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Baldwin Girls' High School

Miss F. F. Fisher ... ... Superintendent
Miss I. G. Isham, B.A. ... Principal and Head Mistress

The privilege of daily prayers with the thirty-seven girls in the boarding department of the school has been a great blessing to them and to me. As I have watched their lives and have listened to their songs, prayers, and testimonies, I am assured that their young hearts are in the Saviour's keeping. Most of them have experienced a real change of heart and one has expressed her desire to give herself wholly to the Master's service and has asked to be allowed to enter mission work.

I do praise God for this opportunity to train these young hearts and lives and I trust Him to lead them forth into His service.

As the result of daily prayers with the servants one of the non-Christian "table-boys" has accepted Christ and been baptized. Though in English work, I praise God for the privilege of ministering in the things of God to those who minister to me in the things of this life.

The Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union has continued in active service. The girls took part in a silver medal contest for recitation and a silver medal contest for singing and now we have another silver medal for recitation and a first medal for singing and two second medals for singing. We hope soon to be able to hold a gold medal contest.

During the year we were highly favoured by a visit from The Countess of Meath, of London, the founder of "The Ministering League." She so enthused the young hearts with the desire of helpfulness that daily each girl sought how she might be useful in doing some kind deed to another. The Rule of the League is, "Every member of the League must try to do at least one kind deed every day, and to be loving, kind, and useful to others." Their daily prayer is, "Loving Father, make us true followers of Christ, Thy ministering children, loving, kind, and useful to others. Teach us to feel for the poor and suffering, and may we be ready to do what we can to help-
all who are in need, for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen." The girls
repeat this prayer every morning. I have watched the results
and my heart has rejoiced.

The Educational Department of Government has been pleased
to increase our grant-in-aid and has also given a small boarding
grant for destitute children. We are still pleading for more
building grant as we find we need improvements to meet the
demands of the growing institution.

We are deeply indebted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary
Society for their continued support in partial scholarships from
North-Western and Cincinnati Branches, and for lifting the
heavy burden of taxes on the property. The Topeka Branch
Memorial stands as a monument to their loyal support in the early
days in the beginning of the separated school.

We have been able, during the year, to help fifteen girls
with aid received through the W. F. M. S., the Educational Fund
of South India Conference, private contributions from those who
have gone out from the school and the scholarships from the Kolar
Home. For all these we are deeply grateful, and especially for
the help here in India so freely given.

For another year of precious service, I thank Thee, O Lord!

F. F. Fisher.

It is with keen realization that "The work is the Lord's" that we submit the following report for the current year. Our
hearts have been glad and grateful as the girls entrusted to our
care have kept well throughout the year. There has been no
serious illness, and not even a juvenile epidemic in the school,
even though several of the so-called "children's diseases" have
been prevalent in Bangalore. The school has held its own
numerically during the year. We have had eighty-nine on the
roll—thirty-seven boarders and fifty-two day pupils. We take
this opportunity to express our gratitude to our Matron,
Mrs. Cumming, and to Surgeon Captain Mahoney, for their
watchful care over the health of the girls; and to each member
of the staff for the ready co-operation which has made possible
the successful completion of the work of the year.

We have recently had the good fortune to add to our Staff
Miss N. Spencer, B. S., who will take charge of the ninth standard
when school re-opens on the twenty-first of January.

Our plans for the department of Domestic Science have been
fairly launched and we are glad to be able this evening to bestow
the first prizes offered by the school for needle-work and cooking.
Home-makers ought to know, we believe, not only history,
geography and spelling, but also what the essentials of a good
meal are and how they should be cooked; as well as how to make
the pretty things girls and women like to wear and to have about
them. We expect to make these courses more comprehensive
and helpful during the coming year. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Hilmer who has taken so much interest in the cooking classes and has had such good results.

Five girls appeared for the Government High School Examination, two of whom passed, one in the third, and one in the second class; making our percentage of passes higher than that of most schools in the Province. These two have entered college, one is at Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow and will take her B.A. at Allahabad University, while the other is at All Saints' College, Naini Tal. One of the two girls who appeared for the Senior Cambridge passed and is now teaching. Two of our girls received Trinity College of Music Certificates for instrumental and two for vocal music.

The kindly words of appreciation spoken by the Inspector of European Schools, Mr. Melville, during his visit to the school in July, gave us new courage for the work.

Strong bodies help to make possible good brain work. We believe in three-fold development—physical, mental, and spiritual, and are making every effort to have each girl in school, whether a boarder or a day-pupil, on the recreation grounds every evening from five to six-thirty. We have not yet realized our aim, but most of the girls are interested in either badminton, basket-ball or tennis, and our annual Carnival of Sports is always a gala day in the school year. To ensure that each gets some wholesome exercise, regular class drill work is required. It is a cause of regret to us that there has been so little in the way of inter-school sports for the girls here in Bangalore, and we hope that the coming year will see the organization of an Association for that purpose. We are making a new departure this year in that we are sending two girls to Madras on the fifteenth of this month to compete in the Inter-School Tennis Tournament for the Lady Atkinson Silver Cup.

We are glad that Bangalore has been made a Cambridge Centre for we recognise the great value of holding a certificate which is recognised not only all over India but also throughout the British Empire.

Our two literary societies have held bi-monthly joint meetings this year, and have furnished interesting programmes in which nearly every girl has had a part. The school library of about thirteen hundred books makes it possible to have much variety in these programmes.

The third and most important side of normal development, the spiritual, has not been overlooked. There has been regular instruction in the Scriptures in all the classes for we remember Paul's advice to the young man Timothy—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

At this point we would express our sincere appreciation of the work of the head of this institution, our Superintendent,
Miss F. F. Fisher. Only those who have been thrust into a work in a strange land realize what it means to have some one at the helm who knows all about it and is ever ready with advice and help.

In harmony with Herbert Spencer's statement that education is preparation for complete living, we pray that as a result of our work together this year, teachers and pupils alike may have come to more fully realize the truth of Seymour's words:

"In blessing we are blest,
In labor find our rest;
If we bend not to the world's work, heart and hand
and brain,
We have lived our life in vain."

IDA G. ISHAM.

Bangalore District Work

MRS. J. B. BUTTRICK Missionary
Zilpah, Tara, Phoebe (8 months), Karena (7 months), Lucy (7 months), Bible-women. Mary, Teacher.

The work I report this year is carried on at three different out-stations on the District.

We had an interesting and encouraging time during the Evangelistic campaign in February last, when I spent most of the month visiting the different out-stations on the District, the Bible-women and myself accompanying the band of our Christian workers to some of the villages near.

One very interesting baptismal service we had in one village where a whole family was baptised in front of their own little dwelling with their neighbours looking on in wonder. After the service was over, our native pastor spoke to the crowd gathered round, telling them what the service meant and preaching unto them Christ Jesus the one true Saviour.

The two Bible-women, Zilpah and Tara, who visit in two different stations have again been doing faithful work and report seven baptisms as the result of their work. Zilpah at Betmangal reports five of the baptisms and some enquirers almost ready for baptism. By the little knowledge she has of sick nursing she is extending her influence by helping in the homes where there is sickness and suffering. She is shepherding the new converts carefully and getting them to attend the weekly class meeting regularly. Since August, Zilpah has had a helpmeet (Phoebe), in the work which she much appreciates, and each Bible-woman holds a Sunday School regularly in this station.

At Mulbagal, Tara has worked alone all the year visiting mostly amongst seven different castes of women in the town,
and here there have been two baptisms in connection with her work, one being the wife of one of our converts baptized last year. And here, too, there are enquirers under special instruction. Tara also holds a Sunday School for the children living around her home.

About seven months ago, two Bible-women began work at Yellalunka, another station on this District, and are doing good work. They visit in about ten villages as well as in the town itself and are well received. Though there have not yet been any baptisms, they report twenty-two women as enquirers, to whom they are giving special attention and we trust there may be some ready soon to accept Christ as their Saviour.

We thank God for the few baptisms we have had and believe that soon we shall see greater results.

The Day School opened in Bowringpet last year was continued till a few months ago, when plague broke out in the town and we were obliged to close it for several months. However, we hope to open it again after the Christmas holidays.

Three of the Bible-women have this year been supported by the Young Women's Bible Class in Clayton Lane Mission Sunday School, Bradford, England, I desire to thank them for this timely support.

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Bangalore Vernacular Work

MRS. STEPHENS, M.D. ... ... ... ... Missionary

Miss R. Davids, Kanarese Assistant. Miss G. Hobday, Tamil Assistant.
16 Bible-women and Teachers.

Along with our sunshine has come the shadow, but we have tried, one and all, to keep our faces constantly towards the sun so the shadow would be always at our backs. And now at the close of the year we unite in praising our Sun of Righteousness for His continued blessed presence.

