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Miss Winifred King, Box 983, LaMesa, California.
Miss Hilda M. Swan, 4651 N. Pauline St., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. W. A. Mueller, University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt.
Miss Pearl Madden, 223 So. State St., Ann Arbor, Mich.
Miss Hazel O. Wood, Kimberly, Idaho.
Mrs. G. Schanzlin, 1103 West Broadway, Kokomo, Indiana.
Mrs. R. S. Gibbons, Ferry Road, Salisbury, Mass.

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Miss Fannie Bennett, Alhambra, California
Miss Katherine A. Blair, 2040 Dale St., San Diego, California
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, California
Miss Josephine Stahl, c/o Mrs. R. S. Beall, Mount Ayr, Iowa.
# Bengal Women's Conference

## APPOINTMENTS FOR 1933.

### Asansol District.

| District Work and Day Schools | Mrs. S. K. Mondol |
| Evangelistic Work | Miss Rachel Carr |
| Ushagram Church | Mrs. Faijan Biswas |
| Ushagram School | Miss Thelma Rebstock, Mrs. F. G. Williams |
| Asansol Church | Mrs. S. C. Katowar |

### Birbhum District.

| District Work | Mrs. B. B. Naskar, Mrs. B. W. Tucker |
| Bolpur | Mrs. Samuel Pandit |
| Pakaur | Mrs. B. B. Naskar |
| Sangrampur | Mrs. Sabjan Biswas |
| Santiniketan | Mrs. B. W. Tucker |
| District Evangelistic Work | Mrs. K. R. Dass |
| Suri | Mrs. S. Kazi |
| Evangelistic Work and Day Schools | Miss Eugenia Norberg |
| Educational Director and Girls' Hostel | Mrs. Elsie Beeken |
| Medical Work | Miss Beulah Swan |

### Calcutta Bengali District.

| Evangelistic Work and Day Schools | Miss K. M. Kinzly |
| Central Bengali Church | Mrs. J. S. Choudhury |
| Beliaghata | Mrs. W. H. Mawson |
| Hatibagan | Mrs. N. G. Sircar |
| Lee Memorial Mission and High School | Mrs. Ada Lee |
| Medical Work | Mrs. W. H. Mawson |
| Ballygunge | Mrs. P. C. Mondol |
| Tamluk | Mrs. B. K. Sen |

### Calcutta Hindustani District.

| District Work | Mrs. C. H. Archibald |
| Burra Bazaar | Mrs. A. D. Volrath |
| Central Hindustani Church | Mrs. Joseph Nelson |
Evangelistic and Educational Work  Miss Welles
Howrah  Mrs. Priya Nathaniel
Kidderpore  Mrs. W. H. Soule

District Work
Asansol  Mrs. H. E. Dewey
Calcutta Boys’ School  Mrs. F. G. Williams
Calcutta Girls’ School  Mrs. H. C. Fritchley
{ Miss Collins, Principal
{ Miss Hughes, Vice-Principal
Fern Hill Hostel  (To be supplied)
{ Mrs. Engberg, Principal
{ Miss Miriam Scholberg
{ Miss Barber, Kindergarten Supervisor.

Thoburn Church Director of Religious
Education and Pastor’s Assistant  Miss Ruth Field

Gomoh District.
District Work  Mrs. B. A. Mott
Dhanbad  Mrs. Alfred Kessop
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools  Miss Rachel Carr

Pakaur District.
District Work  Mrs. H. M. Swan
Bolpur  Mrs. Jibon Saren
Chilhamara  Mrs. R. L. Saren
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools  Miss Beulah Swan
Gondai  Mrs. Baijnath Marandi
Jidato Educational Director  Miss Mildred Pierce
Kola Jora  Mrs. Bodon Marandi
Saraidhalla  Mrs. Kandna Saren
Medical Work  Miss Beulah Swan

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.
Miss Ava Hunt, Acting Principal, Isabella Thoburn College,
Lucknow; Member Thoburn Church Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
Miss Lulu Boles, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow; Member Central Bengali Church Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.

Miss Mary Carpenter, Educational Secretary, Jubbulpore; Member Jubbulpore Quarterly Conference.

Mrs. W. G. Griffiths, Women's Work, Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, Member Central Bengali Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
OFFICERS.

President:
MISS AVA F. HUNT

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MRS. H. E. DEWEY.

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MISS LULU A. BOLES.

Assistant Secretary:
MISS DORIS WELLES.

Field Correspondent:
MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Conference Historian:
MISS EUGENIA NORBERG.

Statistical Secretary:
MISS BEULAH SWAN.

Treasurer:
MISS E. L. CLINTON.

Field Reference Committee:

MISS KATHARINE KINZLY .. MISS DORIS WELLES.
MRS. LILA ENGBERG .. MRS. ELsie BEEKEN.
MISS IRMA COLLINS .. MISS RACHEl CArr.

Ex-Officio: MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Alternates:

MISS PEARL HUGHES .. MISS BEULAH SWAN.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing.—C. H. Archibald, *Chairman*; the Cabinet *ex-officio*; J. S. Choudhury, Miss Hughes, Miss Pierce, Miss Kinzly.

Board of Christian Education.—Miss Pierce, *Chairman*; F. G. Williams, S. K. Mondol, Jibon Saren, Miss Carpenter, Miss Welles, Miss Hughes, Miss Collins, Miss Haldar, Miss Carr, H. C. Fritchley, H. K. Mondol, H. M. Swan.


Evangelistic.—Miss Kinzly and all evangelistic missionaries.

Temperance.—H. E. Dewey, *Chairman*; Charles Swan, Baijnath Marandi, Mrs. S. K. Mondol, Miss Adhikari, Miss Rebstock, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Haldar, W. H. Mawson, Faijan Biswas, A. P. Kessop, S. Pandit, S. P. Lancaster, Mrs. Mott, Miss Scholberg, Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Lee.

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

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

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

Programme.—Mrs. Tucker, Miss Barber, Mrs. Lee, Miss Hughes Mrs. Nathaniel.

Property.—Miss Welles, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Carr and Miss Pierce.

Publication.—Miss Boles, Miss Welles.

Women’s Societies and Home Missions.—Mrs. Dewey, *Chairman*; Mrs. Volrath, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Soule.

Conference Relations.—Miss Swan, Miss Carr, Mrs. Engberg.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.


Literary Programme.—Charles Swan, Miss Collins, S. K. Mondol; Mrs. Mawson, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Engberg.

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES.

Bengal and Assam Christian Council of Missions.—C. H. Archibald, S. K. Mondol, Miss Collins.

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

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly; Alternate, Miss Welles.

Board of Governors, Isabella Thoburn College.—Miss Carpenter 1933-34.

Mary Wilson Sanatorium.—Miss Boles.


All-India Literature Committee.—Miss Carpenter.

Executive Board.—Miss Swan.

Bengali Woman’s Friend.—Mrs. S. K. Mondol.
PROCEEDINGS
Forty-sixth Annual Session.
Friday, January 6th.

The forty-sixth session of the Bengal Woman's Conference met in the drawing-room of the W. F. M. S. Bengali bungalow at Pakaur on Friday, January 6th, 1933 at 12 o'clock, with Miss Carpenter, the Vice-Chairman, in the chair. The devotional service, led by Miss Hunt, was opened with the singing of hymn No. 394, "Behold us, Lord, a little space." I Chron. 28:1-10 was read and the message was based on the thought of Building. The hymn "Try us, O Lord, and search the ground" was sung as a prayer, after which the teachers of the Santali Girls' school sang "Is your life a channel of Blessing."

