms. But as soon as their cottages were finished they moved out into their new village. There was a formal village opening on December 5th at which the boys announced the names they had chosen for their houses. One is Marsal or Light House because it is nearest the east, and a lantern placed on its verandah which faces a maidan may be seen for a great distance. The other houses are named Budan, Judasi and Mukut. These names were chosen because they described the location or embodied the ideals the boys have for their houses. As we assembled in front of each house for the naming ceremony, the pastor and the boys stepped inside while the pastor offered a prayer for the boys living there and then buried a small bottle in the verandah telling the history of the house and giving the names of those living in it.

On the whole the boys and girls have had a splendid record of good health this year. Some cases of cerebral malaria gave us much concern. One little girl died but two boys were saved because of the prompt assistance of Dr. Edmunds. There have been two health examinations during the year, one by Miss Dunn and one by the Medical Officer for Bihar and Orissa. Special attention has been given to the diet of the underweight children with the result that from July to November the number of girls listed in the good class increased from 49 to 71 per cent and the number of boys from 65 to 85 per cent.

The Department of Industrial Arts has been concentrating on weaving the last few months. Miss Cleghorn of Calcutta spent a week here teaching the use of her looms and outlined a course of weaving which includes the making of nawar tape, wick, scarves, and saris. Some of the girls specializing in this department have become quite expert in this field.

One of the most important happenings of the year was the forming of an organization of the girls and former students of Jidato called the "Marsal Asen Kuriko". These are Santali words for the Girls who Carry the Light. At our District Conference our teachers gave the pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross". At the
close there was a consecration service at which all of the teachers and older girls knelt at the altar dedicating their lives to Christian service. A few weeks later some of them invited all of our former students who live near here to meet to form this organization to bring the Light to the villages in which they live. The president stated that they expected to use the funds they collect or earn to help children who do not have the opportunity to attend school to get an education, to help care for babies whose mothers have died and to help people who are in great need because of emergencies such as the burning of their homes or the loss of property through theft. During the Christmas holidays groups of these young women in the company of an older woman, have visited nearly every circuit in the District to sing and talk with the village people. We believe there are great possibilities for the development of this organization as well as the Christian organization of the young men of the district. Our young men and women have had a vision of the possibilities for service among their people and are already beginning to experience some of the joys of serving the Master. It is this vision of service that Jidato seeks to give our boys and girls above everything else. For "without a vision the people perish".

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Santali Evangelistic Work

Missionary ... ... ... ... Pauline Grandstrand

In our Santali District our motto is "On we'll march to victory". The year's work began with a Teacher's Institute conducted by Miss Swan and Miss Pierce. There were classes in methods and demonstrations. Nineteen village teachers were present. We are truly grateful for the help and inspiration which these teachers received.

This year a great deal of time has been spent in the villages where the people live. In all our circuits there are Bible-women who work in the villages, and visit regularly in the homes of the Christians. We spent one month in Birbhum visiting the Christian families. Miss Pierce was with us for several days examining the work done in the Day-Schools. The work in Birbhum is all very interesting especially the evening meetings in which great crowds gathered to see, and hear the stories of the pictures.

The Summer School for village women was held in the month of May. This year 79 village women attended the classes and 63 little children came along with their mothers. We had a kindergarten class for all who were able and big enough to attend. We appreciate the good and helpful talks given by our pastor Benjamin Soren. He put much emphasis on life and life abundant,
Rebecca Soren's lessons on Hygiene, Temperance and Sanitation were very good. One afternoon was given over to Child Welfare work. All the babies were examined and weighed. Prizes were given to the cleanest and healthiest baby. All the mothers were intensely interested in the lecture 'The Care of the Baby.' We hope they will put into practice what they heard at this Summer School.

In our fifteen Day-schools we have met with fairly good success. At our District Conference four of the Day-schools took part in the programme and gave us some very fine demonstrations as to what they had learned. They also exhibited their clay modelling, writing, drawing, sewing and basket-weaving. The Santali children are learning to appreciate education and are striving for it.

Our Summer School for workers was held in November. We believe in these Summer Schools because Jesus Himself established the precedent of training witnesses to make them effective. We look forward to the time when we shall have high school and college trained women to carry on the work of evangelism, but that day is still many years distant. In the mean time we must go forward with the workers we have doing our best to raise their standard of efficiency while they work. We feel the results of this year's Summer School were good and profitable.

The Women's Societies or Sewing Circles have done well. This year their annual sale amounted to Rs. 65-3-9. With this money they purchased a gong for one of the churches, for another church they gave two big mats. Rupees ten was paid in on church repairs. Five pastors have been given Rs. 5 each for the purchasing of goats. The women are keen in helping find self-support for the village churches. This plan of buying and giving away goats will be a help.

There are twelve Sunday Schools carried on by the Bible-women and Day-school teachers. We have a few adult Sunday School classes for women. One day I asked one of our village women to tell the class what Christmas meant to her. She gave a very good testimony which I was glad to hear. I realized she had caught the real true meaning of Christmas.

Our District Conference of 1931 is spoken of as our very best. Bishop Robinson was with us. His visit was a benediction to us all.

As we close the year we feel thankful to the Heavenly Father for his care and guidance. No matter how hard the task or how heavy the responsibility may be, we believe that if we only depend upon His power we shall at last win the Victory.

