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Detained in America.

Miss Winifred King, Box 983, La Mesa, California.
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Miss Pearl Madden, 223 So. State St., Ann Arbor, Mich.
Mrs. G. Schanzlin, 923 North Lindsay, Kokomo, Indiana.
Mrs. R. S. Gibbons, Ferry Road, Salisbury, Mass.
Mrs. D. H. Manley, 475 Norwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

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Miss Katharine A. Blair, 2040 Dale St., San Diego, California
Mrs. W. P. Beyers, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.
Mrs. James Lyon, "Ingestri", Kotagiri, Nilgiris, So. India.
Mrs. J. P. Meik, 32 Gale Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Mrs. Frances Smith, East Center St., Anaheim, California.
Mrs. Josephine Stahl, Mount Ayr, Iowa.
Bengal Women's Conference

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1934.

Asansol District.

District Work .. .. .. Mrs. S. K. Mondol
Evangelistic Work and Day School .. Miss Rachael Carr
Dhanbad .. .. .. Mrs. A. P. Kessop
Gomah .. .. Mrs. B. A. Mott
Asansol .. .. Mrs. S. C. Katowar
Ushagram Church .. .. Mrs. F. G. Williams
Ushagram School .. .. Miss Hazel Wood

Calcutta Bengali District.

Ballygunge .. .. Mrs. P. C. Mondol
Beliaghatta .. .. Mrs. W. H. Mawson
Central Bengali Church .. Mrs. J. S. Chowdhury
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools .. Miss Katharine Kinzly
Lee Memorial Mission and High School .. Mrs. Ada Lee
Medical Work .. .. Mrs. W. H. Mawson
Tamluk .. .. Mrs. B. K. Sen

Calcutta Hindustani District.

District Work .. .. Mrs. C. H. Archibald
Barra Bazar .. .. Mrs. A. D. Volrath.
Central Hindustani Church .. Mrs. P. Nathaniel
Howrah .. .. Mrs. J. Nelson
Evangelistic and Educational Work .. Miss Doris Welles

English District.

District Work .. .. Mrs. A. L. Grey
Calcutta Girls' School .. .. Miss Irma Collins Principal.
Fern Hill Hostel .. .. Mrs. C. L. Swan
Mount Hermon School \[ \{ \]
Mrs. Lila Engberg, Principal.

Miss Miriam Scholberg

Miss Emma Barber

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

Pakaur District.

District Work \[ . \]
Bolpur \[ . \] Mrs. H. M. Swan
Chandrapura \[ . \] Mrs. S. Pandit

Bengali Evangelistic Work and Day Schools \[ . \] Miss Eugenia Norberg

Santali Evangelistic Work and Day Schools \[ . \] Miss Beulah Swan

Bengali Educational Director \[ . \] Mrs. Elsie Beeken
Santali Educational Director \[ . \] Miss Mildred Pierce

Gondai \[ . \] Mrs. Baijnath Marandi
Kola Jora \[ . \] Mrs. Bodon Marandi
Suri and Hetampur \[ . \] Mrs. S. B. Kazi
Saraidhalla \[ . \] Mrs. R. L. Saren
Sangrampur \[ . \] Mrs. Sabjan Biswas.

Evangelistic Work \[ . \] Mrs. K. R. Das
Medical Work \[ . \] Miss Beulah Swan.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Lulu Boles, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow; Member Central Bengali Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.

Miss Mary F. Carpenter, Educational Secretary, Pakaur; Member Pakaur Bengali Quarterly Conference.

Mrs. W. G. Griffiths, Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore; Member Central Bengali Quarterly Conference, Calcutta.
OFFICERS.

President:
MRS. CHITAMBAR.

Vice-President:
MISS RUTH FIELD.

Secretary:
MISS DORIS WELLES.

Assistant Secretary:
MISS LULU BOLES.

Field Correspondent:
MISS MILDRED PIERCE

Conference Historian:
MISS EUGENIA NORBERG.

Statistical Secretary:
MISS BEULAH SWAN.

Treasurer:
MISS E. L. CLINTON.

Field Reference Committee:

MRS. ELsie BLEKEN . . MISS DORIS WELLES.
MISS KATHARINE KINZLY . . MRS. LILA ENGBERG.
MISS RACHEL CARR . . MRS. WILLIAMS.

Ex-Officio: MISS MILDRED PIERCE.

Alternates:

MISS IRMA COLLINS . . MISS BEULAH SWAN.
STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditing.—C. H. Archibald, Chairman; the Cabinet ex-officio; J. S. Chowdhury, Miss Hughes, Miss Kinzly, Miss Swan.

Board of Christian Education.—H. K. Mondol, Chairman, H. C. Fritchley, S. K. Mondol, Jibon Saren, H. M. Swan, F. G. Williams, P. N. Dass, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Carpenter, Miss Collins, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Pierce, Miss Welles.

State of the Church, Aggressive Evangelism, and Self-Support.—J. S. Chowdhury, Chairman; Faijan Biswas, Subjan Biswas, Miss Carr, Miss Haldar, Miss Kinzly, S. C. Katowar, Bodon Marandi, H. K. Mondol, Mrs. S. K. Mondol, J. D. Nelson, Miss Norberg, Jibon Saren, N. G. Sircar, Mrs. H. M. Swan, Miss Welles.

Evangelistic.—Miss Kinzly and all evangelistic missionaries.


Medical.—Miss B. M. Swan, Chairman; Mrs. Beeken, Faijan Biswas, K. K. Chakravarti, Mrs. J. S. Chowdhury, Bodon Marandi, Mrs. Mawson, Mrs. Nathaniel, N. G. Sircar, Mrs. Williams.

House Furnishing.—Miss Norberg, Miss Hughes, Miss Carr.

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

Programme.—Miss Welles, Mrs. Beeken, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Nathaniel, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Chowdhury.

Property.—Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Welles, Mrs. Engberg.

Publication.—Miss Welles, Miss Boles.

Women's Societies and Home Missions.—Miss Norberg, Chairman; Mrs. Volrath, Mrs. Archibald, Miss Adhikari, Mrs. Nelson.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Literary Programme.—Miss Collins, Chairman; Miss Baldwin, H. C. Fritchley, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Mawson, H. K. Mondol.


Calcutta Christian Schools Society.—Ex-officio, Bishop J. W. Robinson, the Superintendent of the English District, C. Hr. Achibald, H. M. Swan, Miss Collins, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Hughes, Miss Clinton.

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.

Blacktome Missionary Institute.—Miss Kinzly.

Board of Governors, Isabella Thoburn College.—Miss Boles.

Mary Wilson Sanitorium.—Miss Boles.

Lee Memorial Advisory Committee.—The Bishop in Charge of Bengal Conference, the Pastor of Thoburn Church, C. H. Archibald, Miss Collins, Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Lee.

All India Literature Committee.—Miss Carpenter.

Bengali Woman’s Friend.—Mrs. S. K. Mondol.
PROCEEDINGS.
Forty-seventh Annual Session
Thursday, January 4th

The forty-seventh session of the Bengal Woman's Conference met on January 4th, in the Art Room of Ushagram, Asansol. The Vice-President, Mrs. Dewey, called the meeting to order. After singing hymn No. 317, Mrs. Lee, Miss Carr, Miss Kinzly and Mrs. Dewey led in prayer. Miss Field sang, "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again." Mrs. Chitambar helpfully directed our meditation, taking a message from Luke 5.

Roll Call.—The following members responded to roll call; Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Boles, Miss Carpenter, Miss Carr, Miss Collins, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Field, Miss Hughes, Miss Kinzly, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Nathaniel, Miss Norberg, Miss Pierce, Miss Rebstock, Miss Scholberg, Miss Swan, Mrs. Tucker, Miss Welles, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. S. K. Mondol.

Miss Field led in special prayer for Miss Barber.

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

Introductions.—Mrs. Watson, mother of Mr. Williams, of Ushagram, was introduced and brought greetings from the missionary workers at home. Miss S. Dass, School Supervisor in Calcutta, and Miss Scholberg were introduced, and Miss Field was welcomed back from furlough.

Greetings from absent members.—Greetings were brought to the Conference from the following: Miss Bennett, Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. Francis Smith, Miss Stahl, Miss Hoskins, Mrs. Mawson, Miss Matheson, Mrs. Beyers, Miss Hunt, Miss Whiting, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Eddy, Miss Hilda Swan.

The president was requested to invite Bishop Chitambar to visit our Conference.

Committees.—The following committees were appointed by the Chair: Nominating Committee; Miss Carr, Miss Collins, and Mrs. Tucker.

Resolutions Committee;—Mrs. Engberg, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss Kinzly.

Reporter to the Indian Witness; Miss Carpenter.

Official letter.—Miss Pierce read the Official Letter from Mrs. Hardie.
Election of the Field Reference Committee.—It was voted to make the election of the Field Reference Committee the order of the day on Friday. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Friday, January 5th.

The session on Friday, January 5th, opened with devotions led by Mrs. Chitambar. After singing the hymn, “What a Friend We have in Jesus,” Mrs. Chitambar led in prayer, and brought a very personal and heartsearching message from a few verses of Revelations 1 and 2.

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

Introductions.—Miss Hembrom of Pakaur was introduced.

Field Correspondent.—Miss Scholberg and Miss Swan were appointed tellers and the following were elected: Miss Pierce, Field Correspondent.

Field Reference Committee.—Mrs. Beeken, Miss Welles, Miss Kinziy, Mrs. Engberg, Miss Carr.

The second ballot was cast. No election.

The third ballot was cast. No election.

After the third ballot was cast and no one was elected, because of expiration of time, it was moved and carried that the voting be continued as the order of the day on Saturday.

Bengali Woman’s Friend.—Mrs. Mondol gave the report and it was accepted.

Reporter to the Woman’s Missionary Friend.—It was voted that Mrs. Mondol take the responsibility of reporting to the Woman’s Friend, to ask others to help her.

Nominating Committee.—The report was read and after certain changes it was approved and the Committee instructed to present the nominations to the joint committee.

Greetings to absent members.—The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to Mrs. Robinson, and various ones promised to write to absent members.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Saturday, January 6th.

