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Tenth Annual Report of the Baldwin Girls' High School

F. F. Fisher ... ... ... ... Missionary
Alice E. Hollister (supplied 8 months) ... Missionary
Ida G. Isham (supplied 2 months) ... Missionary

The enrollment for 1912 was ninety-six. Thirty-five of these were in the boarding department. By parents, who must of necessity be separated from their children for the sake of their education during the formative period of their young life, the question is often asked, "Where shall I find a boarding school that will as nearly as possible fill the place of the home to my child?" We undertake, and we think we have succeeded fairly well, to make our boarding department a "home" to the girls. The spirit of confidence and home-like freedom prevails between pupil and teacher. "Christ in the heart" and "The fruit of the Spirit manifested in the life" are ideals which have daily been held before the girls.

Once again we rejoice to record a "clean bill of health" in the boarding department. We attribute this to our large, airy, second-floor dormitories. We wish to express our thanks to Serg-Capt. S. Mahoney for his faithful daily visits, and to the matron for her skill in warding off disease.

Two of our day scholars fell prey to the epidemic of enteric fever. One had a long and serious illness and we praise God for her recovery. The other little one was "called home" after a shorter but more serious attack. We bow in submission to the Divine will and extend to her bereaved parents our tenderest sympathy and love.

SCHOOL.—The work in the classrooms has been faithfully done throughout the year. During the second term the High School sustained a great loss through the continued illness of both Miss Hollister and Miss Pereira. The teachers in the standards assumed extra responsibility and carried the work until Miss Robinson, B.A., came from Rangoon. The arrival of Miss Isham, B.A., the first week of October relieved Miss Robinson. Miss Isham is sent to us by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the
Methodist Episcopal Church and comes fully qualified to fill the important position to which she has been appointed. She is a graduate of the University of California, holds a California State Teacher’s Certificate, and has had six years of experience in educational work in America. We extend to her a most hearty welcome.

We have had much pleasure in adding to the Staff, Miss Allan, a Trained Matriculate from Madras. Miss Allan has had four years’ experience in teaching. She came in September to fill the vacancy in the VII Standard, when Miss Raitt was obliged to sever her connection with the school on account of her mother’s ill-health. The teachers in the other standards have had an uninterrupted year of work and we are glad to report excellent results in each class. We have greatly missed Miss Hollister, Miss Pereira, and Miss Raitt. We thank them for their faithful service and we are confident that their influence will be permanently felt in the lives of the girls.

The two Literary Societies organized six years ago still rival for excellency of programme each Friday afternoon. These Societies have developed the girls, not only in executive ability, but in originality and literary and artistic tastes.

The “Y”s of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union have participated in two Silver Medal Recitation Contests and have won the two medals. The Students Volunteer Band has prepared scrap-books, etc., for distribution at the hospitals, and members of the Band have regularly attended the Blackpully Sunday School and taught the Sunday School lesson. Five girls, May, Mary and Winnie Weston, Julie Anderson and Sybil Francis, took the All-India Sunday School examination in July. We have not yet received the results, but we are glad to report a pass for May Weston, the only girl who took this examination last year.

Margaret Abraham passed the Senior Cambridge Local examination held in Coonoor in July, and May Weston passed second class in the Government Middle School examination last year.

Three girls are appearing for the Trinity College Music examination in Piano, and two in Vocal Music. Through the Vocal lessons taught in the classes, the latent talent of several girls has been discovered. The training of these has been committed to Mrs. Claridge and we congratulate the school on the results she has obtained.

One feature of special interest which has been introduced in the school this year is the “Mutual Aid Society,” to which all of the girls belong. Each class makes a contribution of permanent value, by framing pictures for the school halls, or by securing additions to the school museum and libraries.

Library.—To our carefully selected library we have added the Encyclopaedia Brittanica in 35 volumes, Historian’s History of the World in 25 volumes, and 30 books for reference and general reading, making a grand total of 1,110 volumes.
RECREATION.—The play-ground becomes more and more a place of interest and pleasure for health-giving recreations. Regular practice in badminton, basket-ball, tennis, and other games, and the daily drill in the school have made the girls active and alert in their athletics. They were pleased to accept a challenge to a friendly game of cricket from the Bishop Cotton Girls’ High School, and heartily enjoyed the two evenings spent there. We hope to see these inter-school games played more frequently during the coming years as they foster a feeling of friendliness and “right good will.”

The Carnival of Sports came off on Field Day with the usual vim, and keen interest was shown in the games played. We take this opportunity to again thank those who assisted in making the day a success.

BUILDING.—The new extension to the school building, mentioned in the report last year, has been completed and the class rooms are occupied. This has made the class work more pleasant, as each has a separate room. It also enables us to carry out some of our numerous plans for the extension of the work. The Educational Department has been pleased to grant us a sum to be used in purchasing apparatus to develop these plans. With the necessary equipment and a special teacher for cooking and dressmaking, we are expecting to help our girls to become real home-makers. There is also a demand in the work-a-day world for girls who know stenography and at the same time have sufficient education in English to make them valuable as secretaries, valuable because they can compose a letter properly, spell correctly, and are neat and quick in their work. As some of our girls may find this a pleasant means of earning a livelihood, we shall begin instruction in shorthand and typewriting for a few of the advanced students when school re-opens in January. A vernacular will also be introduced, beginning with Hindustani and including others as the demand calls for them. Another advance step will be a uniform system of handwriting, under the direction of one of the teachers, throughout the school.

We shall continue to make a special feature of our Kindergarten and hope that we may have many little folk intrusted to our care, as we have a much larger room for them in the new addition to the school building. We have also secured the services of a German Froebel-trained teacher. Thus the year 1913 allures us with prospects of even greater success than we have known in the past.

We are so glad to be able to report the old property debt, incurred when this property was purchased, lifted. The eleven Branches of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society divided it between them, pro rata, and the last dollar has been received and paid out. Another appeal has been made to Government and we hope to receive an appropriation from them which will enable us to pay off the money borrowed to build the Principal’s residence.
and the new addition to the school building. We thank the Missionary Society for so generously sending the money for the old debt and we are glad to be able to give them such a fine property for the money sent.

We also wish to record our thanks to the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society for sending Miss Ida Gertrude Isham, A.B., to take charge of the educational department of the school. She is truly God’s chosen one for this work.

We thank Cincinnati and Northwestern Branches for the partial scholarships they have given us this year. This has enabled us to help several girls who could not have come to school had we not given them aid.

We were glad to have Bishop and Mrs. Robinson with us for our “school-closing day.” We thank the Bishop for the excellent address he gave us and Mrs. Robinson for so graciously distributing the honor gifts. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice they have made to be with us, knowing how fully their time is occupied with the many and varied duties of their large diocese.

For another year of precious service, we thank Thee, O Lord, for no service is so blessed as that of training young lives for Thee.

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Bangalore Vernacular Work

Mrs. Stephens, M.D. ... ... ... Missionary

Village and Zenana Work

Miss R. Davids, Assistant; Miss A., Penn, Assistant; Rebecca, Susan Jemima, Susanna, Annal, Piraji Anima and Kathrine, Bible-women.

Bible Schools

Miss M. E. Bishop, Assistant; Elizabeth and Louisa, Teachers.

Day Schools

Kasavalu, Headmaster, Blackpully; Aubernam and Mabol, Teachers; Shantesamma, Headmistress, Goothully; Titus, Teacher; Abraham, Headmaster, Malleshwara; Krupabai, Teacher; Moses, Headmaster, Akkithamnally.

When I took up the Vernacular work for the W. F. M. S. at the beginning of this year I found the work sadly handicapped for the want of assistants—in fact there was not one. It had been decided about the middle of the previous year to close up the work entirely, on account of the difficulty in securing any one to superintend it, and Misses M. and R. Davids, the capable assistants, were transferred to Bidar.

This disastrous decision was, however, quickly cancelled, and Mrs. Lipp took up the greatly crippled work, but having no Assistants and few Bible-women, the apportionment was not all used,
and one entire quarter's allowance was allowed to lapse and was swallowed up in the general fund. This sum, about Rs 832, we now most sadly need for the equipment of the work. I had to have another conveyance, so had a rickshaw built at a cost of Rs. 140. The old harness for the mission pony was so old and worn out that, after an accident which might have been most serious, I was forced to get a new one. My third assistant has been doing her work on a bicycle which I have hired from month to month in the hope that some way or other I might get the money to buy some sort of a conveyance for her use. The distances are so great that it is impossible for these girls to walk. The two new schools also have to have furniture and other necessary equipment, so that the lapsed sum would supply a great need. May we not have it, please?

I was able early in the year to secure the services of Mrs. Hill and I can hardly express my deep appreciation of her work, or my sorrow at losing her after only two months of most effective work. She was of inestimable value to me in getting hold of this widely-scattered work and in working out a regular plan of visitation and supervision.

About this time Miss R. Davids, whose health had not been good at Bidar, applied to me and with the approval of the Missionaries and District Superintendent was added to our list of workers. Miss A. Penn, who was anxious to take up Mission work, was also taken on and notwithstanding rather poor health some of the time has done much acceptable work. In July Miss Bishop, a fully trained worker knowing both Tamil and Hindustani, came to me from Miss Abbott in Bombay.

By this time I had secured two new Bible-women, opened two new day schools and added a third teacher to the Caste Girls' School in Blackpully.

Miss Davids on her return was assigned to the Kanarese villages and zenanas and to supervise the three Kanarese day schools. She also has one Telugu Bible-woman. Her value as a worker is well known and I need only say that she has been of the greatest help to me, for my time is naturally much occupied with the English Church work, and her spirit is so sweet and gentle that all love her. In reporting her work she says: "I am glad to report that with the aid of five Bible-women, who have labored faithfully, about 260 homes in 36 Kanarese and Telugu villages have been regularly visited twice a week." Some of these villages are four or five miles away, and among our women are many who, we believe, are true believers in Jesus. Two examples I should like to give: Poojari Thaimmal lives in Doddagunta, and as her name implies is a priestess. When Bible-woman Susan first visited in her home she did not much care to learn or hear of God but after many months of patient teaching she began to take a real interest in the Bible and now she is an earnest seeker after God. She recently related the following incident to show how
fearless she had become of the anger of her old gods. "A few days ago a cobra snake was found in my house. You know we worship the cobra. It is one of our house-gods. I was much frightened and called a man who was working near to kill it, but he refused saying, 'I can't kill your house-god, he would be angry with me.' I said 'Kill it, and let the anger be on me. You shall not be responsible for its death.' After some hesitation he did kill it and I threw my 'house-god' in the dust-bin. I do not believe in such gods. I worship only the one true God in my heart." On the dear woman's walls are many pictures of heathen gods and goddesses. She points to them saying: "My people perform certain ceremonies to these but I do not."

In the village of Cothully lives dear old rheumatic Sunjivi Ammal, a great sufferer, who is the neglected wife of a wealthy man in the service of the Maharaja of Mysore. She says, "I am happy. Being unable to walk, I spend much of my time talking to God, and now I can forgive the woman who is my enemy, and who occupies my place in my home and in my husband's life." How many of us could say the same under the same circumstances, I wonder? She looks out so anxiously for visits and pleads with the workers to bring me often. She is, indeed, a dear saint of God.

Miss Penn has charge of the work in the Tamil villages and zenanas and has charge of the Tamil school. She, with her two Bible-women, visits about 123 homes in fifteen villages. One of her women who has been under instruction for some time was very ill and we took her to the hospital. She expressed a desire to be baptized and we set a date, but ill-health has prevented her coming to the church and we think it best to have it publicly done. Her daughter, a young woman of 19, came out boldly and was baptized at the Sunday Tamil service. They are of good caste, but so poor I had to supply a sari for the girl to wear.

Faithful Mrs. Toussaint has continued her voluntary labors among Mohammedan women and has been the blessed means of carrying comfort and cheer to some lonely hearts.

**Day Schools**

These have been a great source of pleasure and encouragement to me. About the middle of the year the owner of the caste girls' school building put in two more windows, thus giving plenty of light and air. He also made nice smooth black boards along the whole side of each of the three rooms and white-washed the house inside and out. We were so glad of this and thought we were now splendidly equipped, when suddenly our numbers shot up from sixty to eighty-seven, so now we are longing for larger quarters, and are contemplating starting a branch school in a near-by house. Kesavelu, the headmaster, is a capable and energetic man, as the increase in the school shows.
During the year James and Soondri became dissatisfied at Malleshwara and sent in their resignation. I have not been able yet to secure capable teachers to replace them. Those there now are only temporary. The distance is great, and the two free Government schools being near make it difficult to carry on this school, and but for the fact that our little school sheds almost the only Christian rays in that bigotted Brahmin village, I should favor closing it.

The village of Akkithamnally had long been asking for a school, and I was glad to see the way to open one in July. When I secure a more capable and wide-awake teacher I am sure this school will be a great blessing to this village. We already have twenty on the roll.

Our other new school is in Goothully and this has been a most successful venture. We have a fine large house at a monthly rental of Rs 4½ ($1.50). Shanti, its capable head, with her father as her assistant, is doing excellent work. There are forty enrolled.

Two or three children from these schools have died during the year, leaving blessed testimonies behind them, and we are so thankful to have had the great privilege of telling them about Jesus, the children’s Friend, and through these dear children we have reached the hearts of parents. One who died, a bright little caste boy, used often to urge his mother not to be too fond of him as he belonged to God and might soon be going away to Him. She says he is now in heaven and waits for her. We believe her to be a true follower of the Lord Jesus, and so our hearts have been encouraged to keep prayerfully on with these day schools. The Collector of Bangalore recently invited all those Missionaries in touch with schools to meet and talk over school matters with him and his counsellors. He said the Municipality intended raising the standard of the schools and hoped in three years to make school-going compulsory for boys, and that as many of us as would guarantee to keep our Mission schools up to the required standard could continue unmolested, but where we failed they would open schools near, thus putting us out of commission, and so we feel compelled to continue our four schools even at greater cost of time, effort and money, for we will give the children a knowledge of Jesus Christ and they will not.

Bible Schools

Of these we have fourteen. They were formerly called Sunday schools, but as it is impossible to hold them on Sunday I prefer naming them as above, although we teach only the Scriptures.

Miss Bishop, with two workers, has charge of these and holds two and sometimes three daily trying to have two sessions of each weekly. Miss Bishop says the children of the sweeper lines are most anxious to learn, and are specially fond of singing, and are
not at all backward starting their hymns themselves. As soon as they see our carriage in the distance they run up to us often singing a hymn as they come. Two weeks ago as we were nearing Hadakote village we heard a childish voice singing hymns. When we could see who it was we found one of our little girls going along in a cart singing most happily.

In one of the high caste schools is a little blind boy who is most eager to learn, and we do pray the dear Lord to give him to us. He is being trained to be a sanyasi, and when we tried to induce his parents to allow us to send him to a blind school they were indignant and said, we are not poor and do not want any one to have our son or to influence him, but as he is a great pet with his parents, and is allowed to do much as he pleases he is always on hand and is the first to learn and answer. Please pray with us for him.

Many young men and women as well as older people stand and listen, for we hold these schools, with a single exception, in the open under a big tree. As often as circumstances permit Miss Bishop visits the homes of these children, most of whom are Hindus but a few Mohammedan women have invited her to visit them also. As she speaks Hundustani fluently this is a great pleasure, especially as they are most attentive listeners. In these fourteen schools we have about 600 children.

Sunday Schools

In each day school building we have a Sunday school conducted by the teachers in charge. In one at least the number attending the Sabbath school exceeds the number in the day school. There are over a hundred children in our Sunday schools. We hope for much fruit in the future from this work.

Baptisms

We have had eleven baptisms during the year, and while it may seem a very insignificant number when read along with the great numbers in some other places, we feel that it is a most encouraging number for Bangalore.

One of these, a poor old woman who lives in a village miles away, is a widow and very poor, but contented and cheerful and always so earnest. On one occasion the workers found her with some friends about her, telling them what questions had been asked at her baptism and what she had promised, thus trying to interest them in her Saviour.

Another, a fine young woman whom we named Ruth, had walked many miles from her village, and was found by Katharine and taken to her home. Here she was instructed in the way of salvation, and after a time was baptized. We sent her on to Kolar to the Widows’ Home. Miss Montgomery gives a good report of her.

The weekly workers’ class for consecration, reports and instruction on the lesson to be taught during the week, has been of
untold value to us all, and these have been precious seasons of heart-searching confession and consecration. It has drawn us near to each other and to our Lord, to Whom be all honor and glory now and forever.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Cincinnati and Topeka Branches for their generous support of this work.

BOWRINGPET

Mrs. J. B. Buttrick ... ... ... Missionary

Zilpah and Tara, Bible-women; Mary, Teacher.

After being more than three years in my homeland I was very thankful to be able to return to India a few months ago.

When I left India I had four Bible-women at work, two in Bowringpet, one at Betmangal, ten miles away, and one at Mulbagal, about 24 miles distant from Bowringpet.

They all continued doing faithful work in their different stations sending me periodical reports of their work till a year ago, when the two Bible-women in Bowringpet had to leave the station owing to their husbands being transferred to Kolar.

I am sorry that I have not yet been able to supply their places with other Bible-women and especially so as the work that had been carried on for some years in this station was just beginning to bear fruit, some being baptized during that year.

The Bible-women at the two out-stations, Zilpah at Betmangal and Tara at Mulbagal, have continued in the work all along and this year have the joy of reporting eight baptisms as the direct result of their work, four at each station.

We praise God for the droppings of the shower and believe that in the coming year this work will be still more fruitful.

At the beginning of September this year we opened a day school in Bowringpet for the children of our few Christian workers and converts. Other non-Christian children are attending as well, till now we have thirty names on the roll and the average attendance is good. Mary, the one who has charge of the school, is the wife of one of our young local preachers and is a trained teacher. Her pupils are about half Canarase and half Tamil children, so she has so instruct them in both these languages. We give prominence to the teaching of Bible stories and singing of our Christian lyrics and hymns, so we feel that these non-Christian children who attend the school have the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ taught to them each day. A Sunday School is also held each week in the school building and many of the scholars taught during the week also attend the Sabbath school.

This work is not supported by the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society.
Throughout the year we have been planning, praying, hoping, working, and now as we turn and survey the work of the past year we can say that the Lord has been with us, for progress has been made. We are not satisfied, because we realize our failures at many points, and because we have not seen souls born into the Kingdom directly as the result of our medical work. We have seen seed sown faithfully, day by day; have seen that lives are influenced by the loving ministrations of our nurses; feel that some realize why we are willing to give time and strength to help in spite of dirt, degradation and ingratitude; we have seen almost miracles of healing but more often have had to see patients who might have been helped, carried away to die in their homes as a result of ignorance, because they were not cured in two or three days' treatment, or were unwilling to let us use Western methods preferring their own quackery. They are so afraid of death that the loss of a patient usually means the emptying of the hospital and this has occurred several times, even though all knew that the case was hopeless when brought in.

Whether to admit or refuse these almost hopeless cases is a grave question with us, but thus far we have felt that the Lord would have us take them in and serve them in their last hours if we could not save them, so we have done so, leaving results with Him. Among these some have been cases of pneumonia in little children, neglected for many days or dosed with all kinds of dreadful concoctions, and some have been neglected diarrhoea, dysentery or convulsions. We have lost but one adult patient through the year. One little child, ten months old, had been having sixty or seventy convulsions in twenty-four hours, when admitted and for twelve hours afterward, but went home well and strong; another seemed almost dying of pneumonia when brought in after eighteen days of fever, but recovered; one woman visited in her village one evening was so very ill that I thought she could not live through the night so did not suggest bringing her to the hospital and next day was surprised when she was brought in and almost as much surprised when she made a good recovery. It almost seemed as though a journey of nine miles on a crude stretcher in the blazing sun must be the best kind of treatment for peritonitis! So some of these almost hopeless cases have proved to be cause for rejoicing. So many more of them might
be saved if we could only do for them the best we know, but as we realize that ignorance cannot be dispelled in a day, we are able to go on with renewed courage and truly we do believe that the day is coming when there will not be such needless loss of life among our Indian people. Three hundred and sixty-two patients have been cared for in the hospital during the year and Miss Cooper, who served as Nursing Superintendent until the end of September, Mrs. Colkers, our General Assistant, and Laura, our faithful Tamil Nurse, have helped carry the burden of responsibility, which at times has been very heavy, when there have been serious cases and much night work. As it has been quite impossible to get a medical assistant for the salary appropriated for such a helper, I have been forced to be alone most of the year, but, while the work has been too heavy, there have been many compensations, for I have been able to come into personal touch with the thousands who have attended the dispensary, and it has been at times a real joy. The town people consider that it does just as well for them to attend daily dispensary, so our hospital patients come chiefly from the villages and it is interesting to note the steadily increasing distances from which they are drawn. This is very encouraging and we feel that the time when we will have a well filled hospital most of the time, is not far away. But imagine an almost dying patient suffering great pain and with a temperature of 105° being brought forty-five miles in a springless cart! Such cases from less distances are not infrequent, but unfortunately it is quite as usual for the people to take their friends from the comfortable beds and careful nursing in the hospital back to their homes to lie on the floor on dirty rags with no nursing at all, or perhaps to die on the way, although they might have been saved had their friends not become so quickly discouraged. We would rejoice if they would soon lose faith in their own methods and give us a chance before conditions are quite hopeless, but such action is as yet far beyond them. We continue to have patients brought in from the Brahman village of Devaraya-samudrum, fourteen miles distant. These patients do not need to be urged to stay, but as soon as taken ill plans are made for a stay in Kolar, and they are brought in to remain as long as necessary. We will be so glad when this becomes the custom in many other villages.

A poor homeless caste woman with serious burns was one day brought in by an acquaintance and left with us. She was in very bad condition physically, but even worse in disposition, great patience was needed to deal with her as she abused us all, threw food and dishes across the room, slapped the nurses, tore off her bandages, refused to eat, and was generally most trying, but the patience of the nurses never failed. Now she is almost well and is actually grateful. Hannah, the Bible-woman, has shown wonderful love and tact in dealing with her and has won her
confidence, but I do not know that her mind is capable of understanding the truth which is in Christ Jesus, but we are praying that the eyes of her understanding may be opened.