Roll Call.—The following members responded to roll call; Mrs. Archibald, Miss Barber, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Boles, Miss Carpenter, Miss Carr, Miss Collins, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Hughes, Miss Hunt, Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mondol, Miss Norberg, Miss Pierce, Miss Rebstock, Miss Swan, Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Tucker, Miss Welles.

Elections.—The following officers were elected: President, Miss Hunt; Vice-President, Mrs. Dewey; Secretary, Miss Boles, Assistant Secretary, Miss Welles; Historian, Miss Norberg; Statistical Secretary, Miss Swan.

Introductions.—The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Mrs. Pandit, Doctor at Pakaur; Misses Nellie Singh, Anna Singh, Lois Singh, Subashini Marandi, Lois Baski, Piyari Murmu—teachers in Jidato, and Miss N. Biswas from Calcutta; and Misses Collins, Carr and Barber were welcomed from furlough.

Greetings from absent members.—Greetings to the Conference were brought from the following: Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Odgers, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Byers, Miss Matheson, Miss Whiting, Miss Clinton, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Schanzlin, Miss Field, Miss Eddy, Mrs. Williams, Miss Stahl, and Rev. and Mrs. Joyner.

Absent members.—Mrs. Nathaniel and Mrs. Nelson sent regrets at absence and asked to be excused. Mrs. K. K. Chakravarti was reported to be very ill and Mrs. Lee led in special prayer for her recovery.

Greetings to absent members.—The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to Miss Whiting, and various members promised to write to those who were absent.

The Chairman was instructed to invite Bishop Robinson to visit the Woman's Conference at his convenience.
Treasurer's Report.—Since Miss Whiting was sailing so soon, she was unable to be present but sent a letter of suggestions and information which was read by the Secretary. Growing out of this, Miss Pierce brought in the following recommendation from the Field Reference Committee:

In the adjustment of funds to make up the deficit made by the 15% cut in appropriations, the Field Reference Committee recommends to the Woman's Conference a cut of 10% from January 1st in the salaries of all workers who receive more than Rs. 10/.

This recommendation was adopted by the Conference.

Committees.—The following committees were appointed by the Chair:

Nominating.—Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Rebstock.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Tucker, Miss Collins, Mrs. Dewey.

Reporter to Indian Witness.—Miss Collins was requested to report the Woman's Conference to the Indian Witness.

Report in Joint Session.—At the request of Bishop Robinson, the following reports were ordered to be read in Joint Session:

Educational.—Secretary's report and Isabella Thoburn College.

Election of Field Reference Committee.—On motion, the election of the Field Reference Committee was made the order of the day for the session on Saturday.

Official Letter.—The Official letter from Mrs. Hardie was read by Miss Pierce.

Reports.—The report of the Blackstone Missionary Institute was read by Miss Kinzly and accepted by the Conference.

On motion, it was voted that no reports of Inter-Conference or joint institutions be included in our Minutes.

The report of the Bihar and Orissa Christian Council was read by Miss Swan and accepted by the Conference.

The report of the Mary Wilson Sanitarium was read by Miss Boles and accepted.

The session adjourned with prayer by Miss Hunt.

Saturday, January 7th

The session on Saturday, January 7th, opened with devotions led by Mrs. Lee. After the singing of the hymn, "And can it be," Mrs. Lee read the verses from Daily Light for January 3rd and based her talk on the thought of God's guidance as brought out in Deut. 32:10-12. Mrs. Swan and Miss Barber led in prayer asking for God's special blessing upon our Conference session. After the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," there was special music by a group of girls from the Bengali school.
Minutes.—The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Field Correspondent.—Miss Pierce was nominated and elected as Field Correspondent by a show of hands.

Field Reference Committee.—It was voted to elect six members, the Field Correspondent to be ex-officio. Miss Hughes and Mrs. Mondol were appointed tellers and the following were elected: Miss Kinzly, Miss Welles, Mrs. Engberg, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Collins, Miss Carr. Alternates: Miss Hughes and Miss Swan.

Woman’s Conference Membership.—On motion of Mrs. Archibald, the matter of electing a Conference Relations Committee for our Woman’s Conference was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Lee gave a very interesting report of her work in the Lee Memorial Mission and asked for prayer for some of the problems they are facing.

The Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Beeken, Lay Delegate to General Conference, gave some of her impressions of General Conference and her trip to the United States, which was most interesting and indicated that she had thoroughly enjoyed her trip.

Nominating Committee.—The report of the Nominating Committee was read and approved. The nominations to the Board of Christian Education, as made by the sub-committee of the Board, were approved by the Conference.

The session was adjourned and the members of the Conference attended the distribution of prizes at the Baby Show which had been conducted in the Mission Hospital.

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Monday, January 9th.

The session on Monday, January 9th, opened with devotions led by Miss Carr. Hymn No. 358, “What is our calling’s glorious hope?” was sung. The reading from the Daily Light for January 9th was read and the thought of Miss Carr’s message was “Sharing.” Hymn No. 336, “My gracious Lord, I own thy right,” was followed with prayer. Special violin music was furnished by Master Herbert Lee Archibald.

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

Woman’s Conference Relations Committee.—The Nominating Committee brought in their report of nominations to this Committee and the following were elected: Miss Swan, Miss Carr, Mrs. Engberg.

Calcutta Christian Schools Society.—The Field Reference Committee reported the election of the following to this Society: Miss Collins, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Clinton.
Representatives.—The following representatives were elected:

Executive Board.—Miss Swan.

Blackstone Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly.

Mary Wilson Sanitarium.—Miss Boles.

Darjeeling Cottage.—A letter from the Central Treasurer was read, giving notice that reservations for the cottage must be in before November 1st in future instead of February 1st.

Reports.—The following reports were presented and accepted:

Woman's Friend.—Mrs. Mondol.

Property Committee.—Miss Pierce.

Evangelistic Committee.—Miss Kinzly.

Women's Societies.—Mrs. Dewey.

Literature Committee.—Miss Carpenter.

All-India Literature Committee.—Miss Carpenter was elected as our representative on this Committee.

Editing Minutes.—Miss Boles and Miss Hunt were appointed to edit the Minutes of this session.

Resolutions.—The report of the Committee on Resolution was read by Mrs. Tucker and adopted.

Report.—The Editing Committee was authorized to edit the reports to be incorporated in the Minutes.

After prayer by Mrs. Archibald, the Conference session was adjourned.
Reports of Work.

ASANSOL DISTRICT.

Ushagram Girls' Boarding School.

Missionaries ........................................

MRS. F. G. WILLIAMS

THELMA A. REBSTOCK

It is interesting to look back at the end of a school year and consider what has been accomplished during that year. We ask ourselves whether we are any nearer to our goal than we were twelve months before. Here in Ushagram, we feel as we pause and look back that the year has been one of steady progress.

There are some outward changes which are to be seen quite plainly. If a visitor who had been here one year ago were to wander into the girls' village he would notice several things. He would see that the old dormitory which the girls had occupied for many years has been entirely torn down and that the property on which it stood is being made into a playground. On going a little farther, he would see four new adobe cottages which had not been there before. If he were to continue on around the U-shaped road through the village, he would come to the new library building which has just been completed. It is a light, airy, attractive little building containing two reading rooms and a stack room.