The session on Saturday, January 6th, opened with the singing of, “Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide.” Miss Clinton led in prayer, after which Mrs. Chitambar brought the message from Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8, and we were led in prayer by Mrs. Lee.
Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions.—Miss Hemlata Biswas, Miss Baldwin, and Miss Clinton were introduced.

Field Reference Committee.—It was voted that the sixth member of the Field Reference Committee be the one receiving the highest number of votes, and the two receiving the next highest be declared alternates.

Those elected were: Mrs. Williams, with Miss Collins and Miss Swan alternates.

Reports.—The report of the Bengal and Assam Christian Council was read by Miss Collins and accepted by the Conference.

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 by the Conference.

Isabella Thoburn College Board of Governors.—Miss Boles was elected our representative on the Board of Governors to act for three years 1934, '35, '36.

Miss Clinton inspired us all by extracts out of Official Letters from home which show the faith and enthusiasm of the ladies at the home base.

Miss Kinzly introduced a discussion on Village Schools, and Miss Swan and Mrs. Lee contributed to the discussion.

The meeting closed with prayer by Miss Clinton.

Monday, January 8th.

The session on Monday, January 8th, opened with the singing of "My Jesus I Love Thee". Mrs. Beeken led in prayer, after which Mrs. Chitambar brought the message for the day from I Kings, 2, and closed the devotions with prayer.

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

All India Literature Committee.—As our representative has been elected for 1933, '34, and '35, there is to be no election this year.

Executive Board.—Miss Swan was continued as our representative to the Executive Board.

Literature Board of the Bengal and Assam Christian Council.—On motion it was voted that Miss Carpenter be our representative on this Literature Board.

Bengali Woman's Friend.—It was voted to continue Mrs. Mondol as Editor of the Bengali Woman's Friend, and that a vote of thanks be given her for her good work of the past year.
Reports.—The report of the Field Property Committee was given by Mrs. Engberrg, and it was accepted.

It was voted that the matter of property deeds should be taken up at once with Mr. Moffatt, and necessary corrections be made in order to make our properties safe.

The report of the Literature Committee was read by Miss Pierce for Miss Carpenter, and it was accepted.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read by Miss Kinzly and it was accepted.

The report of Woman's Societies and Home Missions was read by Mrs. Dewey and was accepted.

After interesting discussion it was voted that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of a woman's society being organized among the teachers and Bible women of our Conference, the committee to be composed of Miss Pierce, Miss S. Dass and Miss Welles.

The report of the Committee on Symmetrical Development was read by Miss Carr, and was accepted by the Conference.

Mrs. Nathaniel read a paper giving some interesting incidents in her work. The Conference expressed the desire to make especial mention of Mrs. Nathaniel's coming to Conference, bringing her two little children and doing her own cooking.

Bishop Chitambar visited the Woman's Conference and presided over the remainder of the session.

Mrs. Lee stated afresh the goals of evangelistic work, reminding us of our great commissions, to teach them, to lead them to believe, and to baptize. A number of others contributed to the discussion.

It was voted that Miss Kinzly, Miss Collins and Mrs. Watson be asked to give short talks at the final united session of Conference.

Miss Hughes was appointed to help edit the Minutes.

Resolutions.—The resolutions were read by Mrs. Engberg, and they were accepted by a rising vote.

Bishop Chitambar closed with prayer.
Reports of Work.
ASANSOL DISTRICT.
Ushagram Girls’ Boarding School

Missionaries         | Mrs. F. G. Williams
| Thelma A. Rebstock

The year opened with some new students enrolled and nearly all the old ones returning, eager to begin the new year. Reduced funds made a few adjustments necessary. There was a slight reduction in staff but the teachers who were to carry on, cheerfully shouldered the extra work and responsibility and the school was soon in full swing again.

The Government Inspectress visited the school in March and seemed pleased with what she saw. Good progress has been made in the classroom work. Three students from Class VI sat for the Government scholarship examinations in October. In December, six girls completed the Domestic Science course and four of them have secured teaching positions. Our prayers are with these young ambassadors of ours as they go out to pass on to other girls something of what they have learned here. Good work has been done in the Industries Department and we are glad to report that two girls have finished the course in Weaving.

Class IX is to be opened in January. As this would normally mean extra expense for the school, an arrangement has been made whereby the boys of Class III will read in the Girls’ School, thus making it possible for a man teacher to be released for work in the Girls’ High School classes.

Out-of-class activities in connection with the village life have had an important part in the development of the girls. There has been an abundance of hard work but there has been time, too, for recreation. The girls have had their regular play hour after school when, under the supervision of a teacher, they have taken part in games of Volleyball, Baseball, Badminton or some other game, thus receiving training in good sportsmanship as well as getting the physical benefit which vigorous exercise gives.

Rangers, Girl Guides and Bluebirds under the efficient leadership of members of the staff have had a happy and profitable year.

The health of the girls has on the whole been good. There has been comparatively little illness. Mrs. E. H. Stahly of the Mennonite Mission in Bolerampur kindly consented to give our medical examinations in February. From July, an arrangement
was made for the Mines Board of Health Clinic Supervisor and the local Health Visitor to take over the work of the physical examinations of the girls. This is now done once a month instead of once a year. An oral hygienist from Allahabad came early in December to attend to the teeth of all the boarding children.

The Ushagram Church and its various departments have been under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Faijan Biswas. Church services have been held every Sunday morning and the Junior Church has met at the same time. The Sunday School, the Epworth League and the Junior League have had a very successful year. Church and Sunday School services have been held in the open veranda near the girls’ school building. A new church building is now under construction and will be completed during the coming year.

An outstanding event of the year was the five-day mela held in December. For many weeks, teachers and students had been working long hours in the classroom to prepare their exhibits. On the first day of the mela, the parents were invited to come to visit the school. Each of the following days, too, had its own special programme.

Mention should be made of the new library building which made its appearance on the compound early in the year. It is built of brick and contains two reading rooms and a stack room. Teachers and all students from Class III upwards are allowed to withdraw books, and the reading rooms are open to all. The library contains about 1,200 volumes.

The members of the staff have done faithful, earnest work and we thank them for their efforts in helping these girls along the way of better, richer, fuller living.

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Missionary ... ... ... RACHEL CARR.

The Evangelistic Work of the Asansol District was given to me on my return from furlough in January of this year. This was a new appointment for me, having spent about fifteen years in Boarding schools during my former terms in India. It has been a new experience to meet the people in their homes. It almost meant learning the language anew, especially after an absence from the country of four and a half years, and the difference between village and school conversational language.

I found four trained Bible Women on the field who have become my constant companions in the villages and in the homes of Assonal. There were six Day School teachers, five of whom still remain. This is my staff.

Some one asked me one day, “Well, what do Bible women do any way?” To tell the truth I myself, wondered. The answer I heard was, “Oh, they may go to a few houses and sing—
and Gossip”. Now I have worked side by side with these four women for twelve months, and while the list may differ from that found in The Indian Witness, October 26 as given by Rev. E. L. King, yet I claim that he has not given more duties or possible lines of work for village workers than we have been following. One morning after that question had been raised we “stepped aside and watched ourselves go by”, and these are some of the tasks we found ourselves doing.

Our Bible women teach in the Sunday School in the town. They take daily prayers with the women of the compound where they live. They act as Stewards, collecting Pastors’ Funds. They are members of the Official Board of the Church. They attend prayer meetings and choir practice and Sunday services. They care for special cases of various kinds that come to their compound, often contributing from their own funds. When visiting Christian homes they often find the mother cannot read. They read for her, or teach her. They carry books, tracts, magazines, and Bible portions for sale in these homes. They give information when possible about general health, and cleanliness in the home, and the need of a better system of sanitation. There have been requests during the year to teach sewing in non-Christian homes, too.

So very often we hear of differences in family relations, quarrels, and disputes. These ought not to occur, we know, but they do. The Bible women have been successful in bringing the parties together and in making peace. Two of these women have been married and understand the difficulties that may arise in family life, and are competent to advise those in temporary troubles.

It takes time to attend funerals and weddings and celebrations of many kinds to which they have invitations, and yet their presence on these occasions brings comfort and consolation, confidence and a feeling that somebody cares. One day we were returning from a long walk beyond the motor car parking place. As we were wending our way along the ridges of the rice fields, we saw on the farther side a group of fifteen people seemingly awaiting our coming—friendly or curious, or what? As we came within speaking distance one of our women said, “Sisters, how are you today?” At once an elderly woman began to tell of the death that day of her daughter and baby. They had just returned from the Mohammedan burial ground. Though we were late and tired we felt we must stay and give them a word of help and sympathy. They had probably never seen our women before, nor could they understand or know what kind of errand we had been on to the other houses, but they found a ready sympathy that approached them in their need. No doubt when we pass that way again we shall be invited into their homes, and an opportunity be found to present the gospel message, with its good news of love and salvation.
Besides visiting the Day Schools on the District with the missionary, and each time giving some new instruction, conducting prayers or teaching a new hymn, they look up the children in the homes who ought to be in day or boarding school, and encourage the parents to send them in time, and discover reasons for delays. They form a bond of understanding between the home and the school.

To this list we must add our visits to the jail and the hospital, and the great opportunity of entering the Hindu and Mohammedan homes of Asansol. Especially are we welcomed in the homes from which girls and boys come to attend as day pupils in Ushagram and the town school.

In April all the Day School teachers of the Asansol and Gomoh Districts came to a two-day Institute in Ushagram. A very splendid programme of lessons and demonstrations in practical work and methods was put on by the Ushagram staff, and the eighteen teachers from rural schools went back to their lonely posts, inspired and eager to try out the new methods at home. We have seen some encouraging results in these schools.

A few teachers attended the Charterhouse Course of Bible Study given in Pakaur in September.

During the spring months we sought out suitable places to use the magic lantern, and accompanied by the preachers and District Superintendent, the story of the Life of Christ and other pictures were shown and lectures given in many places. We have a waiting list now and we hope to make good use of the lantern during the coming cold season.