I am glad to be able to report a year of faithful earnest work on the part of my good co-workers. Much of the supervision of the work has naturally fallen upon two faithful Assistants—Miss Davids and Miss Hobday.

We were sorry early in the year to lose Miss Bishop who left us to be married. Miss Penn left for other work, and we were glad to take Miss G. Hobday who is one of His earnest faithful ones. These two love the work and willingly spend themselves for their Master.

Miss Davids, with her five Bible-women, has continued the work among the Kanarese villages as well as supervised the Day Schools. She says "the work in the villages and Day Schools has been very encouraging. During the early part of the year
plague and small-pox were rather severe in some of the villages, but by omitting the worst sections we were able to go on regularly with our visiting."

One of the Bible-women lost a fine son of twenty years with plague, but otherwise our workers were spared.

Some three-hundred Kanarese women are regularly visited, and among them are whole families who have given up idol worship, and we hope they may soon become strong enough to break away from the powerful, social and religious chains and come out boldly for Jesus, but, without baptism, God knows them.

Papamal had been under instruction for three years; she was deeply interested and had long felt the sin of her life, but the chains had been drawn very tightly, and it was hard to break with the man who had such an influence over her. A short time ago she surprised us by suddenly informing the Bible-woman that she was ready to come, and actually did come with her to the Parsonage. I kept her secretly here for a few days, while arrangements were being made, then I took her to Madras as secretly as possible, to a suitable Home, where she is happy and contented, and says she hopes to become in time able to teach others. The man kept the Bible-women in terror for a time with his threats but these have now stopped. Her parents come occasionally to ask about her and would like to know her address, but this she does not wish us to give. As Miss Hobday was visiting in a certain village recently, a young girl who had been listening, followed, and asked if she would ever again see her sister. They found her sister to be none other than Papamal. The child professed to believe on Jesus, and they told her as Papamal also now believed on Jesus, they would surely meet in Heaven, and they hoped they would yet see each other in Bangalore. The woman Ruth referred to in my last report as having been baptized and sent to Kolar to the widows' home, proved so attractive and worthy that a young Christian farmer who attended the same Church asked for her for his wife. She was willing, and so the rest of us agreed, and they were married, and another Christian home started in this heathen land. Only a tiny light, but a light. A short time ago they paid me a visit, and after a hearty supper departed as happy as possible. These two women and all the future influence that will accumulate about them will repay months of work.

A dear little girl whose parents had died of plague, was for months cruelly treated by her aunt and finally turned out. Bible-woman Rebecca most kindly took her into her home and kept her till I could arrange to send her to the Kolar Orphanage. In like manner we have rescued some eight or ten children this year. Oh, how my heart rejoices over every child we can get and send to Kolar. I know it is one more Indian girl lifted out of darkness into light, and who can tell when her influence will end.
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Bible Schools

We have now fifteen. Miss Hobday says "the attendance has been about two-thousand since June. The children have been taught weekly the Golden Text, the Catechism and hymns, and the weekly appointed lesson has been explained with illustrations. It cheers one to listen to these heathen children repeating the blessed Scripture verses, answering Bible questions, and singing the hymns of Jesus." The little blind boy referred to in last year's report is still an attentive listener, and we are sure the seed will grow.

Day Schools

I have only encouraging things to write about our Day Schools, and I am more and more convinced that the stability and real Christian worth of the next generation of Christians will depend very largely upon the number of children we can draw into our various kinds of schools. After my husband secured from the Government a beautiful gift of ground for a building site for his Boys' School, I was encouraged to apply for a similar gift for my Caste Girls' School in Blackpully. I have not heard from the application yet, but have good reason to hope it will be granted. I have succeeded in getting this school put on the Government Aided list, which means that they will give us a monthly grant toward the teacher's salary, and also give us a liberal grant towards the building when they are ready to put it up. They will also inspect and examine the school periodically, which helps much in keeping the teachers up to the required standard.

Our Christmas treat to these Day and Bible schools in January was a great success, and I only wish those dear ones in America who are interested in this Bangalore work could have seen the six-hundred children gathered in the Church compound—sweet, modest little Brahmin girls in their full skirts, with their hair oiled and pressed tightly down, too shy to lift their eyes, all seated decorously about their teachers. Then over yonder hordes of wild unkept boys and girls from our village Bible schools, all making, with their gay banners, a picture which could only be seen in India. One needs only to observe, for a short time, the difference in the appearance, manners and conduct of those children who have been attending our orderly Day Schools, and those wild, unkept little fellows who only attend the Bible schools one or at most two hours weekly, when the teachers have such limited time and authority to instil habits of order, cleanliness and quiet manners, to be fully convinced of the immense value of our Day Schools. When, oh when, shall we be able to gather them all into well conducted Day Schools? We are greatly indebted to my dear sister, Mrs. Norman Wright of Marion, Indiana, for a beautiful Christmas box, that enabled us to give prizes and gifts to many of these children. These were kindly presented by:
Mrs. J. E. Robinson, after a very enjoyable programme had been rendered by the Day Schools.

Baptisms

We have had fifteen baptisms during the year, and a few more are ready. These, together with those gathered in last year, and our Christian families and workers, give us a fair Kanarese congregation at 12 o'clock on Sunday, and an equally good Tamil service at 3 o'clock.

The weekly Workers' Class has been kept up regularly, and we feel we could not keep our work and workers up to the spiritual tone we desire without it. Miss Davids in her report says of it, "The Monday morning meetings have been a great help to me, and I am sure the workers have benefited spiritually by the lessons given."

To God, and to the dear women of Cincinnati and Topeka Branches, we give our hearty thanks for a blessed year.

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KOLAR

Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital

MARGARET D. LEWIS, M.D. ...... Physician in charge

MARTHA A. GRIFFIN ...... Superintending Nurse

Nurse Laura, Head Nurse; Enid La-Valette, Elizabeth, Lakshmi, Pen-nina, Sundari, Nathali, and Satya (on probation), Pupil Nurses; Khemi, Anderson (3 months), Compounder; Hannah, Kanarese Bible-woman; Mercy, Hindustani Bible-woman; Devadana, Matron.

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Medical Work

1913 almost gone! Conference at hand! How can it be? Where has the year gone? What have we done? How the thoughts crowd as we realize that the report of the year's work must be written! What a busy, crowded year it has been yet how little we seem to have accomplished. Never have we realized our own deficiencies more truly, and never have the requirements of the work been heavier, nor the difficulties harder to overcome.

How good it has been to have Miss Griffin here, to have some one who knows—knows practically and theoretically the nursing care needed by each patient, knows to teach our pupil nurses right ways and to recognize their mistakes, one who cares, and who has patience and persistence to keep at it and at it again until the right way of doing has become the habitual way—what a blessing she has been. Her burden has been a heavy one, with much to discourage, but gradually advance is being made and there is much more to follow. But—I must make my protest again and
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again—it isn't right, it isn't fair, to let any girl come into the midst of responsibilities such as this—to carry a burden which cannot be laid down even during the night—without a chance first to get a good foundation in the vernacular. How can she take time for lessons and study when each hour away from supervising the work means mistakes in the wards? How can she be expected to have the mental application necessary for acquiring a new language when nearly every night is disturbed, frequently many times, because experienced nurses cannot be allowed to use their own judgment in cases of emergency, when every lesson hour, even, is full of interruptions or has to be given up for operations which must come in the afternoons and over-lapping the lesson hour cannot always be avoided? Until each missionary is required to spend a year in the language school before taking up work at all, we are going to fail for lack of the language or we are going to have missionaries breaking under the strain.

How many times we two have felt our insufficiency to do the work which would have kept four more than busy, and how many things we have had to leave undone! One day calls came to attend three maternity cases in different directions and we could not go to even one because of cases in the hospital which could not be left, and we knew from the history that all must be abnormal in some way. It is heart-breaking to have to refuse when they plead as did the relative of one of these for a girl wife, fifteen miles away—"Our trust is in you alone, we have no one else to help us," but we had to refuse for they had promised to bring in one of the other cases, and I could not be away—the only doctor! And later on they did bring her, as promised, but too late: the intestines having become paralyzed, she died two days later. The girl-wife, too, could not be saved and the third died while they were arranging to bring her to the hospital. We would be glad to attend normal cases outside but what we most desire is to get the people to bring such cases to the hospital before it is too late. These three cases probably could all have been saved had they had proper care from the beginning, but when they realize that a case is hopeless unless a doctor is called, it is usually too late to send a messenger and get the doctor there from such a long distance, even if the native midwives had not already done their best or worst. But we think people have begun to realize that it is safer to be in the hospital at such times for they talk now of coming, and some do come. It takes a long time to get them educated up to this idea when during all the past centuries neither doctor nor hospital has been available. But our maternity work, although yet small, is encouraging, and we feel sure that we will soon have as much of this work as we can attend to. We have had eighteen cases this year—of which three have been from leading Mohammedan families, and arranged for ahead—a very encouraging fact. Two missionary babies have arrived "by way of the hospital" since last Conference. We now have six mater-
nity cases in the hospital, three having been our highest numbers at any one time during previous years.