During the year 300 operations have been performed and fifteen maternity cases attended.

NURSES.—When word came in July that an American nurse had been appointed to Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital I could hardly believe the good news, but now Miss Griffin has come and has begun work so I realize that it is a fact. Her work is most important and will add so greatly to the efficiency of our medical work that I am anticipating a great advance during the coming year. Having longed for a nurse associate for ten years, Miss Griffin has been most heartily welcomed and I am sure that her service will be greatly blessed to both patients and nurses. It is very difficult to find Indian girls who are able to carry the burden of responsibility imposed upon nurses, but Nurse Laura has stood the test wonderfully well and during the three months since Miss Cooper went away has had charge of the nursing. Our pupil nurses have been faithful and patient, and have done the very best they could, but we have had to send a number away as quite unfit for training, and one has left us to be married. Those who remain are doing well and will now have the best possible opportunity for development. We are considering the advisability of admitting two or three Anglo-Indian girls for training in this branch of missionary service, as it has been found that they make most efficient nurses.

BIBLE-WOMEN.—Hannah and Mercy has been faithful workers throughout the year, both in Dispensary and Hospital, one with the Kanares and Telegu, the other with the Hindustani-speaking people, working in the forenoon in the dispensary, and in the afternoon dealing with the patients in the hospital.

DISPENSARY.—During the year we have had 15,000 attendances, of which nearly 7,000 have been Mohammedan, and nearly 6,000 Hindu patients. It is not an easy task for a Bible-woman to interest a constantly changing audience of women, who are either suffering themselves or are with those who are, who are much more eager for the bell which summons them to the doctor’s consultation room than to hear the “Good News”—with many children running about or crying—but in spite of difficulties the work goes on and interest is manifested. Nor are the difficulties all in the waiting room. The doctor and dressing nurse find that more patience is required here than in any other part of the work.

It is easy to clean and bandage a poor diseased foot, even though in disgusting condition, but it is not so easy to have a patient stay away for a week and then come back with the carefully applied dressings taken off and one of their own nasty concoctions applied with the inevitable result that the condition is worse than before. But the patients seem surprised that the
doctor is not as absolutely happy about it as they seem to be. Medicines and directions are carefully given but it is no unusual thing for the oldest woman of the family to take possession of all the medicines for the party and to immediately forget for whom the various preparations are intended, or how they are to be taken. Mixtures are likely to be applied externally, or taken all at one dose when intended for twelve, or an empty bottle may be brought back the day after the medicine was given with the remark that after one dose the trouble was no better so the rest was thrown away, and we are requested to give "good medicine" this time. During the busy season we average over 110 daily, so the end of a clinic finds the doctor scarcely fit for the more important work of operations and care of in-patients, which must come afterward, for, although less important, since the dispensary is always open during the morning hours, it takes the very best of the doctor's time and strength, unless a medical assistant is available for this work.

BABIES.—We have four little ones belonging to the mission living in our "Baby ward" until old enough to go into one of our boarding schools. One of these was but two weeks old, another 2½ months, and one 11 months old when given to us. The fourth was called 2 years old but weighed only 13 lbs. when she came to us. All are bright, happy little ones, thriving nicely. Some others have been given to us but we have been unable to keep them. It is difficult to get good milk and to keep epidemics from reaching our babies. Some day we hope to have sufficient cows to provide all the milk required and when we can have an entirely separate cottage for our nursery, we will be able to care for these little ones much better.

LABORATORY WORK.—The fine microscope bought with our equipment has been in frequent use during the year, although it is impossible to find sufficient time to do all we would like to. But what we have been able to accomplish in blood, sputum and urinalysis work has been of such value that we realize how great is the necessity of having some one who can devote more time to it.

I desire to thank Northwestern Branch for sending Miss Griffin to take up the work of Superintendent of Nurses, and for their generous support, also other Branches—Des Moines, Pacific and Cincinnati—for their help, and would like to express my sincere thanks to those who have prayed for us during the past year, and have thus helped to make our work a success.
Miss Urdell Montgomery ... ... ... Missionary

Miss Grace Peters, First Assistant; Miss J. Dunning, Second Assistant;
Miss F. Tremenheere, English Assistant.

During the whole of the year we have been rejoicing because
of the pleasant way in which the Lord has led us. In many
ways it has been a much easier year’s work than the last. No
serious illness has come among us. Excepting for very slight
ailments our large family has been free from physical pain or
sickness. Moreover we have been free from the fear of plague
and cholera which were such a menace to us in the former years.

We did have anxiety because of the threatened famine, and
prices of all necessaries rose to a very high place; the people all
around us were in great distress, but we were able to keep our
granaries well supplied, and were full of gratitude. The school
work went on unhindered by any unusual break, and we hope
that when the Inspector shall visit us, the results of his exami-
nation will show that the opportunity has been well used. When
he visited us last February to examine the work of 1911, he
seemed very well pleased with the school, and made some very
flattering remarks about us; but he told us, too, of some of the
places where we were failing, and we have honestly endeavored
to make those places stronger. The Government Inspection is
a great incentive to pupils and teachers, and is a valuable help
to those who are supervising and urging all to do their best. We
sent eight girls up for the Government Lower Secondary Ex-
amination, four of whom were successful. They are now taking
special work in English preparatory to becoming teachers.

As usual we sent up practically the whole school, except the
Kindergartners, for the All-India Sunday School Examination.
and as usual a large number of them passed. This year 71 were
successful. We consider this is a very good number indeed,
since for this examination we send up dull and bright pupils alike.
We do this to encourage all to put great effort on their Bible
lessons. If a girl feels “Oh, well, I shall not be sent up any way,”
one would most likely feel also, “I do not need to study very
much.” Instead of this we try to get each one to think, “The
examination is coming, and I must take it, so I must do my best.”

We are pushing the study of English as much as possible, with
a view of becoming an Anglo-Vernacular school. The people of
this province are becoming more and more determined that their
children shall know English and that they will send them to the
school where that is taught. But this is not our reason for mak-
ing it so prominent a part of our school-work. As we study the
present condition of our Christian people and try to look forward
into the future even a very short distance, we are convinced that
a knowledge of English will make them stronger, more self-reliant men and women. We have not been able to find in the Kanarese vernacular any literature that inspires to high ideals or strengthening of Christian character. A few pamphlets written by missionaries, a few translations from the English or German there are. But the language itself is void of terms to express the best thoughts of these writers. If words are found, they are almost as unknown to the ordinary reader as English terms would be. So many of our girls on leaving the Mission go out to live in villages where there are perhaps only one or two Christian families. They can get no help from intercourse with other Christians, and can get very little help from the Kanarese books they are able to secure. The Bible itself is not easy for them to understand. If they know enough English to read even children's books, how many times we could send them these and give them help. So we make it an important part of our school work, Miss Dunning, our second assistant, spends much of her time in teaching it, and Mrs. Tremenheree, the special English assistant, gives her whole time to it. The results are very encouraging. The girls try hard and most of them learn it readily.

Miss Peters was given an extra three and a half months' vacation the first part of the year, in recognition of her seventeen years of service. It is characteristic of her and her love for this work that she spent this time in the Madras Training School for Mistresses, learning the newest methods of teaching. On her return she has been putting this knowledge into practice, having a class for the teachers two or three times a week.

We love this school work, and are delighted to see our bright girls making such good progress. But it is only half of our interest, for the building of character in the home life of the girls is fully as great as that in the school life. The last half of the year we have had no matron, and, as I have tried to fill that post, it has been impressed on me more and more that after all this is the most important place in the Mission. Here is where girls are taught the dignity of labour, "No work that is necessary is degrading," is our motto; "Every girl must have her turn at every kind of work," our practice. Here also we have the best opportunity for correcting untruthfulness, dishonesty, uncleanness and all the other evils inherited from generations of people with low ideals.

This year we have 161 girls who are on scholarships or should be. Two of these are studying nursing in the Hospital, and one is a pupil Bible-woman there. One has been sent to Muttra to be trained in Hindustani for Bible-woman's work among the Mohammedan community here; and two are still babies who are being nourished in the hospital until they are old enough for the rougher experiences of the boarding school. For all of these we pay the scholarships into the hospital. The other 155 are in this one big family, and great times they do have.
From the Government Grant accumulated for four of five years, we have been able this year to build seventeen little homes for the girls where they can have a little more privacy and enjoyment of personal belongings. These homes are joined together to make one long row about two sides of the compound. Each consists of one room 14 feet square, with a tile roof, a mud floor, two windows and a door. The furniture consists of two fire-places built under one window, and eight or nine earthenware pots. Each girl has a blanket, and those who have boxes to put their things in are allowed to have them in this home. So it is a very simple arrangement, very much like they will have when they go out to have homes of their own. Six or eight girls live in each room, always three large girls and the little ones that they are responsible for. These three girls take turns in doing the cooking and other house-work, and the Mission work that is given out each day. This all outside of school hours. They find it pretty difficult at times to get it all in, especially the morning meal before 6.40 a.m., when all must go to school. But that is part of the training. And most of them are trying hard to learn it. We give out firewood and provisions twice a week, and they must learn to use it so as not to come short. So it is really giving them a rather heavy responsibility. The big girls, too, are responsible for their own conduct and that of the little ones. A record of misdemeanors is kept, and conduct marks deducted accordingly. There is keen competition for marks, since at the end of the year there is something nice promised to the house which does the best.

The girls are delighted with the new houses, even with the added work and difficulties. There are many advantages. They can make a little change in the boarding school menu if inclined. They can season their curry with things sent from home or bought at shandy; can have their personal belongings near them without fear of some one picking them up; are free from the old trouble of finding their dresses or blankets out of the general pile, etc. The parents are scarcely less pleased; and perhaps I am the most pleased of all, even though it increases the task of supervision very much, for the ordinary boarding school life had always seemed to me a rather dreary round.

Early in the year we had a day of consecration in which nearly every girl definitely resolved to live nearer the Lord. It was a very blessed day, and we followed it up with weekly class prayer-meetings. Each class at a certain time each week, during school hours, stopped for a half-hour’s prayer-meeting. I tried to meet with each one, from the Kindergarten to the Examination class, and keep in spiritual touch with each girl. The results were very satisfactory, and we could see the development of character. The loss of the matron in June kept me from this pleasure, but the teachers of the classes have carried it on. Last month, we held a day of fasting and prayer, in which all the larger girls were allowed to join. Some few have not lived since so as to
show that they were sincere on that day, but most of them have and are. We believe that they are really stronger Christians than they were last year, are trying harder to conquer their temptations and are more successful in doing so.

Our regular Wednesday evening Class meetings have gone on without interruption, as have the Epworth League meetings. We feel that the girls are growing in personal responsibility, in a desire to please the Lord, and in sympathy with us in the purposes we have for them. So in spite of many failures this past year to reach our aims, we come to its close with great encouragement and thanksgiving. The Lord has been with us in all our ways and has made His power manifest.

The Widows’ Home

There have been some changes in this Home. Early in the year, three of the older widows who have, during their long stay here, grown self-reliant and whose grown children are now able to help them a little, have left the home and gone to live outside. These are Peramithie, Mary and Dorcas. We felt that it was best for them to do so, and they have been doing very well indeed. Later on three other widows in need of a home and protection came in to take their places, so the number remains the same. Two of these younger widows, recently out from Hinduism, study in our school each morning, learning to “read, write, and cipher,” and have a Bible lesson each day. In the afternoons they cut grass in our compound where they will be safe, and thus earn their living. Byamma, who has been with us so many years, has been failing for some time because of cancer. She is now bed-fast, and suffers a great deal. She will probably go Home before another year closes. It is blessed to hear her say how ready she is to go. We thank God that we are able to thus protect and help those who are left alone.

Kolar Zenana, Village Work and Day Schools

Miss F. Maskell ... ... ... Missionary

Mary, Ruby, Paramjothe, Venkati, Rachel, Melita, Sathya, Phoebe, Santiosia, D. Java, Maggie, Kanthie, Prakash, Lakshmi, Loetha, Miriam, Thannama, Bible-women; Catherine, Annie, Mary, N. Charlotte, Bessie Cook, Rebecca, Lucy, Crupi, Louisa, Bargie, Shantie, Rosa, Lily, Dorothy, Soondri, Anandhi, N. Lucy, M. Rosa, Jumnie, Paramjothee, Salome, Sophia, Teachers.

“For with Thee is the fountain of life
In Thy light shall we see light.”

At this the close of another year we offer to the Lord our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the best year we have ever had in the work and in our own experience.
Even more than in past years have I realized that holiness to the Lord must be written in very legible characters over our own hearts and lives before we can really influence others for good and lead them to a closer walk with God. We engaged an elderly Tamil man as our house servant. After some months he came to me and said “I have visited many places in my life and have served in several families but never have I seen anything like the life that is lived in this home. I want to be baptized, to become a Christian and serve the Lord.” So on Sunday morning, in our Kanarese Church, before a full congregation, he received baptism. All who have entered this beautiful home, provided for God’s workers by Mrs. Francesca Nast Gamble of Cincinnati Branch in memory of her sainted husband, have felt its peaceful, restful influence, which has been alluded to more than once by our good Bishop Robinson.

Every year we have reported a steadily increasing number of baptisms and this year we are thankful to say that two hundred and nineteen have been born into the Kingdom. We have tried, in love, to watch over these babes in Christ and lead them into fuller light, and the Holy Spirit Himself has taught them many things in His own marvellous way.

Again this year we have to rejoice in the fact that baptized ones have brought forward as candidates for baptism relatives, friends and neighbours. This is only the beginning of a mighty turning to the Lord and we know that in the near future they will not only come out by hundreds but by thousands.

We are deeply thankful for the results of the Evangelistic Campaign. We were in camp twenty-five days. I divided the Bible-women who could leave their homes into two groups and had each group with me for half the time. It would surely have encouraged the hearts of the patrons of their dear Bible-women and the hearts of those who pray for them, to see how faithfully and eagerly they worked to win souls for the Master. They cared nothing for heat, long distances, scarcity of water and the many inconveniences they had to suffer, but kept steadily on with their work. Oh, how we prayed! God heard and answered and there was joy in heaven over sinners that repented. Opposition? Of course we had a good deal of that. for when we get specially busy so does Satan, but we do praise God for the number who received baptism openly in the midst of such opposition and for the crowds whose darkened hearts the Light of the Gospel penetrated.

Five hundred and seventy-five homes in the town have been regularly visited this year and as each home has several inmates and friends and neighbours drop in, and relatives from other places come on a few days’ visit, it will readily be seen that house-to-house visiting is a great means of spreading the Gospel. The Tuesday morning meeting for Hindu women of the town has been conducted by the Missionary herself and the reverent bear-
ing of the women and their rapt attention during the address leads her to hope that this meeting is indeed a means of grace, especially as some who attend have accepted baptism.

Evangelistic work has been carried on with greater success than ever before in seventy-three of the surrounding villages. Amid trials and persecutions which few but they who have worked among them can understand, those who have been baptized have kept true to our Lord. There are a great many who are believers but who hesitate to receive baptism; for these much prayer is being offered.

The work among Mahommedan women has been carried on faithfully. Their homes and clothes are not, as a rule, as clean as we could wish owing to their not being allowed to go out for water as Hindu women do, yet we feel it a great privilege to be welcomed into their homes, and to try to turn their thoughts to the Sun of Righteousness Who would so gladly let His light shine into their hearts if they would but let Him. God has given us success in this work. Bereaved hearts have been comforted, sad hearts have been gladdened, some are trying to walk in the light and the fact that all homes are opened to us is a great sign of victory.

I have had a few young Mahommedan men reading the New Testament with me once or twice a week, and our conversation often turns on such subjects as the advantages of having a single living wife instead of a plurality of them, the happiness of being united to a woman who can be a real companion to an educated man, the disadvantage to children of having an untruthful ignorant mother, the evils of keeping girls and women in seclusion and the benefits to be derived from educating girls.

Day Schools

On account of the baptisms that have taken place it was found necessary to open two new schools each three miles from Kolar in opposite directions, one at Arhalli and the other at Tamka. God’s blessing is resting on these schools and we praise Him for the degree of success He has already vouchsafed. It has filled our hearts with joy to hear the children of these new schools recite Bible verses, sing hymns and say the Lord’s Prayer. Their baptized relatives and friends, formerly of low caste, who are now under our influence, have been taught to keep their persons clean and their hair tidy, so that women of good caste have remarked that if these women always kept themselves so, they would not be repulsive to them.

We are full of faith and hope about our other eight day schools for Hindu children. Some of the pupils have been baptized with their mothers, others when they have grown up and married have taken a stand for Christ. We are getting these children ready for the time when there shall be a great turning to the Lord and then He will use them for His glory. In the mean-
time they are shining for Him in their homes and by repeating what they learn in school are a help to their relatives. A pupil who attends school very regularly is so fond of saying his Bible verses at home that the father remarked that he had no doubt that the child would become a Christian. The parents appreciate what is being done for their children. A Brahman woman took the young lady Assistant's hand and more than once laying her face against it thanked her for what she was doing for the children of the Brahman school and said she was sure her children would do well as long as they attended that school. It is encouraging to have the children tell of how they try to be truthful and not give trouble at home.

The people are always so glad to have us visit them when they are sick. A father, who is a policeman, thanked us with tears raining down his cheeks for what had been done for his sick boy and this man was once such an enemy to Christianity. The mother told us of how this child prayed to the true God when he was ill. We were so thankful he recovered. One of the baptized children is very intelligent and is making good progress in school. It was a delight to see the mother's radiant face in the school room as her child was praised by the teacher. The children love to come to school, attend regularly, are acquiring knowledge and are being built up in character.

The pupils of the Day schools took part in the Children's Day exercises and acquitted themselves very creditably. Two girls from the Brahman school sang and accompanied themselves on the vina, an Indian musical instrument much used by high caste native ladies. A little boy played on another native musical instrument. Several of them sang and recited sacred pieces and one tiny girl said the Lord's Prayer.

**Day School for Mahommedan Girls**

Satan has tried to give us a great deal of trouble over this school but with joy we can write that victory has been achieved in the name of the Lord. The teacher declared she was ready to be a "blood witness," a martyr, and through her zeal raised the opposition of the priest and others. They declared they would break up the school if that teacher were not dismissed and indeed the number for a few weeks was very small but we prayed and God answered. The teacher holds her position in school and the attendance is good. The girls have been getting on nicely in their studies and are very bright and happy during school hours. Sunday school is carried on in connection with this school as well as all our other day schools.

The Missionary has often felt that with the zenana work, the village work, the eleven day schools, the meetings she leads, the accounts and correspondence and the responsibility of the home she has had a great deal more to do than could possibly be pro-
properly attended to by one person, yet she realizes that all through the year God has been her refuge and strength and is humbly grateful to Him for the inestimable privilege of being allowed to work for Him.

Miss Linda Lewis has done excellently in her work and has besides always rendered willing and cheerful assistance whenever called upon. Miss Gladys Curties left us at the end of August as she wished to enter English work and the Lord who so graciously supplies all our need has given us in her place Miss D'Cruz who has put her heart into the work and already won the confidence of the people. A specialist forbade Miss Ross studying Hindustani on account of her eyes, so she had to quit the work, to her great grief. God has given us a worker in her place who will, we trust, prove a great blessing. Miss White left the work at the end of September to be married and instead of her the Lord has given us another who is one of His own and who will, we pray, be a soul-winner.

Our dear Kanaree workers, the Bible-women and teachers have rendered good service through the year. We believe that the meetings held for them have helped them spiritually.

We are grateful to Des Moines, New York, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Northwestern, Topeka, Minneapolis, and Pacific Branches for supporting this work.
Belgaum District

Belgaum City Evangelistic Work

Supplied by ... ... ... MRS. CLARA E. LIPP

Bible-women.—Sarabamma, Esther Thumbi, Esther Tatpati, Baralava, Danava, Guyanamma, Prakashamma, Estheramma.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;
From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth.

This has been, shall I say, the best year we have spent in India. Perhaps, because we have been privileged to come in closer contact with the people of India and so have become better acquainted with them. Many times we have been discouraged but not for long, for the above Psalm would remind us that our Saviour is the “Lord of Harvest.”

Since January I have had charge of the Belgaum City Evangelistic Work and also the W. F. M. S. work in the Belgaum South Kanarese Circuit. We have eight Bible-women. They visit regularly fifty-nine Christian homes and seven hundred and sixty-eight non-Christian homes in Belgaum. There are Christians in many of the villages from one to six miles distant from Belgaum. As we have no Bible-women living in the outlying villages we have our Belgaum Bible-women spend part of their time visiting these villages to instruct our Christians. They start out at five o'clock in the morning during the harvest time so that they may reach the people before they go to the fields. As all of our Bible-women are house-keepers this means early rising as they must do their morning work before starting.

With two of the Bible-women I made a tour of the distant villages in the South Kanarese Circuit where we have Christians. By distant I mean villages from twenty to thirty miles from Belgaum. The people were delighted with this visit of the Bible-women and begged them to come again.

During the year we have held a Weekly Prayer meeting for our workers and the first Monday of each month has been set aside as a day of fasting and prayer.

Sarabamma, one of our Bible-women, has had a nurse’s training and her work among both the high and low caste has been greatly blessed this year. Just one instance to give you some idea of her work—about two months ago she was sent for by a high caste family living in a village six miles from Belgaum. As
the country road leading to this village had been made almost impassable by the heavy monsoon, Sarahamma had to walk two miles across rough fields. When she reached the village she was almost exhausted, being old and not very strong. But after a short rest and drinking a cup of milk, she emptied the house of the crowd of curious women and proceeded to attend to the patient. Although the expectant mother had been ill for eight days Sarahamma was able to save the lives of both mother and child. The people, to show their appreciation, brought flowers and garlanded her and called her a goddess. Sarahamma never losing an opportunity to tell "the old, old story," told them of the Saviour of all.