These are some of the outward signs of progress. What of the various activities and projects which go to make up the village life? The Panchayat or student council continues to function and has become a well-established institution. The girls now regard it as an important body and one whose word must be respected. The Co-operative Store and village Bank still play their part as educational factors and meet a real need. The Head Girls of the houses buy their supplies at this village store and keep their accounts which are inspected by a teacher.

The morning work period and the afternoon play hour have had a definite part in the daily program. All girls are divided into groups with one girl as leader, and the work is done under her direction with, of course, a certain amount of supervision by the teachers. The play period after school is a lively time.

Girl Guides and Bluebirds have had a very successful year and many of the Guides have won badges.

There has been practically no serious illness although there were a good many cases of fever between July and December. In March, a young man who had been trained in dentistry on Dr. Forman's staff in Allahabad came to examine the teeth of all the girls and attend to necessary extractions and fillings.
This year, we have had two classes above the Middle School. For girls who for one reason or another will not be taking the Matriculation course, a special course in Homemaking has been worked out. On the completion of this course, they will receive a certificate from the school. As Head Girls of the houses, these students have plenty of opportunity to put into practical use what they learn in theory in the classroom. From Class VI, four girls sat for the scholarship examination in November but we have not yet heard the results. One of the most interesting classes in the entire school is the little nursery class. Wee tots who are still scarcely beyond the toddling stage come to this class and have their various activities under the direction of an older woman. The Industries class is doing good work. A few girls spend their entire class time there. A trained weaving master from the Boys’ School is in charge of the work. Both pit looms and small portable looms of different kinds are being used. A course has been worked out for the girls and at the completion of it they will have considerable knowledge of weaving.

During the past year, Rev. F. C. Biswas has been our Ushagram pastor, and church services, Sunday School and Epworth League have been under his direction. Church services are held every week. At that time, the adults and older children meet together and the younger children have their own Junior Church service with a teacher in charge. An effort has been made to have this as much like the other church service as possible but adapted to the needs and understanding of young children. Sunday School is held regularly on Sunday morning and junior and Epworth League meetings are held during the week. On Sunday afternoon, an hour is set aside for Epworth League group meetings. The morning watch is kept by the girls as a group before the work of the day begins and each cottage takes charge of its own evening prayers. We very much appreciate the work of Rev. S. K. Mondol of the Children’s Mission who came to Ushagram to hold a series of special meetings with the young people. They were greatly benefited in a spiritual way by his helpful talks and lantern lectures.

A Parents’ Day was held in September and parents of the girls were invited to see the exhibition of classroom work. Following this, there was an entertainment given by the girls.

The Ushagram mela, held just before the close of school for the Christmas holiday, has been one of the outstanding events of the year. Many of the parents and other people of Asansol and the surrounding villages attended this mela. A Baby Show was held on the last day, under the direction of the Asansol Mines Board of Health, and nearly 150 babies were brought for examination. We were very proud to learn that the child of a former Ushagram girl had received first prize.

We should like to thank the staff and all friends of the School here or abroad who have in one way or another helped to make the year a successful one.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Missionary

THELMA A. REBSTOCK.

We have three Bengali Bible-women working in and around Asansol and since February a Hindi-speaking woman has been living in Asansol and working among the Hindustani women of the District. One other Bible-woman lives in the village of Puapur and works among the people there. These workers have gone into both Christian and non-Christian homes during the past year, carrying their message and ministering to the women.

Several Sunday School classes are carried on by teachers or Bible-women. One of the teachers from the Asansol day school has had a class for the women of the Christian village near Ushagram. The teacher in charge of the little Hindi school which meets on the Ushagram compound has had a Sunday class for them and for the other children of their village. At Cheledunga, a class is held every Sunday afternoon.

The work of the village schools is encouraging. New schools have been started at Sarakdihi, at Kulti and at Puapur and the school at Burnpur is still doing well. Both Christian and non-Christian children attend these schools. A trained teacher has been appointed to the Sarakdihi school for the coming year so we have high hopes for it.

The Asansol day schools have had a good year. Attendance in the Bengali school has averaged about 100 and in the Hindi school about 21. The majority of these girls are from Hindu homes in Asansol. The schools held their annual prize day in February and in spite of rainy weather quite a number of the mothers attended. The Inspectress has given us permission to open Class IV in the Bengali school, thus making the school of Upper Primary grade, and the Hindi Inspectress has approved the opening of Class III in the Hindi school next year. The music master from Ushagram has been going to the school one week during the month to give the girls instruction in Bengali music, and we very much appreciate the work which he has done. Two flocks of Bluebirds have been started—one for Bengali girls and one for Hindustani girls. One of these flocks has already been enrolled and the other should be ready for enrolment soon. Two teachers are in charge of this work. Four girls sat for the Lower Primary scholarship examination in November and of these one girl was successful.

I should like to thank all those who have worked so faithfully this year in the schools and in the District. We enter upon a new year, confident that He who has been our never-failing Guide and Helper will continue to shower His rich blessings upon us.

Hindustani Girls' Boarding School.

Of the group of girls which was in the Hindustani Boarding School, a few have left school entirely, three are in the Usha-
gram Girls’ School, one in Class IX of the Johnson Girls’ School, Jubbulpore, and the others at Arrah. During the past year, the Arrah group has numbered fourteen and some applications have been received for the coming year. The children go back and forth between Arrah and Asansol at holiday time twice a year. We appreciate the co-operation of the Arrah missionaries in making it possible for our girls to continue in school.

**BIRBHUM DISTRICT.**

**Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.**

*Missionary* ... ... ... ... *MISS E. NORBERG.*

The old year has come to a close and a new year lies before us. As we review the year just closing our first expression must be that of praise to our Heavenly Father for His care over us, His guidance and daily renewed strength for each day’s work, and for His keeping power. We have been kept in peace and no harm has come to us during the unrest of the year.

Mrs. Beeken left early in the year for the United States to attend the General Conference. I have been in charge of the Bengali Boarding school in her absence, and my time has been fully occupied in looking after her work as well as my own. Since her return I have been able to go out to the villages.

The first thing on the program was the Women’s Institute in Sangrampur. For two years in succession these have been held and we feel they have been worth while. We are grateful to note the improvements in the Christian homes of the villages. Where formerly there were no windows to let in the fresh air, windows have been opened; and in the courtyards of at least five homes there were sanitary lavatory arrangements of a simple kind. We saw the beginning of vegetable and flower gardens. The babes and smaller children of the families were cleaner and healthier than in former years. Many homes have their own cows. Suitable pictures adorn the walls. Indeed, we noticed an all-round improvement, and were much encouraged at the results of the Mothers’ Institutes held during the past three years.

The teachers in the Day School in Sangrampur are natives of the village, and trained. We are justly proud of them. The school is well attended and the village people are glad to send their children to our school.

The Ladies’ Aid is active and progressive. The women come to the meetings regularly, and have, by contributing rice and in other ways, raised fifty rupees. This money is often loaned out to those in need, and small amounts have been paid to benevolences.