As in every hospital, we have had slack times and busy times, but this year our busy seasons have been busier than ever before as we have at several times over-reached our normal capacity considerably and our total number of patients has been larger than during any previous year, "four hundred and two" in all, with many very serious cases. We have had a number of deaths this year, some hopeless when they came in, some we think might have been saved had we had sufficient trained workers to give constant supervision day and night. Some of these have caused us many heartaches but we have had the joy of seeing many very ill patients restored to health. We have one Hindu patient now asking for baptism—this is our greatest joy. May the time soon come when many hearing the message in the hospital, may receive it into their hearts, and be saved.

We feel that patients and their friends are learning to have more confidence in what we say, yet we have many discouragements because of their lack of patience. A little girl about three years old was brought in from a village more than twenty miles distant, severely burned. When the dead skin cleared away her whole chest and abdomen was left a raw granulating surface, the burn involving both arms and one leg also. For about two weeks she was left with us, every dressing showing as much improvement as was possible, but because the medicine we applied did not cause the whole surface to heal over at once, they became impatient. In vain I explained about the skin grafting which must follow and that we must get the granulations in suitable condition before applying the grafts—they could not understand anything like that and one day very suddenly took her away. Probably they went to some native medicine man, but undoubtedly she went away to die unless they took her to some other hospital. If it takes more than a few days to effect a cure in any case, they are likely to become impatient or think that we do not want to cure them. Then sometimes they are afraid. Of course we cannot let them bring all their friends and relations into the hospital and if a patient is very ill, they often get very much frightened, especially at night when all is quiet. We had a sad case a week or two ago—a little Mohammedan girl with Lock jaw. As the child's only hope lay in quietness and opiates, we forbade more than one person beside the special nurse in the room at any time. It is really frightful to witness the spasms and pain and after two nights her grandmother said she could not endure it and took her home where the whole family might help the grandmother bear the strain—although it took away the child's only chance. It made our hearts ache to see her go, yet we could not promise that obedience to orders would mean recovery—only that it gave a little hope. She died the next night. And all this from having her ears pierced with dirty thread or needle. But some—
times we see both patience and trust. A Mohammedan child seven years old had never walked. Her mother came and remained with the child for a month, then, seeing that there was improvement, left the little one with us and returned to her village. We hope to send that little girl home quite well, some day, and if we succeed, her recovery will speak louder than words on behalf of the hospital.

The hospital is becoming known and patients come in from quite long distances—some not really requiring hospital care, some too late for us to do anything to cure them, some just the kind we want, sick and suffering but with a chance for recovery. But all have one need in common—they need our message of love and our ministry of service, and I feel sure that this is never lost.

Dispensary

During the first three months of this year I made an attempt to realize something in the way of self-support, by charging a very small sum for medicine given to those who could afford to pay. That the new method of procedure was not a popular one was evidenced by an immediate decrease in attendance in the dispensary. Many promised to pay "next time" but to most of them the "next time" never came, while our coffers continued as empty as before. I have no doubt but that perseverance would have given us the victory but with two free dispensaries in the town, I realized that it would take a very long time and that many would be kept away indefinitely. I feel that our mission primarily is to get hold of the people and to help them physically, thus gaining their confidence. A full dispensary means a full hospital and if no one comes to the dispensary the hospital will be empty. Our opportunity for spiritual teaching is greatly increased when people are in the hospital and unless we have a full hospital, we cannot give our nurses the training they need. So I gave up. I am not sure but that the support will come just as surely, if more slowly, as a result of our hospital work, for quite a number of patients this year have manifested their gratitude by making contributions when leaving the hospital.

We have had no medical assistant during the whole year, and the work in the dispensary has taken the most valuable part of the doctor's time day after day, but I do not think it has been in vain. In spite of very slack work for three months and having to close it entirely for one month, for the doctor's vacation, the dispensary attendance has reached 12,000 visits. As I wrote, we are in the midst of another break. Plague in a very virulent form having broken out, the town is again being evacuated, more than half the people having left and others are going as fast as huts can be built for them. Scarcely a shop in the town is open even now and I have never known the people to be as frightened as during this outbreak. The hospital is in the centre of eight acres of ground so we are quite isolated in location, and having had
our whole family inoculated we are able to feel quite safe in the midst of pestilence and death. These breaks in the work are somewhat discouraging but have the advantage of giving two tired missionaries a little opportunity for much needed rest.

Nursery
This is becoming quite a large part of the hospital work. During the year ten little ones have been given to us—Paul, Miriam, Mary, Blossom, Samadhana ("Peace"), Bathmavadi ("Beautiful Flower"), and Vishwasi ("Faith"), besides three tiny ones too frail to live without their own mothers and who have been taken to be with the One who loves them best of all. We have also Prem ("Love"), Prakasham ("Light"), Nambike ("Belief"), and Nilamani ("Turquoise") from last year and two little girls, Sukirti and Ruth, one and three years old, who came in as patients from other schools. These form our baby family of thirteen, most of them under two years old. Two of our older little ones have been sent to schools, and are doing well. All the children except the tiny babies, spend much of the day out-doors in charge of the "Nursery Mother" who loves them all dearly and is as faithful as possible in her care of them. They all love her and gather around her as though she were their own mother. The wee ones, and the others when ill, are cared for in the ward as part of the regular work. These little ones add much of work and responsibility, but give splendid training for the nurses. We have about reached the limit of the number of little ones we can receive without having a building, especially for this purpose, and believe that God will soon put it into the heart of some one to make this possible. There are so many homeless, friendless babies who may be thus saved from heathenism and, with good care, develop into healthy useful members of the Christian community—if only we can take them when helpless little ones, when no one else wants them. During the time they are with us, they too are teaching in a very impressive way of the love of Christ, for the non-Christian people, who beg to be shown our babies, seem to marvel greatly that we are willing to receive and care for these little waifs, and at our love for them. No one with any mother instinct could fail to open her heart to them, however, for they are a lot of jolly, sweet little kiddies. Most of them are supported on Orphanage scholarships, perhaps by some reading these lines. May each such gift bring such a blessing!

MARGARET D. LEWIS.

The Training School for Nurses
To build a strong and durable building we must first build a foundation on a rock. We must get together the best materials available and oftentimes are obliged to discard much before work is scarcely begun.
In the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital that is what we have been endeavoring to do this year. We have been getting together the raw materials and shaping them. It has been a slow process, but an enjoyable one in spite of the many discouragements which undoubtedly many American girls find when they reach a country so unlike the busy, restless United States. However, we have started our foundation on the Rock Christ Jesus and if we fail it will, of course, be the fault of the builders. Starting, as we did, with only two in the Training Class who had been here more than two months, and one of them unfit for the work, it has meant constant supervision. Having no knowledge of the vernacular and the nurses a very limited or no knowledge of English, it was a very tedious and sometimes almost a disheartening task the first few weeks, as many times the orders would be carried out in just the opposite way from which we expected, or possibly not at all. This was due perhaps nearly as much to their shyness as to the lack of a common language. It was hard for all of us, as it was as difficult for me to understand them as for them to understand me. Among the nurses were two Tamil speaking girls, two Kanarese and one Telugu. The patients also had to be spoken to through an interpreter which was very unsatisfactory, because of the interpreter's limited knowledge of English and also of the different languages, as some of the patients speak Hindustani, some Kanarese, some Telugu and others Tamil. Since my arrival we have added two Kanarese and two Anglo-Indian girls to our corps of nurses. In spite of all this we feel that something has been accomplished and the work is growing. Our class has been growing regardless of the sorting and we feel that those now here have in their hearts the love of God and the love for suffering humanity. This they are daily showing in their patient and loving ministrations and their willingness to work oftentimes much longer than their appointed time. When asked to do almost double duty, and those who are nurses know what that means, it is always, I think I may say, done with smiling faces and willing hearts. We hope soon to be able to add more to our corps that this may not so often be necessary.

Aside from the actual work it has been a joy to see these dear little retiring girls come forward and take responsibility. Of course, as yet they cannot take responsibilities as American girls can, but seldom do American girls enter the training as young as we are obliged to take them on account of the desire on the part of their parents for their early marriage. It is also a joy to see the interest each one takes in our baby ward of which we are so proud. In spite of their long and busy hours they do not forget to give a good share of love to the little motherless babes.