**Day Schools**

In our two day schools, which have been started during the year, in two of the villages where we have newly baptized Christians, the attendance has been fair. Most of the people are so very poor that if their children can earn a few pice they are put to work instead of being sent to school. Our teachers have been doing the best they can for the people by having both day and night schools.

**English Work**

Our English congregation in Belgaum is made up principally of British soldiers. We are glad to report a growing Sunday School. We started the year with eight in our Primary Department and now there are twenty-five on our roll. We hope to keep on increasing in numbers.

Our Belgaum Evangelistic work is supported by New York, Topeka, Northwestern and Pacific Branches. We are indeed grateful to them for their support.

**Belgaum District Work**

**Mrs. Margaret C. Ernseberger** ... ... Missionary

Thirteen Bible-Women, Gokak Circuit; Seven Bible-Women, Ball Hongal; Four Bible-Women, Belgaum.

**Gokak Circuit.** As Mrs. Scharer sailed for America on furlough in the latter part of March, the Bible-women of Gokak Circuit were added to those already under my care. Some excellent Bible-women are at work in this Circuit. I have made two trips to Gokak, held an examination, visited the school and all the Christian homes at Gokak mills. Two workers have lost infant children. There have been 436 baptisms in this Circuit this year.
Bail Hongal Circuit. The staff of workers in Bail Hongal is seven in number, the same as last year. In the February Evangelistic campaign our Bible-women took an active part. Unfortunately they met with an accident, caused by the bullocks running away, and Tabitha and Nijagunavva were seriously injured. However, they first got in some successful work and helped in bringing in about thirty-five converts. I made a trip to Bail Hongal in October, and was pleased to see the Bible-women in their homes and at their work. Mary Paul, in spite of her great age, is still active in good works. Tabitha’s eldest daughter was married this year and a baby has come to bless their home. Tajavva spent part of the year in Belgaum. While here, a part of the time she taught, at noon, village Christian boys who were working on the bungalow, which was under reconstruction from January to June. Recently her baby has been very ill of fever. Rattanavva Kushal has visited the villages around Kittur, going on horse-back. Honamma is still stationed at Murgod. The work there has improved greatly during this its second year. There have been 134 baptisms during the year on this Circuit.

Belgaum Circuit. Two women have worked regularly in Kanbergi and Kalkamba. Mrs. Maigur and Nilavva have worked partly in Belgaum city and partly in villages. Mrs. Maigur has also assisted Saraihamma in nursing many sick patients. This gives an excellent opportunity of preaching with effect. There have been 127 baptisms in this Circuit. The women took a keen interest in the campaign in February and March, going to many villages and walking long distances. Our rains have been twice as heavy as usual this year, making the village work unusually difficult.

Belgaum English Circuit. During the year I have taught the Sunday school class for English soldiers. The interest is well maintained, and we trust some good has been accomplished. A series of seven lessons on the life of Christ was given for the Y. W. C. A. members. About eighty-five calls were made on the English people of the station who are members of the Y. W. C. A. or our Church.

Boys’ Hostel. In addition to the work reported above I have been in charge of the Mission Boys’ Hostel since the 1st of April. There have been twenty-five boys in the Hostel. I have taught them daily Scripture lessons, covering nearly a two years’ course in seven months. In the examination given by an outside master in Bible stories, Catechism, Memoriter and Hymns, every boy passed and two received 95 per cent. Twenty boys appeared for the All India Sunday School Examination in July, and all except one passed. Besides the Scripture lessons I have been responsible for the food, clothes, health and study hours of the boys. This institution entirely depends on special gifts for the support of the boys and the correspondence concerning patron letters must be kept up faithfully.
The District Conference has been postponed until after Annual Conference chiefly on account of a training school for workers, now in session at Sampgaum.

The examinations of the Bible-women have fallen to my lot. Much time and labor have been spent in coaching Bible-women for these examinations as well as in conducting them and correcting papers. However we heartily approve of these examinations and see great improvement in the women who have studied.

This work is supported by the Cincinnati, Northwestern, Topeka and Pacific Branches.

Belgaum Girls’ Boarding and Day Schools

_Miss Judith Ericson_ ... ... ... Missionary

Assistants—Miss Ellen Mann, Miss Millicent Graham, Miss Minnie Moyser.

_Girls’ Boarding School, Belgaum._

Teachers—G. V. Shahapur, Puttamma Shanthappa, Bheemasow Deshpande, Anandamma, Gouramma, Hannavva,

_Marathi Girls’ School, Belgaum. Founded, 1868._
Teachers—Jessiebai Daniels, Bathasabai, Chenveravva, Yemnabai.

_Kanarese Girls’ School, Belgaum. Founded, 1898._
Teachers—Shantavva Moses, Yemnabai.

_Marathi Girls’ School, Shawpaur. Founded, 1842._
Teachers—S. S. Tatpati, Muktabai Tatpati.

_Kanarese Girls’ School, Bail Hongal. Founded, 1863._
Teachers—J. Arilikatti, Gurbassappa.

"And He led them forth by the right way."
"There hath not failed one word of all His good promise."
"'Sometimes' mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea—
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me."

There was never a doubt but that it was by the right way He was leading! Sometimes it was to teach lessons of greater endurance, more patience with the erring ones, a larger faith in God, or more of the love of Christ and His forgiving Spirit. Often it was by a "solitary way," but always with the one object in view, that of accomplishing a deeper work of grace in the hearts of His dear children, and teaching them how to walk with Him.

At our last Annual Conference I was granted furlough to
America as my first term of service, according to the rules of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, was completed. This however was not God’s plan for me for He provided no one to take my place and I was compelled to stay on. I thank God for the privilege! It has been a precious year of service, not so much because of what I have accomplished for Him, but because of what He has done for me.

The year opened up with our long to be remembered Central Conference where each one of us, who had the opportunity of being present, received new visions and higher aspirations regarding God’s plan and how to carry it out. We came home to our various stations with our hearts full of the great Evangelistic Campaign which was so soon to begin.

The need of emphasizing both the prayer life and Evangelistic spirit among our girls was felt very keenly and when two days previous to the campaign were set aside for fasting and prayer the girls were included. The power and presence of God were manifest, and after this many of them volunteered to go out into the villages and tell the “Good Tidings.” They were then formed into Prayer bands and half an hour was set aside at noon each day and those who remained at home asked for God’s special blessing to rest upon those who had gone out to preach. I took three or four at a time with me and they saw the great need as they had never seen it before, and also got a glimpse of their responsibility to the heathen people all about them. They helped with the tract distribution and made the singing lively and interesting. Some who had never spoken in public before gave a personal testimony of Christ’s power to save. One of the teachers in the school played the accordion and large crowds came to see and hear. We used different ways and means of interesting the people, but the best of all was the simple “Story of Jesus,” given by “One of these little ones,” and the story, as told by them, of how He had saved them from a life of heathenism and sin.

We spent many days in this way, days mingled both with sorrow and joy, for how could our hearts but be saddened when we saw our poor sisters in distress and at the same time could not help but be glad that we could tell them of a better way than they are living. We could not continue this blessed work through the entire year however, for God had lessons to teach us by leading us through the dark and cloudy places as well as by the bright and sunny road. The rains descended and the floods came, and with the heavy rains sickness and even death, for it pleased our loving Heavenly Father to take unto Himself one of these precious jewels. Those were hard days and the burdens were heavy, but we could

"Trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be."
OUR BABY
In spite of hardships and drawbacks the work has gone forward and good results have been seen. In the Annual Government examination the Inspector gave us the best report we have ever had. One of our girls received a medal in the All-India Sunday School examination and the others did very well. For an earnest effort on the part of the girls to live true Christian lives, and for the manifest victories in many instances we would give thanks. The school has been sufficiently staffed and the teachers have done splendid work.

Our baby has this year passed her first birthday. She was given to us when her mother died, and her grandmother thought the little one was going to die too. Now she is as bright and happy as a child can be. One can readily imagine that in a family of this size she gets her full share of being petted and loved. Her first words and steps and all her babyish ways are eagerly looked for and she does her full share to make the place lively and homelike.

The day schools continue to go on very much the same as in former years, old girls marry and leave and new ones come in and take their places—some to hear "The Story" for the first time, and to have the Bible truths so instilled in their hearts that they will never again be the idol worshippers they formerly were. The teachers have done faithful and good service. For every Christian teacher whom we are able to place in these schools we have reason to thank God. We can never fully estimate the real worth of their example in the school-room. The children are bright and interested. Some come from the very best homes, while others come from the poorer classes. We have splendid opportunity to sow beside all waters.

So where He leads me I can safely go;
And in the blest hereafter I shall know
Why in His wisdom He hath led me so.

We want to send special greetings and thanks to the kind friends in Strasbury, Pa., and Galesbury, Illinois, for the splendid Christmas boxes sent.

For the faithful service and untiring efforts of the young lady assistants, as well as all of the teachers, I am indeed grateful.

To the Pacific and Topeka Branches we are exceedingly thankful for the scholarships taken. We are also grateful to New York, Northwestern, Cincinnati, Baltimore and Philadelphia Branches for the continued support of the work.

Since coming to Conference it has been my great pleasure to welcome Miss Broadbooks who has come for Belgaum. We believe we are getting the right person for the right place.
Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the

BIDAR

Girls' Boarding School

MISS ELIZABETH M. BIEHL ... ... Missionary

Assistant, Miss Phobe Davids.

Teachers, Timothy Anandham, Ruth Jacob (three months) and Lena Mark (nine months.)

My first year's work in India has been a happy one. God has been with us and "has done wonderful things for us whereof we are glad."

At the beginning of the year we had twenty-two girls in the Boarding school and three day pupils. Ruth Robert, who had served as headmistress in the school since its beginning, was obliged to leave us on account of her father's health. Her place was temporarily supplied by Ruth Jacob, one of the Bible-women. In March, Timothy Anandham, formerly of Raichur, came to us as a teacher.

One evening in January, after all the children had retired for the night, it was discovered that some one had set fire to the grass thatched roof of the school-building. Although the alarm was given at once, and ready hands sought to stay the flames, in a few moments the tonga shed and school chupper were also ablaze. The sleeping children were all rescued. Though badly frightened, not one of them was even injured—for which we praise God. Our quarters, already crowded, were more crowded than ever, for it was five months before the building, later to be used as a widows' home, could be properly rebuilt. During that time a small tent served as a class room.

The health record of the year has been a very good one as there has been no serious illness among the children. Considering the disadvantages under which they have laboured, they have made good progress, not only in their studies, but also in domestic science, for they do their own cooking and having learned to sew they now make their own clothes.

We have also noticed spiritual growth among them. As preparation for future work, eighteen of the girls accompany the Bible women to the village Sunday schools each week and witness for Christ. They are so happy when Sunday comes and they take great interest in their little Sunday School scholars. God has blessed our work among these little ones, and it is our desire and prayer that each child shall be consecrated to the Master for His use.

Of those who have come to us during the past year, one of the most interesting cases is Jothamma. She was held in bondage by a village official because her father justly refused to pay the cost of a suit regarding his own son's murder. The father is a Christian and appealed to us. Steps were at once taken to restore the
child to her father. When she was again safe in her home, the father wanted to put her in school, for her mother had previously died.

Another was Sakreamma, a girl of seven, who was to be sold because her father could not support his large family. We reached the village just in time to rescue her from being handed over to a wicked man.

We now have thirty-two girls. When our new school building is completed, we will be able to take in many more.

Miss Phoebe Davids has rendered faithful service during the year. She has acted as matron and has assisted in various ways. We are indeed grateful to the Baltimore, Topeka, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia Branches for the support of this work.

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**Zenana and Village Evangelistic and Day School Work**

**Miss Norma H. Fenderich** ... ... ... Missionary

Assistant, Miss Rachel Davis, (four months)

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**Bible women and Teachers**


“My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Many have been the opportunities of the last year of proving the all sufficiency of God’s grace and power. Varied indeed have been the experiences which have come to us, but in and through them it has been ours more fully than ever before to prove God. At times the pressure of the work has been very heavy and strength and patience have frequently been tested, for one of the most trying of tasks, that of overseeing erection of buildings, has been principally my work during the year. Not having an architect or contractor and only one maistry I have been unable to give much time to personally overseeing the day-school and village evangelistic work. During the first quarter Miss Rachel Davids assisted in the work and daily accompanied the Bible-women to the Zenanas and villages, but in March she left us for a much needed rest and in June took up her former work in Bangalore. Five of our out-stations have been visited, Miss Biehl spend-

† Workers taken on during the year.
‡ Workers transferred during the year.
‡ Workers died during the year.
ing ten days touring with the workers in Jarnawarda section. We visited Narankaird the latter part of January and were greatly pleased with the work which had been done by our Bible-women, J. Manikym and B. Marthama in the villages among the low castes and in the town among both Mahommedans and high caste Hindus. Upon leaving Narankaird we little realized that ere the year closed both of these dear women would be called to their Heavenly Home. Upon the close of a large jatha held near Narankaird Manikyamma and her child contracted cholera and in a few hours the little one died and then the mother. It seemed strange to us that we were called to part with one of our most faithful and efficient Bible-women. Near the close of the year Marthamma also heard the heavenly summons. The week Manikym left us a young couple whom she and Martha had been instrumental in leading to Christ and who came to Bidar to be taught that later they might return to their village and teach their people, were used of God in leading twenty-four of their relatives to become Christians and be baptized. And now these converts are winning others. Almost half of the number baptized during the year have been from among the Telugus in Narankaird section and that of Ranjole. We rejoice that the work has so grown that in these two sections we may next year add two more circuits to that of Bidar Circuit and Hominabad which was made a circuit last year. Rev. Heta Singh, the preacher in charge, is supported by our Bidar Church.

March 16th was a great day to us, for on this day the cornerstone of our mission bungalow, the ‘Susannah and John Senior Memorial,’ was laid. It will be an occasion long remembered, for on this day God set His seal as it were on the work by giving us our thousandth convert. Rev. Parker in speaking of what God had wrought in Bidar referred to our pastor having recently baptized our nine hundred and ninety-ninth convert. He was proceeding with his address when there was a commotion among the women and a bright faced young Telugu woman, holding her little one in her arms, stepped forward and knelt down by the corner stone and testifying to her faith in Jesus Christ, requested baptism. It seemed as though Mr. and Mrs. Senior locked down upon the scene and with us rejoiced as Lingama was baptized. No longer was she to be known by a heathen name, but henceforth by her new name, Krupie Amma (Grace). We recalled the Sabbath of four years previous when the hundredth convert, a young Kanarese woman, was baptized, and as we looked into the future a glorious vision was given us of the time when thousands of Bidar’s multitudes would seek the Saviour.

The day following that of the corner-stone laying was observed with fasting and prayer and in the evening service the glory of the Lord came down upon us as we tarried before Him. We were inspired and our strength renewed for the conflict that awaited us during the coming days.
Realizing the need of securing a place where we could place our Christians when they should be cast out by their own people we sought out a vacated village which was said to be the abode of numerous demons. We made inquiries as to whether it could be secured for the Christians, but near by we found the headquarters of a number of priests. The large temples on every hand spoke of the place as being the seat of the evil one. In one of the largest of these temples the worshippers have pounded thousands of rupees into the stones of the floor. In one small colonade we estimated that at least thirty thousand rupees (equivalent of $10,000), the amount appropriated for our new mission buildings, had been offered to the hideous idols placed on all sides of the hall. Thus the heathens give to their gods. And our Christians? During the year many of them have adopted the tithing system of giving, tithing their grain as well as their money. On Sundays the Bible-women have been assisted in their village Sunday schools by eighteen of the school girls, two girls accompanying a Bible-woman.

Cholera, heavy rains and the harvest have in turn greatly hindered the work of our day schools, for as yet very few of the villagers consider a morning spent in studying of more value than a couple of dubs (3½) which a child would earn a day working in the jewera or sugar cane fields. A large proportion of those now in our boys’ and girls’ boarding school were formerly pupils in our day schools.

Although I longed to go with others out on evangelistic campaigns there was the building work to be supervised. Stones which had been quarried near by had to be carted in loads of twelve, then dressed and marked and recounted; chunam (lime) bought in as large quantities as possible, but as a rule only one bushel, or several bushels, secured at a time from one dealer, was carted from the towns or villages thirteen or twenty-five miles distant. Stones for flooring were shipped to Vikarabad and our missionries there kindly saw to the loading of over a hundred carts and sending them off on a trip of over fifty more miles. Steel beams were sent by train from Bombay to Hyderabad and carted from there to Bidar, a distance of eighty miles. Also timber, tiles and other building supplies. During the month from fifty to one hundred and twenty masons, coolies and cart men have been engaged in the erection of the widows' home, bungalow, stables, school and dormitories. On Saturdays at the close of the week's work a worker or two meets with the coolies and redemption's story is told. A service was also held with them on the morning of Good Friday and preachers and Bible-women in turn testified of the Crucified and Risen One.

On November the 16th three more corner-stones were laid by our District Superintendent, Rev. C. E. Parker. Great rejoicing was ours as we met together at the twilight hour to lay the
stones of the Sarah D. La Petra Girls’ School, Baltimore Branch Thank-offering building, Northwestern Branch dormitories, to be named Nellie H. Kuhl in honor of their beloved secretary and the Fannie Steiner Memorial erected in memory of a sainted mother and grandmother. In the last corner-stone laid were placed the words of the inspiring missionary hymn “The Kingdom is Coming.” On the trowels used in the laying of the stones our watchword “Emmanuel” was inlaid in silver in Kanarese, Telugu, Hindustani and Marathi, the four languages in which daily the workers witness for Christ. Within six more months we hope to have the buildings completed as bungalows and school dormitories are wellnigh ready for roofing.

During the hot season several Jathras were attended by our workers and the word was given to the constantly changing crowds who had come from villages near and far to worship either at the graves of the departed or to prostrate themselves before some great guru whom they worshipped as a god. At Hominabad, the place of pilgrimage for many a Lingaita, is annually held a jathra which is attended by thousands, many from Bombay, Poona, Hyderabad and Madras as well as from villages throughout the district. These jathras last from one to three weeks and many are the opportunities of proclaiming the glad news of salvation.

With the coming of the rains an epidemic swept through many of the villages, and a number of our Christians were among those who died from the disease. Heathen officials insisted on the Christians taking part in the sacrificing of animals to Maragama, the cholera goddess, and in partaking with the others of the meat which has been offered to idols. Oh how greatly the faith of the new converts was tested. In Amilapur the lamentation was great. In one of our Christian homes five had within a couple of days been laid to rest. Our hearts were sad as we went from hut to hut ministering to the sick and praying with the dying and seeking to comfort the bereaved ones. A short time before this our dear Miss Biehl had contracted the disease, but prayer was made for her and she was spared to us and to the work in which she has been so greatly used of God.

We rejoice that of the seven hundred and forty-two baptized this year three hundred and fifty-two have been women and girls—more than the entire number baptized from the beginning of the work to the close of 1912. Although the thousand of souls for which we had prayed throughout the year have not been baptized we rejoice that over three hundred more are ready for baptism and waiting the opportunity when they can receive the sacred rite. The converts of the past year represent eighty-seven widely scattered villages.

We would express our appreciation to all who have upheld us in prayer and who have made sacrifices in order that needed buildings should be given us and the coming of the Kingdom established in many of Bidar’s villages.
THE STANLEY GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Normal Training Class that won $336 as a special grant for success in the Government examination
Woman's Missionary Conference

E. K. Stanley Girls' High School and Orphanage

Miss Evans and Miss Morgan —— Missionaries

Assistants and Pupil Teachers—Miss Tendusay, Miss Woodbridge, Miss Joseph, Miss Schuntella, Miss Greig, Miss John, Miss Rebecca Abana, Miss Rhetname Abana, Miss E. D'Lima, Miss E. Ross. Urdu Teacher—Syed Abdoolah. Telugu Teacher—Kryshina. Matron—Mrs. White.

"He saw them toiling in rowing." January, 1912, will never be forgotten by the inhabitants of the plague-stricken city of Hyderabad. The death-roll of reported cases reached the appalling number of 400 a day. From the plague-infected centres, where the poor, crowded in their wretched hovels, were leaving their unburied dead in their houses, or throwing the corpses into the streets to be picked up in the morning by the municipal carts, the rats had carried the infection to the palaces of the rich and the more pretentious dwellings of those in comfortable circumstances, for the microbes are no respecters of persons. The pall of death hung over the great city like the Egyptian darkness.

In December, we had decided to keep all the girls in the school during the Christmas holidays, knowing that in all Hyderabad there was not a safer place for them. What was our consternation, when on January 2nd, we found the first dead rats, always the forerunner of the plague! We had taken the responsibility for the lives of all those girls. Should we begin to send them away, and if so, where? And what about the greater number of those who were orphans, and had nowhere to go? In our fiery furnace One like unto the Son of God came, and divine assurance was given that in all things we were to be guided by a higher power, and although the flames kindled about us, there was not one case of plague in the school. Our God delivered us. This was the only school in the whole city which was not closed for months on account of the plague.

Like a bow of promise across these awful clouds of scroor and death, was the call to prayer made by the leader of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mohamedans, Hindus, Parsees, Native Christians, and European officials all met together in the Y. M. C. A. building for prayer to the God of Heaven for deliverance, and deliverance came. May this not be a bright prophecy of that better day when this great city shall find salvation in the Saviour of men.

To remove any traces of the plague, it was necessary to go in for white-washing on an extensive scale. Also stone floors were put into the bungalow, so that there could be no infection from the bamboo matting which is usually used as a covering for the floors.

When March came Miss Wood went to General Conference, and the Treasurer's work which remained behind—that pleasant burden—meant many hours of extra work.
Then, when the sun smote his way through the thick walls and made the largest rooms like ovens, the Missionaries got fever. On Monday, before Easter, we all met at the school for special revival services. What plans we all had—but God moves in a mysterious way.