Before Mrs. Beeken left in March we were able to spend some time in Dulian where we have a promising school of one hundred and twenty-five children. There is a great need there for enlargement of the classrooms, and a house for the second teacher. While there we visited several villages, and many of
the homes of the children; and every where the people were friendly. There is a great field there for evangelistic work.

The Day School at Hatpara has a very nice class of children attending. The children of the Court staff, Doctor and police officials attend this school. Sunday School is held each Friday and all the children attend and bring rice as collection. There are no Christian children attending this school.

One Bible woman works in Pakaur among the women, teaching sewing, embroidery, and knitting; and as she works with the women with her hands she finds many an opportunity to tell them of the Saviour whom we love and serve. Two Bible women have worked faithfully in and all around Sangrampur. They have visited villages miles away and every where have been welcomed. The Ladies’ Aid of Pakaur has held regular meetings and raised money which has been given for repairs on the church, benevolences, and to poor families at Christmas.

The school in Bolpur has had a good year. The Inspectress reports progress. One girl sat for the scholarship examination. The results have not yet been published. In our four Day Schools we have now three hundred and forty-eight children, the majority being non-Christian.

The teachers and Bible women have all worked faithfully and carried on the work much of the time alone.

We enter the new year not knowing what lies before us, but with God as our Guide and our help we will go forth with faith in Him.

Bengali Girls’ Upper Primary Boarding School.

Missionary ... ... ... ... MRS. ELSIE BEEKEN

It was my great honour and privilege to be elected Lay Delegate to the General Conference this year. I set my house in order and having made over the responsibility of the school to Miss E. Norberg, I set sail for Europe and the United States on March 10th, 1932.

I returned to my work on the 3rd of October, having spent a very enjoyable and profitable time in the United States, England, and Scotland, and greatly benefited in health. I am indeed grateful and thankful for the great privilege afforded me of meeting some of our fine officials and getting an insight into the work of our great church in all lands, as represented at the General Conference in Atlantic City.

Miss Norberg carried on the work in my absence, in addition to her own, very creditably indeed and without a grumble.

The year closed with ninety girls and boys on the roll,—fifty-four boarders, and thirty-six Day scholars. Of the ninety on the roll, twenty-four are non-Christians.

There are sixteen of our girls and boys at Ushagram, two girls at the Lee Memorial, and one at St. Margaret’s High School. Two girls are training for nurses. One of our old girls
recently took the Teachers’ Junior Training Certificate examination and was successful. She joins our staff in the new year. Our staff, with the exception of one woman teachers, will all be former pupils of this school.

We have a long list of those who have gone out from the school and are now holding places of trust and possibility in Bengal. We are justly proud of them.

The Inspectress visited the school early in the year, and gave a very satisfactory report. She was present at the Literary meeting given by the Epworth League and was very pleased with the programme. The Inspectress encourages the idea of raising the standard of the school from Upper Primary to Middle English. Lack of funds may prevent us from doing this, but the people are eager for it and we have the hearty support of the Inspectress.

In October the staff and girls gave a historical drama. There was a small admittance fee charged, and Rs. 22-4-0 was handed over to the Principal for the benefit of poor children.

Our music and singing classes are doing remarkably well. The girls enjoy playing on their stringed instruments. The Blue Birds and Girl Guides are as enthusiastic as ever. Their leaders attended the Girl Guide Camp held in Pakaur, and benefited much.

The boys have been exercising to music. I was presented with a gramophone by a generous Scotch lady and got a set of Dr. Kellogg’s Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Ladder records. At first the boys complained of aches and pains, but soon that was overcome, and exercising became a delight. We noted with pleasure the growth of muscles and improvement in physique.

We have opened up a new department: namely, a cooking class. The girls have learned to cook from American recipes. They sold a batch of doughnuts and gave the proceeds as a thank offering in the church collection.

We have had no serious sickness during the past year for which we are most grateful.

At Mothers’ Institute held in one of our villages, our staff and girls helped as usual. The girls gave a drama: “Children of the Bible,” for the benefit of the village people who came to see the play. The days spent in camp in the village were indeed an inspiration and blessing.

These lines come to me as I write.—“Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown,” and the answer.—“Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.” So with this assurance that he is on the throne and able to do abundantly above all we can ask or think, I enter upon the New Year.
Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial Hospital.

Missionary...Beulah M. Swan

This last year has been one of progress in the Medical work in Pakaur and we feel that we have a great deal to be thankful for. In the first place as I look over my report of last year, I find that we were hoping and praying for an Indian lady doctor. I am so glad that we finally found her in the person of Mrs. Eva Patience Pundit. She is a graduate of the Agra Medical college and a qualified Sub-Assistant Surgeon. She is of Methodist parentage and so feels quite at home amongst us. Because of her enthusiasm we have succeeded in starting several new ventures.

The need for repairs on the dispensary building was also mentioned in my last report. By enclosing the veranda on one side we have added two rooms to the building one of which is used for a pathological laboratory and one as a dispensing room. This leaves our former dispensing room for a consulting room which was much needed. New windows and a white ceiling make the rooms light enough to work in and one feels that all these repairs add to the efficiency of our dispensary work. In addition we used some of the old materials and built a line of kitchens for out patients. This has been a need for some time for Mohamedan and Hindu women who come must have a place to cook their own food.

At the request of some of the prominent citizens of the town of Muraroi we opened a small branch dispensary there for a few months of trial. It was continued for three months when the man from whom we rented the house raised the rent almost double. Therefore because of heavy work here and the inadvisability of taking the house at that price we decided to discontinue that service for a while.

Every Thursday, which is market day here, we hold an Ante-natal and Baby-clinic. At this time the doctor gives free advice and examinations to mothers and also to little babies. This fills a long felt need and many of our Christian women have taken advantage of it. However because of strong prejudice there have been comparatively few non-Christian women but we hope by advertising and personal interviews to urge them to take advantage of this helpful service.

This year instead of having the health visitor examine the children our doctor has done it, taking a few each day. We feel that this is a very important part of our medical service here.

We still have many needs and we hope that our work may continue to grow both in service and in efficiency. We need your prayers for the needy suffering people of India, and especially of our backward district.
CALCUTTA BENGA LI DISTRICT

Missionary ....... Miss KINZLY.

"Just where you stand in the conflict that is your place."

Again and again the lines quoted above have been in my thoughts. This past year has been one of varied duties and responsibilities. Owing to the illness of my colleague, Miss Welles, and the report of the Doctor that she needed a complete rest and change to the mountains for several months, I was appointed to take charge of the Hindustani work from April to October. The task was not so difficult as I knew all of the workers and they co-operated with me in every possible way to carry on the work. I could not give much personal supervision, but encouraged and helped the workers. My conviction is only deepened that there are many indications of a growing work among the Hindustani people of the Calcutta District, and I trust that some day we may have two missiona ries to do this very important work. It has been a great joy to have had a part in this Hindustani work this year. Miss Welles returned to her work in October, and seems to have a new lease on life for which we are devoutly thankful.

The day schools are increasing in attendance, and the reports of the Inspectress show much improvement. The school at Champahati now enrolls several girls from higher castes, and we have been collecting some fees. More hand work has been introduced, and next year we expect to have an additional class. This school fills a great need in the community and the people are awaking to the fact that their girls should be educated.

The school at Ballygange is in the midst of a growing population and we shall have to find other school rooms.

We shall also have an advanced class there next year and may need a third teacher.