We are most grateful to our American friends, whose gifts are maintaining our work in the District.
Report of Educational Secretary

There have been, as heretofore, three chief aspects of the task to which the Secretary's time has been given in the past year, namely itinerating, co-operation in Institutes, and the creation of materials for the working out of the accepted educational program of the Church. Aside from these activities having as their object the co-ordination and increased workability of the program, there have been other things such as meeting with Conference Boards of Education and committees, Editorial work in connection with the development of the materials of the Religious Education Curriculum for the Middle and High School, the issuance of the Educational Bulletin, and correspondence on behalf of the Secretariat, including the compilation of some of the educational statistical information required by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Our more remote and inaccessible schools in the hills of Kumaon were the first group visited, and the Secretary spent most of the months of March and April among them. The distances and slowness of travel—the trip to Pithoragarh, the most remote of them, with the visit in the school, requiring twelve strenuous days, made a heavy demand on time. In all our schools in this section schools and hostels were inspected, teachers' meetings were held, and in one of them a series of Conferences with the teachers dealing with the training of the pre-school child, was carried out. Almora with its High School for girls and boys, Pithoragarh, Dwarahat, and Ranikhet were visited.

May found the Secretary in Burma, and after a few weeks in the hills, our schools at Kalaw, and on the plains were visited. Quite a bit of the month of August was spent in Gujarat, and in October an itinerary was carried out in the schools of Indus River Conference, another land of “far distances”.

Co-operation has been given in five Institutes of varied nature during the year. The first was in Rangoon in the early part of May. This was an English Institute, at which were represented all our schools in Burma, except perhaps the hill school for European and Anglo-Indian children, at Kalaw. It enlisted an encouraging degree of co-operation from teachers and missionaries of the Baptist Mission. It is interesting to find to what an extent the Charterhouse Program, the basis of the Rangoon and other Institutes,—is being utilized by other than Methodist groups, and the real appreciation which it has evoked. The last issue of the Baptist Missionary Review, published at Secunderabad, Deccan, carries a column and a half review of the last edition of the Charterhouse Program, which closes thus: “To introduce the Course and follow it requires our best teachers and the best of supervision, but it seems to be the nearest approach in concrete
form to a scientifically planned continuous course, which may help us to fulfill our ideals of true Religious Education.”

Returning to India the latter part of July, we had in August the privilege of co-operation in three Charterhouse Institutes in Gujarat, each one reaching a group of different type, in this Conference in which the average educational level in the Christian Church is perhaps higher than is the case in any other Conference which the Secretary has visited. The Gujarat Institutes were all in the vernacular. At Nadiad we had the village teachers and preachers, largely. At Godhra the majority of the group were teachers in training in Miss Newton’s efficiently administered Normal College. At Baroda there were the High School teachers and students in the Theological Seminary. Both in the English and vernacular Institutes the program included talks on the principles underlying the Charterhouse Program, Demonstrations of the carrying out of these principles in the work with classes, Discussion, guidance in the development of the Worship program of the school, including Preaching to Children and the Program of the Junior Church, and the use of Art and Drama in Religious Education.

In November there was an opportunity to co-operate with Miss Kinzly in an interesting three days’ Summer School for her workers, at Beliaghata. Immediately after this the “Mothers’ Institute”, at Sangrampur was again held under the management of Mrs. Beeken and Miss Norberg. The interest was even better than last year, especially among the Moslem women. The plan was much the same as last year, Miss Dunn, our health nurse, Mrs. Sircar of Sahibgunj, and Mr. Mondol of the Children’s Mission, and the Educational Secretary, making up the staff. During the day the work was largely directed towards the needs of the women and children, including the training of the Pre-school child. The afternoon play hour was a unifying experience, in which the large number of Moslem children passed through the stages of seemingly disinterested observation of the proceedings, to participation, and at last to zestful enjoyment of the games. In the evenings Mr. Mondol’s lantern talks on the life of Christ and Pilgrim’s Progress were listened to with great attention by Moslems and Christians alike. The plan which the organisers of this Institute have been following has been to take the teachers and girls from the Boarding School back into their own village for a week, when they could assist in carrying out the Program. It is a method which is proving to be of real value.

A considerable amount of time during the year has been given to work in connection with the creation of materials needed for carrying out the program of the schools, especially the Religious Education Program. The Church History,—“Heroes of the Christian Church and Heralds of the Kingdom of God”, is now in press and, it is expected, will be ready for distribution by the
first of February. It is intended for classes of the upper High School level.

Some Bengali Material has also been edited and seen through the press during the year. Two books of stories—so badly needed at every stage of the educational process—have been issued with the assistance of funds of the All-India Literature Committee, namely, "The Coming of the King and Other Stories", and a group of Christmas stories including Henry van Dyke's First Christmas Tree. A Bengali translation of the Children's Day Pageant, "The Morning Star", is also in press. A group of stories which mothers may tell their children have been translated in connection with the work with Teachers and Mothers in Bengal, and await funds through the All-India Literature Committee or otherwise, for their publication.

In connection with the creation of materials with which to work mention might also be made of the chart on children's instincts, and their training, prepared both in English and Bengali; and of the Hostel Managers' Score card—"The House Beautiful Attainment Card". The drawing for this card grew out of the visit to Dwarahat, when the interest of the students in our High School there was enlisted in the beautifully carved wood work of the doors and windows of the village homes. From drawings of some of them which were later submitted the one which appears on the Score card was selected for this purpose.

We might mention also in this connection a file of about 500 mounted and classified pictures, which is now in the Secretary's Office for use in demonstration work, made possible by the generous supply of Magazine colored plates and other pictures sent by friends in America.