Easter Sunday, with all its Hallelujahs, "He is risen indeed," found us in the Church made beautiful with tropical bloom, but more beautiful were the happy faces of the children. Four girls were to be baptised, and nine to be received into the Church. But we were greatly surprised not to see Miss Dosch in her accustomed place. We had seen or heard from her daily during the week, and knew of the plans she had made with the District Superintendent to begin an evangelistic campaign on Monday. On our way from the Church we called to see her and found that the illness which she had considered so slight, had taken a very serious turn. Only Jesus Himself can ever know the long, long hours of that night when every remedy seemed of no avail and the fever burned on and on. For her there was not to be the rough country roads, the burning heat, the burden of giving the message, and all the distress and poverty and wretchedness of the heathen villages; but the mansion large and fair in the Father's House on high, the living green of the hills of eternal day, and the King's own presence, for when she had planned to be out in the villages, her Lord had prepared for her the sweet surprises of the Better Land. After less than 48 hours of distressing illness, she quietly slipped away from us all—but her grave, the first Missionary grave of Methodism in Hyderabad, calls for some one to take up the burden where she laid it down.

Burdens multiplied, and with the coming of June the rains were delayed, and the heat unabated. In August an epidemic of typhoid swept over the city. There were six cases in the school. For four months we had to combat this dangerous fever, but all of the girls got well, for which we acknowledge our profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

In June, Miss Tendusay was bereft of her mother, and on account of family affairs, she had to give up her post. Faithful and efficient, we have missed her much.

But was there no joy, no reward? "His yoke is easy, His burden light." A band of school girls met daily while the stars were still shining to pray that the dear Lord would bless and own the work of the Bible-women and Christian teachers as they went from village to village to declare the riches of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one day in the year during the mid-summer holidays when we have a picnic, the girls found a village where there had been no Christian teacher for two years. With beaming faces they came back and said, "The people spread mats for us where they were beating out their grain, and we sang and told them about Jesus." This was entirely of their own initiative.

The letters received from our girls who have married and are
now in their village homes working as Bible-women—not an insignificant number by any means—have made us glad.

The interest among the Mohammedan women and girls has been great. The "flood" brought us three Mohammedan girls, one of whom was married this year to a highly respectable young man drawing a good salary. How proud he was that his wife knew English. With what courtesy and respect he treated her when they came to pay a visit to the school after their marriage.

These "flood" girls have brought four other little Mohammedan girls. A Mohammedan man is so keen on education for his girls that he has broken over all prejudices and has entered his two little girls as boarders. A Mohammedan woman, living on the other side of the city, brings her daughter most faithfully a distance of some five miles daily to the school.

Daily lessons must go on whatever happens. The Missionaries teach daily 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) hours, with extra classes thrown in occasionally. At the Middle School Examination only 13 girls appeared, nine of whom were from the Stanley Girls' High School and seven of whom passed. Eight girls were sent up for the Normal Training Examination, all of whom passed, four in the first class. For this work, the Government gave us a special grant of H. S. Rs. 1,200 or about 350 dollars. So these girls deserve the credit of the electric lights, additions to the laboratory, etc., and much other needed equipment which costs money, but for which we have not asked funds from America.

Under the new rules, the Government has recognised our work. We have stood the test and have not been found wanting.

During the year there have been many marriages of girls educated in the school. Devanama Martha Elizabeth, Prather, and Neelavatha have gone as teachers to our work in Yellandu, while Gnana Nursiah writes joyously of her work in Gulburga, and Sarah John, as the wife of a man employed in the gold fields of the Raichur District, will let her light shine there. Anoo and Martha, who with their husbands have been in the Bible Institute, go out this year to take up their work in their village homes. Matilda Samuels, Lillian Jacob, Kunthama Lazzuns, were married to business men, but they are nevertheless Christian home-builders, and it is the Christian home that is the hope of India.

"Lord if we may, we will serve another day."

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Hindustani Evangelistic Work and Day Schools

Miss Catherine Wood ... ... Missionary

Zenana Work
Assistants—Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Fallen. Bible-woman—Kirubabai.

Day Schools
Assistant—Miss Charlotte Smith. Teachers—Angelina Flowman, Jothabai, Milerun Nissa Begum, Sahib Khatum, Rohimun Nissa Begum, Bismillah Bi Mahbub Bi, Anjesha Bi.

Industrial School
Teacher—Ranganagama.

Strange new experiences have been ours during the past year. The year has held much of disappointment, testing and trial. Some of these we may not speak of in a report, but the way has not been all dark. There have been rifts in the clouds and the promise "My Grace is sufficient for thee" is ours still.

As I watched the shore line of India fade away in the distance and twilight that March evening when our ship carried us out to sea and we turned our faces toward the other homeland, a sadness that was unexplainable crept over me. For days my thoughts followed very closely that little band of workers and those whom I had left behind. Now they were doing this—now that. I saw them as they went in and out to work and about the home and sometimes it seemed as if I must return to them. Then as I looked eagerly for some word regarding those days of separation as we neared the other shore came the sad news. A letter told me that two weeks before, the head of that little band of workers had fallen at her post. For a few hours the way seemed very dark. The question 'Why' would keep coming.

For nearly three years Miss Dosch had been studying the language and the people and she had won the hearts of all associated with her in the work. What would they do without her? It seemed that this was the time when she was most needed.

In the little room in the San Francisco hotel God spoke peace to my troubled anxious spirit, and Miss Partridge, the Misses Smith and Miss Fallen were then bravely taking up the work about which I felt so troubled.

Five of our seven day schools had been reopened before I left in March, and some houses were still on our visiting list. In due time the two remaining schools were also reopened, and while Miss Partridge went touring in the villages and took up the Telugu work, the Misses Smith carried on the day schools and visited in the homes, and Miss Fallen held the industrial school.

After five months I was permitted to return to Hyderabad. It was a sad home coming without the greeting of my beloved
co-worker, whom I had left so hopeful and happy only a few short months before. But the work that had been opened had all been cared for and it was possible to take up more now for the people who had fled from their homes on account of the plague had returned. The attendance in the day schools was below the average of other years, but during the past few months it has again come up to the usual numbers. In seven day schools we have about 240 girls enrolled. Fifty-nine women are again learning to read in their houses and about 134 homes have again been visited and we hope now to be able to do this work regularly and to open more homes as we are to have some new helpers next year.

The Sunday School work has been carried on as heretofore and the attendance and interest are very good again.

There have been from twelve to fourteen women in the Industrial School and this work has been self-supporting this year. In this school again we have had success and some failure. One of the women for whom we have worked and prayed for many months disappointed us and returned to her village and we fear to her old life. Our hearts ache as we think of this, but we can still pray that she may be saved.

Thankful for the privilege we again face a new year. Not many results of the past years are seen as yet, but we leave them with our Lord and pray to be used in leading some souls to a knowledge of the truth.

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HYDERABAD CIRCUIT

Telugu Evangelistic Work and Day Schools

Supplied by Ruth A. Partridge (nine months)

_Evangelistic Work_


_Day Schools_

School Teachers—Martha Daniel, Annie Nathaniel, Sarah Siviah, Rathnama Daniel, Mary Paul.

It hardly seems my place to write this report, because it is one that would have been written by another had she been here, but
it pleased our Heavenly Father to call our dear sister, Miss Dosch, for higher service. If there be any progress in the work it is due to the good supervision it had during the early months. She was loved by all whose lives she touched. Even in the villages people talk of her and remember the many kindnesses she bestowed upon them. A short while before she was called it was my privilege to be with her on a short tour through the villages bordering on the Hyderabad and Shankerpally Circuits, and as we talked about the work so dear to our hearts I realized how keenly zealous she was for the Master.

After Miss Simonds went on furlough the local work in Vikarabad was given to me. I was helping Miss Wells also in the medical work, which at that time was especially heavy. Many people from the villages came for medicine. Even amongst the workers there was much sickness. With all of this and with the charge of Shankerpally Circuit my time was fully occupied. It was in the month of April I was called to take up the work our dear sister had lain down. With a sad heart and with some misgivings I came into the midst of a sorrowing crowd. It was then that the Lord’s promise came to me, “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” which has helped me over the hardes places.

The common sorrow proved a bond to draw us closer together. The memory of the dear one’s cheerful presence in the home and about the work took away the sorrow.

Owing to the pressing need in connection with the local work I was not able to go out much in the villages until after Miss Wood returned from America, but the women worked on trying to gather together the flock that had become scattered during the epidemic of plague. The children were returning in small numbers to the day schools. The visiting and teaching was being carried on, when the suggestion was made to the women that they might hold night schools in order to reach the people who had to be at work all day. They were glad for this opportunity, and some of them are doing this work now. At night between eight and ten o’clock may be seen a crowd of men, women and children around the Bible-women learning the Bible, and old women with the simplicity of children telling the life of Christ from beginning to end. Then may be heard whole-hearted singing which is most inspiring.

During the epidemic of cholera the women stayed by their posts, and through their untiring efforts many lives were saved and many were led to believe more about this religion of love. There is an awakening amongst the people. The number of enquirers increases and the call comes “Send us teachers.”

Once while on tour when walking behind the conveyance a man came running up calling us to stop. We waited for him, and this is what he asked us: “Where can I go to be baptized? Can you do it for me? I have heard the Gospel which tells that
Christ saves all sinners and He has helped me to give up my bad habits, even smoking, and I believe Him to be the Saviour, and I want to be baptized." We talked to him for a while and then directed him to the ordained preacher's house, six miles away.

On one occasion in our evening meeting the lesson of the woman of Samaria was given. How impressed the people were to know that Christ forgave the greatest sinner and such exclamations were to be heard as, "Is it true Christ died for me. I am a sinner."

It is a delight to work amongst the village people. They are free from hypocrisy and give expression as they feel moved. The meetings with them are most informal. If a class meeting were to be announced and they were asked to speak they would say "We do not know what to say." But once their attention is held then they speak as they feel. If a man did not believe our message he would say so. Often have we been interrupted in a talk by some one asking "What must I do to be saved?" and many have been the requests "Tell us more."

There are twenty-two Bible-women and teachers working in forty-five villages and bushies, visiting 372 Christian families, 418 non-Christian families and preaching to about 2,900 people. One hundred and seventy-four women and seventy-five girls have been baptized during the year.

The day schools have done well, considering the many difficulties in the way arising from the transfer of teachers and the panic during the plague. Yet there is cause for rejoicing. Some of the boys and girls can read the Bible and each one possesses a Gospel portion which he or she reads in the home.

Once when I asked the elder ones in a certain school what work they would like to do when they grew up, one said he would like to be a teacher like his master, another said no matter what work he did he would never worship idols as it is wrong to do so. Another said his parents always tried to make him worship idols but he had refused to do so and when he grew up he would be baptized and be a Christian. Our greatest hope is in the children, Christian or not, for we look for the future workers from amongst them.

We are thankful to the New York, Baltimore, North-Western, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Des Moines Branches for their support, and we are thankful to all those who have remembered the work especially in prayer.

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Hyderabad English Work

Mrs. Maude E. Ross de Souza ... ... Missionary

This is my first report, since I have recently joined the noble band of Missionaries. In the Providence of God my share of the
work has had to do almost exclusively with the English Church and its various forms of activity in Hyderabad. As assistant superintendent and teacher in the Sunday School, as secretary and treasurer of the Social Service Mission, as one of the committee members of the Spiritual Department of our Epworth League, and as pastor's wife, I have had my hands fairly full. I have also helped a little on the Telugu side as recording steward.

It was my privilege last year to accompany my husband on a Missionary tour to some villages around and about Hyderabad. I had hoped to make some trips this year, but we were quite unable to get out.

As I look back on the past year, I have great reason to praise God for His many blessings, and for His guidance in all our ways.

The Church has prospered spiritually and materially. In respect of the former, two have been added to its membership, and four added to the list of probationers.

The Sunday School has been holding its sessions regularly, and the attendance has been fairly good, but we would like to see the members increase, for we try to do our best for the children, and we want to see them built up for our Master's Kingdom.

We have observed Temperance Sunday, and Children's Day. In all these services children and young people have helped in the singing and recitations. We are now planning to have a good programme for Christmas morning and also a good collection for the poor.

The Epworth League has sought to, and I believe has to some extent succeeded in awakening, the interest of its members in the social work of the Church of a mercy and help nature. Some six or eight families are reached through this Mission and about ten women are taught sewing, while some fourteen children are taught the elementary branches of an English education, cooking and other lines of work calculated to develop in them methods and principles of self-help. Miss Alice Murray is our Mission worker, and she is taking a great interest in this good work. Our League pays the rent of the Gospel Hall which is hired in connection with the Social Service Mission.

We had a sale of work and a concert last June, at which we realized Rs. 250. We also got in about Rs. 20 by a Talent Fund, and Rs. 8 in our Birthday Box. In this way we have been able to meet all our dues in connection with the League and render substantial help in various ways.

The League has had some very interesting services in connection with its evangelistic as well as its Social and Literary Departments. The devotional meetings too have been very helpful, and some of the members have taken an active part in these services. We have studied together the following lives: Daniel, Moses, William Taylor, David, Joshua, Ruth, Pandita Ramabai, Jeremiah, and others.
VIKARABAD BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE CHILDREN
We have observed Bible Study Rally Day as also the Epworth League Rally Day. On these occasions the Telugu and Hindustani Leagues have joined with us, and all contributed towards the programme.

Temperance work is carried on by one of our members who takes a keen interest in this work, and is a great tract distributor.

Our Junior League is very small and the Superintendent is doing what she can for these little folks. We hope to get in some more children next year. For every token of God's goodness we are grateful and thank Him and take courage.

Vikarabad Evangelistic Work

Mildred Simonds (on leave) ... ... ... Missionary
Elizabeth J. Wells ... ... ... Missionary

And forty-four Bible-women

The year 1912 will long stand out in the memory of those who were in the Master's work in Vikarabad as one abounding in sufferings and trials: as one which has led us into hitherto unknown paths and has tested our faith again and again: as one in which we have heard with new meaning His promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," and "My grace is sufficient for thee," and also as one which has given an unprecedented harvest of souls.

At the beginning of the year, plague broke out in the Kohire section of our work; and as the year closes it is ravaging and scourging the surrounding villages. In March, cholera made its appearance, spreading from village to village, terrifying the people, and claiming its victims by the hundreds. Not until November came with its cooler weather was there any relief from it. In the midst of these terrible diseases our workers have lived and have been true to the charge committed to them. They have gone in and out among the afflicted and have given medical aid and comfort. They have not counted their life dear into themselves but have poured it out freely for those among whom they have labored. And they too have been called to pass through deep waters. Death has entered their homes also. Ruthnamma Gabriel was the first victim to cholera. Living far from us, alone her husband fought for her life and alone he lost the battle. That night his baby boy also went to be with God. Two weeks later, Ruth Edwin, wonderfully well fitted for the Master's service, was taken from us in the same way. Her baby,
a delicate child, lived three weeks and then went to his mother and to God. These Bible-women 'rest from their labours and their works do follow them.' Death has claimed six other little ones from the homes of the Bible-women, and at least twelve of the Bible-women or their children have been dangerously ill. Of necessity, the regular evangelistic work has been greatly hindered by these things. Where splendid night schools had flourished before the plague came, we are now having to wait for the disease to subside before we can go on with them: where formerly the people gladly congregated every night to learn Scripture truths and songs, now they are afraid to venture out of their houses after sundown: and in some places both people and workers have abandoned their houses and are living in grass huts in the jungle. Yet withal we come up to the close of the year with a song of praise and a shout of victory. He who afflicted us hath also blessed us. And the blessings far outnumber the sorrows and losses.

When District Conference met here last year, the watchword given for 1912 was "IMMANUEL" and the slogan taken was "Ten thousand souls for Christ." Our faith, high at the time, may have weakened as one by one of the missionary force went from us, some on furlough, one to higher service, and the rest of us, although already bending neath our loads had to take on other burdens too; but God was faithful and when the year closed there had been 5,933 baptisms on the District. The rest of the 10,000 were ready if we could have reached them and received them into the Christian family. Of these accessions, 3,535 were in the Vikarabad work. To Him alone belongeth all the praise and honor and glory.

Especial encouragement and joy is found in the conversion of the people in the villages near Vikarabad. It had long been a matter of grief that while those living farther away had accepted Christ, yet these right at hand, for whom our Bible-women had labored for years, had not yet acknowledged Him as their Lord and Saviour. The burden grew heavy upon us, and we took it to the Master in prayer for weeks. Then, an evangelistic campaign was planned for the month of September. Every night some fifteen or twenty Christians went from here and held meetings in the different villages, urging the people to accept Christ and His salvation. Twenty villages within a radius of six miles from Vikarabad were visited: and in fifteen there were conversions and baptisms. The result of the month's efforts was 813 new souls born into the Kingdom. This is largely the fruit of the Bible-women's labours, for it is they who have visited and taught the people these years. In each of two places over a hundred people came to Christ. This greatly increases our responsibility, for we must train up these babes in Christ to be strong men and women who shall witness for Him and bring others to know Him.
Being entirely alone this year, the touring of the village has been almost wholly neglected because it was impossible for us to leave the station. This is not for the good of the work and has been a source of great sorrow. We long very earnestly for Miss Simonds' return, so that the Bible-women and Christians in the distant villages may be regularly encouraged and strengthened by the visit of a missionary.

The Cincinnati, Pacific, Des Moines, Baltimore, Columbia River, Topeka, and Minneapolis Branches have loyally stood by this work. To them we would render not only our own hearty thanks, but also the thanks of the thousands upon thousands of people who have thus received the Gospel message. And we would express our gratitude to those who have prayed for us and have thus held up our hands while the battle raged.

"To Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think,—to Him be honor and glory forever."

Vikarabad Girls' Boarding School and Orphanage

ELIZABETH J. WELLS ... ... Missionary

"I will make mention of the loving kindesses of Jehovah and the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah hath bestowed upon us and the great goodness toward the house of Israel which He hath bestowed upon them according to His mercies and according to the multitude of His loving kindnesses."

It has been a great joy to be permitted to again work for the Master among His children in this school. There have been heavy burdens and sorrows and losses yet we trust Him who is leading and believe that all these things shall in some way work together for our good and for the good of the work.

This year for the first time in the history of the school, death has come into our very midst and has taken one of our children. Prabhudass was a bright child who had been brought to us as a week-old baby. When almost five years old, cholera, which was raging all around us, attacked him and he died within fifteen minutes after we knew he was sick. We had hoped that he would do a great work for God and it was very hard to lose him thus. Three other children fell ill with the same disease but God mercifully heard our prayers and they live. Severe sickness has also come to others of the teachers and pupils, but their lives have been spared.

When this school was planted here nearly ten years ago the aim was that it should be an evangelizing agency, not only by teaching pupils about God and their telling the same truths in their own homes, but also by furnishing workers who would go
out and devote their lives to the work of saving their own sisters. Already our aim has been in a measure realized for there are now nine of our girls engaged in active Christian work. Of this number, three have married and gone from the school during the past year. Others, while still in the school, have done what they could by going out to help conduct Sunday Schools in the villages, and by going to the evangelistic work as opportunity permitted. During the hot weather vacation eight of the older girls begged to be allowed to go with the Bible-women and they became greatly interested in the work. We look forward to forming a regular class to train them for the work of Bible-women. Others of the girls have acted as pupil teachers and have shared the responsibility of directing the house-work.

Because the missionary has been so heavily burdened with all kinds of work this year, much which ought to have been done has not been done, but there are not wanting signs which encourage us to believe that the work has not been in vain. In May, Sanga Bai passed her Middle School examination and is now helping in the school. She came to us from a distant village, eight years ago, having no knowledge whatever of school life nor of Telugu. Her marked ability as a student has shown itself in the way she has overcome language obstacles and has completed our course of study in so short a time and while still so young. Then in the All-India Sunday School examination, two of our girls carried off the honors of the Junior and Intermediate Divisions in Telugu and were awarded silver medals. About twenty others passed in the same examinations and received certificates.

But by far the greatest honor which has been ours in the school was the visit of His Highness the Nizam, who is the ruler of the State in which we are, and is ranked as the chief native prince in India. On another day, His Excellency the Prime Minister, and the Honorable Colonel Pinhey, the British Resident at Hyderabad, were pleased to inspect the work of the school. We trust that the Master's work may be greatly furthered in this way.

One of our overweights of joy has been the appointment to Vikarabad on Miss Gertrude Voigtlander of Albion, Michigan. Well equipped for the Master's service, she comes at a time when the work greatly needs her and we pray that her life may be a channel through which spiritual blessings may flow from God to thousands of the Telugu people.

The school has been supported by the Des Moines, Cincinnati, Columbia River, Topeka and Philadelphia Branches and to them we would render the thanks of these ninety-five of the Master's little ones who have thus had an opportunity to come unto Him.
Shankerpally Evangelistic Work

Supplied by ... ... ... RUTH C. PARTRIDGE

Bible-women—Lucy, Ambiah, Martha Venkatayya, Chendrama Chenayya, Ramanjama Thomas, Rachel John, Rathnana Sathyanadam (5 months), Ruth Rajanna, Dinama Lymon, Ashervadam (5 months), Suggama David (8 months), Lachamama (in training), M. Lachama (in training).

"Mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles."

Two years ago I asked myself the question "Will there be any results from the Shankerpally work?" And to-day in taking a retrospect of the work as it is now, Simeon’s song comes to my mind as an answer to the question. Early in April the Bible-women were called to attend the consecratioal services which were being held during Passion Week in Vikarabad. It was a blessed revival. Each one felt that she had not done all she might have done and the responsibility of the salvation of souls was felt as never before. With a heart on fire for the Master each one returned to her field of labour to render better service.

Immediately after this I was transferred to live in Hyderabad because of the translation of our dear sister Miss Dosch, and I was not able to supervise the work of the women by visiting them frequently in the stations as I had planned to do, but the women worked on faithfully.