This work is supported by North-Western, Pacific, Des Moines and Cincinnati Branches, and to all who have helped us by their gifts and their prayers, we tender our hearty thanks.

Martha A. Griffin.
Girls’ Orphanage and Boarding School

URDRLL MONTGOMERY ... Missionary
Assistants—Miss Grace Peters, Mrs. F. Tremerehere, Miss Julia Dunning, and Mrs. Frost.

As we close up our records for the year it is with deep gratitude that we note what a truly prosperous year it has been. There is abundant evidence of gradual improvement in all the departments and in nearly all of the individual characters.

Our numbers have been larger than for several years. Although the usual number have been married and some have gone to work in other stations, we still have one hundred and seventy-one on the rolls. Most of the orphans who came in during the years of famine have gone out into homes of their own, and the little girls who have come in to take their places are the children of Christian parents. This makes a marked difference in the tone of the school. This year when we took in a few girls from heathen homes, they found it hard to really have fellowship with the other girls. And even an inexperienced person looking over the assembled group would have little difficulty in picking out the first-generation Christians.

We have again to give deepest thanks for the general good health that has attended us this year. Two girls only have been seriously ill and are now in hospital, and even the usual childish ailments have been comparatively few.

All of the new houses, twenty-four in number, were finished in June and twenty-three have been occupied. The longer we use them the better we like them. The danger of fire for the little girls which we were somewhat anxious about we have been able to avoid in large measure, by having a little park outside the compound, and during cooking hours, having a teacher on duty to keep all the little girls there. The cost of furnishing one of these houses may be a matter of interest to some. The following is an itemized account for one house:

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Rupees 2 6 5 is equivalent to 80 cents.
At the beginning of each term we choose the twenty-four most responsible girls in the Mission, pupil teachers, etc., to be the chiefs of the houses. Then they choose two other large girls and one middle-sized girl to be with them. Each of the three large girls is given a little girl whom she must look after, and this completes the number, seven, for each house. It sometimes happens during the term that they fall out with each other, and ask to be sent to different houses, but this is never allowed. After choosing each other, there is no such thing as divorce allowed. They have to learn to get along together pleasantly.

The chiefs of the houses are held responsible for the conduct of the members of their families. When we find anything wrong or anyone disobedient, we call the chief to account. If she wasn't able to make her girls obey the rules, she should have reported them for disobedience. If she reports them, her house will not lose its marks, but if we learn of their faults in other ways, the mark is forfeited.

When any point of difficulty arises for the whole Mission, we call a council of the chiefs to formulate a plan that will set things right. Once in a while we have a prayer-meeting for these chiefs, and in all ways possible impress on them the fact that they are responsible girls, and the need of them to help control the Mission. Then we try to arrange some sort of pleasure for them monthly, so that they will feel that it is worth while for them to carry this extra responsibility. Could we have the same chiefs for several years, everything would run smoothly. But the older ones, of course, are the ones we choose, and they are the first to leave. So it happens that we are always training a new set. This makes it rather hard for us, but is better for the girls; as each gets her turn at learning to control, and becomes a stronger character thereby.

Once in a while a chief disappoints us. Often they have to be punished in the same way as the younger girls; some take responsibility much more easily than others; some have been so disobedient before they were chosen as chiefs, that the other girls do not feel it necessary to listen to them, and it is only our authority back of them that enables them to hold their position at all. But their second term is always much better. And it is really wonderful to watch the improvement week after week. Every girl is interested in having her house get the highest marks. For this is publicly announced at the closing program, and the girls of the winning house are called up before their parents and friends to receive the prize. So even the little girls are learning to control themselves for the good of the family.

Two of our girls went away this year to take teachers' training in Bangalore; two went as missionery helpers to Raichur and Bidar; one is in Muttra training for a Hindustani Bible-woman for Dr. Lewis, and four are in the Nurses' Class at the Hospital.
We are pleased to get good reports of these girls, telling of their obedience and dependability.

In the educational department, we believe there has been more thorough work done than last year. The teachers feel the necessity of getting their girls to learn. We are still struggling against the Indian methods of instruction which develop memory and almost wholly neglect training the children to think. Our teachers can only do as they themselves were taught, and introducing different methods is a slow process. A weekly teachers' prayer-meeting preceded by reports, and advice, is proving a great help. Four girls passed the Government examination this year, and another took the English examination and passed. We have just held the test to decide who could be sent up next year, and seven have passed the test, and will be candidates next April. Sixty-eight girls passed in the All-India Sunday School Examination. This is a few less than last year, but that is because, although our enrollment is larger, the number who are old enough to take this examination is less than before.

Among the very few out-of-the-ordinary difficulties that have come to us this year, has been the return of Plague conditions. In the early part of November, a few cases were reported and the people began to leave town and live in huts thrown up anywhere they could get a place. About the middle of the month some dead mice were found in a few of our houses, and we became anxious. All the girls moved out into the centre of the compound, the houses were closed, we went back to general cooking and prepared to move out of town. After consulting others, we decided not to move out, as it would be very hard to make proper arrangements for protecting our large family, but to disinfect thoroughly, and then have everybody inoculated. The first we started bravely, but as the disinfectants must be gotten out from Bangalore, and we needed a large supply, we haven't finished yet. The formalism is coming out gradually. The inoculation we did in one evening—one hundred and seventy-eight people. The health officer was through with his troubles at about 7-30 and ours began about 9-30. For the plague serum acts quickly. The girls were sleeping around three sides of our rectangular compound, I was in the centre, and we were all suffering with chills and fever in addition to very painful arms. The groans were coming from all sides, each groaning girl inspiring her neighbour to do likewise. All the next day we were a sadly infected lot. But by the second day most of us had recovered and had school as usual. After this we felt pretty safe. But when time for Conference came on, and all the missionaries must be out of the station for a week, we decided that it was risky to keep all the girls here; so we have sent the little ones to their homes. And only the eighty-five who couldn't leave are now in the Mission. So we had a very early closing and giving of Christmas presents. We are so grateful to those who sent us Christmas boxes and
made it possible for us to gladden each little girl before she went home.

As nearly every one has moved away, the danger of Plague has much decreased; we hear of no more cases, and no more mice are being found; and when we re-open early in January, we trust that there will be no hindrance to good steady work.

This coming of the Plague interfered with our plans considerably, but we do not feel that it interrupted the Lord's work in the Orphanage; the development of character has gone on, the girls have been brought in deeper sympathy with those who are over them, and have learned the value and the methods of sanitation and prevention of disease.

So we close the year with joy and deep gratitude that we are allowed to serve here, and to have the privilege of seeing as much of the results as we do. We thank all the dear women in America who make it possible for us to keep all these promising girls here.

Kolar Zenana, Village Work and Day Schools

MISS F. W. MASKELL ... ... ... Missionary
Miss L. Lewis, Miss Wheeler, Miss D'Cruz, Miss Bartley, Assistants, Mary, Dorcas, Paranjithee, K. Jeeva, Rachel, Melita, Sathia, Phoebe, Santhosha, D. Jeeva, Maggie, Kanthic, Prakash Louitha, Thannama, Murrie, B. Jeeva, Hannah, Bible-women.—Catherine, Rebecca, Charlotte, Bessie Cook, Lucy, Crupi, Bargie, Rosa, Lily, Dorothy, Sundri, N. Lucy, Mary, Paranjethee, Sophia, Jumnie, Janee, Mookthee, Salome, Annie, Sathia, Zacchaeus, Teachers.

"Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!"

God has indeed been most wonderfully good to us and has let His blessing rest on each department of the work.

Believing that

"Prayer is appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give,"

we have prayed earnestly for His guidance in all things and for His blessing upon this work. We have prayed too, every day, for the ladies in America who are so closely connected with this work and without whose help we could not carry it on.

Evangelistic Campaign.—The Missionary with relays of Bible-women was out on campaign duty the whole of February. We made one of our village school houses our first head-quarters for a few days and then did the Missionary realize more fully than ever before what it was not to have any privacy. It was
such a comfort at our next halting place to use the tent, for somehow, the village people do not dream of crowding into it, but always regard it as private property not to be entered without special invitation.

During the campaign we were sustained in quite a remarkable manner in answer to prayer and though we often did not get our meals at the appointed time, and did not venture to drink water away from our tent, and though the heat was intense, we were able to work without undue fatigue. The Holy Spirit was working with us and we were filled with the deepest gratitude to God because of the number who accepted Christ and received public baptism in the villages. While the Missionary was on tour, the Evangelistic Assistant and some of the Bible-women carried on the campaign from Kolar with much zeal. In all there were four hundred and seventeen baptisms for which we praise God.