One of the unfinished tasks of the year is a School Chapel Book of Responsive Readings. More than half the material for a month of such daily readings has been prepared, and the completion of this task will be one of the first claims upon time during the new year.

It should perhaps be reported that the Secretary's headquarters was removed to Jubbulpore in December as being more centrally located for her work.

MARY F. CARPENTER.

The Bengali "Woman's Friend"

The total receipts for the year are Rs. 1,290-3-0 and expenditure Rs. 1,101-2-6, leaving a balance of Rs. 189-0-6.

An average of 800 copies monthly have been printed. The paper was sent V.P.P. to subscribers at the beginning of the year.
so that there are no back subscriptions to collect. We have been able to secure new subscribers at As. 12 a copy per year.

We are grateful to Miss Carpenter for obtaining permission from the American Medical Association to use the illustrations from their Health Magazine the "Hygeia".

It has not been easy to edit the paper with the Press so far away and school duties near at hand; but, we have enjoyed the work and feel it has been worth while especially when letters of appreciation come. One missionary from Brahmanbaria writes, "Please send me 60 copies of the 'Mohila Bandhab'. I feel I must congratulate you on the production. The pictures are so nice and the whole paper is good. I hope you have a good circulation such as the Magazine deserves".

We feel there is a great field of service here for one who can give more time to making the paper fill a real need in the homes and lives of our Christian women, especially of those in the mofussil. We feel we should cater more for our village people who have so little in their daily routine of work to inspire and uplift.

ELSIE BEEKEN,
NIRMOLLA HALDER.

**All-India Literature Committee**

It was decided that there would be no meeting of the committee held in 1931 in order to make money available for literature work that would otherwise have been spent in travel. Matters that needed to be decided were settled by correspondence.

Bengal has this year published five books—three in Bengali and two in Santali. The three in Bengali are books of stories—the first called "The Coming of the King and other stories" is an interesting group of stories for girls in their teen age. The second called "Christmas Stories" is as its name implies an interesting group of Christmas stories for children of all ages. The third book contains two stories, "Fat Samboo" and "Peter Rabbit" and is written in large clear script and is well illustrated. The latter book is suitable for Kindergarten reading. The first two books are suitable for supplementary reading in classes I and II. Another book will appear shortly, called "Kindergarten Stories". These books are being published because it is felt that there should be more good stories for children available in Bengali.

The two books published in Santali are "Preparatory Lessons in Church Membership" and "History of Methodism". These two books from their titles are self-explanatory and it is felt that they meet a real need in our Methodist Santali community.
I would like to urge every member of this Conference to feel responsible for selling these books that have been published, to our own and other communities. The books in Bengali will sell in the non-Christian as well as the Christian community. Money for the printing of books in each Conference is given only on loan and must be paid back. We are every year asked to give an account of how much money has been returned on the loan. If each of you would remember to sell as many books as you can and at every opportunity that you have it would be much easier for the Literature Committee.

The Committee would appreciate suggestions from the members of the conference as to suitable material for translation. Our present plan includes translating material for the help of mothers in the care of children.

MRS. WILLIAMS

Bihar and Orissa Christian Council Report

The eighth Annual meeting of the Bihar and Orissa Christian Council was held at the Bishop Wescott Schools at Namkum, Ranchi, between February 3rd and 6th, 1931. The first meeting was a public one with Dr. Angus of Serampore as the speaker. His topic was "The Relation of Christian Higher Education to Evangelism." Dr. Angus was also the speaker for the Quiet Day and his messages were very helpful, scholarly and inspirational.

The Business sessions of the Council were interesting and perhaps the topic that most interests us is the possibility in the near future of a Santal High School for boys. The question was very much discussed and the opinion was that the High School should be interdenominational and that the most suitable place is Kaerabani, the boys' school of the Northern Churches Mission. Mr. Helland, their representative, said that they would very likely be prepared to open such a High School when they return from furlough in 1935.

Dr. Hodge of the National Christian Council was present and gave an interesting report of the work of the National Council for the year. Dr. Warren Wilson spoke on the Mass Movement survey work which was most informing.

On the whole the spirit of co-operation among the missions working in the province is most encouraging and the spirit of the council meeting is splendid.