The monthly meetings with them proved of great benefit. When we met each one told about her work, the successes and difficulties connected with it, and we were helped by mutual prayer and counsel, and thus I was able to be in touch with all of them. Later, after Miss Wood’s return from America, I was glad for the opportunity of working with them more, sharing in their joys and facing difficulties with them. Each woman was urged to keep a careful account of the ever increasing number of Christians in order to keep in touch with all of them. To a certain extent this has been done and family prayers have been instituted in the homes of the village Christians. In a recent tour of two weeks I was glad to visit several new villages where work has been opened. There have been baptisms in eight of these since the beginning of the year, and not a single worker has been taken on to strengthen the ranks. Some of the women are doing the work of two. In order that her husband may be free to give his attention to other places one Bible-woman has taken up the entire pastoral work of one place, that is, she is responsible for the Sunday services, Sunday schools, night school teaching and instructing the Christians in addition to her own visiting.

With the view of using the brightest of the village Christians as future workers, the Bible-women are giving special attention to the training of a few. Nearly every Bible-woman has one or two sisters, who receive no remuneration, helping her in the work
The eight Bible-women on Shankerpally Circuit visit 249 Christian families, 295 non-Christian families, and regularly visit 1,994 people.

Five of the night schools are held by the Bible-women. There have been 456 baptisms during the year. Of these 311 are women and children.

God has blessed such efforts and the seed sown has brought forth fruit. Once, while visiting a new work, crowds of people came to see us. We had three sessions of meetings during the day, and began another in the evening. The preacher brought his violin and played while the people sang. In the midst of a song a man asked for the instrument to stop. The reason he gave was that he could not understand the words, but that when we spoke he understood us. This shows how hungry their hearts were for the Bread of Life and the meeting took the nature of a class meeting. Although it was 12 o'clock at night they begged us to tell them more. Another time when we preached to a large audience of both high and low caste people and the invitation was given for baptism, a very old man came forward and knelt down baring his head. His grand-children followed his example, then his brothers and their children, and were all baptised. Two young men were in the fields and two babies were asleep, so he asked us to stay over until morning and baptize them. That made the family complete, 34 souls in all. How pleased the old man was that not one of them was left out. After that was done he said: "Now what, teacher? We know a little of the truth. Will you leave us thus? Stay and share our humble abode and fare with us. Do teach us about this new Life." Our hearts were stirred within us.

The progress has not been in the number of baptisms alone, nor in the extent of the work, but also in the spiritual growth in the life of the village Christian. Although there is a great deal of heathenism in them to be eradicated, yet there is marked progress. They are learning that Christianity does not mean merely learning the Ten Commandments and Lord's Prayer, but in living the Christ Life. One Sunday when the preacher and his wife accompanied us to another village, our hearts rejoiced that night when we returned to find the village Christians had gathered together for their evening service. They sang, a young man read the Bible and prayed and they all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

During the epidemic of cholera in a certain village the non-Christian people were offering sacrifices to appease the wrath of the goddess, but the Christians gathered together with the preacher every night to ask God's care over them. One woman did take the disease, every thing was done for her recovery, but after a night's suffering she passed away. To the very last she was calling on the name of Christ. Her married daughter living in another village when telling me of her mother's death said: "I am
glad to know she has gone to Jesus. It must be so for she was calling His name." No doubt she has gone to be with Him. Only a short time before this woman took an active part in meetings, singing and praising God.

Everywhere the people show a great desire for the things "spiritual." Many testify to the saving grace of Christ, and many have been the calls for teachers. We wish space would permit to tell more about this work.

For what the Shankerpally Circuit is to-day we praise and glorify our Lord and Maker. What are the hardships and inconveniences connected with touring in the jungles compared with the joy it gives to see His own come unto Him. To me it has been a blessed glorious year in this work. and I thank Him for the honour that He has bestowed upon me to count me worthy to take part in it.

We are thankful to those who are interested and are praying for the people of this land. We render special thanks to the Des Moines, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Pacific Branches for the support of this work.

Yellunda Circuit

MRS. FLORENCE B. HOTTON ... ... ... Missionary

I am happy to introduce our Yellunda Bible-women to our many workers and friends. While this is the first report presented from this field to the South India Woman's Conference, yet the work is many years old. Rev. C. B. Ward started the ball rolling twenty-four years ago. Every one who has ever heard of Mr. and Mrs. Ward knows what a great work they accomplished in the field. "They counted not their lives dear unto themselves."

Four years ago Mr. Ward was called to higher service and as Mrs. Ward felt it necessary to return to the homeland, the work was turned over to our Mission. When we arrived last January there were about 150 Christians, nine Bible-women, seven of whom were the wives of the workers. Two Bible-women were added during the year. We have had 643 baptisms this year and the Bible-women have done their share of this work.

Yellunda is a picturesque coal-mining district. About 15,000 men, women and children are employed in the mines.

During the year most of our work has been among miners and within walking distance from home.

In regard to the women's work it has been different from that of most Bible-women. Mrs. Ward had them all employed as colporteurs and some are still sowing this kind of seed which we believe is already bringing forth its good rewards. Six have been
teaching village day schools which have been opened at the dif-
ferent mine pits during the year. I wish I could picture these
schools so that our friends at home could get an idea of what the
village school means in the bringing of India to Christ. We know
the hope of India lies in its rising generation.

Very few school-houses have been built, yet little by little this
work is being accomplished. The authorities of the mines are
heartily in sympathy with the educational work and have secured
a grant from the Government for the erection of buildings. Most
of the schools are conducted under some large tree. The children
use the ground for their slates by writing in the sand.

They are fast learning to sing the Christian songs and repeat
Bible stories besides to read and write. One day during the last
campaign we were having the regular open-air meeting with the
villagers. I asked one or two old people if they would read the
Bible lesson. They each replied: "I can't read" so I called for a
girl or a boy, and a boy of ten or twelve years took the Bible and
read the lesson of Christ seeking the lost sheep. He read it well
and his mother was one of the happiest creatures on earth because
her son could read. This is only one case out of many where par-
ents have manifested their gratefulness to us because their chil-
dren are being educated.

Besides this work eleven villages have been regularly visited,
3,000 Bible portions have been sold, forty boys and girls have been
taught to read the Gospels, 102 homes have been visited.

I have oversight of the sixteen Sunday schools of this circuit. A
great advancement has been made by the children memorizing
the life of Christ, Ten Commandments and the Catechism. The
Christians are taking great steps towards self-support.

For all this we praise our Heavenly Father. I have wonderfully
enjoyed the little I have been able to do in the village work.
Madras District

Evangelistic Work, Zenana and Village Day

Schools

Miss Grace Stephens ... ... ... Missionary
Miss D’Jordon ... ... ... Assistant Missionary
Miss Young ... ... ... Assistant Missionary
Miss Doyle ... ... ... Assistant Missionary
Miss Lewis ... ... ... Assistant Missionary
Sooboomagam Ammal ... ... ... Assistant
Miss Z. Stanley Murray ... ... ... Assistant

Bible-women—Isabella Benjamin, Sarah Sullivan, Katrina, Mary Peters Paulina, Ruth (five months), Rebecca (five months) Rachel Ammal (three months), Ammuruthum (three months), Sowbakium (four months). Pupil Bible-women—Rachel, Bakium, Alice. Evangelist—Elizabeth. Teacher—Emma, Annal (four months), Timothy, Joseph, Israel, Devasumthum Gertrude (eight months).

Another year has nearly run its course, and as we look back on the past months we cannot but “count our many blessings” and praise Him who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift for all His goodness to us. In continuing to bless us we pray God to make each one of us a greater blessing in the coming year and give to us more praiseful results in the work to which He has called us. “Freely ye have received freely give”—may this be the key-note of our lives, and as the new year dawns with all its fresh responsibilities and larger opportunities may we realize more fully the joy of “giving” of our best to Him and to His service.

During the past year, though many discouragements have come, we have felt that Jesus has been with us and has led us all the way. Our hearts have been made glad to see the fruits of our labour in the different departments of work. Many joys have been ours in the large field of Zenana work. My faithful workers have been ever faithful. Everywhere in many Zenana homes the seed though oftentimes sown in weakness has come forth in power.

Miss D’Jordon says: “We rejoice to see tokens of a riper experience and a more exalted faith in the Saviour. We are
thankful that the Gospel has been listened to with respectful attention; in many cases with deep interest. In times of sickness and sorrow, the women seem naturally to turn to us for comfort and help, and the testimonies of answered prayer and of faith in Jesus in the midst of opposition and trial prove God’s saving and keeping power.

"Among the high caste and influential residents of the city we certainly have a very promising field. Many have been roused to an interest in spiritual things, and some of the women who have been converted are living a life of faith and are bright witnesses for Jesus in their homes. Others, were they free to act, would openly confess Christ as their Saviour. Day by day the listeners—members of the household—are more interested, and with one accord assent to the truth.

"With a few exceptions all our women receive Bible instruction. The Catechism lessons, secular lessons and fancy-work are taught regularly. Tracts are willingly received and our Tamil ‘Women’s Friend’—‘The Mathar Mithri’—is a great help, and is very much appreciated by the women.

"They love also to hear and learn the beautiful Gospel hymns and lyrics we sing and teach them. There is hardly a home where we are not asked to sing. It is often easy to reach the heart through these songs. One woman said: ‘I love your hymns; you must always bring your hymn-book and sing them to me.’ Another Brahmin woman told me, ‘I love to hear the hymns and Bible stories, and because I do love them I ask you to come often and see me; when next you come, I will get my neighbours together to hear you.’ She then sent her daughter to bring her friend and she was so pleased to see her listen to the Bible stories and hymns."

It is a joy to hear some of these dear women openly confess Christ, though they receive persecution at the hands of the other members of their household; while others of them we know are secret believers. It is not an unusual thing to have them tell us that they do not believe in their idols, and have given up worshipping them.

The Sunday School, conducted by Miss D’Jordon, which is held in a Mohammedan zenana home, numbers forty to fifty pupils each Sunday. The practical truths of the Sunday School lessons are brought out and impressed on the minds of the children, and thus a good work is being done among them. We thank God that a Mohammedan zenana family opens their home to us in which we can hold a Sunday School.

Faithfulness to duty and a devotion to work has characterised Miss Lewis’ efforts in all she has been called upon to do. She writes: ‘There has been much encouragement and blessing this year in this great soul-saving work for my Master in which I am privileged to have a part. By their lives and their open confession to a belief in the one true God many of the zenana-
women have been the means of bringing their husbands and relations to a knowledge of their Saviour, and they in their turn have told us of their love for Him and their trust in Jesus."

A greater joy is ours as we realize that many of the men were stumbling blocks in the way of the Gospel being given to their women. What a privilege it is to work among these dear women and how widespread their influence has been will only be revealed in the last day. Miss Lewis tells of a very interesting case of a weaver family, who are really Christians at heart and are trying to live the Christian life, testifying of what the Lord has done for them. She says; "Through their many family troubles it is wonderful to see their strong faith in Jesus. Often have they told us that though their friends have forsaken them still they trust in Him who has promised 'never to leave them nor forsake them.' The Gospel portions and Psalms which we have given them they read regularly and they do not forget to pray together every night. They say the Word of God is their only comfort."

Miss Lewis also says, "Another dear woman by the name of Runganayikie, of the Naidu caste, and who is very wealthy, has been in great sorrow during the past year by the death of her eldest daughter, who was one of our brightest pupils and who died trusting in Jesus. This woman could not for some time understand God's dealings with her in removing her dear one, but we by our visits tried to comfort her and tell her that now she must give her heart to Jesus for He is the great Comforter and will be her Stay in this time of sorrow. Lately there has been a great change in Runganayikie. She seems much brighter and happier, and a few weeks ago when Miss Stephens visited her she testified very beautifully of what a comfort Jesus is to her and said that she trusts in Him fully and has given up idol-worship. She was once very bigoted but God through affliction and sorrow has softened her heart and has brought her to confess Him as her Saviour and Friend."

In these districts too we have rejoiced to see a deeper interest on the part of the women in spiritual things and a longing to hear and learn more of the Gospel.

In addition to her Zenana work Miss Lewis has had, during a greater part of the year, the supervision of the village evening school amongst the sweeper caste. She writes: "Though hard at work all day yet in the evening the people willingly attend the school and are glad to learn the Catechism, Scripture portions, and secular lessons, and they take a keen delight in memorizing portions of God's Word."

Miss Lewis has a Sunday school in one of the villages as well, where a good many children gather together every Sunday and learn the Sunday school lessons and hymns.

Miss Young, my indefatigable worker, in being transferred to the Village Evangelistic and Hindustani zenana work, has had the delight of visiting and teaching in her old villages again, and
in the fifty different villages of which she has charge good work has been done. In writing of the number of baptisms this year, Miss Young tells of how a young woman, who, from her birth was dedicated to an idol, gave herself to God and was baptized. She is working now as a servant and her mistress always gives such a good account of her work and life in that home.

In connection with the Servants' Meeting held every Wednesday at Otary Miss Young writes, "We often have an attendance of thirty to forty women at one meeting. Most of these women work in the households of our English Church members, and the ladies often tell us what a blessing these meetings are to their servants. One day we spoke on "The Talents," many of the servants were so impressed that one woman told her mistress that since she knows now that she has got to give an account of all her work she will not steal any more when doing the marketing."

Another woman who is able to read the Tamil Bible was so delighted with it that she reads it to a number of her friends, and gets her mistress to explain passages of Scripture to them.

When Miss Young visits her Hindustani Zenanas, she says, "I feel as if I have entered quite another sphere of life. The women are all so wealthy and so hard to reach. Yet even in this work God is blessing our efforts, and we have the joy of seeing some of the women turning to our blessed Master. Many of my pupils learn their Bible Lessons very nicely and listen very attentively to the Bible Stories.

One dear woman who was our pupil for many years told us that she did believe at last that Jesus was her Saviour but that she was afraid of her people knowing about her new faith, for then they would not allow us to enter the house again, and as she did not want this to happen she is compelled to be silent."

Another dear woman, Ameru Nissa, is a wealthy widow. She has had a lot of trouble and it was through these troubles that she gave her heart to Jesus. As she is the head of her family she is hoping as soon as her money troubles are over to come and take baptism. One day I took Sooboomam with me to her home, and Sooboo told Ameru Nissa that she was Miss Stephens' daughter. She turned to Sooboo and said, "I am Stephens' Ammal’s prodigal daughter; some day I too am coming to be with her and to have the same baptism."

With regard to dear Miss Doyle I feel that God by taking her through "the dark waters of affliction" has given her a deeper knowledge of Himself, and He is showing her the possibility of using this very time of ill-health as a means of greater spiritual blessing to herself and to her work. She is doing her best, and though not able to do her full share of work yet the eight village day schools and one evening school under her supervision are progressing favourably.

She writes, "Throughout the year I have been conscious that goodness and mercy have followed me and I give thanks to
God. We praise God for the five children in one of the schools who are anxious to be baptized. Every attention is given in the schools to the secular studies but the principal subject is Scripture, and we believe that the children are acquiring not merely a head knowledge but a heart knowledge of God. We hold meetings for the children, and at one of these meetings a little boy brought us the god that he was worshiping for a long time and asked us to take it away as he wanted to worship only Jesus.”

“Miniamal, a girl who was a regular attendant at one of the village schools, died a few months ago, but to the last she confessed that Jesus was her Saviour and said that her trust was in Him.” Sunday Schools are also held in connection with the day schools and the children take delight in learning the lesson and singing the hymns we teach them.

Soobonagam Ammal has been as devoted and true to her work as ever. She has visited fifty villages with the other workers and God has greatly blessed her work. She says, “Although sometimes there have been many discouragements, yet we have got the victory through Jesus again and again. We have been visiting a low caste woman who could understand the Telugu language only, and this woman after a time gave her heart to Jesus, and she prayed much for her husband and told him that if he did not love Jesus too she could not take baptism and live with him. In time this man gave his heart to Jesus also, and the wife, husband and child were baptized. They are very happy now and are trying in their own simple way to tell others about Jesus who has saved them from sin.”

“Another woman in a Tamil village was possessed with the devil and was worshipped as a goddess by all the people. She was one day going through her devil-dancing when we happened to be in the village. At first she would not listen to our teachings and became very much annoyed with us, but when at last our Bible truths convicted her of sin she invited us to visit her. We visited her very often and she after a time gave her heart to Jesus, and now she wishes to be baptized, but her parents and other relations are alarmed and prevent us visiting her. She used to wait for us in some of the side streets and receive instruction from us, but gradually her people came to know of this and they prevented her from seeing us, and they went so far as to lock her up. Now they have sent her away to one of her relatives who lives far away from the town so that we cannot get to her. However not long ago she sent her brother to tell us that she is still true to Jesus who has made her well, and is waiting for an opportunity to come out and be baptized. This brother is very much impressed with his sister’s faith in the Lord Jesus, and he wants also to know about the Saviour and take baptism with his sister.”

Now what shall I say about my poor dear old Elizabeth—my faithful “Running Boy.” She is no more able to go as fast
as she used to, but still she is doing a good work among the very low and degraded classes in the villages. She has been the means of showing to many of these people the error of their ways and has brought them to a knowledge of God. Whole families of them have been baptized, and the parents have been married in our Church, and are now leading good Christian lives and having Christian homes. Elizabeth keeps in touch with these families, visiting them weekly, reading to them, and teaching them our hymns and Scripture portions, while she seeks and tries to save those who are living in sin and do not know anything of God and their Saviour Jesus Christ.

All my other workers and teachers have been true to the trust put upon them. My good Bible women have done excellent work and God is using them and blessing their efforts in the midst of the people. One of them said lately, "I prayed to God to give me more houses; He has answered my prayer; now my prayer is for more strength."

Most of my English and Indian workers meet in the little "Prayer Room" set apart for this purpose every morning for prayer and consultation, and with renewed strength they go out to their daily work.

The weekly Friday afternoon meeting which I hold in the "Upper Room" with my young ladies, workers, and teachers has been a source of great blessing and spiritual help. As the different departments give in their reports, fees, marks, etc., and the week's work is reviewed, I feel that God is in the midst of us and He does help us.

The number of zenana houses on our list, and which have been regularly visited is 324; the number of women taught, 508; the number of listeners to God's Word during the year, 9,536; the number of visits paid, 1,396; the number of lessons given, 5,779.

These lessons have included teaching the women to read and write, needlework, etc., We make it compulsory for the women to learn our Scripture Memoritor, and many of them repeat our Bible verses and sing our hymns. Several of them have given up their much loved idols, which are now in our Trophy room.

The number of villages visited, 50; the number of women instructed in the villages, 15,804; the number of baptisms in village work (not including the men), 38; the number of schools, 8; the number of pupils, 337; the number of Sunday Schools, 8; the number of Sunday School pupils, 397; the number of conversions among the children, 17; fees and Mite Box collections, Rs. 363-6-1.

These figures may not be considered very much, but we know what God can do. Nothing is too hard for the Lord and by His grace we have been able to minister to the poor, care for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, save the sinning, and to come forth "more than conquerors." The honour and privilege is
ours, but to Him be the glory who has gotten "these gems for His crown."

We are exceedingly grateful to the Rev. A. E. Ogg, Agent of our Methodist Publishing House, for the vast amount of literature and the large amount of tracts he has supplied us with during the year. These have all been very helpful to us in the work. "The Marthar Mithri," our Tamil "Women's Friend," has also been a great blessing to the various departments of work.

May the blessing of God rest upon the dear secretaries and ladies of the Baltimore, New York, Northwestern, and New England Branches whose support and gifts of love we gratefully acknowledge.

Girls' Orphanage and Educational Work

Evalyn Toll ... ... ... ... Missionary

Orphanage Assistants—Mrs. Smith (six months), Miss Gordon (two months)

The opportunities of another year have gone. As we look back we see no great work accomplished, yet we believe that God has been leading us through the many little duties that have fallen to our lot.

All three schools have received good reports from Government this year. Miss Lynch, the Inspectress of Schools, visited the Orphanage in May and expressed herself as pleased with what she saw. Pudupet has increased in numbers and has done good work throughout the year. Choolai closes the year with a smaller number than last, on account of a Hindu school opened in opposition. We are glad to report that many of our own are returning to us, so we hope soon to have as many or even more than before.

The headmistresses of both Choolai and Pudupet are our own girls—Louie Reynolds of Choolai and Esther Murragannal of Pudupet. Louie gives the following report:—

I praise God for all his blessings towards me and I thank Him for the work He has given me to do in the High Caste Girls' School. On account of a Hindu school which was opened in opposition to ours, many girls were withdrawn and sent to this rival school. I prayed fervently to the Lord and I want to say
how wonderfully my prayers were answered. Other children came to us and the number on the roll has increased. A few of the girls who were withdrawn from our school and sent to their own Hindu school had been frequently sick and so their parents have now sent them back to our school, because they say that they kept better health in our Mission school, for which I thank the Lord. The Scripture lessons are taught in the whole school, and many of the elder girls take great interest in their Bible stories. We have our usual Sunday School classes and the Ber- ean leaf lessons are taught. One Sunday morning one of the children after the class was over came to me and gave me a sacred string which was blessed by her priest and placed round her arm during their nombu festival and which was to have been worn for a year till the festival come round again. This child loves Jesus and having no belief in the worship of this string she gave it away to me. Thus God is blessing me in my work and I praise His Holy Name.

Esther writes as follows:—

By the mercy and blessing of God I am still teaching in the Poor Girls’ School at Pudupet. God is wonderfully blessing me in my work for Him. We have had an increase on the roll this year, for the children say that they love to come to our school. Also they take delight in learning the Catechism and the Bible stories. A few of the big girls profess that they love our Jesus, and although they are anxious to be baptized, their parents will not consent. During the Deepavali or the victory festival the girls had to go through special pooja that day in their homes. They must first have a bath that they may appear clean and holy before their God and then present their offerings of camphor, coconuts, plantains and rice. I prayed to God to help them to keep their faith in Him, and He did hear and answer my prayer. I found them in the class room ready with their lessons and I asked them if they performed their pooja, but with beaming faces they told me that they are trusting in Jesus and had no faith in idols any more. One little girl was much hindered by her mother who believed that her gods could make her little girl better. So she wanted her to go round begging, wrapped in leaves for 40 days and then to offer all that she had received to the temple at Periapallayam. But this little girl believed that Jesus alone could heal her and would come and wait for us in the school, without minding all her mother’s insults. But often her mother would come to the school and try to take her daughter away by force, when the little girl would cry that she would not. She told us “I have prayed to Jesus and I know He will make me better.” I know that God is helping me all the time and I go forth day by day in His strength alone.