Our women are living near the church in town and attend punctually all its services where they meet the people of the congregation week by week. It has been my own aim to learn to recognize each man, woman and child, and to call each by name. During these first twelve months I feel that I have failed in this as in other things I have attempted, but as many of the parents in the homes are former pupils of the boarding schools, whose marriage I helped to arrange years ago, they have been very forgiving if I forget which child is Sishir Kumar, and which Nirmolendu. At least we have recorded the names of about one thousand people we have found on the District and during our visits this year we have had contacts with them in their homes. Still there are several hundred Christians scattered through our territory that we have not met.

This work could not have been accomplished without the good faithful services of the car and driver. We have made 4,935 miles from the first of February, and very seldom has the car gone forth without a special errand for the cause in mind. I need not tell you that the work now seems different to what it did last January. With fear and trembling I set out to get acquainted with a big district. I wish to thank those who have helped me, and have co-operated with our plans. We have not
tried to do the work alone, or in our own strength. The Master has been our constant companion and our inspiration. To Him we give the praise if anything has been done.

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BIRBHAM DISTRICT

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools  ..  EUGENIA NORBERG.
Educational Work  ..  MRS. ELSIE BEEKEN.

Educational.—The Bengali Girls’ M. E. Boarding School has made advance this year despite the heavy cut in appropriations. The Government in October raised the status of the school from Upper Primary to Middle English, with a grant of Rs. 70 per month. The District Inspectress of schools has been most sympathetic and interested in the welfare of the school. She remarked on her last visit that during all the years she has visited the school never before has she seen the girls so happy and free from embarrassment.

The Inspectress of Schools very kindly sent us a magic lantern. A few alterations were necessary and now we have a splendid lantern for school and evangelistic work.

Having received Government grant from March last we are able to make improvements in the class rooms.

We are admitting boys as day scholars into the higher classes as well during 1934 as this is the only M. E. school in this area. Parents have been to us begging that we admit their boys. We believe this is a great and effectual door that has opened whereby we may make contact with the youth around us for their uplift. God grant that we do not fail Him in this wonderful opportunity. So far Christians predominate on the rolls, their being 85 out of 110.

Epworth League meetings have been regularly held. The usual contribution to the Conference Educational loan fund was sent from the Children’s Day collection.

A very fine drama, "Lamps of Remembrance", by Miss Carpenter was given during District Conference, by the school and Christian men of the community. We are indeed very pleased to have our Educational Secretary with us. Her presence is a help in more ways than one.

Fifteen girls and two boys were admitted into Church membership during the year. Three non-Christian girls were baptized.

The first Charter House Institute was held in Pakaur in October. There were Methodist representatives from Calcutta, Bolpur, Asansol, Pakaur, and Baptists from Bhimpore and Midnapore. There were altogether 45 Indian teachers, preachers and Bible women, and 9 missionaries present. It was a most helpful Institute. To Miss Carpenter and Rev. E. L. King we render our most grateful appreciation for their help in all the departments of Religious Education.
Day Schools.—Hatpara, Bolpur, Sangrampur and Dhulian. A year of progress is the summing up of our work in the Day Schools. Hatpara, Sangrampur and Dhulian have been recommended for Government grants. The regular application forms have been sent in and we hope to hear from Government early in the new year. Bolpur already receives a Government grant.

When it was thought that we should be compelled to close the Hatpara Day School due to the cut, the Hindu community protested. They got the Sub-Inspector of Schools interested and even approached the Vice Chairman for help.

Sunday School is held regularly in all the Day Schools. In the Hatpara Sunday School, consisting entirely of non-Christians, Rs. 5 was collected of which the major portion was voluntarily given to help two Christian orphans with clothes. The remainder of the money was spent on a simple picnic, held on the compound of the Boarding School, which all enjoyed. To hear these little ones pray in their own words for the retaining of their school, which we feared would have to be closed, was very touching.

The school building in Dhulian was not large enough so another mud building was erected. We hope to pay for this from fees collected in the coming year. Nearly all of the bamboos for the roof and some of the straw was contributed by the people.

Evangelistic Work.—Our Evangelistic work has taken us to more than 50 different villages during the year. In Sangrampur Circuit 35 villages, and in Dhulian 15 villages have been visited. In and near Pakaur also, several villages have been reached, and the homes from which our Hatpara school children come. Everywhere the people are delighted to have us come.

Mothers' Institute was held in Pakaur. The Boarding School was closed to accommodate the mothers. Old and pleasant memories of the past were revived as the mothers, who had been girls of the school, took their places in the dormitories and the food line. There were 41 women and 31 babies at the Institute. Rev. R. C. Biswas, Mrs. Sircar and our Dr. Pandit helped to make the days most instructive and enjoyable. On the last day an examination was held in Religious knowledge. Twenty-one women passed, receiving rewards. Some of the women did not know how to read. The Bible women had been giving them regular teaching during the year.

Pakaur and Sangrampur Ladies' Aids have been active during the year. Various methods of raising money have been tried. Goats, cows and chickens have been invested in. A poor farmer's land was saved from confiscation by taking it over until such time as he can redeem it. The Sangrampur Ladies' Aid is responsible for the school fees of two very poor children. Pakaur Ladies' Aid also has helped needy people and they have contributed to the Church benevolences.

We close our report which is but a glimpse of the happenings during the past year. Our days have been full and we have had
our trials but we can say with one of old, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us".

"Looking back the long years over,  
What a varied path! And yet,  
All the way His hand hath led us,  
Placed each hindrance we have met,  
Given to us the "pleasant places",  
Cheered us all the journey through.  
Passing through the deepest waters,  
He has blessed us hitherto".

We enter the new year with the prayer that we may walk worthy of the vocation whereunto we are called.

Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial Hospital.

Missionary... BEULAH M. SWAN.

During this last year I have had the Evangelistic work in the Santal villages in addition to the Medical work and therefore of necessity have spent a good deal of time away from the compound and the hospital. But Doctor Pandit has carried the work with the help of two nurses and we have had, in many ways, an interesting year.

In connection with the ante-natal clinic we have made two surveys. One survey was of the village just beyond the compound gates where Bengalis of many castes live. The Rangers of Jidato School co-operated in this and we learned some interesting facts about our sisters in the zenanas around us. We found that the death rate of children was 55% and that some women had had as many as twelve children. One woman had only two of twelve living. They made us understand that they knew all there was about child bearing and raising, especially the older women. And they told us that it was not lack of care of knowledge that made their children die but they died because it was God's will. So we feel that the work we can do here is very much needed, for this is only one of scores of villages quite close to us. But we have a big task in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance. We also made a survey of the Christian Santal women who attended the Summer school here. The death rate was much lower, as one would expect among an out-door farmer class.

Doctor Pandit held classes at both the Bengali and Santali Summer Schools for Christian village women. This gave the women from far villages a chance to get better acquainted with her and to know more of the work of the hospital. The classes were very helpful and instructive also. She also held classes for the Bible women of the Santal District to help them in their work among village women.

We have added to our equipment a good sterilizer which was most needed. Then we have also gotten the equipment for making the Kahn test for syphilis. Tests have been made for
hook worm and round worm among all the school children and where the parasites were found treatment was given. Doctor has also made many pathological tests for malaria, tuberculosis and other parasites.

Doctor Edmunds has come from Hiranpur and done several major operations and we are grateful to him for his co-operation. We have also had occasion to call him in consultation and he has been very generous in his help.

The regular examination of the school children here who number about three hundred in the two schools was another task undertaken by Dr. Pandit again this year as well as vaccinating a large number of the children for small-pox.

We are conscious of the great need for scientific medical work in our neighborhood and we want our Hospital and Dispensary to fill this need as Christ would have us fill it. We need the prayers of our friends both here and in the Homeland.

CALCUTTA BENGALI DISTRICT

Missionary

KATHARINE M. KINZLY

The year 1933 is now a matter of history. Some things we have tried to do have been accomplished, but much has been left undone.

This year I have had many new opportunities. I have attempted to get in touch with the Christians of our Central and Hati Began Churches. The names of the members of the families with their church connections are arranged alphabetically. The schools the children attend are also noted. I hope to prepare a similar list of the Church adherents for Ballygunge, Champahati and Nehata congregations. This survey will give some valuable information regarding the possibilities of our future Church.

The systematic supervision by Miss Dass in the five Day Schools is resulting in much improvement and added increase in attendance and interest. New methods are being introduced and a more systematic arrangement of monthly examinations. Last year one of our girls from Hati Began school passed the scholarship examination and won a stipend of about 40 cents a month, but, as she was a big girl at 12, her parents would not allow her to continue her studies. She was a good student, and had a real desire for more education.

Two girls in a village school, appeared for a special examination in November, and were successful. We are hoping to obtain a district board grant-in-aid for this school. Through the efforts of the teacher a district board grant-in-aid has been obtained for another village school.

Fees have been raised and the girls are buying more books. Government Inspectresses continue to show a sympathetic interest in our schools.

Through the five Day Schools we are reaching a large num-
ber of India's future womanhood, and it is a blessed privilege to have even a small part in training them for the responsibilities of the home.

A very fine scheme of co-operation has been arranged between the London Missionary Society and the Methodist Church in a plan for work in the South Villages. The proposal came to us for a five year scheme in our South Villages where there was a scattered membership of both communities. In this area were two local preachers, two Bible women and a Day School teacher. Two missionaries of the London Missionary Society are resident in the South villages, and it is much easier for them to effectively supervise this work than it is for us to do it from Calcutta. I spent ten days with Miss Baker in the South villages. The sympathetic co-operation between the missionaries has been a good example.

The District Superintendent of the Calcutta Bengali District in his annual report about seventeen years ago wrote:—

"The work in the South Villages should eventually be cared for by the London Missionary Society, who now have a few scattered Christians in that part of the District." It has taken us a long time to make a decision.

The Bible women are carrying on in their work. The monthly meetings have been a help to all. We did not have our workers conference last year but are hoping to have it in 1934. There is great need for a better grade of Bible reader. I am hoping there may be a Bible Training School opened to aid us in obtaining a better type of workers.