Amgechi school is off the beaten track, but has been visited twice this year. The teacher, though untrained is doing good work. The people of the village are promising to contribute some of the yearly crops for the school upkeep. The school at Nehata and Kulpi are doing good work, and we are receiving some aid from the District Boards. The school at Tangra was very promising but, since there was another mission school nearby, it seemed wise to close it owing to our reduced funds.

Six girls appeared for the Special Scholarship examination under Government and we hope all will pass. In February I secured the help of a very fine educated Indian woman as supervisor of the day schools, and under her systematic supervision and enthusiasm the standards are being raised.

The Bible women have been faithful in their work. We have opened up work in Kulpi, where we have a promising day school. One of my former Bible Training school students from another mission has been loaned to us and I have placed her in a village where one Bible woman had been working alone.
There has been a monthly meeting of all the District workers, and much of vital interest to all was discussed. The Bible women have also had their monthly meeting when a practical teaching lesson has been given and new methods of approach discussed.

Again this year we have had a very helpful workers' conference held at the close of the District Conference. Miss Carpenter spoke on the Christian home and Church History. Each of the Bible women gave a short talk on some vital question relating to their work, and the messages showed a great deal of earnest thought and preparation. About thirty workers were present at each session.

I have tried to help and encourage the pastors in the several churches in the District, and the Sunday School class has been much enjoyed. There have been some disappointments and discouragements but we go forth into the new year in His strength.

Lee Memorial Mission Report

Missionary .... Mrs. Ada Lee

Our hearts are filled with new praise at the close of another year. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added—is God's promise. This we have tried to do and as usual our needs have been supplied.

There have been about two hundred inmates of the home during the year—with about fifty day pupils. Examination results have been fairly satisfactory. Ten of our girls have passed their Training and gone out to teach, among them our Brahmin widow, who has asked to still remain with us although teaching outside. She speaks of the five happy years with us. Others of our widows and girl wives are pushing up through the classes and doing well. This movement continues. Our conference together over the Bible and spiritual things, each Sunday, is blessed—and it is wonderful their interest in God's Word. His Word cannot return void.

We expect soon to have possession of the adjoining house. The Government is acquiring it for us.

We have new workers on our staff in the Boys' School, which we feel assured will mean blessing to the boys. Our temple babies are fine. The youngest is two weeks old. Our Colporteurs are doing good work. They have sold 34,000 Gospels and portions during the year. There are some changes in our Day Schools which will be a blessing in the future. We are hoping to open up two of them later in more needy places.

Our new Missionary Miss Baldwin has arrived and we are glad. Depression—Layman's report—and all the rest discourage us not. We are His ambassadors, sent by Him, and are co-workers with Him. The future is as bright as His promises. Call unto me and I will answer thee and show the great and mighty things thou knowest not. We are expecting great things of Him. Pray with us for a Heaven-sent revival.
CALCUTTA HINDUSTANI DISTRICT

Missionary

DORIS I. WELLES.

We had great plans for the work in 1932, but, since I had to be away from the active work of the District much of the year, the special plans have had to wait. I trust, however, that the time spent in getting well has not been unprofitable, either to myself or to the work of the Kingdom. Thanks are due to Miss Kinzly for her willingness in adding the supervision of the Hindustani District to her already over-heavy work, and she was much appreciated by the Hindustani people.

In this District we minister to people of at least seven denominations who come here from all over India. They give little thought to differences of theological opinions, and one can see that church union will not be difficult for them. At Lillooah, where I take the Hindustani service and preach twice a month, the service is held in the Church of England chapel, where a Conformist service in English is held in the morning, a Non-Conformist service in the evening, and our union Hindustani service in mid-day.

There are many health agencies in Calcutta with which we co-operate for the spread of Health Education. It is gratifying to find our workers beginning to sense some idea of the very real service they can render to their people by these means. The people greatly appreciate what we do for them in this way. They say, "Why do you take all this trouble? Our own people do not care whether we live or die. Why should you?" It affords great opportunities for testimony, and helps to break down prejudices.

The school and zenana work have gone forward in a creditable way because of faithful workers. We have some delightful zenana work. We called on one of the Hindu zenana women who was in hospital for a cataract operation. She spoke out and said to the other patients in the ward, "What these people have told me is true, and I believe this Jesus." When they questioned her, she replied, "Certainly, my faith is in Jesus. Who else can I trust but Jesus?" When we prayed, she sat with bowed head and hands cupped to receive the blessing. May not the "depression" or any other distressing circumstance swerve us from our purpose to make Christ known—by any service or errand for Him, and by the word of our testimony.

ENGLISH DISTRICT

Missionary

MISS PEARL HUGHES.

At the close of the day we recount its events and wonder what we have accomplished. Occasionally we decide that on the morrow we will make better use of our time. Let us see how the year 1932 has gone.

An Old Girls' Re-union was held on February 27th. About sixty assembled for tea and entertainment; and a club was formed.
We have as far as possible followed out our plan of admitting no more than 35 children to any one class, with the result that better work has been done by the classes as a whole. The enrolment has naturally been a little lower, averaging about 320 pupils. We have continued our emphasis on all-round scholarship. Eighty-five percent of the children have passed on an average of 50% or above. 135 children received prizes for good scholarship. The results achieved in public examinations have also been good. Both girls sent up for the Cambridge School Certificate examination in December, 1931 passed. All five candidates for the University of Calcutta matriculation examination in March, 1932 passed—two in First division and three in Second. The Matriculation course is becoming increasingly popular, and is attracting high school girls from other schools. Eight pupils were presented for the Trinity College of Music practical examinations, and four for theory. Six passed the practical, three with honors; and three passed the theory with honors.

The music periods during the second term were utilized in preparing the music for the operetta "Zurika, the Gypsy Maid," which was given on November 18th and 19th. A net proceeds of Rs 423-7-3 was realized and used toward the support of some pupils for whom we have no scholarships.

July 8th and 14th were red letter days in the history of the school. Never before to my knowledge has it been possible to offer a free medical examination to all pupils, but through the kindness of the school doctor, Lt. Col. K. K. Chatterji, and some of his friends, this dream of years was realized. Considering the numbers examined, the results were very good. The most common physical handicaps discovered were enlarged tonsils, adenoids and glands, and decayed teeth. The results with recommendations were communicated to all guardians, and many have been providing the necessary treatment. Underweights in the hostel have been given tonic and extra diet. Many are creeping steadily up to their normal weight for their height.

The Girl Guides have had a good year, despite the necessity of having a change of leadership in mid-year. First Calcutta Company had the honour of being the leading color party and of forming the choir at the last Church Parade in the Cathedral. On November 27th the Scouts, Guides, Wolf Cubs, and Bluebirds of the two schools united in a very impressive parade service in Thoburn Church. One of the Guides has acted successfully as Wise Bird for the Bluebird Flock throughout the year.

Miss Lang of the Children's Special Service Mission spent a few days in February in the hostel with the girls. She was a great favorite and spiritually helpful.

The children have enjoyed their turns at taking Chapel each Friday. It has been interesting to see Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Parsees, Moslems and Hindus co-operating in leading the service. Rev. Henderson has led our thought each Tuesday morning. We shall miss him next year and our gratitude and prayers will go with him as he retires from missionary work.
Three Epworth Leagues have been carried on regularly. The two older groups have provided their own services. Bed time prayer meetings have been held on Wednesday and Thursday nights. We were fortunate in having Bishop Robinson and Rev. Henderson at the last one of the year.