Instruction.—After baptism it is absolutely necessary that the converts be carefully instructed in the things of God but this is not easy to do, for often they are away when we go to see them and sometimes, when they are at home, the women are busy with their household duties, and yet, thank God, they are increasingly willing to learn of Him, and we have been given proof many times of the way in which the Holy Spirit Himself is teaching them and making spiritual truths clear to them.

Sunday Meetings.—We have arranged for meetings to be held on Sunday in three different centres where there have been baptisms, to teach the people more about Jesus Christ and help them to observe the Sabbath. The grown-up people have been accustomed all their life to work on the Lord's Day and as they are exceedingly poor, it is very hard for them to lose the day's wages but we believe in time their faith in God will grow so strong that they will be able to trust Him to provide for their needs though they work but six days in the week. We have made a beginning too, in teaching them to give. As the Missionary writes a vision rises before her of a bright, beautiful morning shortly after the crops had been harvested, and she was conducting the Sunday meeting at one of the villages. When the address was over, offerings of grain were brought in small baskets and the contents emptied into a big basket placed there for the purpose and after that it was good to hear the rattle of the coins as they fell into the little metal vessel being taken round for the collection, mostly small coins, but given by the people out of their poverty for the sake of Him who loved and gave Himself for them.

Village Work.—Ninety-one villages have been regularly visited this year. It is not only to those whom we see that we give the Gospel but many a man or woman right inside the home, or behind a wall or on the low house is listening to the message. A man thus heard the Word many times without being seen. He fell ill. On his bed of sickness he pondered these things and put his trust in God. When the workers went to see him he said
that he waked with the word Lord on his lips and fell asleep breathing the sacred name. He has no hope of recovering but says he is quite happy in the thought of meeting his Saviour. It is just wonderful what Christ can do even with “Satan’s cast-away.” The assistant for evangelistic work has been much interested in a woman who had once been a notorious sinner but who had come to Christ and received pardon and cleansing. She was baptized and is now telling others of the Saviour who has done so much for her. When we were in a village one morning, we went to the home of a woman who had lost her husband and was left with a family of eight children. It was very sad to look upon her face, it was so hard and hopeless and she actually talked of her husband who had been ill for a long time as deceiving her and slipping off through death, leaving her with such heavy care and responsibility. We spent nearly all morning with her and when we left she looked so different—quite bright and smiling for she understood about the Father’s care and the Saviour’s love and she said to us “Your visit has been a golden mountain of joy to me.” She is now baptized and also some of her relations. A great many believe on the Lord Jesus Christ who feel that they are so placed that they cannot receive baptism now. We earnestly desire prayer for them and for those who are resisting the Holy Spirit, who are coming by not into the Kingdom themselves hindering others from entering.

Tuesday Meeting.—This meeting has been held in the town through the year. About half a dozen of the little girls from our Orphanage come and help in the singing and thus give great pleasure to the women. On the morning of a big Hindu festival, the Bible-women said to me “No women will come to-day” but I sat on the rostrum in our little Church and waited and, praise God, more women came than had been there for weeks. How such things do cheer and encourage! Some of the women who come to this meeting have been baptized. One of the Hindu women when she heard of the prodigal son decided at once right there that she would come home to our Heavenly Father. Another woman gathers her neighbours at night into her home and tells them what she hears at the Tuesday meeting. A mother-in-law much troubled over the quarrels of her daughters-in-law decided to tell them all she could remember of what she had heard at the meeting and declares that there is such a change for the better in these young women. The missionary has been so glad to have some of these women invite others to attend the meeting.

Jathra or Fairs.—The Missionary and some of the Bible-women attended one of these fairs held about eighteen miles from Kolar. We went up the hill and saw the image of their goddess Seetha and watched some of the caste women dipping into the filthy water and noticed how low caste women were not allowed to dip into this sacred water but had to stand afar off and have the priest pour some of it over them. We went up further and
saw the women with their dripping garments lying out on stones waiting for a vision of Seetha the goddess and further up still, it was so sad to stand by and watch those supposed to be possessed with the devil roll under a great rock, which was some inches from the ground, in the hope that the devil would leave them. It was painful to hear the sobs and screams of these women but the priest sat by indifferently, gathering in the money that had to be paid to him. At this fair, we met a tiny little woman fifty years of age who was about three feet high and very delicately and perfectly proportioned. She lived in a little house of her own and earned her living by cutting and selling grass. She heard the Word and was deeply touched and after some months walked those eighteen miles to Kolar to come and see us and now desires baptism.

Zenana Work.—Six hundred and eighteen homes in the town are visited. We are so thankful for the many who now know and believe in Jesus Christ. When one of the young Lady Assistants with a Bible-woman went to a home in the town, no one was present but an aged woman. They spent some time with her speaking of the love of Jesus and the woman seemed so happy. A short time afterward she died and her sister told the Bible-woman that the old lady had passed away believing in Jesus. A woman who has received Christ into her heart is very desirous that her husband should be instructed by the workers. A wealthy woman, the wife of a merchant, is always eager to hear about Jesus and says she is so interested that she dreams at night of what the Bible-women tell her. As soon as our workers go to her home, she sends for neighbours and gets them to listen. A Brahman woman calls those of her own caste living near to listen to what the Bible-women say and tells them that all their ceremonial bathing will not be of any avail but that their hearts must be cleansed.

We do praise God that all the Mahommedan homes are opened to us and we are eagerly welcomed by the women. A young Mahommedan woman before her death was reading the Gospels with one of our Bible-women and was always eager for her Bible study. Another, visited by the Missionary in her sickness said that the Word of God was such a comfort to her. We are sowing the seed in faith and hope because we know there is life in it and that the Holy Spirit will water it and cause it to bear fruit.

Schools.—We now have eleven day schools in which the children are given a primary education and are taught about the Triune God. Our great regret is that the girls are not as a rule allowed to attend school after they are about twelve years of age and yet we are deeply thankful that we have them in their earliest years ere they are bound by sinful habits. We are sometimes surprised at what an early age they learn and remember the things they hear. A little girl of three in Mardapole school
can say some Bible verses just through hearing others recite them. A Brahmin girl of three recites three Bible verses and sang a hymn for a Brahmin gentleman. A Brahmin mother complained to the young Lady Assistant of that school of her daughter, eight years of age, who was in the habit of stealing money left lying about the house. The young lady showed the girl the evil of the habit and was glad to learn from the mother that the girl stole no more.

After the death of a girl of nine years who attended our Salagarapet school, the workers were glad to hear from the parents how lovingly she spoke of the school and always told them the good things she was taught there.

A little girl who attends the Sanno Haberlin school was taken to the temple by her mother and grandmother and though repeatedly urged, refused to worship the idol in it. The attendance has been remarkably good in the Gulipet school throughout the year. The pupil teacher of Mardigapet school who has been attending there from a little girl has married and gone to a distant home of her own. She can read the Bible and offer prayer and sing hymns and lyrics and we trust she will let her light shine there. A little girl in Katarapailaya school was taught an English hymn and went home and sang it to her parents, explaining the meaning to them very nicely as they did not know English. The children of Kurupet school get together and pray every evening and the pupils of Mardapure school meet at night to sing hymns. Arhali school is doing so well. It is a delight to hear those children sing hymns and recite Bible verses. The Tumka children began their work in the new school building last May. When we go to that village for evangelistic work, it is such a joy to have the children help with their singing.

Our Mahommedan school still exists and more than that is very much alive, which is in answer to prayer. These girls recite Bible verses and we believe that the word is finding entrance into their hearts. One little tot when she goes home in the evening tells her father what she has learned in the day. We are so thankful that one of the girls who has had every bit of her education in this school is now able to take up a position as teacher in it. Her father is much pleased about it and spoke very feelingly to the Missionary about it, saying that many tried to dissuade him from sending his daughter to our school, telling him there was great danger in it because we taught about Jesus Christ but that he had replied there was no danger in learning about our Lord but only good. An official asked me to call at his place and said he wished his daughter to attend our school. We were glad to receive her and she has been attending since. She is such a sweet, bright girl. These Mahommedan girls are fearless and very affectionate and would prove fine, strong characters, if one could get the opportunity of separating them from all countering influences and training them aright. The girls were
made happy by a visit from Mrs. Robinson and some of the other ladies who were at Kolar for District Conference.

At the end of November, plague broke out in Kolar. A great many people have moved away for a short time from the town and some of the schools have had to be closed. We praise God that not many have fallen victims to this terrible disease this time and not a Christian has died of it. We hope to fully resume work before long.