BEULAH M. SWAN.
The 1931 meeting was held in Calcutta, March 18th and 19th. The time was entirely taken up with reports of committees on various questions. The Indian Church Committee report was given over to telling about the results of a questionnaire that they had sent out to different Churches on three matters—relation of Church and Mission, self-support of Church, and attitude toward Church union. Nothing startling was found out from the questionnaire but they did find out that all Churches were thinking on these questions. The Committee on Rural Education reported a second edition of the Bengali booklet “How to Teach Reading by the Story Method”, and the starting of a quarterly magazine for village teachers by Mr. Ryrie at Chapra. If you do not already take this fine little magazine you should do so at once. The girls’ school at Pabna was discussed as a training school for women for village work and it is now advertised as a “Girls’ School of Domestic Economy under the auspices of the Rural Education Committee of the B. and A. Christian Council”. It seems to be a very fine school but the Australian Mission are in very straitened circumstances and it is uncertain how long they will be able to continue support for it. The Language School Committee reported as being still unable to agree on a Principal for the Language School. An Extension Course for missionaries was discussed and it was to be arranged in October 1931, but I heard no more of it. The Literature Committee has a full time literary worker hired. He has been spending most of his time on a Bible Commentary. The Primary Education Act was discussed and fear was expressed that much of the valuable work now done thru our Christian schools would be hampered. A special committee was appointed to look into the matter and to consult with the D. P. I. The Religious Education Committee reported that a Little Children’s Bible in Bengali was now available at the B. M. Press at 8 annas. This book is very nicely illustrated and a very fine book. They also reported a new course in Religious Education which is being tried in high schools. The Committee on Work among Women reported a series of six devotional meetings held for the women of Calcutta in July. They planned a school then to start to train Zenana Workers, but as only one candidate appeared that was dropped. They then planned a short Bible Study School in the Puja Holidays, but, as no one wished to attend, this had to be dropped. Miss Reid is the chairman of this committee and is anxious to do something—it would be well for those who can to get in touch with her for help with Bible-women. The Committee on Industrial Education had made a thorough study of the industrial situation and had some very good, although lengthy, suggestions to make in that field.
The 30th and 31st of December I attended the India Sunday School Union as a representative from the Council. The India Sunday School Union has been working in Bengal this year and report that the Tract and Book Society have undertaken the task of putting out two books in the Junior course for Sunday School and also three books for study for teachers. This will be a great help. Another thing of interest to us is that one of the India Sunday School Union workers is now in Calcutta and will be here for as long as he is needed. He is available to give a series of lectures to Sunday School teachers, stirring them up to new enthusiasm in Sunday School lines. He will come to Ushagram the last of this month and if any other station would like to have him come he is available. His name is Mr. Koshey and his address is Bishop’s College. An interesting report was given by Mr. Mukerji of Serampore on the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School to which he is giving his entire time as Secretary now. This is a very interesting organization having as its goal the wiping out of illiteracy of adults and children by students giving their time to a six weeks’ school in their own villages during their vacations. It is well worth anyone’s time to investigate this movement and get in line with it.

Mrs. Williams

Board of Christian Education

The Board held no mid-year meeting, but met twice during the present session.

All boarding schools in the Conference save two reported Children’s Day services.

The same number of schools reported medical examinations having been held.

At the request of the Calcutta-Hindustani District Conference, the Calcutta-Hindustani District Upper Primary Boarding School, operating on local self-support, was recognized as one of the schools of the Bengal Conference.

The Board gave approval for approaching the Bihar and Orissa Christian Council upon the matter of having a union high school for Santali girls at Pakaur.

The plan of having a two-day Charterhouse Course just preceding and in connection with the next Annual Conference session was discussed and sent to the Conference for action.

Mrs. Dewey was co-opted as chairman of a committee to carry on investigations suggested in the report of Units 9 and 10 of the Central Conference Resolutions, namely, (1) to discover the discrepancy in the number of boys and of girls receiving
education in the schools of our Conference, and (2) to discover the
truth or fallacy of the statement that our Primary Day-schools
are serving the non-Christian rather than the Christian com-

dunity.

(Sd.) F. G. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Evangelistic Committee

Report of Bible-women’s Work

1. Place of work.

2. No. of Christian homes
   No. of Hindu homes
   No. of Moslem homes
   } visited regularly.

3. Mention any special encouragements or problems which
   you have met in your homes this year.

4. How many male members of the families you have visited
   are also receiving Christian teaching? Have you given
   the pastor of your church a list of the addresses of homes
   visited?
   Have you called his attention to any cases of special
   importance?

5. In what other ways have you tried to bring help to people
   in the homes visited?
   (a) First aid.
   (b) Literature.
   (c) Temperance.
   (d) Child Training.
   (e) Child Health.
   (f) Pre-natal care of mother.
   (g) Home sanitation and hygiene.
   (h) In any other ways?

6. How many Bibles and Bible portions sold?
   Tracts and other literature.

7. How many hospital visits have you made? What encour-
   agements have you had in this work?

8. Have you related yourself to some women’s society in the
   District? What responsibilities have you carried in this
   connection?
Women's Societies and Home Missions

In the Calcutta Girls' High School the Junior Auxiliary of the Home Missionary Society has functioned this year as usual under the leadership of Miss Simond and Miss Howesden. Very few meetings were held, but the girls served faithfully for their sale. This was held on November 7th in the form of a Garden Fete on the school grounds. Local firms were generous in their contributions and the sum raised for the Children’s Homes at Coonoor amounted to four hundred and fifty rupees, the largest amount the girls have ever raised.

In Queen's Hill School the Epworth League has given Rs. 35-1-0 to support a Hindustani girl in Calcutta, and the Sunday School has given Rs. 156 to support an Indian School in Darjeeling.

In the Birbhum District they have two Ladies' Aids, one in Sangrampore and one in Pakaur. At Sangrampore they have 20 members. They meet once a month. At their Institute which was held in November the women exhibited their crocheted lace, knitted scarfs, covers, mats and various garments. Nearly all were sold and brought in Rs. 11-3-6. Rs. 15-8-9 has been raised through collections. Out of their yearly sum of Rs. 26-12-3, Rs. 2 has been given to mission claimants.

At the Pakaur Bengali Church there are 22 members in the Ladies' Aid. They have meetings the first Saturday of every month. The collection for the year was Rs. 12-7-9. Rs. 8-0-0 has been given to mission claimants.

In the Pakaur-Santali District they have eight sewing circles. During the year they have been busy sewing. Their annual sale brought in Rs. 65-3-9. With this money they bought a gong for one of the churches, two big mats for another church and Rs. 10 was paid in on church repairs. At the Santali District Conference five pastors were given Rs. 5 each to purchase goats. The women are delighted with their plan of keeping and giving away goats. We hope this will help self-support in the village churches. The women displayed their sewing at the District Conference. Each circuit sent a garment which had been made by a village woman.