Two W. C. T. U. Silver Medal Contests were held, one for Seniors and one for Juniors. A number of girls new to the school participated this year.

Miss Collins returned from furlough just the day before school closed, bringing back an M. A. degree in Education. Miss Webbe has also received an M. A. in English at the last Calcutta University examination. We congratulate them both.

We are glad to be able to state that, with the exception of Mrs. Symonds and Miss Wilkinson, our excellent staff will all be returning; so we may look confidently ahead to 1933 assured that even better things await us. We thank God for His continued guidance and for the loyal friends at home.

Queen's Hill School.

Missionaries

Mrs. Lila Engberg
Miss Emma Barber
Miss Miriam Scholberg

1932 has passed into history and as we review its attainments and successes, we hope that the great light and soul of Queen's Hill as they are embodied in her boys and girls, are greater because of their having been here. We have tried to remember the aims and ideals of those who founded Queen's Hill—"To give a sound education under influences tending to develop the highest type of Christian character."

This year we have had to become accustomed to depression in finances. However, we have tried to meet the retrenchment problems without in any way lowering the standard of the school. Our enrolment has been larger than at any time since 1929 with prospects for a larger school in 1933. One hundred seventy-five have been on the rolls this year, with sixty-two in the kindergarten.

We have been trying to do more things to allow an outlet for pupils' self-expression and development of character. Today there is an appeal for the participation of the school in preparing its pupils to meet the demands of civilization and to successfully fill the places we wish them to occupy in our highly organized society. We have tried to answer that appeal this year by starting Student Co-operative Government. One cannot say for a few of years whether it will be wholly successful for it is still an experiment, but we think it has been worth while. The two Councils have tackled many difficult problems and have helped to develop a more healthy attitude toward law and order in the school.
Another project which was begun for the purpose of character building and pupil self-expression is the organization of Home Rooms. Each class was organized and meetings were held every Friday afternoon. Besides routine business, various projects in which the class was interested were studied under the supervision and guidance of the class teacher.

The Senior Class presented Barrie's "Quality Street" in July. The proceeds were used to help defray the expense of publishing the school magazine—The Blue and Gold— which for the first time was edited by the pupils of the Senior Class. In October, the Junior singing class presented the operetta "Lucy Locket," and the Kindergarten presented "the Moon Market." The proceeds were used to finish paying for the kindergarten piano.

One of the most active and helpful organizations in the community is the Mt. Hermon Parent-Teacher Association. This association meets each month for social intercourse between parents and teachers, and for the purpose of studying problems of the children in relation to home and school. On May 28th, they held their annual sale and carnival and on the same day the new isolation hospital was opened. The sale this year cleared Rs. 1,500, which added to previous gifts, etc., almost finishes paying for the hospital. In 1933 we hope to begin raising money for a new school gymnasium.

Among general school activities, drill, sports and games hold an important place. On October 1st, in spite of the rain, the whole school was out for the annual sports day which, in Queen's Hill, is a combination of competitions and picnicking. Most of the pupils also belong to the Guides, Scouts, Bluebirds, or Cubs. In July, during the mid-year holidays, the Guides took their annual camping trip, and the Scouts hiked to Gangtok and back.

Religious services were held every Sunday morning in our Community church. Rev. Archibald has served as pastor but we have enjoyed many messages from missionaries who were at Mt. Hermon for their holidays. A junior Church was organized this term which met at the same time as the adult church service. Epworth and Intermediate Leagues met every Friday afternoon for devotional services. The older pupils had some very interesting discussions in their study of Ideals throughout the term. Aside from these regular religious activities, some interesting and special meetings have been held. Mr. McNeil of the C. S. S. M. spent a week with us giving half-hour talks each morning, and Mr. Sword of the American Baptist Mission in Assam, also held a week of special meetings which were very helpful. We are indeed grateful to these busy people who gave of their time and of themselves to help us to live more like the Perfect Example.

In the Cambridge examinations, Queen's Hill again had very good results. Seven candidates sat for the Junior examination and six passed—one with honors and distinction. In the Senior
examination all five candidates passed—one with honors and
distinction. In music, twenty-four candidates sat for their
examinations and seventeen passed—one with honors and one
with distinction.

As we close the books of the old year, we are opening the
records of the new. Next year the Santal Mission of the
Northern Churches is furnishing us a missionary who will be a
full time teacher, as well as teaching Scandinavian children their
own language.

The new year is unopened and we know not what will be
fall us, but we have no fear. We leave the old school year to
God with gratitude for all His mercies.

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PAKAUR DISTRICT

Jidato Middle English School—Pakaur

Missionary

MILDRED L. PIERCE

In January 1932, 58 new children were admitted to Jidato.
These additional children so crowded the hostels that new
cottages had to be built for both boys and girls. Six boys went
to the Middle School at Kaerabani. Condon Murmu, one of these
boys who appeared at the Middle English School Leaving Certi-
ficate Examination won a Middle English Scholarship and
achieved distinction in English. Two girls entered training in
Deoghar. Two more girls have completed their teachers' train-
ing at Moharo and will return to teach in Jidato this year.
These girls have done some exceptionally fine hand work in their
training classes. Pano Soren won the gold medal in sewing for
the Province of Bihar.

Just before our summer holidays our two high school girls
returned from Jubbulpore. They were filled with the joy of a
new spiritual experience. In the Sunday service and in the
district workers' meeting they told of how Christ had come to
be close companion and friend and how they wished to share the
joy of this experience with others. Both of these girls conducted
Daily Vacation Bible Schools during the holidays and one girl
spent a great deal of time visiting in the villages near her home.
Her pastor told what an inspiration she had been to the com-
munity. These two girls have had a great influence on the
spiritual life of our older middle school girls. They too are begin-
ing to feel the responsibility of sharing the gospel message with
others. The seventh class girls spent some time in camp with
Miss Swan after they completed their government examinations.
Whenever a meeting was held each girl was eager to have a
part in the service.

In July work was begun on the new wing of the school
building. This wing will provide six new classrooms and a
chapel. We are indebted to the women of the Central North-
west Conference in America for a special gift that makes this
building possible. They have asked that the chapel be called
Grandstrand Chapel in honour of Miss Grandstrand who has given so many years of service on this district.

Three new primers prepared by the staff of the school have been published during the year. Two of them were put out by the Santali Literature board and the third by Jidato. There was a rush on the book store the day these readers were put on sale. All of the children were interested in the new books and as many as could collect six pice purchased copies as soon as they were available. Santali translations of the Beacon Primer and the stories from Mr. Mckee’s “Primary Reading by the Story Method” prepared by the Jidato staff, will be published by the Santali Literature Board during 1933.

The first Guide Training Camp to be run by Bihar and Orissa was held at Jidato in October. One of the interesting features of the camp was that five language groups were represented, English, Hindi, Bengali, Oriya and Santali. Each morning leaders took charge of prayers in a different language and each girl repeated the Lords’ Prayer in her own tongue. As a result of the interest aroused by this training camp a new Guide company and a Ranger Company were formed at Jidato.