This last year it has been my privilege to have a new phase of mission work open up to me. Our Mission has not had a representative on the Lady Rogers Indian Nurses' Hostel. As a number of our Methodist girls were taking nurses' training, it seemed wise to affiliate. An Indian pastor and myself were chosen as representatives. It is a contact worth while, and through this avenue, I have gained entrance to the hostel for a Bible class, also branching out into other hospitals. I now have Bible classes in five hospitals once a month, and I expect to go to four more next year. The nurses seem very appreciative and I hope to link them up with their own Churches. In one hospital half the Bible Class are Non-Christians. The nursing profession has a stigma connected with it in this country, but we are hoping to raise the standard and find those who can more worthily serve through this noble profession. I had the privilege of broadcasting in behalf of the Lady Rogers Indian Nurses' Hostel in August and it gave me a thrill to talk over the radio in Bengali, and to be invited to do so again.

The class with the students of the Training School Department of the Lee Memorial School, held on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour of the Central Bengali Sunday School, is much enjoyed. As often as possible I attend services in the different churches of the district.
Lee Memorial Mission

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

The past year has been a trying one—not only to us but to the whole world. The testing has led to some changes in the work—some weeding out both among our Indian workers and in our schools. These things we believe have been for the good of the work.

We still have in our Girls' School 150 and more Boarders with nearly 75 Day Scholars. The movement of Hindu men bringing their girl wives and child widows into the school continues. We are unable, for want of room, to admit all. Some of our first wives and widows have graduated and left our school to go out to teach others. They have become deeply interested in God’s Word. Some of them are the best students in our Bible classes. They astonish us by the efficient manner in which they take their turn in giving Bible teaching. Some have asked to remain in our Home although teaching outside. One said “I have had five lovely years of blessing here; how can I ever go back into the atmosphere of idol worship and opposition to Christ?”

Several have professed a change of heart during the year. Three of our Hindu girls have been baptized. Our little church in Belliaghatta one Lord’s Day was the scene of a most interesting ceremony. It was filled with members and friends who witnessed the consecration by baptism of three babies—one the Mawson baby—and the baptism of a lovely Hindu girl now sixteen years of age. As she confessed Christ and dedicated herself to Him, we prayed that she might be a chosen vessel of His to lead her own people to Christ.

The rescue of temple babies continues. Our youngest, a babe of twelve days, was received a few weeks ago. The eldest of the group, three years of age, won the prize at our Baby Show, and another the second prize. They are lovely children. This is an expensive and difficult kind of work. But how blessed to save these innocent children from a profligate life carried on under the guise of a false religion, and train them for the service of the true God.

Our Boys' School continues, with a new set of teachers, to care for poor boys.

Our Evangelistic work is being carried on in the homes by our teachers visiting their pupils and trying to reach their relatives. Our Colporteurs are getting the Gospels by the thousands into the hands of the people at Metas (Hindu festivals) and in towns and villages—selling 31,000 during last year.

Our preaching hall in the midst of the native city has just been fitted up; so with lantern lectures, preaching, and singing the Gospel we hope many souls may be saved.

Besides our efficient body of Indian coworkers, He has sent us a new missionary—Miss Dessie Baldwin, who arrived in time
to join the language school in March. We are now Mr. and Mrs. Mawson—and Baby jewel—in charge of the Boys’ School and work at that end; Miss Baldwin and myself in charge of the Girls’ School and Mission Home. The adjoining house is now empty and negotiations proceeding with the Government. We will soon have possession, God willing.

My heart is full of praise to Him and to you our faithful co-workers. Your sacrifice in giving has been great. I expect God’s blessing upon you to be greater than ever before. How God honours us to be co-workers together with Him. Never were the opportunities greater. The future is as bright as His promises. “Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things thou knowest not.—Jer. 33:3.

CALCUTTA HINDUSTANI DISTRICT

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

In reviewing my Diary for the past year I find quite a variety of work done. Travellers to Calcutta ask what the work of the evangelistic missionary is in a city like Calcutta. It is difficult to give a definite reply. No two days are alike. My own work includes just about everything that a sister is ever called upon to do.

On a good many days I have in my Diary a list like this of hospitals visited in one day—Campbell, Dufferin, Medical, Tropi-cal, General. It is splendid the way hospital doctors are ready to cooperate with us, and to admit our patients. It is more wonderful the way God works for us when we are serving the sick. We have had a good deal to do with the Chest Clinic and the Anti Tuberculosis Association. The Department of Experimental Psychology of the College of Science has helped us to diagnose several problems children this year. Dr. Muir of the Leprosy Department of the Tropical Hospital invited me to watch him diagnose new cases. He is sure there is much leprosy hidden away in the zenanas that is not discovered, and which accounts for the smaller number of women lepers reported. He feels that those engaged in zenana visiting should know how to recognize leprosy when they see it. Colonel Kirwan of the Eye Infirmary called me in to watch him do eye operations. And, having seen him at work myself, my word seems to carry more weight with those who should go to the Eye Hospital, but who are afraid of the doctors. On one day the entries in my Diary show that it was a day full of health service, with the prayer recorded, “Father, that somehow these contacts today may draw each one nearer to Thee”.

The Coal Dock Day School in Kidderpore has improved this year, with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan as teachers. They came to us in June, and both of them have been giving faithful, efficient service, not only in the school, but among the men and women living in the Coal Docks. The number of girls in the school has
increased, and Mrs. Morgan has been gaining the confidence of
the mothers, finding continual opportunity to witness for Christ
among them. Mr. Morgan, besides the classroom work, teaches
games and sports, conducts a small night school, and preaches in
other places besides the Coal Docks. The Inspector of Schools
was pleased with the improvement made this year. The Coal
Dock Sunday School is also flourishing. The doctor of the Docks
Dispensary gave every pupil a thorough physical examination.
He found malnutrition quite general among them. We can
hardly expect it to be otherwise when their parents have so little
work and get so little for it.

Due to the uncertainty of funds and not finding the right
sort of teacher, it was necessary to close the Central Day School.
We are trying to keep in touch with these non-Christian school
girls by visiting in their homes. We have had a party for them,
and also plan to make excursions to places of interest, and edu­
cational value.

Four of our Christian girls were sent to the Arrah boarding
school in July. The need for a Hindustani boarding school near
Calcutta is becoming more acute. But until there is one we must
continue to send a few girls far away, while the others go without,
or learn Bengali and so become lost to the Hindustani community.

We have made good use of the magic lantern, and for other
Societies as well as our own. We have shown, besides the life
of Christ, various health and temperance slides, gladly loaned
to us by hospitals and other health agencies, and greatly appre­
ciated by Christians and non-Christians alike.

As I look back over the year I am surprised to note how much
rescue work has fallen to my lot to do for unfortunate women
and children—a very interesting, but very difficult work.

The opportunities for Hindustani work in and around Calcut­
ta are quite staggering for so few workers. Several Societies
are doing a little Hindustani work, with their main emphasis on
the Bengali work. The Wesleyans, however, are really develop­
ing the Hindustani work. We are thankful for this and for the
fine spirit of co-operation they are showing. One of the special
features of the year was the all day meeting of Hindustani
Christian workers of all denominations. The testimony meeting
at the close of that day drew us closer in our understanding of
one another.

The Bible women have been doing effective work. Their
faithfulness and perseverance call forth honourable mention.
Miss McLeavy’s visit to Calcutta this year was a distinct blessing
to the women of the District. We all wish she might stay here.
We have a fine group of educated Christian Hindustani women
and our hope is to accomplish more and more by voluntary
service. When these women lift up their eyes and see the fields
white unto harvest, then surely they will cry out willingly,
“Lord, here am I, send me!”

God help us to get the vision of the urgency of the task!
ENGLISH DISTRICT.
Thoburn Church—Calcutta.

Missionary-Deaconess

Ruth Field.

The aim of the Christian has been well expressed in the words of Mr. Geo. Goodman of England when he said; "The Christian sets out openly to live a new life, to form a new character, to set an example to all of a life well pleasing to God. Can he do it? The answer comes from Paul—I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

There has been great pleasure this year in working along with the Thoburn Church people for these ideals.

There has been visiting in the homes, the hospitals, taking part in the Epworth League, both in the Devotional meetings and the social life, also the Church prayer meetings and choir, and a little time in the schools.

The work which has taken considerable time the latter part of the year and which I feel is very important, has been the formation of Cottage Bible Discussion groups, for the most part, following the International Sunday School lessons. Six of these groups have been carried on in different homes of the congregation, meeting once a week and taking in mostly the older members of the Church, and another group has met at the Church on Sundays and is made up mostly of the Epworth League young people.

The groups are small, including in all only about sixty people but the meetings are led by various members of the Church who have taken a keen interest in carrying them on and the meetings have been very helpful.

We hope during the coming year, to draw in many more of the adult Church members and to make these groups more effective centres of Christian development and more helpful in the various communities.

The work in the school has been a pleasure, taking either a singing class or Harmonica club at the Girls' School each school day and occasionally talking at the chapel services of both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. These school contacts are an important element in the Deaconess work as it gives a continual opening into various homes of the school as well as the Church. Many of the contacts made during the year, have been in renewing acquaintances with men and women whom I knew in school in the years past and so I feel that there is great value in the Deaconess work both to the Church and to the school and there is no dividing line in these two branches of the work of the Kingdom.

The visiting in the hospitals of the city has offered many chances of finding old friends among the nurses as well as the patients and there has been a real welcome to the visits made to help cheer up the sick.
Our Church homes in Calcutta, as well as all around the world, are important centres in either building up or tearing down the teaching one finds in the Church and Christian schools.

It is a real pleasure and inspiration to visit in the homes of Thoburn Church where God is honoured and where the members of the home are seeking to set an example of what Christ can do in a life when He is given a chance. In visiting in other homes, there is a real challenge to help the members of the home to really find Christ and to live Him as well as profess Him; where the family altar needs to be established, where love and forbearance need to be shown and where the principles of faithfulness and honesty need to be taught to the children; to help them to realize that a Christ-like character is to be valued above all else, and that all else without righteousness, profits nothing either to the individual or the community.