The Orphanage has about the same enrollment as last year. A number of the Tuticorin girls went home for the vacation and failed to return, but others came in their stead.
Thanam Isaiah, the headmistress of the Orphanage, in reporting the school, says:—

The Lord has been very gracious unto us in our Orphanage work during the year that has passed. The girls have had many meetings for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and in many of their lives we see His quickening power. They have given out of their little regularly to the church collections and have been more careful about giving the one-tenth than many an older Christian. We have had a very successful Scripture examination which was held by Miss Toll. Many of the girls did their best.

Miss Lynch, the Senior Inspectress of Schools, visited our school in May and was very pleased with our work. On the 14th November, 1912, Miss A. M. Rozario, the Assistant Inspectress of Schools, inspected our school and was satisfied with our work.

Two of our girls were married this year and it gave me great pleasure to see that they both married mission workers, and are helping their husbands in the mission field. This has always been my highest ambition, to see them in their own homes, making life happy for some good man and at the same time working for our Blessed Master.

Two of our girls left us to be with Jesus. One little Murree, who was so sweet in life, testified on her death-bed thus:—"I am going to be with my Jesus. I am so happy." Little Nagamma who was for many years a sufferer gave a bright testimony before her call home.

I praise my Blessed Lord and Master for all the success He has given and I thank all my workers for their loving co-operation.

I have been much pleased with the spirit of helpfulness in the Orphanage this last year. The elder girls have gladly taken responsibility that has relieved me of much work. The school has been divided into families of about a dozen each. The girl in charge is responsible for the sewing, and cleanliness of her family.

This year, too, the girls have taken more responsibility in the Sunday-school and Epworth League work. Heretofore they depended on the Missionary and young lady assistants for much of the leadership. This year they have elected all of their officers from among themselves.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His manifold blessings and mercies, not the least of which is the interest, prayers and help of our many friends in America by whose gifts this work is rendered possible.
During the past year my work has not been as absorbing as I should wish, nor has it been my privilege to move in and out among the villages so frequently as I hope I may in the future. Nevertheless I have enjoyed visiting a number of places on these three Circuits, and seeing the people of the first named throughout the year.

Early in the year I was elected Superintendent of the Tuticorin Sunday School, and immediately proceeded to put it on an up-to-date basis, organizing it after the most approved fashion, and in this I was ably assisted by Brothers Devadas, Gnana Draviam, Rajappan, Asirvatham, and Samudas. The first-mentioned is a graduate of the Madras University, a lawyer of the city, as are also Brothers Gnana Draviam and Asirvatham. Brother Chelliah is also a man of education and an able lawyer, and with these four lawyers as teachers, the active Devadas being also Assistant Superintendent, I have been able to leave the Sunday School to take care of itself for months at a time without any decrease, but rather with an encouraging increase in attendance and collections. The enrolment numbers 120, of which fully 90% is Christian. The class for educated women is the most encouraging feature, as the women are so deeply interested in the lesson and respond so gladly to instruction.

Besides this I have had the pleasure of visiting the villages three times, villages to the number of seven, in all of which we have live congregations. I have seen phases of India and Indian Christian life which I had never seen before.

During the year there have been many pleas registered with me as your representative. One Muhammadan gentleman of considerable education has repeatedly asked for instruction for his wife. The members of Tuticorin Church have asked again and again for Bible women to be appointed in Tuticorin itself. The Christians on all the Circuits, some 1,500 in number, are ardently expecting the time when we shall have a Boarding School for Girls in Tuticorin. There is a great eagerness for education among our people. A Committee waited upon me to ask that we place a school here, promising us that there would be fifty in two weeks and two hundred in two months. I should not hesitate to say that we should be very likely to have two hundred girls in attendance on that school at the end of six months. All we need is the school. The parents will give some fees, but for the most part are desperately poor. The two hundred I estimate would come so quickly would be Methodist children alone. If
we were willing to take Hindu children also, we could get a great many more who would be willing and able to pay fees.

So far as the work of Bible women is concerned, we have been compelled to install five women for this service, and pay them from the funds of the Parent Board work.

We continue in prayer that the Lord will open the way to the establishment of a Girls' School and Zenana Mission work in this region in the near future.
Mrs. A. E. Cook .... Missionary

Bible-women.—Abigail, Giriamma, Rachel, Gnanamma, Mrs. M. Paul Lakshmi, Srivie (four months), Kiranamma (four months), Nagami (two months). Matron Mrs. Z. Paul, Teachers. Mary, Ratnamma, Miriam.

While there have been many hard problems and things we could not understand, there has been much to encourage during the past year. The Lord of hosts has been with us; the God of Jacob has been our refuge. He has helped to solve the problems and given new courage and strength to go forward.

This year I have had four new Bible-women. One of them has worked all the year, the other three only three or four months each.

The Bible-women report having made 3,039 visits in nine different villages.

During the year 469 women and girls have been baptized.

In Gnanamma's letter she writes, "I converse with Hindoo women on the subject of sin and redemption through the death of Christ and his resurrection. Sometimes I read to them about the persecutions of good women in the past, or teach them the parables or the miracles of Jesus. Sometimes I sing and explain the meaning. In Sunday School I explain the pictures to the children, teach them to say the text and a verse of a hymn. Some have learned the Lord's Prayer. The parents are very much pleased to hear them sing and recite the scripture verses. Her Sunday School children are from high caste Hindu families.

Mrs. M. Paul has written for new slates for the new girls in the day school in Koluru. She says, "I am giving much of my time to teaching the women and girls who have just been baptized. The parents tell the children to call me to sing hymns and tell them Bible Stories. I tell them there is salvation in no other way except through Christ. Some of the women can tell the stories and sing the hymns."

Another woman writes. "Besides visiting in the homes I am teaching two women to read and to sew. Last Sunday afternoon ten women came for prayer-meeting."

Four women have each their own separate Sunday Schools with an average of 8 children every Sunday. Lakshmi and
Rachel live in the same village and have Sunday School with an average of 15 children.

The Elizabeth Cook Memorial Dormitory has been a lively place all the year. It has had as many as forty girls in it. The matron Mrs. Paul has been faithful and a great help in correcting the girls.

The Elizabeth Lee Memorial School-house has been our church and prayer-room as well as school-house for two years. We could not get along without it. We are indeed grateful for this gift.

Five small Christian boys have attended school as day scholars. Twenty-eight pupils have been promoted during the year. Miriam has been teaching the girls to sing and drill together. They have enjoyed this very much. In this way they have learned to sing many new pieces.

We are grateful for the support of this work by the New York Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Topeka and Northwestern Branches.

Raichur District Work

Mrs. J. H. Garden ... ... ... Missionary


On my arrival in Gulbarga, after an absence of three years, my first duty was to get acquainted with the work and with the Bible Women on the different Circuits.

The first couple of months was spent in Gulbarga getting hold of things there. Since then I have made two complete rounds of the Quarterly Conferences with my husband, (and to Kopbal, because of the critical condition of the work there, I have gone three times,) attending the sessions, studying the Reports of the Bible Women, talking over their work with the Preachers in Charge of the Circuits, meeting the women in their homes and hearing from their own lips the story of their work. To me this has been a source of encouragement and great joy, and I am persuaded that these visits have been very helpful in supplying the stimulus and encouragement that was necessary to some of these isolated and often lonely women in distant places.

In this way, by means of the written reports which are sent to me monthly, and through occasional letters I have been able to
keep pretty well in touch with all parts of the District so that when I asked them to attend District Conference they responded almost unanimously, and those who—for any reason were compelled to be absent expressed their regrets.

Twenty-seven answered to their names at roll call, including Mrs. Cook’s women from the Raichur Circuit, and seeing the interest shown we at once felt that we should organize a Woman’s Conference. This was done and we had three very interesting sessions. In listening to the reports of the Bible Women from the various Circuits we all received fresh inspiration for the work, and the spirit of unity, love and fellowship was very manifest.

I learned many new things there about the work and the spirit of the women, and I feel that I am in a much better position to help and lead them than I was before these meetings.

We had no examinations this year but we had a very profitable discussion of the subject among ourselves in Conference, and several who have not yet had an opportunity to do so were enthusiastically desirous of beginning at once. Few who have not yet completed the course are desirous of doing so and a vote being taken there seemed to be a universal desire—on the part of all who were not incapacitated through age or other causes—to avail themselves of this opportunity of self-improvement.

I promised to supply the women with books and I believe that a good beginning has been made, yet I realize that they will probably need much encouragement during the year also.

Training School

The Training School for women has been in charge of Mrs. Karodi, but she has been assisted from time to time by one and another of the Bible Women, some of whom are far advanced in their general education but are attending this School in order to acquire a knowledge of Kannarese.

Most if not all of these have already acquired a working use of the language and have been appointed to work on the different Circuits, but the work will still go on among the simple village women who are fitting themselves for the work. A valuable work is being done by Mrs. Karodi in this way.

The Gulbarga Circuit

The work of this Circuit is carried on by women living in Gulbarga itself, and in the villages of Kirini, Saradigi, Dudni and lastly Maindargi, where a woman was sent with her husband by the last District Conference, though hitherto the women were merely visiting that important town.

The women go two and two to the villages within a radius of three or four miles of the city or of the sub-station where they live, and seem to be doing valuable work. In Gulbarga the women who are being trained in the school go one or two at a
time with the more experienced Bible Women, and in this way get their training in actual work.

I feel that, in Gulbarga at least, because of the constantly changing personnel of the staff of workers by their being sent to other places, there is not as much systematic teaching as I would like to see. Nevertheless the more I get in touch with this work the more encouraged I feel about it.

On one occasion we were invited with one of our Mahratti Bible Women to the home of a Brahmin lady in the city (the wife of a prominent vakil) to hold a meeting in her house. We found on our arrival that there were 55 women and children gathered, and many of the husbands were crowded around the doors and windows to hear. After an address in Mahratti in which there was evidently very much interest taken, a very strong desire was expressed to have such meetings weekly. The Bible Woman who gave the address was from Sundarabai Powar's School in Poona.

Circumstances have hindered our continuing these meetings for the present, but we still keep in touch with the people and as the opportunity is a notable one I propose to make the most of it.

The Kopbal Circuit

Mrs. Chinnayya came to us in March. She was one of Miss Wells' Bible Women, is a Mahratta by race and was trained in Miss Sundarabai Powar's Home in Poona. She is an excellent worker, a good woman, and has been a tower of strength to our work in Kopbal. She has made one or two visits to the home of the Raja of Anigondi, where, finding a dear old lady very near to death, Lenathabai lovingly and enthusiastically held up Jesus before her dying eyes. The old lady's hope of eternal life was kindled. The promise, "At evening time it shall be light" was fulfilled in a remarkable way, and when, on a later visit to Anigondi, Lenathabai asked about the old lady, the Raja's wife or relatives told how she had passed away praising God soon after Lenathabai's visit to her. The Raja's women want a school in Anigondi!

In the town of Kopbal also the homes of the highest officials are open to her. In one a death having occurred, when she was asked to tell in what light Christians view the loss of their darling children, she compared their lovely child to a rose which the Gardener saw, and admiring, took it away to bloom for ever in the Palace of the King. She is welcome in that Mohammedan official's home also, and she is known in homes of the depressed classes as well. The officials of this Nawab estate, which belongs to Nawab Salar Jung, Prime Minister of Hyderabad, are asking us for a lady doctor.

The Shorapur Circuit

This Circuit is in the charge of Rev. Nanappa Desai, and his wife is in a very real sense the mother of all the Bible Women.
on the Circuit. She is one of our own girls who I believe was one of the very first converts of our Mission in Madras. She is a splendid success. Not only do all our Christians look to her for help and guidance but I have myself seen whole families of high caste villagers who were in trouble, fleeing for refuge to her home and living there for weeks together, gathering together in the evening at family prayers, and in short coming completely under the heavenly influence of this Christian home. She is welcomed in the Palace of the Raja of Shorapur, where I have been, in company with her, and among many others of the elite of the city, so much so that she has often work enough to do caring for those who come to her in her own home, without needing to go anywhere to find work. There is a good and faithful staff of Bible Women on the Circuit and her own daughter is doing very efficient service. For instance there is one young girl, a Lingait, who except for bed and meals never goes to her own home, but is being taught by Kamala just as if she were her own sister, and a probationer in the Methodist Episcopal Church!

The Yadgiri Circuit

This Circuit has had only one Bible Woman, Mrs. Malappa Lewis, though another is being sent next year.

She makes tours of the villages with her husband and works among the low and high castes in the town of Yadgiri. There has been a very great expansion of the work of this Circuit during the year, and here at least the woman are not more backward than the men in becoming Christians.

She reports a very great change in the attitude of the caste women and in the spirit that they show when she visits them in their homes. Formerly she was made to stand far off on the verandah, not allowed to come near or touch them or enter the house. Now they take her by the hand, lovingly lead her to every nook and corner, and show her everything they have in the house. Surely God is everywhere with us and leading us on to still greater victories. To Him be the glory.

This work is supported by the New York, Pacific and Topeka Branches, and I wish to express my grateful thanks to the ladies who have made this work possible.
LAURA BOOKWALTER DOSCH: A MEMORIAL

Laura Bookwalter Dosch was born in Ohio, September 24th, 1882. The child of devout parents, she early learned to love and serve the Lord, and the preparation for the special service she was to render began in her home. Being zealous for the work of the Lord in the Home-land, she was a helper in many kinds of Church work; and when the Lord called her to the foreign field, it was but another step in her life of obedience. To one of her loving nature, the breaking of the home-ties was a sacrifice indeed, but having put her hand to the plough she would not turn back, and three weeks after her decision was made, she sailed from New York for India.

A few weeks later, on her arrival in Hyderabad, Missionaries and Indian Christians united in thanking God that He had answered their prayers and sent a Missionary to relieve their great need. She was truly chosen of God for that place. The favorable impression created on her arrival deepened as time wore on and her zeal and efficiency became manifest.

She had a merry disposition and a saving sense of humour which helped to brighten her own life and that of others. Naturally impulsive and unusually outspoken, her tender heart kept her from ever wounding others. She had the rare gift of speaking the truth in love. Sincere and upright herself, she sought with firmness to develop these characteristics in her workers.

Though her term of service was brief, she accomplished much. Her appointment was to the Telugu Evangelistic Work, and to it she gave her heart and soul. How she gloried in the opportunity of touring in the villages. When the heavy rains made this impossible, she turned her activities to the City Work, and gave extra attention to the Day Schools. Hardships did not deter her, but were the means of leading her in other directions and widening her field of influence.

She spent all the time she could in the study of the vernacular and was so glad when she could give the women the Gospel in their own tongue. She loved them intensely and longed for them to know the Saviour.

When illness compelled Mrs. Schermerhorn to leave India, Miss Dosch willingly added the responsibility of that Missionary work to her own. Later on, when the Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls' School was left without a Missionary for some time, Miss Dosch, single-handed assumed the burden and carried it successfully for over five months.

At the beginning of this year, when Miss Wood was elected a delegate to General Conference, Miss Dosch lovingly urged her
to go and also to take her long-overdue furlough; and cheerfully took oversight of the Hindustani Evangelistic Work at a time when an epidemic of plague made conditions peculiarly difficult in Hyderabad. But on April 9th, before Miss Wood reached the shores of America, Miss Dosch's spirit had returned to God. She had done nobly here, and the Master had accepted her for higher service.

While on her bed of pain, her thoughts were still on her beloved work; she was full of plans for the Evangelistic Campaign and hoped to be able to participate in the Day of Prayer that preceded it, and then go out with the Bible women into the District.

"I will try my best to extend the Kingdom of God in India, and I will give my life for it" had been her first public words to the people, and how soon were they fulfilled. Christians and non-Christians mourned the loss of this consecrated missionary; for the love that was manifest in her whole attitude toward them made a deeper impression than even the spoken word.

When telegrams carried the message to the other members of the South India Conference, our hearts were inexpressibly saddened; and to those who were associated with her on the Hyderabad District, the loss is immeasurable, both because of what she was and the work she was so efficiently carrying on.

In our sorrow we remember with deep sympathy the bereaved family in America, and unite with them in the hope of meeting the loved one again in the land where there shall be no more parting and where we shall see our Saviour face to face.
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## INDIAN MEMBERS

- Dessi, Mrs. Rebecca
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- Gershon, Mrs. Premie
- Job, Mrs. Naomi
- Lewis, Mrs. Naomi
- Majur, Mrs. Priscilla
- Noah, Mrs. Dorcas
- Gopalab, Mrs.

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Assistant Secretary . .          . .          Miss Toll
Official Correspondent . .          . .          Miss Wells
Treasurer       . .          . .          Miss Wood
Statistical Secretary . .          . .          Miss Morgan
Editor, "Tamil Woman's Friend"       . .          Miss Stephens

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Mrs. Garden        |Conference Secretary

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Miss Wells, Official Correspondent
Miss Wood, Treasurer | Mrs. Garden
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Miss Toll        | Miss Maskell
Alternate, Dr. Lewis

Temperance Committee
Mrs. Parker        | Miss Voigtlander
Mrs. Stephens      | Mrs. Linn

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Tamil—Miss Stephens, Miss D'Jordan, Miss Young, Miss Toll.
Kanarese—Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Ernsberger.

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President, Miss Maskell, Secretary Mrs. Ernsberger,
All Missionaries in charge of Evangelistic work.

Programme Committee
Miss Evans          Miss Isham | Dr. Lewis

Manual Committee
Miss Wood
Miss Fisher        | Mrs. Ernsberger
Dr. Lewis

Rest Home Committee
Miss Maskell        Miss Toll
Miss Wells          Miss Wood
Miss Montgomery
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Deaconess Board
J. H. Garden, Miss Stephens, A. E. Ogg, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Kingham, Miss Voigtlander.

Epworth Leagues
President: H. F. Hilmer; Vice-Presidents: 1st, Miss Montgomery, 2nd, S. Maigur, 3rd, H. M. Clay, 4th, Miss Biehl; Secretary, J. J. Kingham; Treasurer, M. D. Ross.

State of the Church

Memoirs
W. L. King, D. P. Hotton, Miss Wells, Miss Broadbooks, Mrs. Buttrick, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ogg.

Temperance
W. H. L. Batstone, E. L. King, H. H. Linn, Malappa Lewis, Matthew Tindals, Mrs. Ross, Miss Parker, A. E. Ogg.

Audit

Building
W. H. Hollister, A. B. Coates, D. P. Hotton, Miss Wells.
WOMAN'S CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

BANGALORE DISTRICT

District Work............................................ MRS. BUTTRICK.
Bangalore—Richmond Town and Blackpully.............. MRS. STEPHENS, M. D.
      Baldwin Boys' High School, MRS. COATES; MRS. HILMER.
      Baldwin Girls' High School, Superintendent, MISS FISHER,
      Principal and Head Mistress.................... MISS ISHAM.
      Zenuana, Village, & School Work, Missionary to be supplied.
Bowringpet—Woman's Work................................ MRS. BUTTRICK.
Kolar—Girls' Orphanage, Boarding School, and Widows' Homes,
      Miss MONTGOMERY.
      Zenuana, Village, and School Work............... MISS MASKELL.
      Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital Medical Work
      Miss LEWIS, M. D.
      Nursing Superintendent.......................... MISS GRIFFIN.
      On leave............................................. MRS. ANDERSON.
      On leave in India................................... MISS HOLLISTER.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT

Woman's Work

Hyderabad—Bible Institute................................ MRS. ROSS.
      English Church................................... MRS. ROSS DE SOUZA.
      Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls' High School—
      Principal........................................... MISS EVANS.
      Vice-Principal..................................... MISS MORGAN.
      Evangelistic Work and Day Schools,
      Hindustani........................................ MISS WOOD.
      Telugu Missionary................................. To be supplied.
Narsingpet................................. To be supplied.
Secunderabad—English Church........................ MRS. TINDALL.
Shankarpalli—School and Village Work................. MISS PANTHUGH.
      On leave.......................................... MRS. KING; MRS. SCHERMERHORN.

MADRAS DISTRICT

Woman's Work

Madras—English Circuit................................ MRS. OGG.
      Bible Women's, Zenuana, and
      Evangelistic Work  
      Orphanage, School and Educational Work........... MISS TOLL.
      Tuticorin—Woman's Work......................... MRS. KINGHAM.
      On leave.......................................... MRS. BATSTONE; MRS. BAKER.
RAICHUR DISTRICT

District Work.............................................. MRS. GARDEN.
Raichur—Circuit and Girls' Boarding School......... MRS. HOTTON.
On leave...................................................... MRS. COOK.

VIKARABAD DISTRICT

District Work.............................................. MRS. PARKER.
Bidar Boys' School and Woman's Work................ MRS. LINN.
Bidar Girls' School....................................... MISS BIEHL.
Bidar, Bardiapur, Hominabad, and Narainkaid Circuits, Evangelistic
and Day School Work.................................... MISS FENDRICH.
Vikarabad, Mary A. Knotts Girls' School and Vikarabad Circuit,
MISS WELLS and MISS VOIGTLANDER.
Kohir, Kortipully, Pergi, Ragapur, and Tadur Circuits,
MISS WELLS and MISS SIMONDS.
On leave...................................................... MRS. HOLLISTER.
JOURNAL

FIRST SESSION

M. E. PARSONAGE, VEPERY,
Madras, December 5th, 1912.

The twenty-eighth session of the South India Woman’s Conference convened on Thursday, December 5th, at 2 p.m. in the Parsonage at Vepery. Mrs. J. E. Robinson presided.