Blackstone Missionary Institute Report 1931

The year 1930-31 has brought its changes. Miss Clancy has gone on furlough and after an absence of six years I have returned to take up work in the Institution. I have sensed, and am conscious of many changes.
The year has been a difficult one because of illness in the staff. It was almost impossible to carry on the work in the Vernacular Department after Christmas because of this. Teachers suitable for teaching religious education are not easily found. We are grateful at the beginning of the school year in July for a full staff. We were most fortunate in Miss Hector's returning to teach in the Higher Vernacular course. She was our one graduate in the English Department last May. Miss Ferguson, another new assistant, has come to us. While she is not particularly trained for this work, she is adapting herself most satisfactorily. Miss Randall has had the great misfortune to break her leg just at the close of her summer vacation but she has carried on with her to teaching in spite of her handicap.

We have become so crowded for a worship room for the children and living quarters for the English Training that we instituted another great change in the English Training at the opening of the school year. Two of our rooms had to be given over to the District Evangelist and we have been compelled to take the large wing back of the offices which was used as a dormitory for the English Training and convert it into a worship room for the Junior Church, Intermediate League, etc. The English Training girls are all now pleasantly situated in the newest line built for teachers and converts in the boarding. Each girl has a room to herself and we feel they are most ideally located. They continue to eat in the same dining-room with us but their food arrangements are entirely separate from ours. We find this most satisfactory, they have plenty of good wholesome food and it noticeably reduces our living expenses.

With the passing of the years in order to meet the new requirements of the Mission and the Government we find the type of girl sent for training changing very rapidly. In former years girls passing out of the Vernacular Department were accepted as teachers in the Middle Schools and many of them did most satisfactory work but the Government will no longer accept them, they must have normal training. This alone has made great inroads in our attendance. Within the past two years our own Conference Evangelistic committee has passed the rule that no one under Middle pass may be taken on as a Bible-reader. This has made it almost necessary that we close out the department for girls under Middle pass. We still have a few widows, and one or two girls of fifth class standard have been taken in because those sending them were wanting them returned as their Bible-readers. They are not of our Conference. Thus you may see that a large percentage of the class of girls who came to us in former years are now shut out.

Now that the programs for Religious Education are being so stressed in our schools and churches we are hoping to be able to train our teachers and girls that they may give more efficient
help in these programs. Before school closed in May we planned programs in the Vernacular Department in which practically the same courses are being offered as are now being given in the English Department. These are planned for our trained junior teachers or for girls from the eighth standard and upward. We feel that the thing that is going to help us most in getting candidates for this course is the co-operation of the principals of our schools. Until the principal feels the need of trained help in the work and is willing to urge one of her teachers to come and take the training we will have but few candidates. We have four girls taking this new course this year. None of them have read as far as we set our stakes but all are doing fine work. They come from the Central Provinces, only one being from our Mission.

We are still groping in the dark as to the future of our English Department. Jubbulpore hopes to open by July of 1932. They plan for the Matric pass girl only. What is to become of the girl who is not Matric pass? Just now we have nine enrolled in the English Department. Out of this number four are Matric pass, three Matric fail and two have read in the seventh class only. Of the nine, four are eligible for Jubbulpore. Applications have been received from other Matric fails. We are urging such to take our new courses in the Vernacular but most of them prefer to stay away rather than take the Vernacular training. We are anxious to do the thing that is going to be the best for our work in India. We are dependent upon our interested friends in helping us to find our place.

F. A. CLARK,
Principal.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium
Annual Report, 1931

Staff.—There were several changes in the Sanatorium staff this year. Dr. Kipp went home on furlough and Dr. O. G. Taylor of Madar became Medical Director. Dr. Martha Nilkanth came as Assistant Medical Director. Miss Fernstrom's going home left Miss Dunn alone with the Health Department work. Miss Beulah Bishop, a new nurse, arrived in November. She spent the winter in language study at Fatehgarh and attended the Landour Language School during the summer, returning to Tilaunia in September. Miss Murray was very heartily welcomed back to her former position as office manager.

The junior staff this year has consisted of two teachers, two staff nurses, one Baby Fold attendant, matron, three student nurses, and the nurses who come from Bareilly for affiliation. We have also had several patients who did part-time work in the school, dispensary and wards, whose work helped us a great deal.
**Board Meeting.**—In March the Board of Directors met at Tilannia. Upon the recommendation of the board at this meeting Bishop Robinson assigned the members of the Sanatorium staff to the different Conferences. As the Sanatorium is an inter-Conference institution it was thought best that the staff be made up of members from the different Conferences.

The Board passed a resolution expressing appreciation of the work of Dr. Kipp and asking that she be returned to Tilannia and that a second doctor also be sent here. Later a special emergency request from the Executive Committee was sent to the Society at home asking for a doctor, and for money to repair the electric plant.

**Baby Fold.**—We have had six to eight children in the Baby Fold most of the year. These children come when their mothers come as patients. They are usually sent to us as “healthy” children but we find on examination that all of them show signs of having been infected. So they receive regular preventorium treatment, sunbaths, rest, special food and medication. Most of these children attend the Kindergarten class in school.

**School and Sunday School.**—Since the opening of school in July there have been about twenty-five children in school. The classes are irregular as both pupils and teachers are only allowed to go to school when the doctor gives permission. There are also language difficulties. We have three class A: Hindi, Urdu and Gujarati. Some of the class work is about up to standard but in other classes emphasis is placed on hand work, health projects such as booklets, posters, etc. A school garden this year has given the children much pleasure and healthful exercise. Our two teachers have had much valuable help from several of the patients in the school work this year.