More and more, one feels the need of closer co-operation in character building and teaching between the homes, schools and Church and any one of these three that fails to teach and show by example, the highest ideals of Christ, can be a drawback in the attempts of the other two to teach the young people the best character to build. When all three, home, school, and Church, unite in holding up the teaching and living an example of a life "well pleasing to God," then it is easy for the boys and girls who grow up in those homes and schools and Churches to become established in a life of Christian service and be a blessing to all who meet them.

In the Ladies Aid, we are considering ways and means of doing more in the coming year in the way of home teaching. There is an unlimited amount of such work needed in Calcutta among our Anglo-Indian people.

There is also an opportunity wide open to us in the ministry to a group of young men and women from the Kassia Hills of Assam who have found their way to Calcutta for work. They understand English better than either Bengali or Hindi and many of them are from the Welsh Church in Assam and feel most at home in the Thoburn Church here in Calcutta. We want to get into closer contact with them during the coming year and get to know them better. There are many such opportunities for the Thoburn Church people to help others to know Christ better.

We have great faith in our English work and believe it to be one of the most important parts of the Church work in India just in the way stated at the beginning of this report;—"Living a new life, forming a new character, and setting an example before all of a life well pleasing to God" and our Anglo-Indian people have the resources of God at hand and through Christ can do this thing to which God calls.
Once again, we meet at the close of another year. We have felt like one big family as we prepared the Christmas Programme with our little ones. In this spirit and unity we greet you. We desire to thank the choirs and the Kindergarten for the closing programme, the gymnasium for the field work, and other members of the staff for the handwork display. We trust that all of you who have seen this work may feel that it is representative of the work we are attempting to do.

Enrolment has grown from 280 to 341. Many applications have come in for next year. No child has had to leave school for lack of fees. This has meant reducing fees, placing children on free lists, and enrolling some new children free. We are striving to meet the financial crisis which continues, so that the present generation will not be deprived of its educational opportunity.

The health of the school has been good excepting for the epidemic of children's diseases in the Kindergarten, during the first term. While the epidemic was most severe, the nurse inspected the children daily as they came to school. The health education started last year has been extended in that the nurse has examined the children each month when they were weighed. The doctor's recent examination revealed that many children have improved in health and that medical attention needed has been given. Miss Reynold's gymnasium classes have helped in posture as well as strength. However, we realize that in addition to health education, our gymnasium classes train the pupils for alertness, agility, and co-ordination of muscle and eye.

Examinations have kept up to our high standard. All four Cambridge School Certificate candidates passed, with one gaining honours. Of the six candidates for the University of Calcutta Matriculation Examination, two passed in the First Division and four in the Second Division. Eighteen Sixth Standard pupils secured St. John's Ambulance First Aid Certificates. The class is now studying Home Nursing. Five have passed their practical examination in piano, two with honours. One pupil has completed her practical work for the Association Certificates in music.

In the lower standards, much stress has been given to history and Geography units of work. It will take time to work out the technique of teaching we desire in connection with such units of work. We realize the necessity of helping the children to understand their environment and the contribution of civilization on which their culture is based. Education is living which implies growth.

Of outstanding interest has been the unit of work in the Second Standard on Water Transportation. This activity con-
tinued throughout the year as the pupils took a world voyage to study other lands. Handwork, reading, drawing and composition were integrated with either geography or history as core subjects. One of the most enjoyable units in the First Standard, was a study of the Hot Lands of Africa. An African village was modelled. The children brought toy animals which led to a trip to the Zoo, and a study of African animals. The Third Standard studied Land Transportation. What country is richer for such a study than India. The Fourth Standard also studied Water Transportation and the Fifth, the Middle Ages.

In the Kindergarten, the most interesting activities grew out of their study of elementary science. A study of steam developed into a study of trains. Then the interest was centered on aeroplanes. Mr. Dewey piloted the toy airplane. We regret the rides were imaginary. Those of you who saw the free hand paintings noticed perhaps that trains and aeroplanes were among their choice of subjects. The lectures given at the Y.W.C.A. on science were helpful and we have profited by them. Another trained teacher is being added to the Kindergarten staff.

The special activities have contributed much to the life of the school and the development of the pupils. Thursday Chapel conducted by each class in turn has maintained an interesting programme while keeping a reverent attitude of worship. The recent Fourth and Fifth Standard Christmas chapels were appreciated by all. Miss Lang gave us another series of helpful chapel talks. I hope more parents will form the habit of occupying the gallery when we have our joint closing chapel with our brother School. We were glad Bishop Robinson could be with us for this chapel.

The Girl Guides have had an enthusiastic year with Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Chadwick. They won a second class competition rally and so we have the coveted cup which St. Thomas Girls generally hold. Three District Officers attended the November Parade Service in Thoburn Church. I understand that services of this kind may be held in other centres, next year. In this also Calcutta Girls' Company helps to pioneer the way. We regret that Mrs. Burgess leaves us for furlough, but trust that we may have her with us again in the future. The Blue Birds have had a good year with Miss Wood as leader. Miss Wood leaves us also. We wish her much joy in her new home.

The Games Club has been ably managed by Miss Wood and Mrs. Milner. Over eighty per cent of the pupils belong. There is evidence that strong, self reliant, and socially-minded individuals are being developed.

All pupils from the Fifth Standard up are enrolled in clubs, meeting once a week. This year the clubs were: Know Your City, Harmonica, Courtesy, Public Speaking, and Drama. The club sponsors were Mrs. Nuttall, Miss Field, Miss Webbe, Mrs.
Dewey, and Mrs. Faucett, and the members are to be congratulated on the work accomplished. The general purpose of club organization is to enable each pupil to be increasingly self-directive, to explore new fields of interest, to learn how to work together, and for guidance in leisure. In September, the clubs gave a tea and a concert to their mothers. The programme grew out of the club experiences. Our mothers have encouraged us sufficiently so that we expect to include the fathers sometime in the future.

Sunday School has met regularly in Thoburn Church, also the Epworth Leagues. Seven girls joined Thoburn Church in July. Miss Hughes has conducted the bedtime prayer groups.

In closing, we desire to express our gratitude to the School Committee for their assistance, to the Firms and Friends for their help and contributions, to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey for their interest, chapel and club work, to Miss Field for her help in the Senior Choirs, to Thoburn Church for worship and such financial assistance as Children’s Day, etc., to the untiring efforts of the Staff, to the parents for their loyalty and co-operation, and to our Heav·ily Father for His presence with us. May our school serve the community better each year.

Queen’s Hill School.

Missionaries ... ... ... | Mrs. Lila Engberg.
Emma Barber.
Miriam Scholberg.

"Where lies the land to which the ship would go?
Far, far ahead is all her seamen know.
And where the land she travels from? Away,
Far, far away is all that they can say."

To-day this school is like the ship spoken of in this stanza by A. H. Clough. We seamen who are steering the ship only know that the land toward which we are going is far, far ahead and that the land from which we have travelled lies far, far behind.

Each year marks a milestone in the journey of life, and in the history of the school and its individual pupils. Like a traveller turning to look back on the road he has travelled on a long trek, it is the immediate past which seems the longest mile.

As we turn now to look back on the year we are just closing, it seems longer than any other in the quantity and quality of its accomplishments. Each year we try out various experiments in the field of education. Some are marked with success and become a part of the school routine and tradition. Others gradually fade into oblivion, having, we hope, accomplished some little good. Last year, we tried out Student Government, but it is interesting to note that this year’s student body voted it down. Perhaps the leaders last year were too autocratic, or it may be that the older pupils this year do not crave authority and respon-
sibility, or that they lack the traits of character necessary for blazing trails.

The policy of the school is to always try to put first things first. To prepare our girls and boys for lives of service. "Not for School, but for life do we learn." The managing committee tries to hire a staff who wholeheartedly approve this policy and who are willing to give themselves unreservedly in service and with no thought of selfish gain, in co-operating to help develop the lives of the young people entrusted to their care. We try to place equal emphasis upon the development of the whole man:— mental, moral, physical and spiritual.

The outside world judges a school's mental development, usually, by the success or failure of its examination candidates. In 1932, we had both successes and failures. In Senior Cambridge, though five failed, Eileen Elliot passed with distinction in five subjects, the highest pass in Bengal; two others received honours in two subjects; and two passed with credit. Of the seven candidates for the Junior Cambridge, all passed except one. This year we are presenting nine candidates for Senior Cambridge, and thirteen for the Junior. For the first time, we shall have our own Cambridge examination centre here at Mount Hermon this December.

In Music examination, our pupils have done very well. Nine candidates were presented for Trinity College practicals in October—all passed, three with honours, and one candidate, Doreen Ritchie, receiving her Licentiate. We presented 17 candidates for Associate Board, four received grades of distinction, two honours, and all passed. It is the first time for years that every candidate has passed her Practical Music examination.

The Music department is to be congratulated upon the variety of its entertainments this year. In the summer, the Junior Girls' Singing Class, under the efficient supervision of Miss Bloud, and assisted by Miss Wakefield and Miss Balthasar, presented an operetta, "Peach Blossom" in the school hall. This was such a success that it was repeated in September in the Gymkhana Theatre and in the presence of His Excellency, Sir John Anderson. The proceeds of these entertainments have been added to a fund to build a covered play room for the children's use on rainy days.

The Music department has also been responsible for the special music at our regular Sunday Morning church services, and for the monthly programmes at Parent Teachers' Association; and in early October, they gave a musical evening which was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. We appreciate all these extra undertakings of the music staff and would express our appreciation at this time, to Mrs. Dover who has taught piano, violin and class singing, and who has been most generous in the giving of her own talents for the pleasure of the school and community; to Misses Bloud and Wakefield who have been so cheerfully dependable in the many calls made upon them for
assistance, even at very short notice. Mr. Hargraves, violinist in His Excellency's orchestra, has very kindly taken several of our violin pupils and has done a great deal to give our school orchestra a good start. The Music department sponsored three competitions this year for the Blue and Gold.

Mrs. McSwiney, who has been such a loyal friend of the school during the three years that they have been in the station has presented a beautiful silver challenge cup to the pupil who makes greatest progress in violin each year.

The school was highly honoured in June by receiving a visit from His Excellency, Sir John Anderson, and his daughter. They were shown around the buildings and then had tea, during which the Music department presented a short programme.