Miss Linda Lewis who has been in charge of three schools is leaving us at the end of this year. She has been faithful in looking after these schools and carries with her our best wishes. Miss Wheeler leaves us on account of her approaching marriage. She has done well in the village work and we wish her every happiness. Miss D'Cruz has done good work in three schools, and Miss Bartley has devoted herself to Mahommedan work.

Some of the Bible-women and teachers have worked more wholeheartedly and enthusiastically than others. Some have had more family cares and anxieties than others, and some are young married women just adjusting themselves to their new responsibilities. It shows how brave they are and how much energy and character there is in them when in addition to their home duties they are willing to take up work for the Master. May God bless them richly and make them a great blessing.

We again render heartfelt thanks to Des Moines, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Minneapolis, Topeka, and Pacific branches for supporting this work.
Belgaum District

Evangelistic Work

Mrs. Margaret C. Ernsberger ...
Mrs. Clara E. Lipp ...
Mrs. Elizabeth Scharer ...

Assistant—Miss Millicent Graham. Bible-women—Bail Hongal Circuit, eight, Belgaum Circuit, fourteen, Gokak Circuit, fourteen. Evangelistic Day School Teachers, three.

During the past year the evangelistic work of the District has been supervised by Mrs. Ernsberger and Mrs. Lipp, and also by Mrs. Scharer after October 17th, on her return from furlough in America.

Miss Graham has ably assisted in the evangelistic work. She has gone out systematically with the Bible-women, and has also supervised our three evangelistic schools.

The work of the District is divided into three Circuits, viz.:- Bail Hongal, Belgaum (including Belgaum City) and Gokak.

The staff of Bible-women now numbers thirty-six, an increase of seven over last year. These women work from twenty-six different centres.

During the year there have been 430 baptisms in the District, of which number 125 were women and girls.

At the beginning of the year a Training School was held in Sampgaum for Indian workers. About 25 were enrolled and some of these were Bible-women. This school is intended to effect a definite Christian work in the hearts of teachers and Bible-women, besides giving them instruction in the Bible and various text books and methods of teaching. The courses of study for Exhorters and Bible-women are taught and thus the workers are aided in preparing for their examinations. In addition to the work done by the Bible-women in the Training School, Mrs. Ernsberger has taught a class of four candidates in Belgaum during most of the year. Sixteen Bible-women have passed in examinations this year.

The special evangelistic campaign was carried on in each Circuit of the District in February and March. During that time 125 meetings were held, nearly 10,000 listeners were reported, 427 Bible portions were sold, 2,000 tracts were distributed, 99 people were baptized and 18 professed to have received new hearts.
At the beginning of the campaign a large party of missionaries and workers for a week attended the great jathri or religious fair at Chinchili, in the Gokak Circuit, where about 50,000 people were gathered together. Miss Graham had charge of a party of Bible-women and these, together with a number of Mrs. Ernberger's Mission Hostel boys, very effectively aided the preachers. Large crowds listened to their preaching at all hours of the day. Magic lantern pictures were shown. On one of these occasions a non-Christian was so impressed that he boldly prophesied that within ten years all India would become Christian. Many portions of Scripture were sold. Some one would read the story of the prodigal son, and then offer the Gospel portions for sale at one-half cent each. These were eagerly bought and carried away to villages far and wide.

Mr. Lipp itinerated in the Bail Hongal Circuit, accompanied by a band of preachers and Bible-women. Mr. Lipp's motor-bicycle with the side-car was a great help in the campaign. They worked early and late, visited about forty villages and baptized thirty babies, children of our converts, arousing fresh interest in our Christian villages. We now have three motor-bicycles with side-cars for the evangelistic work of the District. By this means we shall keep in close touch with our villages.

In the Belgaum Circuit Mr. and Mrs. Ernberger and Miss Graham camped in two centres. There were eight Bible-women and as many Hostel boys who helped in this work besides Mr. Aiman and the village teachers. From these two centres expeditions were made to the surrounding villages. The Bible-women arose at 3 A.M. to cook their food, and before dawn we were off. Sometimes the whole party walked five or six miles, visiting a number of villages on the way. We had a special tent for night meetings and were so pleased to be able to get the new converts to come to service. In their Hindu faith they knew nothing of congregational worship. They were able to lead in the singing of a few familiar hymns. Work was kept up among both high and low caste people, parties going out three and four times daily. A church is to be erected in one of these centres.

The last week of special effort was among the new schools for converts in and around Belgaum. In each locality special preparation was made for our coming, and the meetings proved to be large and enthusiastic, and resulted in some baptisms.

At the close of the campaign the District Conference was held. Nearly all the workers came in from the District. A separate Woman's Conference was again held, at hours convenient for attending the Men's Conference as well as our own. There were 49 women present; sessions were held on four days, and all the women read their reports. Bishop Robinson visited the Woman's Conference and delivered an inspiring address.

The plan for next year is to have the Evangelistic Campaign followed by the Training School, and then the District Conference.
The town of Bail Hongal, which is the head-quarters of the Bail Hongal Circuit, is situated twenty-seven miles from Belgaum, off the railway. In September Mr. and Mrs. Lipp moved to Bail Hongal, where they expect to build a Mission bungalow. Mrs. Lipp’s presence among the workers there will furnish the leadership needed, and insure more effective work and larger results.

Three visits have been made to the Gokak Circuit. In April Mrs. Ernsberger spent about a week at Nagnur. In August and September Miss Graham spent about three weeks in Kunnur, Chicodi, and Nagnur. The Christian women visited showed by their friendly spirit and knowledge of Bible stories that the Bible-women are doing faithful work. Miss Graham’s keen interest and enthusiasm in the work have been an inspiration to the workers.

During the past year ten Bible-women have been working in Belgaum City. They, together with three other women living out in the Circuit, have also visited seventeen of the surrounding villages. During the year they have made 3,095 visits to Christian houses and 4,232 visits to non-Christian houses; they have held 757 street or verandah meetings and have conducted Sunday School 326 times. The total attendance at Sunday School sessions has been 4,040.

The women in the homes soon learn that our Bible-women only wish to do them good, by bringing to them the message of Jesus’ love. One wealthy caste woman in speaking of their visits said, “They come and sing and read to me and I get much comfort from their words.” Sometimes they weep on hearing simple Gospel stories and parables. The women are frequently sent for in cases of illness. One Bible-woman is a trained nurse and she has, in a measure, trained three others. These make a very useful corps of Deaconesses. One evening they were called to the home of a Brahmin where the young girl-wife was in great distress. She had been suffering for several days and when her own people had done all they could for her, they sent for us, but it was too late. The relatives said, “We have done all we can; we leave her in your hands. Do what you can for her.” For five days the women tenderly cared for the poor sufferer. While they were caring for her temporal wants they told her the “Old, old story.” When they asked her if she believed, her face lighted up with joy, and she said, “Yes, and Jesus is calling me now;” and with these words she passed away to be with Him. One of our Bible-women died of consumption during the year, and was nursed for months by her sister workers.

We have about 300 non-Christian homes on our visiting list. The homes of all the leading native officials and professional men are open to our workers. We need a few more well educated Marathi speaking Bible-women, as the town is about equally divided between Marathi and Kanarese.
Fifteen near-by villages have been more or less regularly visited, besides regular house-to-house visits in our six Christian communities in Belgaum and its suburbs, and Sunday Schools for the same. Two of our three W. F. M. S. schools for converts have made splendid progress and the third has held its own, in spite of a change of vernaculars and masters. We have enquirers in another low caste community in the city, near the mission headquarters.

On each Monday a prayer meeting is held for the women workers, and these take turns in leading. A short meeting is held each day by the Bible-women before starting out to the work, and once a month, on the first Monday, a day of fasting and prayer is observed. We joined with the rest of the South India Woman’s Conference in observing November 18th as a special day of fasting and prayer. These meetings are a source of help and strength. They are a real means of grace.

Besides W. F. M. S. work, Mrs. Ernsberger has charge of the Mission Boys’ Hostel in Belgaum. There are thirty boys in the Hostel attending our Mission Primary and High Schools in the city. The New Hostel building is just completed and we are anticipating a very delightful change when we move into it.

The boys did exceedingly well in the All-India Sunday School Examination and one boy won a medal. Mrs. Ernsberger has taught Scripture lessons to the Hostel boys throughout the year, and all of the boys passed when the Pastor of the Kanarese Church examined the school. Eight of the older boys are Exhorters and most of them are pursuing their prescribed course of studies. All the older boys took some active part in the Evangelistic Campaign and are enthusiastic members of the “Social Service Club” in the High School. We expect to find missionary leaders among these young men.

The English Sunday School has done unusually well this year. Mrs. Lipp has been Superintendent most of the year, and has taught the Infant Class and Mrs. Ernsberger has taught the Bible Class of English soldiers. Mrs. Dale has had charge of the Intermediate Class. The enrollment for the year has been 80, an increase of 30 over last year. Two Sunday School socials have been held this year at the homes of the missionaries.