The sewing and gardening class for the older patients as well as the children has done very good work this year. We find as in all Sanatoria that cures come faster and the patients live a happier life when suitable tasks are provided for all. In this respect we are badly in need of trained helpers to work with our patients. In addition to her school work and with the help of a very efficient little cripple patient, one of our teachers looks after some of this work as best she can, not having had training for such work.

Pleasure and health instruction have been given the girls through a picture machine which we use in the school and in the wards. Our D. S. also entertained with his picture machine one evening which gave the patients much pleasure.

**Nurses’ Training.**—In October four nurses took their first year nurses’ examination under the N. I. Examination Board. They were given their training and instruction through the year
by the Superintendent and the Asst. Medical Director. These girls will go elsewhere for further training, as we give only one year of training, including lectures on Tuberculosis and School Nursing. A three months' course on the last named subject is given to the students of the Bareilly Hospital.

Patients.—During the year there was a total of 147 patients treated in the Sanatorium.

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Average length of stay: 5½ months.

Daily Average: 68 patients.

Of the 68 dismissed the results were as follows:

- Unimproved: 1
- Transferred as Non-Tb.: 7
- Improved: 16
- Apparently arrested: 45

Of those dismissed 6 were of other missions, 3 were Hindus, and 1 Mohammadan.

Laboratory examinations: 360

We had a slightly smaller number of patients this year but a larger number of dismissals. We have fewer third-stage cases this year. The majority of our cases are first stage and preventorium children. Most of the patients made good gains throughout the year. A mother and child came from Burma last winter. The mother seemed quite ill when she arrived but she surprised and pleased us all by making a very steady recovery. She gained over twenty pounds in six months. Several school girls gained as much as twenty pounds during the year. We had a slight epidemic of influenza in August and quite a number of cases of malaria and one of dengue.

Dispensary.—In our outdoor dispensary we aim to treat only those people who cannot go elsewhere for treatment, such as our own servants and the nearby villagers. Sometimes we have difficulties persuading those who need hospital care to go to Ajmer or Jaipur but we do so whenever possible, as we need to concentrate our efforts on our tuberculosis work. During the dispensary hours Mrs. Lakshmi Chand acts as Bible-woman. She sells tracts, sings bhajans and preaches to the patients who come for medicine and dressings.
The dispensary report for the year is as follows:

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We gave first aid to several persons bitten by mad dogs and snakes.

For his professional services and his loyal support and help thru the year we are grateful indeed to Dr. Taylor of the Board of Foreign Missions. He drove every week over the difficult road from Madar to Tilaunia, even during the rains not missing one trip.

We wish to thank the C. P. Conference for lending us Dr. Martha Nilkanth in our time of need.

During the year we were the happy recipient of a gift of Rs. 1,800 from the "Lady Irwin Fund" administered by the A. G. G. at Ajmer. Thru the influence of Rev. George Eldridge we were given the above amount. The fund was created by the Maharajah of Jaipur at the occasion of his ascending the throne last March.

Health Department.—This year the report of the Health Department covers only eleven months. 15 schools have been visited and 1,311 children were examined. The boys, who are in our girls' schools, are included in this number.

In Pauri the teeth of all those in the boys' school were examined to see if they would be justified in having the Oral Hygienist.

The Pilgrimage of Health, taking the place of the Modern Health Crusade as you may remember, was put into the hands of Mr. Mehra, Director of the Junior Red Cross, by Miss Fernstrom. The hygiene books for third and fourth classes are called "Health Land", books I and II.

When Mr. Mehra was at Tilaunia a year ago he said it would take two years to get the books printed and the work under way. He surely is thinking "Health" if one judges by the Junior Supplement to the Red Cross Magazine and we hope the Pilgrimage will be launched on time, and that it will meet a much larger need than the Crusade has been able to do.

As yet the 6th Class Outline has not been completed, but we are hoping it may be soon. Miss Paul of Basti is translating it.

We have had to have 50 more copies of 3rd Class Outline printed to tide us over until the Pilgrimage books are ready.
Several of us are thinking more and more about outline for Kindergarten, A, B, 1st and 2nd, and hope to be able to do something along that line this year.

For the past year Miss Dunn has been secretary of the Health Visitors’ League in connection with the Trained Nurses’ Association of India. It means a bit more work, but we’ve had quite a good many letters of inquiry regarding the Crusade and the Health work in our schools, besides requests for literature from our Health Department from Burma, South India, Sind, Kashmere.

We feel that health teaching and annual health examination with corrective work are worth while in our schools, and are glad to share with this large family outside our own mission.

The Teachers’ Training School in Jodhpur State has been using our library for sometime now. The Principal, Narain Prasad, has visited Tilaunia several times. Now the Head-master of the N. S. in the same place is asking for a Health Institute.

The climax of the year’s work was the Health Workers’ Institute held in Tilaunia. This institute was attended by principals, teachers, matrons and nurses, the total registration being 23. We regret that more schools were not represented.

The Institute began with a sight-seeing trip to Ajmer on Saturday. Sunday was a day of rest and worship. After S. S. there was a trip thru the Sanatorium.