More interest and enthusiasm and a better spirit of good sportsmanship have characterized the year's efforts in games and sports. Our girls' basketball team played the Convent twice, losing once and winning once; The hockey team played them twice winning both matches. Our mixed hockey team played three matches with Miss Anderson's team, losing two and winning one. The boys' teams have played picked teams from St. Paul's, St. Joseph's, LeBong D. L. I. band, and the Asansol Scouts, who camped here in the spring. Besides the hockey and basketball, the school has taken a keen interest in football, cricket, tennis, and swimming. Besides organized sports, each class of girls and boys is given regular drill lessons twice a week during school. In June, the middle school girls' drill class presented a series of human pyramids for the floral fete programme at the Mt. Everest Hotel.

October 7th was our annual sports day, when almost every boy and girl took part in one of the 36 events. We would express our appreciation to all the firms and friends who so kindly gave gifts or cups for prizes on that day and to the games staff who coached the pupils for the various events.

In order to encourage proper deportment in the upper school Miss Brittain has presented a challenge cup to the girl who passes certain deportment tests with the highest grade. Lucy Moss has the honour of being the first to receive the cup.

Most of the boys and girls above eight years of age are on the rolls of Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Blue Birds, or Wolf Cubs. Two officers came twice a week from Le Bong through most of the term, coaching the boys in Physical Training, and one acted as Scout Master. Mrs. Welles, assisted by Miss Mannington, came out each Thursday and took the Blue Birds in their rally. Mrs. Townend came out each week during the season and acted as Guide Captain, assisting our lieutenant, Miss Franz with practical suggestions and help. We are indeed very grateful to these busy people for their personal interest and attention, and we hope they will be with us again next year. Miss Cox is our own able Cub Master and the District Cub Master. We encourage all the children to join one of these worth while organizations, for in
no other way do they get much practical training which is otherwise absolutely lacking in education in India. All our Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Blue Birds attended the Empire Day celebration and the Cubs and Scouts took part in the King's Birthday parade. In July, as usual, the Scouts and older cubs went on their annual hike and camp, choosing Tindaria as their destination this year. The Guides and Blue Birds worked hard through the rains doing their bit to make the District Guide Sale in October, the success it was.

Besides public entertainments and Saturday night class programmes, the recitation contest this year elicited a great deal of interest. Over thirty pupils entered at first and three preliminary contests were held in September. On October 13th, the final for both Juniors and Upper school was held. Ruth Schoonmaker, with her recitation, "The Highwayman" was awarded, first place and will receive the challenge cup presented by Mrs. Walker, and Ruth Davis, who recited, "The Birth of Dombey," came second, in the upper school. In the lower school, Betty Tucker won first place and Noel Nadjarian second.

With this beautiful silver challenge cup as an added incentive we hope more pupils will compete next year and that the Dramatic Recitation contest will become a tradition in the school.

One of the chief purposes of those who founded this school thirty-eight years ago, was to develop the highest type of Christian character in its pupils. The life of pupils in a boarding school is necessarily confined and limited, but by precept and example, we try to help build strong foundations in these young lives. Prayers are conducted each morning by a missionary on the staff or by a visiting missionary. This year we have taken a definite course of training in character education on a practical basis. In the monthly letters to parents, the principal has explained the plan and solicited their co-operation. Each pupil has been given a Key to Success giving the rules. Many of the teachers and most of the parents who have been up here have remarked about the improvement in their children after such traits as initiative, reliability, obedience, self-control, and the like have been explained and their importance emphasized.

Each Saturday, the classes take turns in conducting morning prayers, and on Friday evenings, pupils meet for their own Devotional services in their Epworth and Junior Leagues.

The school co-operates with the Methodist Community Church for its Sunday Services. Besides the adult Church which the older children attend, we have organized a Junior Community Church which meets at the same time but the entire service is for the tiny tots. Pupils attend Sunday School in the afternoon and this year they have been fortunate in having teachers from outside the school. Besides these regular religious services, Miss Berry of the C. S. S. M. spent ten days in the school and gave special talks to the boys and girls.
One of the most active organizations at Mount Hermon is the Parent Teachers' Ass'n, which meets once a month for a social hour and for the serious discussion of problems common to parents and teachers. Some excellent programmes have been arranged, but the biggest affair of the year is the annual sale and carnival held the last of May. This year the receipts amounted to about Rs. 1,500. Of this, the association has voted a thousand rupees toward a Manual Training department for the boys, and plans are being laid to begin it next year if possible. The other Rs. 500 is to be used toward the covered play shed for the children's use on rainy days. The school hopes to raise enough money in grants, gifts, and the like to build the play shed before the rains begin next year. With deepest gratitude, we acknowledge the generous gift of Rs. 500 from Rev. and Mrs. Morgan toward this project, and other gifts and donations of almost Rs. 200 from old students and friends.

A school cannot afford to stand still and this school has numerous plans for development. We are looking forward to the time when we shall be able to level a mountain and make a playground which will be a full sized hockey and football field.

In the matter of health, which is one of the most important items in the life of a boarding school, our record has been almost perfect. Though the hill side was full of whooping cough, we escaped with only one very slight case in the boarding department. We would express our appreciation and gratitude to Major McSwiney for his constant and generous attention to the health of pupils and staff during the three years that he has been in Darjeeling. We are sorry that he will not be with us again next year.

There has been a splendid spirit of loyalty and co-operation among the members of the staff this year. The principal has had to carry the double responsibility of Business Manager and Supervisor of the School and Boarding, a task which would have been almost impossible but for the loyal co-operation of teachers and staff. Together they have worked to edit the school magazine, the "Blue and Gold." They have supervised and assisted the classes with their Saturday Night programmes, and have cheerfully taken extra duties and responsibilities whenever the need arose.

One year is hardly closed before it is necessary to make plans for the next. I am sorry that each year brings necessary changes in our staff but such seems to be life. Cupid has been hovering around Mount Hermon for some time and is now taking his toll. Miss Balthasar and Mrs. Slinger have been granted a year's leave of absence and we shall be glad to welcome them back in 1935.

We are getting at least two new trained and experienced teachers out from U. S. A. to join our staff next year, and though we are loath to see the old ones go, we wish them the best in their new ventures, and know that they are now and
always will be loyal friends and supporters of Queen’s Hill. Mr. Hargraves, who had part of the violin pupils this year, is taking them again next year and is also taking over the boys’ sports; and we are in hopes of getting another master from U. S. A. to assist with the boys and take the Manual Training and Science.

As we are about to close the records for the school year, 1933, let us pause a moment to acknowledge our praise and gratitude to our Unseen Friend, who has guided us so safely and so happily on our way. We have enjoyed blessings beyond anything which we could ask or think and one has only to look into our faces to see what a happy school family we are.

“Where lies the land to which the ship would go? Far, far ahead is all her seamen know.”

PAKAUR DISTRICT.

Jidato Middle English School, Pakaur.

Missionary .. .. .. MILDRED PIERCE.

During 1933 we have welcomed four new teachers to Jidato. Three of them are our own girls who have returned after courses in training classes and high school. The two girls who completed their training at Moharo have taught in divisions of Class I. The training they have received is in harmony with methods being used in the beginning classes at Jidato so the children have made very rapid progress this year. The other new teachers came to Jidato in June after they had completed their work in the matriculation class at the Johnson Girls’ High School. They have had many helpful ideas and suggestions which we have sought to help them carry out. They have come with the same spirit of helpful service that we have found in other girls who have been in school in Jubbulpore. One of these girls, Dulon Hembrom, is the grand-daughter of the first Santal to be baptized in the Methodist Church and is the first of our Santali girls to complete the high school course.

Encouraging reports have come from our boys and girls who are studying in other schools. Three boys and three girls are attending high schools, two boys and three girls are in teacher training classes and two girls are taking nurse’s training. They write of how they hope to be of service to their people when they have completed their training.

At the close of 1932 a company of Rangers was organized at Jidato. The members are the teachers, our doctor and the missionaries. This group has rendered service in a number of ways during the year. Just before the summer holidays in co-operation with the hospital they made a survey of our nearest village and invited the women to attend the ante-natal clinic.
They interviewed 68 women of whom 40 had had children. The average number of children in a home was five and there were two women who had had twelve children. Of these two and three were living. Of the children born 55% had died in infancy. The Rangers tried to encourage these women to go to our mission hospital for advice and treatment but they have been slow to respond.

The Guides, Scouts and Blue-birds have all been active. A new Guide Company has been formed. Their Captain, Subashini Marandi, had the honour of attending the All-India Guide Camp in Lahore as a delegate from Bihar. The Blue-birds entertained a village Blue-bird Flock and the Blue-birds from Barharwa at a programme of Blue-bird Revels. Guides, Scouts and Blue-birds in a combined programme entertained the Guide, Scout and Blue-bird groups from the Bengali School just before the closing of the school year. At this programme there was a Flying Up Ceremony at which five Blue-birds from one Flock and six from another received their wings as a reward for passing their first class Blue-bird tests and flew up to the two Guide Companies.

Perhaps the biggest event of the year was the dedication of the Grandstrand Chapel and the new class rooms on the 4th of November. All year we had watched the progress of the work on this new part of our school building and looked forward to the day when we might move out of some of our crowded class rooms into the new rooms, and have a worshipful place for our chapel services. Our pastor, the staff and the boys and girls shared in a programme which visitors described as beautiful and impressive. We were thrilled with the choirs' singing of "The Power of Salvation" and impressed by the teachers' reverent presentation of the pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross." Then in the beautiful words of our Church's dedicatory service Bishop Robinson dedicated the building for worship and the instruction of youth.