The school year closed with a combination Christmas and prize distribution programme. The teachers and middle school girls presented a beautiful and impressive drama called “Following the Star.” In the last scene the young boy who has the chief part in the play is telling a group of children how he followed the star and found the Christ child at Bethlehem. The children all agree that this star will always shine in their hearts and remind them of the Christ child and His love for them so that they may become like Him. This message of the drama we at Jidato would make our own for the coming year that “the beauty of Jesus” may be seen in us.

Santali Evangelistic Work

Missionaries

| MISS PAULINE GRANDSTRAND |
| MISS BEULAH M. SWAN |

Until the first part of May of this year Miss Grandstrand was in and out of the Santal villages as she has been for the last 26 years. When she came to leave us for a much needed furlough in America the village people, the workers, the young peoples’ organizations and her fellow missionaries all tried to show their appreciation of her and her work in their different ways. Before she left we had our annual village Teachers’ Institute. This year we had the pleasure of having Miss Fehr of Jubbulpore on the staff as well as Miss Pierce. It was a very successful gathering and we hope to see the fruits of it in the village schools this year.

In our reports year after year we write of our Sunday schools and our day schools, our Bible women and their work, our sewing classes and the District Conference and all of the various
activities of our district work. We could write glowing reports of all of these again this year for the work has gone forward and is more encouraging than ever before as I see it. But coming back into the district work after some years in school work I have felt the need of analyzing anew the needs of our Santal people. As I have camped in the villages it has been forced to my attention almost daily that the villagers, especially the women, are pathetically ignorant. Daily one sees babies with burns on their stomachs to cure colic and other illnesses. Daily one meets children with sores plastered with cow dung or worse. Daily one sees charms around children's waists to keep away the evil spirits. Mixed up with the ignorance is an unbelievable amount of superstition and a great fear of evil spirits or bongas.

One day in our camp our cook woman asked us to cut her a branch of a certain tree. When asked why she did not cut it herself she said that the village people had told her that a very powerful evil spirit or bonga lived in it. I chided her saying that she wasn't thinking of what the bonga might do to me but she said he would harm only Santals. After the joking subsided I talked to her of Christ who, when on earth, drove out evil spirits and who is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

Next morning we went out to cut the tree. I said we would stop and pray if she felt afraid, but she said she was no longer afraid since she believed Christ would save her from evil spirits.

In another camp, among the people around the tent to whom we were talking, was an old woman. She came back evening after evening and listened most attentively. One of the last evenings she told us what was troubling her. It seems that two of her grandchildren are deaf mutes. She said that several times the rice they were cooking had turned either blood red or black. Then, as a further annoyance, their house creaked so at night that they could not sleep. She asked me to explain these things and to help her solve them. I told her it was hard to say what caused these things since I was not there when they happened, but I asked her if it wasn't true that she thought it was bongas. Of course she said it was and so we told her of God who is greater than evil spirits and who loves us and will save us if we call on him. Before she left us we taught her to pray. Thus as we have seen into the lives of our Santal folk we have realized as never before that the only help for all the ignorance and superstition and fear is Christ. Realizing this anew we have spent more time in village preaching and teaching.

In two of our camps we had the privilege of having the Jidato examination class with us to help with the preaching. We divided into groups and visited as many villages as possible holding up Christ, believing in His promise "And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto myself." One day we had as many as fourteen meetings for non-Christians.

Another unusual feature of the work this year is the continuation of the work of the group called "Marsal A'ksen Juriko,"
the girls who carry the light. Some months it has met in the
villages where the girls have preached and done social service
and some months in Jidato. Its aims are purely missionary and
they have raised funds by sewing, gardening, selling articles,
which funds will be used to carry The Light into the dark corners
of our own District.

We feel very thankful to God for the privilege of working
here and for His guidance and help in the days that are passed.

Report of the Board of Christian Education.

The year 1932 has seen progress in the schools of the Con­
ference. Mrs. Beeken reported that the Pakaur Bengali Girls'
School is now prepared to add a Sixth Class, and the Board
sanctioned this progress on their plan to raise the standard of the
school.

Miss Pierce reported that there is favourable sentiment in
other missions toward the idea of a Union High School at Pakaur
for Santali girls. She proposes to bring the matter up officially
at the next meeting of the Bihar and Orissa Christian Council
providing the educational authorities concerned are present.
Due to the cut in W. F. M. S. appropriations it will probably not
be possible to make any definite plans this year.

The Charter House Institute for preachers which was to have
been held prior to Annual Conference was not held as only two
preachers signified their intention of being present.

The report prepared by Mrs. Dewey on the investigation in
accordance with Central Conference Resolutions, Units 9 and 10,
was read. As it was incomplete it was referred back to the
Committee to complete and correct with the assistance of the
Chairman of this Board.

The various districts reported that Children's Day services
had been held. A request was made for suitable materials. It
was decided to call the attention of all pastors to the importance
of such services and the need of raising funds for the Educational
Loan Fund. Rev. Swan reported that some old loans were now
being collected. At the request of the Board, the Chairman
appointed the following committee to seek to secure repayment
of loans: Rev. H. M. Swan, Chm., S. K. Mondol, F. Biswas,

Rev. Swan reported that there was a possibility of the
Government turning over the Guru Training School at Dhinuk­
puja to our mission for educational purposes, asking us only to
reimburse them for cost of transfer. It is proposed to utilize it
as a Middle Boarding School for Santali boys.

Rev. H. M. Swan was elected treasurer of the Board. A sum
of Rs. 29-10-0 was reported in the treasury.

All of the boarding schools of the Conference and one day
school reported having had medical examinations. Reports from
the schools indicated that the standard of scholarship is improving.
Miss Carpenter reported on the progress of the translation of the Charterhouse Course. Rev. King has sanctioned our proceeding with the translation of the textbooks, and has promised to finance the publication of Years III and IV in Bengali, which it is hoped will be ready by the end of the year. Miss Fehr is working on the Hindi translation. The translation of Years I to IV in Santali are in process of preparation.

It was reported that Ushagram is now prepared to send up candidates for the University of Calcutta Matriculation Examination.

M. P. HUGHES,
Secretary.

The Bengali Woman’s Friend

The total receipts for the Woman’s Friend for the year are Rs. 1,358-2-6 and the expenditure Rs. 1,215-7-6, leaving a balance of Rs. 142-11-0.

An average of 725 copies monthly have been printed. The decrease in number is due to the depression as many subscribers have cut down in their expenses. The paper was sent out V. P. P. to the subscribers at the beginning of the year so that there are no back subscriptions to collect. The subscription price at the beginning of the year was raised to ans. 12. We have been able to get new subscribers during the year.

The editing of the paper has been a source of great pleasure. Thanks are due to the many subscribers and friends of the magazine for their contributions during the year. The Benegaria Mission Press has done good work in the printing of the paper.

It is our hope that this Christian women’s magazine will have a larger circulation this coming year, and that the material used will be a help and inspiration to the many women into whose homes it goes.

CAROLYN O. MONDOL,
Editor.

Evangelistic Committee

We heartily endorse the plans for the evangelistic campaign as presented by the National Christian Council.

We recommend and urge the use of the score card for grading a home, proposed by Miss Carpenter.

We urge the use of the report form as recorded in minutes of 1932 for our Bible women’s work.

Women's Societies and Home Missions.