It was emphasized during Institute that all on our compounds strive for the attainment and maintenance of a 100% Health Record, meaning physical, mental, moral and spiritual. In the program we gave place to these four aspects of health in the devotional hour, led by Dr. Oliver and Dr. Nilkanth; in Dr. Oliver’s lectures on Social Hygiene; in the Teaching of the Modern Health Crusade along with Child Psychology and Methods by Miss Piyari Phillips; in the Teaching of Hygiene in the lower classes and Tuberculosis Prevention by Dr. Huffman; in demonstrations on Health Work in our schools by Miss Dunn; in Ideal Diet by Miss Bobb; in Corrective Exercises and Games by Miss Salzer; and by two Health Dramas given by the Tilaunia folk.

One of the features of Institute was the singing of Health Songs by the help of illustrated slides which Miss Bell prepared.

We tried to make the Hindustani menu correspond as nearly as we could with the “Ideal Diet” given by Miss Bobb, calling for milk, vegetables, and fruits besides the ordinary dal, bhat, curry, chapati and khichari.

On Friday the girls went to Jaipur to see the palace in Amber, and the beautiful new State Zenana Hospital, built by the Maharajah of Jaipur, administered by the Scotch Presbyterian Mission.
Miss Dunn came back to Tilaunia every three months to give a set of twenty lectures to each new group of Bareilly affiliating nurses who come to us for Tb. work and School Nursing. The Brindaban Hospital is also planning to send their nurses for this work.

Last November four talks were given to a group of Bengali mothers in Sangrampur, Bihar. These women are the mothers of three-fourths of the girls in our Pakaur school. We went to them in their village, lived in tents on the church compound, visited in the homes in the mornings, and had the meetings in the little mud church in the afternoons.

One talk on Methods of Teaching Health was given in a Government High School.

There is increased interest in Health work and more follow-up work is being done each year.

More attention is being given to an adequate diet measured by the health and weight of the girls. The old idea that the big girls must take their turns getting up at 2, 3, or 4 o'clock in the morning to cook is gradually being given up, and from the results as seen in the health of the girls, it pays.

This year we were happy to see the improvement in vision of eyes which have been treated for Follicular Conjunctivitis, Trachoma, etc. Some of those who have glasses have improved in health and in their school work.

A large number of infected tonsils have been removed, there is seldom difficulty in obtaining the consent of parents for this operation.

In a few schools Scabies was found, but after seeing by actual demonstration what the real treatment is and that fifty or sixty can be cured in a week, we never expect to find it in those schools again.

This year we have the help of an Oral Hygienist sent out by Dr. Foreman and our schools are taking advantage of the opportunity thus afforded.

Submitted by,
(Sd.) L. E. Bell,
Superintendent of Sanatorium.

Isabella Thoburn College
Report to the Annual Conferences, 1931-1932

Isabella Thoburn College has concluded another year of its history as far as the Conferences interested are concerned. In reporting the year to the Conferences, I shall not attempt to speak of everything which makes up the college life but only to touch
the new hostel which we call Nishat Mahal. It was built at a cost of Rs. 78,237, which included all equipment except some of the furniture which was given in special gifts by people in India. It will accommodate at capacity fifty students and two teachers. Naturally it is not crowded this first year; it would have been a source of great anxiety had we absorbed all of our additional accommodations in the first year. The design is similar to but not identical with the other two hostels. The college had splendid co-operation from the building firm (Martin and Company), from Mr. Vaugh, the building expert of the Presbyterian Mission, and from the whole building committee who spent many hours on the plans and gave very valuable advice. Because of this splendid work and co-operation the cost of the building was very materially reduced from the first estimate without affecting its efficiency or stability.

The results of last April's examinations were embarrassingly good, the embarrassment arising from the fact that we shall probably not be able to maintain the very high standard achieved last year. Two first divisions in the B. A. and one in the B. Sc. were secured. In the intermediate, three passed in the first division. There were three failures in the B. A. and two in the intermediate. The two training departments did well; the graduate department again maintained its phenomenal record of never having had a failure while in the E. T. C. one girl failed and must do two subjects again this year. The entire class of the latter department is now engaged in mission schools.

The extra-curricular activities of the college go on with the usual vigor and interest. It was a particular satisfaction that during the year under report the head-clerk, himself a recent convert, has shown a very great interest in the Christian activities among the servants. Miss Vincent, one of the India members of the staff, gave much time and energy to the servants' night school. The Y. W. C. A. continues to be the clearing house through which the student Christian activities operate. In January a new plan for the two large Methodist Churches of Lucknow was put into operation and a morning service was opened in the Lal Bagh Church. Feeling that the college should make every possible effort to link its church life with the Churches outside the college, our own morning service was given up. Unfortunately there followed a slight delay in the opening of the morning service at Lal Bagh; then the college was in quarantine for a number of weeks and then examinations, with the consequent breaking up of the student body following immediately on the quarantine. With the opening of activities after the summer vacation, however, the
morning service in the Lal Bagh Church was given up so we have resumed a service in the college. But instead of turning the whole matter over to a pastor, a committee has been formed of teachers and students who are responsible for the morning service. This has proved very satisfactory so far and for the present it seems to offer greater possibilities than the old plan in which responsibility fell wholly on the regular preacher. Chapel attendance this year has been excellent. Except for one or two students the Roman Catholic group consistently avoid chapel. But for the most part the non-Christian students attend, and many of them participate in the singing and in responsive readings. Once in a fortnight the classes in rotation are responsible for Chapel and they have given us some very splendid services. Once in a fortnight also a speaker from outside the college is asked to come; these Chapels are sometimes of doubtful value but the committee does its best to secure only those people who will really have something to give the students.