At the close of the school year the girls of the highest class again spent some time in camp with Miss Swan. Members of our missionary group, the "Marsal Ak'sen Kuriko" have spent a portion of their Christmas holidays visiting in the homes of the Christians of scattered villages and in presenting a pageant of the life of Christ in picture, song and story in seven of our circuits. This experience has given us all an opportunity to render service and to get better acquainted with village life and customs.
The position of Santal women in the home is one of importance. We have been interested to note just how important that place is. She has more freedom than most other Indian women, working with her husband in the fields and sharing his trips to market and other places. She also holds the family purse and upon her thrift or lack of it depends the family's financial state. If a house does not look neat and clean like other houses, likely as not the excuse is that the wife is dead, or if a person is poor, we hear that the wife was ill during the planting season. Or if the men of a family do not appear for Church, we understand that the women of the family are not interested and so hinder their men in a multitude of ways, such as not washing their clothes, or dilly-dallying with the cooking so that they can not get off in time. Because this is true we feel the need of teaching our women thoroughly so that they may realize their responsibilities as Christian wives and mothers. It is not a small task with a scattered Christian community but we have been trying to help our women in several definite ways.

First, we have the weekly Sunday service followed by the Sunday School class for women which is a helpful session, since this year we have tried to get the women to ask questions and to discuss the lessons from the point of view of their every-day living. Second, we have the monthly sewing classes at which the women learn to sew and also learn Bible verses and prayers and songs. This is also a social get-together for the village women whose lives are so often filled with only hard work. Third, we have Bible women in the various circuits who visit in the homes as often as possible and hold prayer groups with the women of a village. Fourth, we held a Summer School for village women. Each woman brought something to add to our supplies and thus they helped with the expenses. We had a good programme with classes in catechism and Church membership and sewing and health. One of the finest things was a testimony hour. I was deeply stirred at hearing what Christianity meant to these our humble village mothers. Many had never before given a public testimony and none of them were literate. We trust that in all these ways we are helping the women of our District to be better wives and mothers, so that their influence may be for good in their families.

I have spent between ninety and a hundred days in camp during the past year and have preached in 150 villages and held forty-five steroiptican lantern talks. These have been days of getting close to our people and learning their needs and trying to help them in their daily trials.

This last year we had the privilege of enrolling a Blue-Bird flock in one of our village schools. They are about ten little girls and they look so sweet in their blue frocks. They visited
the Jidato flocks and also walked in to the school for an all District revel. They are learning many helpful things and enjoy their times together.

Pakaur was the centre of Santal Christian thought during the middle of December for the Santal Convention was held here then. It included Santals from most of the missions working amongst Santals and there was also a splendid group of missionaries present. There were 298 registered and 27 missionaries. The meetings were a great inspiration not only to our people but to all those who attended, according to reports we have had since the meeting. The people all brought their own food supplies or bought them here and we furnished them with cooking places, and pots, and firewood, and places to stay. It was a cheerful sight in the evening to walk through the compound and see all the cooking fires and the groups around each, talking of the deeper things of life. Friends and relatives met who had not seen each other for long months and there was a wonderful feeling of fellowship.

The fourteen day schools have been carrying on and we have tried to help the teachers use newer methods. This year three boys go into Middle schools from our day schools and there will also be girls coming in to Jidato from the Primary schools. We hope to have a village Teachers' Institute during the early part of this year to give our teachers further help in their work.

As we enter into a new year of work we do it humbly, realizing as never before the responsibility that rests on us for the spreading of His Kingdom here in this land.

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STATE OF THE CHURCH, AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM AND SELF SUPPORT

The state of the Church demands concentration of purpose, a definition of aim and adequate reorganisation. The reorganisation is most important, and in planning for reorganisation the needs for fellowship require first to be considered. Let there be travelling, but let there be communion, fellow-worker with fellow-worker. We think our aim should be defined thus:—Our responsibility is for evangelisation of the peoples of Bengal and all our institutions should be designed to further our efforts in this direction and conserve the fruits of our success.

Following the recommendations of the Committee on the State of the Church, 1933, we re-emphasize the importance of tithing. If all the Christian workers tithed cheerfully and told of its joys to others, this practice would surely spread. Let every Church and every institution organize a Tithers' Band. Let it work regardless of small membership. A few can convert others to join. Tithing must be recognised as a spiritual exercise and not merely as an administrative coercion.
We deplore the absence of family worship in many homes. Oh, let us change this. But the Christian community in Bengal is 78% illiterate. This fact is a terrible comment on our work. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education make a survey to show where the need is greatest. We believe that we must increase in literacy in order that the practice of family worship may grow and the attitude in the family towards women may improve.

It has been reported that some of our Churches have been careless of their records. We strongly urge our pastors to realize the importance of records and the Church members should be impressed with the sacred and precious nature of their membership.

We feel that the evangelistic spirit of Bengal Methodism is in grave danger; and this is not due directly to financial difficulties. Finances are only indirectly responsible for the state of things. The direct cause is the almost complete absence of some of the elemental factors that are essential to Christian vitality. Fellowship is lacking, sympathetic co-operation is almost absent, understanding seems a fond illusion. Leadership is rendered helpless. Here and there individuals have built notable institutions on talents of personal brilliance and made contribution to the need of the country but as a corporate body of fellow Christians, as a Church, Bengal Methodism needs uniting. We need fellowship. Our souls, whether we know it or not, cry aloud for an arrangement whereby the travelling preachers and those in institutions may be brought together for communion. We need a convention for spiritual fellowship, free from the animosities and jealousies of a business conference. We need co-operation today. Our interests have become disconnected and the only link between different projects has been oratorical report. Lacking association and driven together to a semblance of unity by rules of procedure we have made life difficult for us.

We need understanding. Instead of that spirit of trust which is true understanding we have too often accepted that falsity which is criticism and distrust. We are servants of the Great King, but our minds and interests are scattered and this is because our purpose has not been defined, neither by word of mouth nor by the events of the last year. Our goal has been a runaway one, though we have paid occasional and half-hearted lip service to the King.

We are sorry that the proposals from the Bengal and Assam Christian Council have not been presented to our Annual Conference, but we want to assure the Council of our fullest and heartiest co-operation with the effort of the Council to rekindle evangelistic fire in Bengal. The following resolutions have been received from the National Christian Council:

"That believing as we do that the promoting of Evangelism is the essential work of the Church and seeing in the present
grave world situation an urgent call to a fuller expression of Christian life and fellowship and to a bolder and more convincing presentation of the Christian Gospel, we request the officers of the Council to issue a Call to the Churches in India to take up the work of Evangelism with fresh resolve and a more earnest response to the leading of God.

"That this Council is of opinion that Evangelism can only be furthered by the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church by such means as holding retreats for pastors and Church workers, for congregations and for special groups; the formation of study and prayer groups for men, women and children.

"That in order to assist the Churches in their Ministry of Evangelism and further to help in co-ordinating the efforts being made, or likely to be made, the Secretaries of the Council be instructed to make, in cooperation with the Provincial Councils, a fresh study of the whole situation as it affects Evangelism, with special reference to the variations in success which the work presents and the relative productiveness of the methods employed. Such an examination would, it is believed, stimulate the Church to more earnest and productive effort.

"That the Executive be instructed to take up with the National Christian Council of China the possibility of arranging for a Mission of Fellowship from the Churches in China to visit India in 1934."

We recommend that Bengal Conference spare no efforts to make the month of aggressive evangelism an actual fact, a real effort. It should lead us to non-Christians as well as Christians.

The resources of God to finance our evangelistic work are only limited by our lack of spiritual vision and enthusiasm. The God who has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory will not fail to supply the material means for a worthy evangelistic programme. We do not depreciate business—like methods, but the major emphasis which both missionary and national worker has placed upon dollars or rupees, instead of upon the redemption of men and society, is responsible for our present financial crisis in missions. If we shall only dedicate our lives to the redemption of the world for which Christ gave His life, our financial problem will be solved. At present we find ourselves defeated and retreating because we are all thinking more of our reduction in salaries than of our saving the lost. Let us here and now as a Conference pause in prayer to God for forgiveness for not having put first things first, and dedicate our lives anew to the salvation of the lost in the confidence that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all else that we need He will supply.

J. S. CHOWDHURY, Chairman.
Report of the Board of Christian Education.

Mr. Swan reported that there had been no response to the circular letter which he had sent out under the direction of the Board to make an effort to collect educational loans heretofore made to young men of the Conference.

Miss Pierce reported that the survey of the Day Schools of the Conference with regard to the comparative numbers of Christian and non-Christian children, had been carried out. The details of this survey are to be found in the Annual Conference Minutes for this Session.

Mr. Williams reported with regard to the Questionnaire on Religious Education ordered by the Council of Christian Education. Seventeen forms were sent out by him as requested by Bishop Robinson, on behalf of the Council. Of this number five were returned, filled in. As this Questionnaire report for the Conference was incomplete Miss Carpenter was designated to make inquiries, from those in charge of schools not reporting of and to make a summary of the entire returns.

A brief report was made by Miss Carpenter as regards the Educational Bulletin. As the purpose which the Bulletin was originally designed to serve cannot at present be carried out with only one General Secretary in the field, the issuance of the Bulletin will hereafter be only occasional. In view of this fact the subscription which has been paid in the past by Educational institutions for this purpose was directed not to be paid during the current year.

Children's Day has been observed in several places during the past year.

All schools reported that medical examinations had been made.

A possible change in the date of Children's Day was discussed. Inasmuch as the date set by the Council of Christian Education for the observance of Children's Day has likewise been fixed by the Christian Medical Association as Hospital Sunday, the matter of a possible change has been referred to the Council by some of our Medical missionaries.

The Educational Secretary made a report of her work, pointing out some of the obstacles which have been overcome in making available for the schools an increasingly adequate and usable programme of Religious Education. The Charterhouse Programme is not only the programme sanctioned by the Council of Christian Education for use in our schools but it is a programme which we consider worthy of such sanction. It provides a unified plan, not only for the schools but for all the agencies affecting the life of the Church in an educational way. It is a programme based on an understanding of child-development. It is, above all, a Christ-centered programme, which has as its objective bringing about changes in the lives of those for whom it is planned, in the direction of Christ-like
living. It is a programme which is now as far as the school itself is concerned, practically complete as in the English material, a beginning having been made in the translation of this material into the vernaculars. In addition to the Institutes which have been held from time to time for the training of teachers in the use of this programme, a series of manuals are now being prepared for use in the existing Normal Schools of our Church, to provide such help as may be given to teachers in training in the brief time available for this purpose, approximately half an hour daily.