Thus in every department of the work earnest effort is being put forth to evangelize and indoctrinate the people of India. Let all who read these lines “stir up the gift” within them to help on this work by word and example, by money and the use of God-given talents.

Hearty thanks are tendered to the Cincinnati, New York, Pacific, Topeka and Northwestern Branches for the support of this work.
MISSIONARY, ASSISTANT AND STAFF OF BELGAUM SCHOOL
Belgaum W. F. M. S. Report

MRS. E. L. KING ... ... ... Missionary

One year has passed since my arrival in Belgaum to fill the place left vacant by Miss Ericson, who sailed for America last March on a much belated furlough.

The year has been one full of new experiences and readjustment on my part, for besides the novelty of a new country the daily happenings are always surprising and unique.

Our Boarding School has had a very successful year and under the able management of Miss Mann, our Boarding School Assistant, has stood well in the Government inspection. Our school is being carefully watched by the Inspectors, the kindergarten work being especially attractive to them. One of the Inspectors who has kept in touch with the school for the past few years reported personally that the growth from year to year had been steady throughout. Up to this year it has been registered for inspection but has not been receiving a Government grant. Application has recently been made to the Government, however, and we are now listed among the Grant-in-aid schools. Our girls are well housed and very happy. At present they are very much interested in raising money for an organ which we hope to get soon. They are earning the money themselves by the products of their sewing class hour. It was surprising to see the new impetus given the work under the promise of such a reward.

Our Scripture results have been good. The girls stood well in an examination given at the close of the year. The most marked results in this line were obtained from the All India Sunday School Examination. Nearly all of our candidates passed. In the teacher's division we head the list. A report of one of the examiners read as follows—"The three papers which have gained over eighty marks are all excellent but the first is distinctly the best and as the fine Belgaum papers have gained an average mark of over 74% it is especially pleasing that a name from that school should be at the top." Our girls showed the keenest interest in this examination.

The Day Schools are still under Miss Moyser's direct supervision. She has worked hard to overcome the difficulties of a shifting enrollment and lack of efficient teachers. The year on the whole has been good. Of the four the Marathi school heads the list. The girls attending here are high caste and because they are not compelled to stay at home to work they attend much more regularly than the girls in the other schools. The Inspection Report for this school was excellent and the Government grant was raised fifty rupees.

We have had a great deal of trouble with our Belgaum Kanarese school. The attendance is very irregular as the children are of poor parents and are kept at home to work as soon as they are
large enough. The building also is in very bad condition and very unattractive.

The Shahpur school has a large enrollment and is making the usual progress.

The Bail Hongal school is suffering at present from a lack of Christian instructors. It seems impossible to find any one for that place.

A special feature of our day schools is the series of Mothers’ Meetings which has been started. The mothers turn out well and show a keen interest in the programme prepared for them.

Although there have been many failures in our work we feel that in a general way it is promising and we are very hopeful for the future.
Hyderabad District

HYDERABAD

Bible-women's Work, Hyderabad Bible Institute

Mrs. M. D. Ross ... ... ... ... Missionary


Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory. This year, my first in India, has been a very happy one. We have proved as never before the all sufficiency of that Father whose guiding hand led us hither.

At the beginning of the year we had seven women. All of them were village women. Since then three have gone out with their husbands to do their part in the great work before us. Two more women came to us shortly after the others left, one of whom has since removed with her husband to a different part of the city. She studied well while with us and is still under training though with a different teacher.

Our work consists in teaching the women to read and write, to read the Scriptures, repeat portions, tell Bible stories, relate parables and sing. The school work is done in the morning. In the afternoon Kroopamma takes the women out to teach them Bible-women's work. They visit several of the villages surrounding us and go from house to house, making practical use of the lessons of the morning. Of course when we have Boarding School girls the school work is different, but all of them do the Bible-women's work in the afternoon. As we watch the development of these village people, we say to ourselves: Of a surety God is in our work, who else could perform such miracles.
"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering."

The year has been one of joyful surprises. In the deserts of disappointments, fountains of living water have burst forth. The negotiations which were begun to transfer the work of our Mission at Yellandu, established so many years ago by the heroic efforts of the late Rev. C. B. Ward and his faithful wife, happily fell through. This is by far the strongest Christian community on the whole district. From there children come in a troop to school although they have to take a railway journey of some twelve hours. These same girls after they have learned to cook and sew and, best of all, to know the Holy Scriptures and have found the Pearl of Great Price, return again to teach day schools, to gather the children into Sunday Schools and thus the kingdom of our Lord is being established. The District Superintendent reported more than 600 baptisms on the Yellandu field this year.

Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues

Sunday is a blessed but busy day, a day of rest, even if appearances are to the contrary. We begin by sending some ten English-speaking girls to the English Sunday School. These children are to be hurried off by 7 A.M. Then at 8 A.M. the Chapel of the Stanley Girls' School is filled and the Sunday School lesson is taught in Urdu, Telugu and Tamil. At 10 A.M. the long line of march is formed and we go to the Church for the public service in Telugu. We are back again by a little after 11 o'clock and then our Indian breakfast, and by 12-30 all is so still one could never guess that more than 130 girls were about the place. The quiet is broken into about 3-30 P.M. when the Junior League, under the supervision of its faithful Superintendent Miss E. Joseph, begins to sing some stirring Telugu lyrics and the Senior League can be heard joyfully singing "He leadeth me, oh blessed thought" or some other hymn. With the close of the League services Miss Morgan hurries off to the public service at the Church conducted in the Urdu language. Immediately at the close of this service, all the teachers and girls who understand English well go with the missionaries to the regular evening church service conducted in the English language.
Truly can we say "a Sabbath well spent brings a week of content." Passion Week was observed, as is always our custom, as a time of special waiting on God. As a visible result some 29 girls united with the church. Much good has been done this year by the girls going and singing in the hospitals of Hyderabad, of which there are a large number, providing for Europeans, zenana ladies, and general hospitals for all classes. Also some village work has been done and one Mohammedan Girls' Day School has been supervised, for years, by the school girls.

**Staff**

Mrs. Whyte has continued as our Matron during the entire year. Our very own girls have been our most efficient teachers in all the classes below the seventh standard. These girls surely do know how to do things, whether it is making jackets or frocks, sick nursing or preparing the monthly report of the school for the Government, cooking or teaching. They are experts along all these lines. I often think of the home workers who provided the scholarships, who, having not seen, yet believed and loved and prayed, and gave, too, of their gold, often at much personal sacrifice. Could they but see what has been wrought, their cup of joy would overflow.

Miss Hudson, our nearest neighbour, joined the Normal Training Class in June and assists in the Kindergarten. "To be" or "not to be" so reasoned an ancient philosopher and for months the one question with us was whether the Stanley Girls' High School was "to be" or "not to be" with great odds in favour of the latter, as the easy search for a teacher, who could meet the Government requirements, went on. Advertising brought numbers of applications but no suitable candidate. Private correspondence with the Principals of Mission schools was alike unavailing. Then when the school closed for the hot season we set out for the north to find, if possible, the much needed teacher.

In the depths of the Himalayan heights, away from the stress and strain of the work, it was easy to study the situation from its various view points and to lay all the work with its every detail before the Lord Jesus whose work it is and whose servants we are. The question constantly on our lips was, "What is God's plan?" However, disappointment followed disappointment and the long return journey was made without a teacher, which practically meant that we could not meet the requirements of Government and that there would be no Methodist Girls' High School in all our South India for native girls. What was our joy, when on our arrival we found a telegram and letter awaiting us from a graduate of the Madras University asking for the post. A bit of heavenly wireless from the Himalayan mountains on the North to the Nilgiri Hills on the South, with the Y. W. C. A. as the connecting station, won the victory. This to us was "the dew on the fleece," the sure word of our God to go forward.

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Miss Samuel, B.A., joined the staff in June, the three High School classes were organized and the work has gone steadily on ever since. Four students will complete the High School course in April. We hope and pray that year by year there may be many, many girls go out into this wilderness of ignorance and iniquity with the torch of truth and knowledge till those "who sit in darkness and the shadow of death" may be guided into the ways of peace.

The Prize Giving

Prize givings are a part of the Indian School system. The prizes are the least part of the whole affair. At such a time Government Officials, School Inspectors, also the leading teachers of other Institutions, meet to hear the report of the Principal and to find out as much as possible about the school in the shortest possible time. As the children were getting ready for the photograph (see frontispiece) we overheard a school official remark "these children look well cared for."