Devotional.—The hymn, “My Heart is Resting, O my God,” was sung, after which Mrs. Robinson led in prayer and gave a short address on “The Receiving of the Holy Spirit.” Then we were led in prayer by Miss Fisher and Miss Stephens.

Organization.—The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Robinson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ernsberger and Miss Evans; Secretary, Miss Montgomery; Assistant Secretary, Miss Toll; Statistical Secretary, Miss Morgan.

Roll Call.—The Secretary called the roll and the following ladies responded:—Mrs. Buttrick, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Evans, Miss Fenderich, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Garden, Miss Hollister, Dr. Lewis, Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Miss Morgan, Miss Stephens, Miss Toll and Miss Wood.

Time and Place of Session.—On motion of Miss Stephens it was decided that Sessions should be held in the Parsonage from 12 to 2 p.m.

Introductions.—The following new Missionaries were introduced: Miss Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Ross. Mrs. Buttrick was welcomed back from furlough.

Temporary Committees.—On motion of Miss Wood, Mrs. H. Stephens was elected to fill the vacancy on the Temperance Committee.

The Chair appointed the following ladies as a Committee on Resolutions:—Miss Evans, Miss Maskell and Miss Ericson.

Correspondents.—The following Correspondents to the Church papers were appointed by the Chair:—

Woman’s Friend ... ... ... Miss Fisher
World Wide Missions ... ... ... Mrs. Ernsberger
Indian Witness ... ... ... Dr. Lewis
Central Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Wood
Pittsburg Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Fenderich
Northwestern Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Maskell
Western Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Hollister
Bombay Guardian ... ... ... Mrs. Stephens
California Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Isham

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned by expiration of time.
SECOND SESSION

M. E. PARSONAGE, VEPEBY,
December 6th, 1912.

Devotional.—After the opening hymn, "My Faith Looks up
to Thee," Miss Fisher led the devotions. She spoke briefly on
the text "If ye can believe, all things are possible." Miss
Maskell led in prayer.

Programme.—Miss Wood recounted in a very interesting way
some of the things that she observed at the General Conference.
This was followed by a song, "Poor Little Sheep," by Mrs.
Hilmer, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Roll Call.—The names were called of the ladies who had not
been present at the first session. Those responding were Miss
Biehl, Mrs. Cook, Miss Ericson, Mrs. Hilmer, Mrs. Kingham,
Miss Wells, Mrs. Karodi.

Introductions.—The new Missionaries,—Miss Isham, Miss
Broadbooks, and Miss Voigtlander,—were welcomed. Also Mrs.
Karodi from the Raichur District and Mrs. Hilmer of Bangalore
were introduced. We also had the pleasure of welcoming, as
visitors, Miss Scotland of Darjeeling, and Miss Hoffman and
Miss Cochran of Northwest India Conference.

Reading of the Minutes.—The Minutes of the previous Ses-
son were read and approved.

Election of Standing Committees.—On motion of Miss Evans,
the election of Standing Committees was made the order of the
day for Monday.

Greetings.—The names of ladies absent on furlough were
read, and members volunteered to write to them, sending the
greetings of the Conference. The Secretary was asked to write
to members absent in India.

Central Conference.—Miss Fisher and Dr. Lewis, our dele-
gates to Central Conference, gave their reports. Mrs. Erns-
berger and Miss Maskell, delegates from their respective Districts
to that Conference, added items of interest.

Extension of time.—On motion of Mrs. Stephens, the time
of the Session was extended to 2-30.

Statistical Year.—It was moved by Dr. Lewis that the
Official Correspondent write to the Executive Committee, asking
the privilege of having our Statistical Year end on the 31st of
October to be in accordance with that of the South India
Conference.

Report of the Editing and Publishing Committee.—The
Chairman of the Editing and Publishing Committee gave a
verbal report.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned on expiration of time.
We sang the Doxology.
THIRD SESSION

M. E. PARSONAGE, VEPHERY,
December 7th, 1912.

Opening.—At 12 o'clock, the Conference was called to order by the President.

Devotional.—Miss Wells led the Devotions. After we had sung the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," she gave us a short helpful talk on II Cor. xii. 1-10. Mrs. Linn led us in prayer.

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

Board of Examiners.—Miss Maskell, the Registrar, read the results of the examinations. (See Report No. 1).

Conference Reports.—On motion of Miss Maskell it was voted that 1,800 copies of the Annual Reports be printed.

Moved by Miss Wood that the names of Bible-women and Teachers, at the head of our reports, be printed in smaller type and in running paragraph form.

After discussion on the subject of how we may economize space in our Report, it was voted, on motion of Mrs. Stephens, that the question be left to the Editing and Publishing Committee.

Memoirs.—Moved by Mrs. Ernsberger, that the report of the Committee on Memoirs of the South India Conference be printed with the reports of Committees in our minutes.

Evangelistic Work.—Mrs. Ernsberger presented the report of the Committee on Evangelistic Work. It was discussed and adopted. (See Report No. 8)

Suspension of business.—It was voted to suspend business for a short period to hear the Report of the Raichur District in the South India Conference, and then to continue until 3 o'clock.

Bible-women.—Miss Wells moved that the question of leave for Bible-women and the scale of uniform salary, be referred to the Committee on Evangelistic Work, and that they report on Monday.

Examinations for Adult Christians.—A long and interesting discussion on the subject of examinations for adult Christians arose from the report of the Evangelistic Work Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Buttrick that we adjourn to meet on Monday at 8:45 A.M.
Opening—Conference assembled at 8-45 a.m., Mrs. Robinson, President, in the Chair.

Devotional—We sang the song, "He leadeth me," after which Mrs. Parker gave a short talk on "Overcoming", and called on Mrs. Stephens and Miss Fenderich to lead in prayer.

Journal—The Minutes were read and approved.

Memoirs—Conference suspended business to attend the memorial service to our beloved Miss Dosch.

Standing Committees—On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger it was voted to proceed to the election of Standing Committees.

On motion the Editing and Publishing Committee was re-elected. Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Voigtlander and Mrs. Linn were elected a Committee on Temperance.

Miss Partridge was elected to fill the vacancy on the Telugu Committee of the Board of Examiners.

The ladies in charge of Evangelistic Work were elected as a Committee on Evangelism.

Miss Wood, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Maskell, and Dr. Lewis were continued on the Manual Committee.

Moved that we continue the Rest Home Committee with the addition of Miss Wood and Miss Montgomery.

Communications—Miss Fisher read a very interesting letter from Miss Benthien. It was moved by Mrs. Stephens that Miss Fisher be instructed to send our greetings to Miss Benthien and express our appreciation of the work she did in South India, our regret that she is not returning to our Conference, and our love and best wishes for her in her new field of service. Carried.

The Secretary read a communication from Miss Hudson. On motion it was decided to refer the letter to the Reference and Finance Committee.

Frontispiece—On motion of Miss Ericson it was voted that the photograph of Miss Dosch be the frontispiece of our report this year.


Adjournment—Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Re-opening—Conference re-assembled at 12 o’clock.

Programme—After singing and prayer, Mrs. Whitehead, the wife of the Anglican Bishop of Madras, gave us a most helpful and inspiring address on "The Ministry of Friendship."

Mrs. Gladden, of the Foreign Department of the National Y.W.C.A. of America, gave an interesting talk on the pro-
blem of "Holding the College Women for the Work of the Church."

Miss Biehl sang a very appropriate song, "Just a Little Bit of Love."

On motion of Miss Maskell, the Conference gave Mrs. Whitehead a rising vote of thanks.

**Statistical Report**—Miss Hollister continued the reading of the Statistical Report. Mrs. Ernsberger moved that it be adopted and printed in the Minutes, following the form used in the South India Conference.

**Official Correspondent**—On ballot, Miss Wells was elected Official Correspondent.

**Reference and Finance**—The following ladies were elected as Reference and Finance Committee:—Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Toll, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Garden, Miss Maskell. Dr. Lewis was elected as Alternate.

**Tamil Woman’s Friend**—Miss Stephens gave a verbal report of the Tamil Woman’s Friend.

**Reports**—Miss Evans gave her report.

Conference adjourned to meet at 8.45 a.m.

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**FIFTH SESSION**

M. E. Parsonage, Vepery,

December 10th, 1912.

**Opening**.—Conference opened at 9 a.m.

**Devotional**.—Mrs. Robinson led the devotions. After the Hymn, "Close to Thee," each lady gave a verse of Scripture that had been of especial help to her during the year. Miss Wood led in prayer.

Mrs. Robinson announced the number of baptisms in the Conference during the year, 9091, an increase of 5511 over last year. We sang the Doxology and Mrs. Ernsberger led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

**Journal**.—The Minutes were read and approved.

**Board of Examiners**.—The Registrar presented some recommendations from the Board of Examiners. They were adopted item by item, and as a whole. (See Report No. 2)

**Rest Home Committee**.—Miss Maskell presented the Report of the Rest Home Committee. It was accepted. (See Report No. 3).

Moved by Miss Fisher that the Rest Home Rules be printed again in the Minutes this year. Carried.

Moved by Miss Stephens that we recommend Miss D’Jordan, Miss Young and Miss Doyle, as workers to the Annual
Conference, for approval as members of the Woman's Conference. Carried.

**Evangelistic Work Committee.**—The following recommendation presented by the Committee was adopted.

"We recommend that two months be the maximum leave allowed to Bible women during the year."

**Temperance.**—Mrs. Stephens presented the Report of the Committee. It was adopted. (See Report No. 4).

**Correspondent with the General Office.**—Miss Fisher presented her report. It was accepted. (See Report No. 5). She was re-elected as correspondent.

**Sunday School Literature.**—Mr. Ogg presented to the Conference a statement regarding Sunday School Literature and the grant allowed to South India from the Sunday School Board.

The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Secretaries of the South India Conference as to action in the matter.

**Prayer Calendar.**—On motion it was voted that the expense of printing the Prayer Calendar be divided pro-rata among the members of this Conference.

**Adjournment.**—On motion of Miss Stephens, Conference adjourned to meet at 12 o'clock. Conference re-assembled at 12 o'clock with Mrs. Ernsberger in the Chair.

**Devotional.**—After singing "A Charge to keep I have," Miss Ericson led in prayer.

**Sunday School Literature.**—The Secretary presented the following recommendation regarding Sunday School grant for Literature:—Whereas the South India Conference has greatly benefited by the vernacular and English Literature furnished by the help of the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Whereas, we have not contributed to the funds of the Board, be it resolved:

That we record a hearty vote of thanks to the Board of Sunday Schools for their ungrudging assistance in our work, and that we will endeavor to secure a generous contribution for the Board of Sunday Schools and for the India Sunday School Union by encouraging our Sunday School members to give a good collection. It was adopted.

**Reference and Finance Committee.**—The Report of the Reference and Finance Committee was adopted. (See Report No. 6).

**Central Conference Committee.**—After discussion on the subjects presented by the Central Conference Committee, it was moved that, as we have had very limited experience in the matter, we defer action for future consideration. Carried.

**Wives of Conference Members.**—Moved by Miss Maskell that we as a Conference approve of the names of the wives of our
Indian Conference Members being read in the list of Conference Appointments. Carried.

New Missionaries.—Miss Griffin and Miss Broadbooks were asked to give their impressions of General Executive, which they did in a very pleasing way.

Miss Isham and Mrs. Ross were then called on and spoke of their first impressions of India and their pleasure in being here.

Programme.—Miss Maskell presented a splendid paper on "Mohammedan Work."

Moved by Miss Ericson that we extend a vote of thanks for the most excellent paper. Carried.

Programme Committee.—Moved by Mrs. Ernsberger that among the Standing Committees be one on Programme and that it consist of Miss Evans, Miss Isham and Dr. Lewis.

Miss Montgomery gave a talk on "Boarding School Problems."

On motion of Miss Wood, the Conference extended a vote of thanks.

Resolutions.—The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Miss Evans. It was unanimously accepted. (See Report No. 7.)

Minutes.—It was moved by Miss Fisher that the Printed Minutes become the Official record of this Conference.

Journal.—The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Adjournment.—On motion Conference adjourned.

Retta T. Robinson, President.

UrdeLL Montgomery, Secretary.
Reports

I
EXAMINATIONS

Kanarese—Miss Biehl passed in Reading, Pronunciation and Conversation in Luke's Gospel, Grammar, Practical Key 1st half, Vocabulary and Dictation.

Florence W. Maskell,
Registrar.

II
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Examiners met and discussed the Rules for Examinations and Course of Study, and recommend the following:

1. That in the Telugu Course of Study, item No. 7 have added to it for the first year, the words "First Half" and for the second year, the words "Second Half."

2. That Dictation and Memoriter be counted as one subject, 50 marks allowed for each; that Dictation consist of a passage of about 50 words, one mark to be deducted for each incorrect word. The passage shall be taken from Luke's Gospel, Chaps. 1 to 10.

3. That this Rule be printed in the Rules for Examinations.

4. That the Course of Study and the Rules be printed in this Year's Minutes.

Florence W. Maskell,
Registrar.

III
REST HOME COMMITTEE REPORT

Again this year some of our Missionaries have gladly availed themselves of the rest and change afforded by the Francesca Nast Gamble Rest Home at Ootacamund. We were much pleased that Mrs. Fox who for so many years has rendered such efficient and faithful service in India and who is now Principal of the Taylor High School at Poona, passed her vacation at our Rest Home.

Florence W. Maskell,
Udell Montgomery,
Miss Wells.
IV

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Your Temperance Committee reports with thanksgiving to God that there has been perceptible advance in many places.

In Belgaum after a petition to the Collector a toddy shop, that was situated just behind the Kanarese Church, was removed.

In Hyderabad a dealer complained that since the people were becoming Christians his business was failing.

The Annual National Temperance Sunday seems to have been fairly generally observed and the Quarterly Temperance Sabbath School lessons used in all our Sunday Schools.

A most successful Temperance meeting conducted in Hindustani was held in Bidar, which was attended by Mohamedans and Hindus as well as by the Christian people.

We learn with very great pleasure that the W. C. T. U, has in print a Temperance Primer which the Government will probably accept as a text book for all schools. But whether it be accepted or not by the Government, we hail its coming with much satisfaction and trust that at next Conference every Missionary in charge of schools will report its introduction into her schools.

We recommend that some simple course of instruction on the effects of alcohol on the human body be introduced into the course of study for our Bible women.

V

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDENT TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AT NEW YORK

Copies of a list of questions regarding the W. F. M. S. institutions in South India Conference were received from Miss Bender, Secretary, General Office, and posted to each missionary.

 Replies have been received from all the missionaries that answers have been sent to the General Office, New York, excepting Miss Wood and Miss Stephens, who report they did not receive the questions sent them.

F. F. Fisher,
Correspondent.

VI

REPORT OF THE REFERENCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Reference and Finance Committee met in Vikarabad July 3rd and 4th 1912, and after careful consideration passed the estimates for work in 1913.
In a called session held in Madras December 7th—12, Miss Fisher moved that all missionaries handling Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society’s funds be instructed to prepare, before Annual Conference meets, a statement regarding the amount of their probable balances in hand at the end of the year.

In a called session December 10th, 1912, the following recommendations were presented by the Central Conference Committee on Assistants’ Salaries. (1) We recommend that the ladies of South India Conference discuss the question of taking Lower Secondary and Matriculation pass girls on as assistants, giving them European board and European salaries; (2) that the ladies shall discuss the question of the scale of salaries for assistants who have passed the F.A. and B.A. examinations.

MARGARET ERNSBERGER,
President.

VII
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

It has been our privilege to enjoy the gracious leadership of our beloved president, Mrs. Robinson, from year to year. Therefore be it resolved that we extend to her our sincere thanks and pray that God may grant her health and strength to be with us many years to come.

We extend to Pacific and Northwestern Branches our heartfelt thanks and desire to express our appreciation of their provision for our need by sending Miss Isham, Miss Griffin, Miss Voigtlander and Miss Broadbooks as reinforcements for our South India field.

Resolved, that the members of our South India Missionary Conference place an record their gratitude for the excellent entertainment afforded them during the Conference session at Madras.

We are thankful for the trouble saved us concerning our plague passports, for the convenient postoffice arrangements and for the entirely satisfactory menu. Dr. Batstone has proved himself a prince of entertainers and we also deeply appreciate all that has been so kindly done for our comfort and pleasure by Mr. and Mrs. Ogg, Misses Stephens and Toll and their young lady assistants, Mr. Pavia and Mrs. Brown. We thank the members of the Church for their kindness and cordiality and assure them of our abiding love and interest.

We are grateful to Canon Sell for his kindness and courtesy in placing two houses belonging to the C.M.S. at the disposal of this Conference and to Mr. Isphahani for the use of his bungalow, and also to the Principal and Committee of Doveton College for the generous loan of their reception hall.

As the Sunday School Board in America has been making an annual grant for the Publication of Sunday School Literature in the Tamil, Telugu, and Kanarese languages, therefore be it
resolved that we express to the Board our appreciation of their generosity. The loss of this literature would be of great detriment to our work and we trust nothing may prevent the continuation of this kindness.

Mrs. Whitehead, wife of the Bishop of Madras, having visited our Woman's Conference and given us a most interesting and helpful address on the "Ministry of Friendship," therefore be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation of her presence among us and the sweet spirit of love and unity manifested in her inspiring address.

It having been the privilege of our Woman's Conference to enjoy a visit from Mrs. Gladding, a member of the Foreign Committee of the Young Woman's Christian Association, be it resolved that we place on record our thanks for her visit to us and our hearty appreciation of the work of the Association and of our desire to co-operate with them in every possible way in our mutual endeavour to lead others into Christian life and service.

The Ministry of Song has been one of the features of this Conference which will linger in mind and heart throughout the years to come. The MacWatters Quartette, our own Mrs. Hilmer, and Miss Biehl have our most sincere thanks.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call our sister, Laura B. Dosch, from her abundant labours to her eternal reward on April 9, 1912, therefore be it resolved that we extend to her parents and members of her family our sincere sympathy in their great sorrow which is also our sorrow. The All-Father keeps hidden far beyond our erring vision His strange Providence, but He doeth all things well and we will wait "until the day break and the shadows flee away."

VIII

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK

The Committee on Evangelistic Work appointed at the last Conference has attempted, in some measure at least, to unify the work of the Conference.

In February a circular letter was sent out to the members of the Woman's Conference urging them to make special intercession for the coming Evangelistic campaign and to organize workers and school children into prayer circles for the same purpose.

A prayer calendar has been carefully compiled which will no doubt be the means of stimulating prayer and faith and consequently a source of great blessing to us all.

On the suggestion of the Committee November 18th was observed as a day of fasting and prayer throughout the Woman's Conference. In some places where this date was not convenient for local reasons, another date, as near as possible to the one appointed, was substituted.
About the first of November a list of questions covering the scope of Evangelistic effort was sent to the members of Conference, and the following report is largely based on the material thus gathered. Some questions have brought out the fact that there is much diversity in the different Districts regarding some of our rules and regulations where we should have uniformity. It is hoped that this report will provoke discussion leading to such practical measures and reforms as may largely benefit our work as a whole.

VILLAGE AND CITY EVANGELISTIC WORK

Baptisms.—During the past year there have been 9,091 baptisms in our Conference, of whom about one-third have been women and girls. This is an increase of 5,511 over the baptisms of last year.

Staff.—Besides Lady Missionaries and Assistants, a noble band of two hundred and fourteen Bible-women has been at work. These women knowing their own people as they do, and living in such close touch with them, are enabled to do an incalculable amount of good. Too much cannot be said of the devotion and zeal of many of these faithful women. In Bidar eighteen school girls have gone out with nine Bible-women for training. Unmarried girls have also gone out by twos in Madras. In other places they have been very useful in hospital and school work and in touring. Let us try as far as possible to give our school girls and unmarried young women some practical work to do, under careful supervision.

Field.—Work is carried on in more than 600 villages and in about 3,600 homes in the cities.

Lines of Success.—In Vikarabad circuit Bible-women living in the villages hold night schools for the younger people, teaching them to sing, pray, and recite scripture from memory, as well as teaching the secular lessons. Many Christian women in the villages can sing well a dozen or more Telugu songs. The Bible-women also go from house to house in the evening and hold family prayers. In most places the work is carried on most successfully by meeting with the people early in the morning or late in the evening after they come home from work, then going from house to house for personal interviews, followed by night classes.

In the cities the day schools have been of the greatest benefit in opening up high caste homes to our workers. Two hundred and eleven women are being taught from text-books. In Yellandu great stress has been put in the sale of Bible portions.

Difficulties.—There are many difficulties in the way. One Missionary writes: "Bible-women sometimes do not feel the burden for souls as they should. Some of them do not go to work regularly or do not work faithfully if they do go. We need
prayers that the Holy Spirit will so awaken the consciences of all the Bible-women, as well as our own, that we will tremble as we hear the Lord say 'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently.'

Many of our workers are untrained and often fail to see what teaching is suitable, or fail to present the truth in a clear way, without antagonizing their hearers. Sometimes the workers grow indifferent in the monotony of the daily round of visits, and sometimes there is lack of unity among the workers.

Many of our village Christians come from the lower castes. Their work and age-long rights and privileges in the village so closely identify them with heathen life that it is difficult to avoid becoming implicated in idolatrous rites, and these often lead to immorality.

Believers are often afraid of taking a public stand for Christ on account of Brahmins and officials who do not believe.

In zenana work there is much harshness of heart, ignorance, and lack of conviction of sin on the part of the hearers. Among those who do believe, great boldness is required to acknowledge Christ in their homes. In the Tuticorin field, a young man named Ponniah Koundan had promised to devote himself to Christ. His baptism was fixed for Sunday, July 14th. On Friday, July 12th he was murdered as he slept, his body being mutilated with 23 distinct gashes. His age was 13. But the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church, and in spite of all difficulties we press on with faith in the Captain of our salvation.