A request from members of the Church in Pakaur was read, asking that sanction be given for the erection by them of a Boys' Hostel at Pakaur for boys who might be enrolled in our Middle English Bengali School. Sanction was given to the Principal of the school to proceed with development along this line, and the petition was referred to the joint committee of the Bengali and Santali Churches in Pakaur for securing the necessary sanction as regards the use of a building site for such purpose.

The need of a revised scale of salaries for Bengali teachers in the Girls' Schools of the Conference was discussed. A committee to bring in such a revised scale for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Education was appointed as follows: Miss Kinzly, convener; Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beeken, Miss Carr, Miss Norberg.

The meeting adjourned after prayer by H. M. Swan.

H. K. MONDOL,
Secretary.

The Bengali "Woman's Friend"

The Total Receipts for the year are Rs. 1,280-2-0 and expenditures, Rs. 1,272-10-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 7-8-0.

There has been an average of 650 copies printed monthly. At the beginning of the year the paper was sent out V. P. P. The subscription price is As. 12 per copy. We are glad to report that there have been several new subscribers during the year.

We wish to thank all those who have contributed articles, poems or stories to the magazine. It is hoped that the paper has been of help and has had a Christian influence in the homes into which it has gone.

CAROLYN O. MONDOL,
Editor.

Women's Societies and Home Missions.

The purpose of this Committee is to record annually the progress of Women's Societies, the addition of any new societies, and to inspire Churches to organize their women into groups that can take responsibilities for the advancement of the Church.
The Pakaur Santali District has six women’s societies which have been busy during the year. They have sewed garments and sold them to poor villagers at very nominal prices, thus helping the villagers and also the Churches. They have had classes for study and discussion.

_Marsal Ak’sen Kurito._—Young Woman’s Missionary Society—Pakaur District: The chief activity of this young woman’s missionary society in 1933 has been that of visiting in the various circuits of the District to bring the Gospel message to both Christians and non-Christians. During the Easter season members accompanied Miss Swan as she visited the circuits to present pictures of the Life of Christ. During the Christmas season they have visited each circuit to sing carols, to preach, to collect funds for their organizations, and to take part in a pageant which presented the Life of Christ in picture, song and story.

Devotional meetings have been held once a month at Jidato. As this meant some members had to walk long distances, two branch organizations have been formed in other circuits.

_Calcutta Central Hindustani Church_ Ladies’ Aid has met ten times during the past year. At these meetings several outside speakers brought special messages which have been much appreciated. Attendance has ranged from fifteen to forty-five. Miss McLeavey’s visit was an especial blessing. There have been talks on Temperance, Mother Craft, education, and definitely spiritual things. The collections this year have fallen down rather badly and what has been collected was used toward the benevolent collections of the Church, Rs. 5/11.

The _Tithing Band_ at the Lee Memorial Mission have had weekly prayer meetings. This organization is an excellent example for our other schools and Churches to follow. They contributed Rs. 25 per month to the Central Bengali Church as well as having given Rs. 15 to the Home Missionary Society, Rs. 5 to the Bible Society, and Rs. 5 to the Tract Society.

_Birbhum District:_ Pakaur and Sangrampur Ladies’ Aid have been active during the year. Various indigenous methods of raising money have been followed. A poor farmer’s land was saved from being confiscated by taking it over until such time as he can redeem it. The Sangrampur Aid is responsible for the school fees of two very poor children; the Pakaur Ladies’ Aid have helped needy people in the District and have contributed to the Church benevolences during the year.

A Bengali Church in Calcutta is anticipating organizing a Ladies’ Aid during this coming year.

Many of the Churches have Epworth Leagues through which their Mission study is carried out. The girls of Queen’s Hill School send their money to a Mission project, and have a Christmas for the children of the school servants before school closing.
The Thoburn Church Ladies' Aid Society has held its meetings regularly throughout the year. Funds are raised by various methods, such as jumble sales, membership fees, pay socials, collecting cards, and a fancy bazar. Over Rs. 1,000 has been taken in during the year which has been distributed on regular pensions, temporary relief, and for Christmas hampers. This Society is serving the Church in a splendid, co-operative way.

The committee would like to call the attention of the Conference to a few of the difficulties of keeping up these societies. We have found that in several places these organized societies continue active only while closely sponsored by the missionary in charge. One wonders if a falling off in attendance, when such missionary support is removed, is due to uninteresting activities, or whether the women are so unaccustomed to organized groups that they do not see the value of gathering regularly either socially or for a united work. Is this a work we can rightly expect of missionaries or are we pushing organizations when some churches are not yet ready for them?

We suggest that this Committee plan some definite activities or helpful programmes to present to these societies, and that some close contacts be made by this Committee and the Board of Home Missions. Possibly this Committee could be the connecting link between the supporters and the Board of Home Missions, and thus create a much wider interest.
RESOLUTIONS

We, the Bengal Women's Conference, wish to express our gratitude for the presence of Bishop and Mrs. Chitambar and for the inspiring messages which they have brought to us daily as they have presided at our Conferences.

We regret the enforced absence of Mrs. Mawson because of illness in the family.

We extend our sympathy to Miss Barber in her prolonged illness and pray the blessing of the Divine Healer upon her hoping that she will soon return to good health.

We welcome Miss Field who has returned from furlough, and Miss Baldwin who is a new missionary in our Conference.

We have enjoyed the presence of Mr. William's mother, Mrs. Watson, who has brought us a message from the women of the home land. We have been glad to have our Central Treasurer Miss Clinton, among us and hope she will come again.

We pray God's richest blessing upon Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and Miss Rebstock as they go on furlough and we hope they will have a restful, profitable holiday and will soon be back with Bengal Conference.

We appreciate the attendance of several of our Indian members and friends and hope that, at future Conferences, special effort may be made to bring our pastors' wives to attend and to become members.

We congratulate Mr. Chas. Swan on the birth of a son, and hope that next year he will bring his wife and Allen Charles and introduce them to our Conference.

We would express our gratitude to the Literary Programme committee and the Mount Hermon Juniors for the delightful entertainment to which they treated us.

We would send greetings to Bishop and Mrs. Robinson and pray for the continued improvement in Mrs Robinson's health.

We heartily thank our Ushagram friends who have welcomed us so cordially and who have provided so generously for our entertainment at this Conference.

We hope they will invite us again.
### General Statistics for Bengal Conference for the year ending October 31st, 1932

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## Statistics for Medical Work in Schools and Districts

**Bengal Conference for the Conference year 1933.**

### DISTRICTS

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<tr>
<th>No. of Nurses.</th>
<th>No. of In-patients.</th>
<th>No. of Patient Days</th>
<th>No. of Dispensary or Itinerant Treatments</th>
<th>Fees</th>
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<th>Total</th>
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<td><strong>Ushagram School, Asansol</strong></td>
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<td>496</td>
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<td>4,985</td>
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<td>345</td>
<td>3,875</td>
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<td>7,157</td>
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Medical Statistics for the year ending June 30, 1933.

1. Name, location, date of founding of hospital.
   1. Official name.—Edith Jackson Fisher Memorial.
   2. Other names by which known.—Mission Hospital and Dispensary for women and children.

8. Location.—
   (1) In the city: One-quarter mile east of E. I. Ry. Station.
   (2) In relation to other buildings of the mission and other hospitals in the city two miles east of the 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 Swan.
   (b) Native: Rev. Binod B. Naskar, Dr. E. P. Pandit.

IV. Statistics for year ending June 30, 1933.

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 1, Dr. E. P. Pandit.
   (5) Native nurses: (a) Graduates 2 (b) Students 2.
   Total (5) 4. Total (4) and (5) 5.
   (6) Other workers (a) Foreign 1. (b) Native 2.
   Total (a) and (6) 3.
   Total Staff 8.

2. Hospital.—
   (1) No. of beds .. 12
   (2) No. of in-patients .. 281
   (3) No. of patient days .. 1,448
   (4) Average days per patient .. 5
   (5) No. of major operations .. 6
   (Include here all operations under general anaesthesia and extensive operations under local anaesthesia.)
   (6) No. minor operations .. 253
   (Include here all less serious operations whether under local, or without anaesthesia.
   (7) Obstetrical cases in hospital .. 10

3. Out-patients.—
   (1) Obstetrical cases .. 5
   (2) First visits (include obstetrical visits) .. 20
   (3) Return visits (include obstetrical visits)
   (4) No. of itinerary treatments given
   (5) Total out-patient treatments (Sum of 2, 3 and 4)

4. Dispensary.—
   (1) First calls .. 1,581
   (2) Return calls .. 7,496
   (3) Total dispensary treatments (sum of 1 and 2) .. 9,077
   (4) No. of minor operations (included in 3) .. 253
   (5) No. of preventive inoculations (included 3) .. 222
5. **Property.**

(1) Land—extent (acres) 2/3 acres.
(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—5 rooms.
   2. Hospital—Brick walls, tile roof 2 wards, office and operating room.
   3. Contagious Ward—Brick walls, tin and tile roof one small room.
   4. Mud walled kitchens for patients—tin roof 4 rooms.

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

6. **Income** (use local currency).—

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>(1) From hospital patients</td>
<td>46 8 0</td>
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<td>(2) From dispensary patients</td>
<td>334 6 6</td>
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<td>(3) From outside patients</td>
<td>59 12 0</td>
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<td>(4) Appropriations—(a) Society</td>
<td>3,143 4 9</td>
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<td>(5) Government subsidies</td>
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<td>(6) Sale of drugs and supplies</td>
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<td>(7) Other sources:</td>
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<td>(a) Foreigners</td>
<td>20 0 0</td>
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<td>(b) Nationals</td>
<td>31 0 0</td>
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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

Total Income 3,638 15 3

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

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<td>(2) Drugs and supplies</td>
<td>635 15 6</td>
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<td>(3) General upkeep (including light, heat, etc.)</td>
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<td>(4) Repairs</td>
<td>188 15 6</td>
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<td>(5) Extensions—land and buildings</td>
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<td>(6) Other expenses</td>
<td>100 15 0</td>
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Total Expenses 3,464 12 3

8. **Debt.**—

(1) On Property
(2) On Current Expenses
(3) Total Debt

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