It was a very great joy when in the Board of Governors meeting of January 1931 we presented for the blessing of the college a group of five young women, Conference members, who either had been or were to be appointed by the Bishops in charge to missionary appointments. All of these were young women who had already given service which was their high recommendation for full responsibility. Not every graduate of Isabella Thoburn College will be a missionary any more than everyone who graduated from the colleges which many of us attended was qualified or called for special Christian service. But there is a spirit in many of our students which gives great hope for the future.

It is not always possible for the college to do everything which it seems we should do because we are bound by rules from a good many different directions, but as the college was founded with the aim to prepare young women to serve Christ in India, so it is our present aim to fulfil that purpose. Obligations to Government, to the University, to the missionary societies supporting the college and to the people who send their girls to us all have to enter into the formation and carrying out of our policies. None realize better than those who are serving in the college what careful consideration all these things need. We desire to serve with you.

MARY E. SHANNON,
Principal.

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Resolutions

We, as the Bengal Woman's Conference, wish to express to Bishop Robinson our appreciation of his sympathetic co-operation in our work, and our regret that Mrs. Robinson was unable to accompany him here.

We wish to express our gratitude to the North India Conference for the loan of Miss Carrie Rost for the past two years and we wish her a happy, healthful furlough in America.

We wish to express our sympathy to Miss Eddy, who was compelled to leave for early furlough for health reasons. We assure her of our loving thoughts and prayers.

To Miss Field, we extend our gratitude for remaining for an extra year of service and we hope she will have a well-earned rest in America.

We extend to Mrs. Soule our sympathy in the illness of her mother and her husband, and we pray the blessing of the Great Physician upon them in their time of need.

We wish Godspeed to Miss Grandstrand, going on furlough, and pray that America may prove profitable to her.

We would congratulate Mrs. Beeken as lay delegate to General Conference from Bengal, and hope that she may find the trip both profitable and enjoyable.

We welcome to our Conference Miss Miriam Scholberg, and hope that next year it will be possible for her to attend the Woman's Conference in Bengal.

We welcome from furlough Mrs. Griffiths, Miss Boles, and Mrs. Engberg.

We extend our heartiest welcome to Miss Barber, and hope that she returns with renewed health and strength to carry on her work.

We wish to express our gratitude to God, and to the ladies of the W. F. M. S. in America for their sacrifices in these strenuous times which enable us to carry on our current work in 1932 without a cut.

We have enjoyed our Conference in Calcutta and wish to express our appreciation to the entertainment committee as well as to all those who have helped to make us happy and comfortable here.
General Statistics for Bengal Conference, for the last Complete Conference year preceding October 31st, 1931

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<th>NAME OF DISTRICTS</th>
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## Statistics of the Educational Work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of March 31st, 1931

### NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

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* Counted with Jidato.
### Income (Use local Currency)

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### Expenditures (Use local Currency)

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

**For the Conference year ending December, 1931**

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Medical Statistics for the year ending June 30, 1931

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 hospi­
          tals 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 Beulah Swan.
   (b) Native—Rev. Kuduram Das.

IV. STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1931.
   1. Staff.—
      (1) Missionary doctor (give names): H. C. Edmunds (acting).
      (4) Native doctor: Susan Alley.
      (5) Native nurses: (a) Graduates 2. (b) Students 1.
          Total (5) 3. Total (4) and (5) 4.
      (6) Other workers (a) Foreign 1. (b) Native 2.
          Total (a) and (b) 3.
          Total Staff 8.
   2. Hospital.—
      (1) No. of beds ... ... ... ... 12
      (2) " in-patients ... ... ... ... 217
      (3) " patient days ... ... ... ... 1,219
      (4) Average days per patient ... ... ... ... 5½
      (5) No. of major operations ... ... ... ... 27
      (6) No. of minor operations ... ... ... ... 5
      (7) Obstetrical cases in hospital ... ... ... ... 2
   3. Out-Patients.—
      (1) Obstetrical cases ... ... ... ... 2
      (2) First visits (include obstetrical visits) ... ... ... 8
      (3) Return visits " " ... ... ... 11
      (4) No. of itinerary treatments given ... ... ... Nil
      (5) Total out-patient treatments (sum of 2, 3 and 4). ... 19
   4. Dispensary.—
      (1) First calls ... ... ... ... 595
      (2) Return calls ... ... ... ... 1,968
      (3) Total dispensary treatments (sum of 1 and 2) ... 2,563
      (4) No. of minor operations (included in 3) ... 30
      (5) No. of preventive inoculations (included 3) ... 86
5. Property.—
   (1) Land—extent (acres) ... ... ... Nil
   (2) No. of buildings ... ... ... 3
   (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).—
   (1) From hospital patients ... ... ... 14 4 0
   (2) From dispensary patients ... ... ... 97 10 0
   (3) From outside patients ... ... ... 35 8 0
   (4) Appropriations—(a) Society ... ... ... 3,150 0 0
   (5) Government subsidies ... ... ... ...
   (6) Sale of drugs and supplies ... ... ... ...
   (7) Other sources:
       (a) Foreigners ... ... ... ...
       (b) Nationals ... ... ... ... 20 0 0
       Total Income ... 3,317 6 0

   (7) Expenses (use local currency).—
   (1) Salaries and wages ... ... ... 2,203 8 0
   (2) Drugs and supplies ... ... ... 480 7 9
   (4) Repairs ... ... ... ... 151 2 0
   (6) Other expenses ... ... ... ... 249 6 9
   Total Expenses ... 3,084 8 6

Remarks.—Dr. Alley resigned the end of August and since then we have had Dr. Edmunds, of the C. M. S., acting. We are trying to get a capable lady doctor.