The presence of organized societies made up of the women members of the Local churches is of inestimable value both to the church and its membership. While some of the churches are slow to realise the need of organizing its women, other parts of the conference are developing lay leadership and other-
wise strengthening the churches through the forming of societies which play a vital part in building up self-support. We urge our members to do all in their power to forward the development of organization among the women of the church, and suggest that societies be formed for fellowship, for the education of membership along Church lines, and for the development of indigenous support.

Two societies in Birbhum continue to do a great work. At Pakaur the ladies have been able to care for the repair of the church as well as take a part in the paying of benevolent apportionments. In Sangrampur the granting of help has been largely in the form of loans which may be paid back on easy terms for future use among the needy, although there has also been a considerable offering toward benevolences.

The Thoburn Church society has found demands upon it to be multiplied in the present difficult times, and pay-socials have been used to help care for increasing need. The church has received help at times in addition to the help offered in the form of poor sick relief. The education of the youth of the Church through chapel talks and the Epworth League has been carried on, and opportunity is constantly given to all who wish to help the needy. At Queens Hill School, the children have their annual Christmas tree and treat for the servants and their families. They are now looking for a new field where they may carry on missionary work through their gift toward the education of Indian children in some school of the Conference.

Much material assistance is given the Bengali pastor in Calcutta through the gifts of the Lee Memorial Tithing band, and much is the joy of the members as they so serve.

The Women’s Society at Central Hindustani Church has held five meetings, in four of which there have been outside speakers, on subjects such as temperance, the care of children, and lay activities in the church. Some have been influenced to give up the use of drink, the use of pan, and the wearing of charms. The interest that is growing indicates more effective service in the future, and the Rs. 12 which has been collected through subscriptions and the sale of goods, has helped toward meeting benevolent collections.

Among the Santals there are six societies. Sewing is being taught, and the meetings are being made a means of educating the Christian women of the village churches. Of the sixty rupees raised this year, fifty have gone toward church expenses, and ten toward the hospital. The members of one of the groups are known as “The girls who carry the light”, and this name well represents the general activity of the groups. We feel that the societies are developing missionary interest, and giving the members enlarged visions of service. We trust this is true of every society, and that there will be an attempt in each District to increase the number of societies this year.

Hattie H. Dewey, Chairman.
RESOLUTIONS.

We, the Bengal Woman's Conference, wish to express our gratitude that Bishop Robinson has been returned to our Area. We regret that Mrs. Robinson was unable to be with us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Miss Whiting in the death of her mother. Our love and prayers shall follow her as she goes on furlough.

We wish to welcome Miss Clinton as she takes up Miss Whiting's duties and are disappointed that she could not be present at our Conference.

We regret the enforced absence of Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Nathaniel because of illness and trust they will soon return to good health.

We desire to thank Mrs. Beeken for her most delightful account of her safe journey and happy experiences at General Conference.

We welcome Miss Carr and Miss Collins from furlough.

We wish God's blessing on Mrs. Iliahbaksh as she goes with her husband to Lucknow Conference.

We express our gratitude to Miss Hunt for presiding so graciously at our Conference and wish her God-speed as she goes on furlough.

We thank all who have made our stay so pleasant and provided so amply for our entertainment in Pakaur.
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1. **Note:** The table presents statistics for medical work in schools and districts for the Bengal Conference year ending July, 1932. The data includes information on the number of nurses, in-patients, patient days, dispensary treatments, income sources, and expenditure categories such as drugs, medical fees, and general expenses. The totals across all districts show comprehensive data for the period in question.
Medical Statistics for the year ending June 30, 1932.

I. Name, Location, Date of Founding of Hospital

1. Official name.—Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial Hospital.
2. Other names by which known.—Mission Hospital and Dispensary.
3. Location.—
   (1) In the city: One-quarter mile east of E I. Ry. Station.
   (2) In relation to other buildings of the mission and other hospitals in the city: 2 mile east of Government Hospital and Dispensary—Within a mile radius of a score of villages.
   (3) Date founded: 1906.

II. If a Union Hospital, Name the Co-operating Agencies.

III. Hospital Board (give names).
   (a) Foreign: Mrs. Elsie Beeken, Miss Beulah M. Swan.
   (b) Native: Rev. K. R Das.

IV. Statistics for Year ending June 30, 1932.

1. Staff.—
   (1) Missionary doctor (give names):  
   (2) Other Foreign doctors (give names):  
   (3) Missionary nurses (give names):  
      Total (1), (2) and (3).
   (4) Native doctors: Dr. (Mrs.) Eva Patience Pandit.
   (5) Native nurses: (a) Graduates 2  (b) Students 3.  
      Total (5): 5. Total (4) and (5): 6.
   (6) Other workers: (a) Foreign 1.  (b) Native 2.  
      Total (a) and (b): 3.  
      Total Staff: 9.

2. Hospital.—
   (1) No. of beds  
   (2) ,, in-patients  
   (3) ,, patient days  
   (4) Average days per patient  
   (5) No. of major operations  
      (Include here all operations under general anaesthesia and extensive operations under local anaesthesia.)
   (6) No. minor operations  
      (Include here all less serious operations whether under local, or without anaesthesia.)
   (7) Obstetrical cases in hospital  

3. Out-patients —
   (1) Obstetrical cases  
   (2) First visits (include obstetrical visits)  
   (3) Return visits (include obstetrical visits)  
   (4) No. of itinerary treatments given  
      Nil
   (5) Total out-patient treatments (Sum of 2, 3 & 4)  

4 Dispensary.—
   (1) First calls  
   (2) Return calls  
   (3) Total dispensary treatments (sum of 1 and 2)  
   (4) No. of minor operations (included in 3)  
      Nil
   (5) No. of preventive inoculations (included in 3)  
      150
5. Property.—

(1) Land—extent (acres) ... Nil
(2) No. of buildings ... 4
(3) Describe buildings as to purpose for which used, size, and material out of which constructed.—
   1. Dispensary—Brick walls, tin covered with cement roof 4 rooms.
   2. Hospital—Brick walls, tile roof 2 wards, an office and an operating room.
   3. Contagious Ward—Brick walls, tin and tile roof one small room.
   4. Mud walled kitchens, tin roof 4 rooms.

(4) Estimated Value (used local currency)—
   (a) Land.  (b) Buildings.  (c) Equipment.

6. Income (use local currency).—

(1) From hospital patients ... 50 2 0
(2) From dispensary patients ... 92 6 0
(3) From outside patients ... 112 7 0
(4) Appropriations—(a) Society ... 3,150 0 0
(5) Repairs ... 495 0 0
(6) Sale of drugs and supplies ... 1 6 0
(7) Other sources:
   (a) Foreigners
   (b) Nationals

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

(c) Miscellaneous ... 381 5 0

Total Income ... 4,282 10 0

Rs. A. P.

7. Expenses (use local currency).—

(1) Salaries and wages ... 2,080 4 0
(2) Drugs and supplies ... 640 13 0
(3) General upkeep (including light, heat, etc.) ... 212 2 0
(4) Repairs ... 1,317 15 0
(5) Extensions—land and buildings ... 94 15 0
(6) Other expenses ... Total Expenses ... 4,346 1 0

8. Debt.—

(1) On Property, on repairs ... 63 7 0
(2) On Current Expenses
(3) Total Debt ... 63 7 0

9. Unit of local currency (used in 5, 6, 7, 8 Rupees).

Remarks.—Dr. Pandit did not come until the middle of February and until that time we had only a part time acting doctor.

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