Campaign Items.—Miss Ericson writes: "At the last Central Conference when plans were being laid for the Evangelistic campaign which was soon to follow, I felt very keenly the need of emphasizing both prayer and service in our boarding-school. Consequently when the two days previous to the campaign were set aside for a service of fasting and prayer in the Canarese Church, our girls took part in it and a large number of them spent the entire time thus. These meetings made a difference in the lives of the girls. During the campaign when I called for volunteers to go out among the people, all the larger girls wanted to go. I took them out three or four at a time to give them a vision of the need and the opportunity. Sometimes we went into the villages and sometimes into the town close by. Many testified for Jesus who had never dared speak in public before. They distributed tracts and sang, and one of the teachers played the accordion, thus attracting large crowds. Those who remained at home spent the time from 12 to 12-30 in prayer for those who had gone out. One day as we crossed the fields from one village to another we preached the Word to many engaged in ploughing and sowing the grain. When we asked an old man if he had heard about Jesus he said, "No one has ever taught me and how could I know?"
The Bible-women toured in three circuits of the Belgaum District during the February campaign. Miss Maskell has given an account of her work in the campaign, in the July number of the Missionary Friend. This work resulted in 95 baptisms in 25 days.

In September an Evangelistic campaign was held in the villages within a radius of five miles from Vikarabad and 813 people were baptized. The Bible-women went every night through darkness and rain, not counting the distance. In every case except one village, the baptisms were in places where the Bible-women had been previously working, so that the harvest was largely of their sowing.

Interesting Conversions and Incidents.—In Kopbal an old woman in the Raja’s family was dying. She was in great sorrow and distress. When she heard the message of the Bible-women she received it gladly and died praising God.

In Shorapur, through one woman who was taught and given spiritual comfort in time of trouble, forty people in her own village have become Christians.

In Puram (Tuticorin) we have a strong Christian community and some months ago their influence on the Hindu people was evidenced by the village clerk coming, with his wife, to have the pastor pray for them that the wife might bear children. They came in the night and listened gladly to his teaching.

Another interesting incident occurred in Shorapur circuit. A Lingayat woman was very friendly with our workers and listened to our teaching but remained staunch in her idolatry. One day she sold Rs. 100 worth of grain and put the money near the god (the image of a bullock) thinking that the money would be safe near the god. But a low caste servant stole the money. She came to the Christians for advice, and they prayed that she might recover the money. In a few days the truth leaked out and the servant confessed everything. Then the woman said, “What the Christians say about the images is true.” She gave for the work and is now an inquirer.

In Bidar the thousandth convert, a young Telugu woman was baptized at the time of the laying of the corner-stone of the Susannah and John Senior Memorial. Both she and her husband are now in training.

In Shankarapally Circuit an old Jogi woman has given up her former life, has been baptized and is now being trained for Christian work.

In Bidar an old woman who five years ago was indifferent and a hindrance to her relatives has come out on the Lord’s side.

From Vikarabad we receive the following:—“One of the great Evangelists in this Telugu country is Nursama, a woman converted when past middle age, unlettered, and from the depressed classes. Yet so great is her zeal that she seems to feel neither hunger nor thirst nor weariness when about her Father’s
business; so great is her power in handling the Word of God that before she leaves off speaking, even Mahomedans and Hindus confess the truth of her message: and so great is her love for all mankind that every one she meets in the road or elsewhere must receive the good news from her. She literally knows naught but Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

**Progress in Christian Customs.**—In Belgaum the workers report that there are numerous cases of marriage at a more advanced age than formerly. This is largely owing to plague, as parents are unwilling to run the risk of having their daughters left widows in childhood.

Almost everywhere it is difficult to get village Christians to marry according to Christian rites. Perhaps there is no Christian near whom they can marry; or they may have been betrothed in childhood to one who has not yet become a Christian. Besides, the Christian marriage ceremony is very plain compared with all the "barbaric splendor" of heathen customs, and the oriental loves noise and show and likes it long drawn out. The ancient customs have fast hold of the people. But this question of marriage customs is being seriously considered by the Missionaries and it is hoped that some helpful plan may be worked out.

Funeral customs too are difficult to change. Some progress has been made and a fairly large number of funerals among village Christians have been conducted in a Christian manner.

Decided progress has been made in temperance. In Vikarabad the liquor sellers complain that they are losing custom since the people have begun to turn to Christianity.

 Everywhere people are clamoring for education. A Pastor-teacher is needed in every village where there is a fair number of Christians.

**Baptismal Certificates.**—There is a diversity of opinion regarding the usefulness of baptismal certificates for village Christians at this stage of our development. They are used in Kopabat circuit, and in many parts of our mission in India they are freely used. It is recommended that the custom be introduced, as soon as in the judgment of the missionary it may be done wisely.

**Common day of Fasting and Prayer.**—Almost all who have expressed an opinion have been in favour of having a common day, or days, of fasting and prayer throughout the whole Conference. In Belgaum for many years the first Monday in every month has been thus observed. If this is too frequent it might be done quarterly. One Missionary has suggested Good Friday and October 31st as such services very manifestly tend to the development of Christian character and the growth of the Kingdom. It is recommended that several such days be fixed by the Conference, to be observed by the missionaries and workers and Christians who may wish to join in the same.
Training of Workers.—Much is being done towards the training of workers. In Kolar a summer school is held and in Gulbarga there is a Bible training school for women. In Hyderabad there is a class of women in the Bible Institute. As far as possible teachers are sent to Training schools of other denominations for training. Miss Ericson has several in training in Bangalore in the Wesleyan Mission and Miss Toll in the London Mission in Madras.

In most stations where there is no actual school, there are training classes held for the Bible-women. Many village women are receiving practical teaching by being associated with Bible-women of experience, and going to work with them, and in their turn they soon become independent workers. Miss Partridge gives her Bible-women model Sunday School lessons as they should be taught in the villages. Miss Stephens’ Bible-women appear for the All-India Sunday School examination.

It is felt by some that all Bible-women ought to be required to take examinations either oral or written on the course of study prescribed by Conference for Bible-women. Others feel that experienced workers who join us at an advanced age should be exempt. It is a moot question as to whether inability to read should be sufficient ground for exemption from any and all examinations.

Leave.—There is much diversity of practice in different districts regarding leave for Bible-women. The leave, on full pay, given for confinement, ranges from one month to two months. In some cases no other leave is allowed and in others an annual vacation of four or five weeks is allowed to all either in the rainy season or in the hot season, and at Christmas.

Some missionaries feel that the work is so hindered by Hindu festivals, plague, rains, heat, and sickness in the homes of the workers, that an annual leave should not be allowed except for a week at Christmas. Some definite action on the point of the Conference regarding the question of leave for the Bible-women would be very helpful to those in charge of such work.

Compulsory Examinations for Adult Village Christians.—In at least one portion of the Wesleyen field in the Nizam’s Dominions, compulsory examinations for village Christians are conducted with remarkable enthusiasm and success. There, death is the only way of escape. In our own field we often find our workers speaking hopefully of the children but very hopelessly of the adults. They are difficult to teach and the work is neglected. If there were a definite standard fixed and certain attainments required, doubtless vastly more would be accomplished. Is the time ripe for such a movement in any part of our Conference?

Jathres or Religious Fairs.—On account of plague there have not been so many jathres held this year as usual. Throughout
the Conference only six have been reported as attended by our
Bible-women. Crowds from near and far gather at these jathres
and thus an opportunity is given for preaching the Gospel to
many, who would not otherwise hear it. People have much
leisure and listen eagerly to the spoken word, and purchase
Gospel portions. The people stay for several days, so we can
speak to them again and again. Many inquiries are secured and
through these whole villages often become interested in Chris-
itanity. A Christian jathre is held at Christmas at Shorapur with
great success.

Results of Plague.—In most regions plague has at first
brought suspicion upon the missionaries and Christians, who are
thought to be responsible for its presence. Later on as the
Bible-women and workers have prayed with the sick, administered
medicine, and showed a Christ-like spirit of love and helpfulness,
the people have gained fresh confidence in us and many new
homes have been opened to us. A convert near Belegum when
stricken with plague spent his whole time in prayer, took our
medicines, and showed the most beautiful faith. His recovery
was regarded as the direct answer to prayer. As already
noted plague is also tending to advance the age of marriage.
Thus with all its horrors some good is coming out of this
scourge.

Breaking Down of Caste and Purdah.—We have many proofs
that caste feeling and seclusion in zenanas are slowly but surely
dying out.

Dr. Lewis of Kolar reports that Brahmins are often willing to
stay in the same ward with Christians and Mohamedans for the
sake of treatment, and their suffering leads to mutual sympathy.
For example, one day when a Parsi convert lay ill, the doctor
was surprised to find sitting beside the patient two Brahmins
and sweeper women.

Recently in Vikarabad a number of women of the goldsmith
caste came to the mission bungalow and were not content till
they had seen Nursama, a Bible-woman converted from the
Madiga caste who visits them regularly in their homes and for
whom they seem to have great respect and admiration. In
Yadgiri the Lingayat women would not formerly allow the Bible-
woman to come near the house, and she had to stand quite a
distance away when teaching them. Now they take her by the
hand and bring her in, showing her all the apartments of their
houses and treat her as an honoured guest.

In Shorapur, Lingayat and Brahman women have often eaten
with our Indian missionaries' family.

The Ranees of the Shorapur palace are not so secluded as
formerly. The Zenana ladies of a Mohamadan official frequently
visit the mission house and express themselves as grateful to the
Christians for their teaching regarding marriage and seclusion in
zenanas.
In Madras some homes have given up all caste, and a few Mahomedan women have given up purdah and have even crossed the seas.

Day schools are good levellers of caste and purdah. In Shankerapally circuit in some villages the children of both high and low castes attend school together. In Kolar in the Brahman school, girls who formerly refused to take things from our hands do so now, and are glad to have us touch them. They are not so particular about changing their clothes when they go home. Since the work first began among Mohamaden women they are not nearly so particular about observing purdah as they used to be.

Evangelistic Work in Boarding and Day Schools.—Our schools are among our most important evangelistic agencies. Here our best work is done in transforming character and training up the future leaders for our work.

Careful Bible instruction is given according to the course prescribed by the Conference, and our chief aim in the schools is to get every pupil converted and grounded in Christian faith and doctrine.

Church services, Epworth and Junior Leagues, Sunday School, daily prayers, an occasional day of fasting and prayer, Bible study, and private talks with the missionaries are some of the means employed to this end. Besides, prayer bands among the boys and girls in our English and Indian Boarding schools have proved exceedingly useful. In the Vikarabad girls' and boys' school, the pupil in charge of each dormitory has prayers, and is a class leader, and responsible to the Leaders' and Stewards' meeting of the Church.

In the Belgaum girls' school a half hour is set aside at noon for Bible reading and private devotions, and a special preparatory prayer meeting is held on Communion Sunday.

In the Baldwin Girls' school every Sunday afternoon one of the girls goes to the Mission Sunday School in Blackpally and teaches the lesson to a class of the poor Eurasian community.

Sunday School Examinations.—The children of most of our Indian Boarding Schools appear for the All-India Sunday School Examination held annually in July. This year in Kolar 72 girls and 26 boys passed. In Belgaum 33 girls and 19 boys passed and one girl received a medal. In the Vikarabad girls' school, within the last three years five medals have been won.

In Madras 59 girls have passed. The children take a great interest in preparing for this examination, and it is a splendid means of grounding them in scripture knowledge.

Revival Meetings.—In Madras many of the older girls were greatly benefited by the English meetings held by Rev. Stanley Jones, and through them the blessing has passed on to others.

In Bidar during the two weeks' revival meetings the boys and girls went to the villages with the preachers. They took some cymbals and two drums and helped wonderfully with the singing
and testifying. The children were led to make confession of sin in their lives and became greatly changed. Since the revival meetings the boys and girls have been assigned Sunday schools in the nearer villages, which they conduct in the early morning before their own Sunday school in Bidar. Reports from these schools are most favourable and the school children take a great joy in this service. The boys in Vikarabad are also helping in the work of the surrounding villages.

In the Vikarabad and Belgaum girls' schools very helpful special meetings were held during Passion week. In Belgaum the morning services were devoted to the themes suggested by Rev. B. T. Badley and approved by the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism. The girls openly confessed their sins, taking a definite stand for God and righteousness. There have been many evidences of the Spirit's work. Many have been making earnest effort and leading victorious lives.

For what has been accomplished in the Evangelistic work we give praise to God. But as a band of missionaries let us take heed to ourselves that we "keep in touch" with God so that we may fitly be called His representatives. We cannot do better than close this report with a quotation from the address of the Bishops delivered at the Central Conference at Baroda:

"As the leaders and founders of our beloved Methodism in the midst of about one-fifth of the human race, we should always remember that Methodism was raised up to restore primitive Christianity, that it began and grew as did the first Church, by virtue of the glorious fullness of its spiritual life and experience. The mission of Methodism is to send forth into the world a body of truly saved, spirit-filled witnesses, who will get others saved and sanctified and sent forth to increase the volume of a witnessing Church. Methodism in its origin certainly represented the fuller and newer recognition of the work of the Holy Spirit in the souls of men. It taught that religion began in a new birth by the work of the Divine Spirit. It was attested to the consciousness of the believing soul with the witness of the Spirit which found its consummation in the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit. It taught in New Testament terms the love of Christ which restored sonship, a forgiveness that cancels sin's penalty, a grace that breaks sin's power, and a glorious eternal life where sin cannot come. It was a witnessing Church and so long as this converting, sanctifying and witnessing power remains among Methodists, whatever else may be wanting, it will still be true that the tabernacle of God is with men."

FRANCESCA NAST GAMBLE REST HOME RULES

1. Ladies planning to go to the Rest Home shall communicate with the Chairman of the Committee by the 1st of March, stating time of going, proposed length of stay, and to ascertain if there be room.
2. Since the Rest Home is designed especially and primarily for missionaries of the W. F. M. S., no arrangements shall be made for taking assistants until the Committee has been consulted. If there are unoccupied rooms and the case is an urgent one, no objection will be made, providing all who are to be inmates of the Rest Home at that time heartily consent, and that the assistant pay a share of the expenses equal with the missionaries.

3. Ladies are requested, on arriving at the Rest Home, to take the book from the dining room side-board, go over the list of things in the house, and see that all are there; and, before leaving, to go over them again; and, if any thing has been lost or broken, to replace before going down; or, if any thing has been added, to note it.

4. All rooms should be put in order before leaving.
5. All crockery and dishes should be thoroughly cleaned before being put away when leaving.
6. Deghchis should be cleaned and put in order for next comers.
7. No books or other articles are to be taken from the Home.
8. No cows, calves, goats, or other animals are to be pastured on the place.
9. The malle is not a private servant. All his time is needed to keep the grounds and garden in order.
10. No cooking shall be done in bed-rooms or dressing-rooms.
11. No one shall use any wood on the place for firewood without the consent of the Committee and without paying its value into the Rest Home treasury.
12. No one shall cut or trim any tree on the place without the unanimous consent of the Committee.
13. The Rest Home Committee shall consist of three W. F. M. S. ladies.
14. Any one not a W. F. M. S. Missionary of South India Conference shall pay Rs. 5 per month when occupying the Rest Home.
15. No children shall be allowed to stay in the Rest Home when occupied by W. F. M. S. missionaries.

Florence W. Maskell
K. Evlyn Toll
Elizabeth J. Wells
Catharine C. Wood
UrDell Montgomery

Committee.

EXAMINATION REGULATIONS, 1913

1. The examinations of missionaries and assistants shall be conducted by the Board of Examiners consisting of the members of the four vernacular examination committees, one of whom shall be Registrar and one Chairman. The Board shall be continued for a term of 4 years, subject to re-appointments, vacancies to be filled at each session of the Woman's Conference.

2. The Chairman of each vernacular committee shall assign to each examiner the subjects in which she is to examine, for
which she shall send to the Chairman printed or written questions, at least ten in number on each subject, two weeks before time for the examinations.

3. In making out these papers, examiners should set at least three passages for translation. They have also the right to question in Grammar throughout the four years' course.

4. Supervisors shall require each candidate taking first and second year examinations to read three passages.

5. Dictation and memoriter shall be counted as one subject, 50 marks allowed for each. Dictation shall be from the Gospel of Luke, chapters 4 to 10; it shall be a passage of about 50 words, one mark to be deducted for each incorrect word.

6. The examinations shall be given in writing and in the presence of witnesses. The papers shall be sent to the examiners to whom they respectively belong, and shall be graded on a scale of 100, one mark to be subtracted for a mistake in meaning of a single word in a passage, and five marks for a real mis-translation of a sentence; minimum number of marks required, 65. The examiners shall report results to the Registrar. Supervisors of examinations shall send their report to the Registrar and the examination papers to the respective examiners within twenty-four hours after the close of the examination. All examiners' returns should be sent to the Registrar within two weeks after the examinations.

7. The Supervisors of examinations shall test the students of the first and second years in conversation and pronunciation and shall ask all candidates whether the required books have been completed. These results should be sent at once to the Registrar.

8. Each candidate shall pay an annual fee of one rupee in advance which shall cover the cost of registrar's book, registration, postage, etc.

9. Only those whose names have been duly presented to the Registrar, together with the subjects for examination, shall be allowed to appear for examination.

The Registrar shall be notified by April 1st and October 1st of names of candidates and subjects.

10. Notice of the number of copies of examination papers should be sent by the Registrar to each Examination Committee Chairman by the 15th of April and 15th of October. Required number of copies of Examination papers should be in the hands of the Examination Committee Chairman by 10th of May and 10th of November.

11. The Examination of Missionaries and Assistants shall be held between the 15th and 30th of June, and 15th and 30th of November (except mid-year examinations in Tamil which may be held between July 1st and 15th, date to be fixed by Tamil Examination Committee) the exact date to be determined by the Chairman and Registrar of the Board of Examiners, and so arranged as not to conflict with the various District Conferences.
Courses of Study

KANARESE

First Year
3. King's First Reader—Written translation into Vernacular.

Second Year
1. Genesis and first 20 Chapters of Exodus—English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English.
4. Dictation on Marsden's Second Reader.
5. Reading, Pronunciation and Conversation on Marsden's Second Reader.
6. Memoriter, 1 Cor. 13.
7. Practical Key, Second half—English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English. Oral.

Third Year
1. Acts and first 60 Psalms—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
3. King's Third Reader—Written translation into Vernacular.
5. Letter Reading—3 Vernacular letters presented by Examiner.

Fourth Year
1. Romans and 2 Corinthians—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
2. Panchantantrum—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
3. A book of vernacular proverbs or idioms—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
4. Letter Reading.
5. Letter to be written on any subject presented at the time of examination.

TAMIL

First Year
3. King's First Reader—English to Vernacular.
6. Memoriter. Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments
7. Marsden's Reader—English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English.
SECOND YEAR
1 Genesis and first 20 Chapters of Exodus—English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English.
2 Pope's Hand-book—41st lesson to end.
3 King's Second Reader—English to Vernacular.
4 Dictation on Marsden's Second Reader.
5 Reading, Pronunciation, Conversation on Marsden's Second Reader.
6 Memoriter. 1 Cor. 13.

THIRD YEAR
1 Acts and first 60 Psalms—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
3 King's 3rd Reader—English to Vernacular.
4 Panchatantrum. Part 1—Vernacular to English.
5 Letter Reading, 3 Vernacular letters presented by Examiner.
6 Conversation—General

FOURTH YEAR
1 Romans and Second Corinthians—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
2 Panchatantrum—Part II. English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English.
3 A book on vernacular proverbs or idioms.
4 Letter Reading.
5 Letter writing on a subject presented at time of examination.

TELU GU
FIRST YEAR
2 Arden's Grammar, Chaps. 1—16.
3 King's First Reader. Written translation into Vernacular.
5 Reading, Pronunciation and Conversation on Luke.
6 Memoriter. The Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments.
7 Arden's Telugu Reader. First Half—Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.

SECOND YEAR
1 Genesis and first 20 chapters of Exodus, Eng. to Vern. and Vern. to Eng.
2 Arden's Grammar, Chap. 17 to end.
3 King's Second Reader. Written translation into Vernacular.
4 Dictation on Marsden's Second Reader.
5 Reading, Pronunciation and Conversation on Marsden's Second Reader.
6 Memoriter. 1 Cor. 13.
7 Arden's Reader. See Half-English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English.

THIRD YEAR
1 Acts and first 60 Psalms. English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English
2 Grammar. Review of whole.
3 King's Third Reader, Written translation into Vernacular.
4 Vikermarker Tales. Written translation into English.
5 Letter Reading—9 Vernacular letters to be presented by Examiner.
6 Conversation—General.
FOURTH YEAR
1 Romans and 2nd Corinthians, Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
2 Panchatantrum, Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
3 A book of vernacular proverbs or idioms. Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
4 Letter Reading.
5 Letter writing on a subject presented at the time of Examination.

HINDUSTANI
FIRST YEAR
2 Platt's Grammar, Part I.
3 King's 1st Reader, English to Vernacular.
5 Reading, Pronunciation and Conversation on Luke.
6 Memoriter. Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments.
7 1st and 2nd Urdu Reader. Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.

SECOND YEAR
1 Genesis and first 20 Chapters of Exodus, Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
2 Platt's Grammar, Part II.
3 King's 2nd Reader, English to Vernacular.
4 Dictation on Marsden's 2nd Reader.
5 Reading, Pronunciation, Conversation on Intikhabi Salaq.
6 Memoriter, 1 Cor. 13.
7 Intikhabi Sabaq (in lithograph). English to Vernacular and Vernacular to English.

THIRD YEAR
1 Acts and first 60 Psalms. Vernacular to English. English to Vernacular.
2 Grammar. Review of whole.
3 King's Third Reader. English to Vernacular.
4 Mirat-ul-Arus. Vernacular to English.
5 Letter Reading—3 Vernacular letters presented by Examiners.
6 Conversation. General.

FOURTH YEAR
1 Romans and 2nd Corinthians. Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
3 A Book of Vernacular proverbs or idioms. Vernacular to English and English to Vernacular.
4 Letter Reading.
5 Letter Writing on a subject presented at the time of Examination.
STATISTICS
### Statistical Form 1

**Statistics of the Work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South India Conference for the year ending June 30th, 1918**

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