Sir Salar Jung the III, the new prime minister, gave away the prizes. The Methodist Church has much for which to thank this illustrious house for this man's grandfather, Salar Jung the Great, gave a handsome donation when the Methodist Church was built in 1876, and his father Salar Jung the II gave a good grant-in-aid to schools opened in the city some 25 years ago.

Mrs. Pinbey the wife of the British Resident very kindly came one morning to see the school at work. She was much interested and greatly surprised at the way little Indian girls could read English. She took away with her a string of crochet buttons made by one of the girls. She also arranged for Lady Harding to stop for a few moments. It was high honour when the wife of the Viceroy of India motored to our gates and greeted missionaries and teachers with the greatest cordiality.

The Jennie Vannice Library

Some twenty-six years ago while teaching in a country school, it was my high privilege to come to know Mrs. M. E. Vannice who kindly boarded me. A busy mother surrounded by her little children, were her hands too full to minister to the needs of the great hungry world? Many would have said so but the keynote to which all the doings of that family was attuned, was "First the Kingdom of God." With the passing of the years, changes came and one sad day Jennie, the eldest daughter, closed her eyes for ever to pain and weariness and went to the Mansion large and fair in the "Father's House on high." Her place in the family circle was given to one of the destitute daughters of India. Amongst the many letters bringing birthday greetings, one year was one from Jennie's mother containing $100 for the work here. Later from her distant home in Canada, the long, long
struggle with pain well nigh over, when the shadows of death lengthened, surrounded by her children and giving last messages, this loving, consecrated mother remembered India with another contribution which made possible a library for the Stanley Girls' High School. In a few short months the cruel flames did their awful work and little Mary of tender years went to join her mother.

So He laid the gold in the flaming fire,
Thou' we fain would have said Him nay;
And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,
But our eyes were so dim with tears
That we saw but the fire, not the Master's hand,
And we questioned with anxious fears.
He knew He had ore that could stand the test,
And He wanted the finest gold.
To mould as a crown for the King to wear,
Set with gems with a price untold.

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**Evangelistic Work and Day Schools**

**Catherine Wood**

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... Missionary

Assistants—Miss M. Smith, Miss M. Fallon, Mrs. G. Somerville, Bible-women—Simyabai Singh, Kumlabai Jan.

**Day Schools**


**Industrial School**

Teachers—Ranganagama, Grace Surrey.

**Telugu Work**


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The supervision of the Telugu work on two circuits as well as the Hindustani work came to me again at the beginning of
this year. I have enjoyed it all—the touring in the villages, the little night schools, the meetings with the older people afterward, the correspondence with the Bible-women, and meeting with them as often as possible. If I could give the necessary supervision to this Telugu work I should be very loath to give it to another. The work is most interesting. It is far from monotonous to me. From school to Zenana and Sunday School and out among the villages with all the varied life there, the weeks and months have been all too short.

In addition to the regular work the erection of additions to the Bible-women's home and also to the stables lasted through the first six or seven months of the year. These buildings were not very extensive, but the work of supervising the workmen so trying. Such deception is hard to describe. Small stones where there should be large ones for a good foundation, work that had to be taken out, soft bricks and tiles, wrong measurements, material taken on credit, wages withheld from other workmen, sand instead of lime, etc. It was a great relief when the last brick was laid, the roofs on, and all at an end, and the workmen at last took their departure.

In all the work there are sixteen day schools with an attendance of about four hundred and thirty-five, twenty-four Bible-women and four assistants. We have been working in thirty-five or forty villages besides the work nearer home, where we visit in one hundred and seventy Zenanas, teach fifty-eight women in their homes and speak to about five hundred and four women. There are also twenty-three Sunday Schools.

As the assistants have written about their own work I will tell you something of the village work. We will take a Bible-woman with us and visit ten villages on this trip. The assistants and teachers will carry on the school work and go their regular rounds of visiting and the women in the Industrial School will make collars, veils, and perhaps a dress too, which we have left ready for their hands while we take this trip. The rainy season is not quite over but there are some other duties in early October and then it will only be a few days until District Conference and after that only a very short time until Annual Conference, so if we do not get out now we cannot see this village work, so we set the time, prepare our supplies and are ready to start on a five days' journey. The bullock is sick! That pair of bullocks has given us much trouble as an automobile would have given. We wish we had the latter to see if it would not be a little improvement, but we will hire another pair of bullocks. Now all plans were laid for the week and we are away. Only an hour on the road and such a black cloud! It is going to rain and what shall we do? The roads will be so muddy after this rain and we have country roads before us. Shall we turn back? We will wait under this tree for a while. Not very safe under a large tree during a thunder shower, but there is no place else and if we get all our
things wet we cannot go on. After half an hour there are rifts in that cloud. The rain passes over. It is a pleasant journey now on to our destination. We reach there about 5 o'clock and here is a group of women eager to see us. They prove to be good listeners too, and then there are others. The Bible-woman goes on with the story of Salvation until it is dark and now it is time for the little night school and after that there is the meeting with the older people who have by this time returned from their work in the fields. Weary with the journey over a country road and these meetings over, we return to the shelter of the workers' home about 10 o'clock. As we are preparing for the night the workers tell us that a cobra had its home in this roof about two weeks ago—but it is not there now—there is nothing there now and the village Bible-woman and her little child are soon fast asleep. We who are not accustomed to such visitors find it a little more difficult to convince ourselves that there is nothing there now but we too finally sleep. Then the new day with its varied experiences—a visit to a near by village in the early morning where we talk to the women at their doors while they prepare the morning meal and hasten to get ready for their day in the fields—a little meeting under the big tree and a prayer at the door of a sick boy's home, and we go back past the little fields of ripening grain and prepare for another trip to the next village by roads overgrown with tough grass and in some places covered with great flat stones where it seems impossible for the bullocks to keep their footing down and up the steep banks at the ford across the river and evening finds us in the midst of some newly baptized Christians—the most enthusiastic attentive audience one could wish for. They sing and learn some more of the Gospel and plead earnestly at the close of the service for a teacher to come and live in their village and teach them to read, for they are anxious to know more about what God has for them to know. And so on from village to village. On every trip there are enough difficulties in the way to break up the monotony. Again we cross the river and two deep ravines very dangerous to our bullocks and cart, and just outside our last village we stick fast in mud that is like glue. As we climb out over the backs of the bullocks we hear the merry laugh of the shepherd boys at some distance. Some shorter trips in the intervals between other duties have enabled us to see the work of most of the Bible-women at least once. In a few villages we have visited oftener. While we have done what we could we realize that not half has been done that should have been done among these Christian people.

The return of Mrs. Somerville after an absence of some years has strengthened our hands and made work possible that otherwise would have had to be left undone. She says:

"After an absence of six years I returned and took up my old work from the beginning of this year. About one hundred and forty-five houses are regularly visited. Most of these are old ones,
but there are several new ones also. Numbers more might be
opened up without much difficulty if it were not that by doing so
the intervals between the visits would of necessity have to be
longer. The women are always very pleased to have someone visit
them, and pay good attention to the Bible reading and explanations.
Eight are learning to read. They also do some fancy work. There
are many more who would like to do the same but, as it would be
taking up too much of the time that ought to be given to those
who listen to the Gospel, no more can be taught at present.
There appears to be a difference in the spirit of the women from
what it used to be years ago. They are more willing to hear and
listen respectfully and seldom argue. Recently a woman wanted
to know whether Jesus would appear to her if she loved Him very
much and always prayed to Him. Another owned that although
she had performed a pilgrimage she was more than ever dissatis-
fied—there was no peace in her heart and she still had the burden
of her sins.

Whenever some one appears to be more than usually interest-
ed or in earnest she is closely watched and it is very difficult to
get her to speak freely; there is sure to be some kind of an inter-
ruption and all further talk on that subject will stop and some-
thing else be brought up.

One of those learning to read says she prays that she
may be able to read soon so that she can read the Bible for her-
self and she called it her own book. There are many who really
enjoy the Bible readings and remember much of what they have
heard and can relate a parable or miracle in their own words.

This attitude on their part enables us to speak freely and
makes one think of the manner in which the refreshing showers
are absorbed by the parched earth. God grant that it may be so
and that many thirsty ones may be led to partake of the Water of
Life and so find refreshment for their souls."

Miss Smith in her house to house visiting finds many willing
to be taught in her little groups of ones, twos and threes. If a
girl is married and has to discontinue her lessons there are always
others waiting anxiously to be placed on her lists. She writes,
"These women back of whom are thirteen centuries of unbelief
and who have been trained from childhood to despise the truth—
whose creed is to reject the One who is able to save them and to
disbelieve and give no place in their hearts to any other belief, are
touched by the Gospel. They confess 'You Christians have it all, you
are in heaven already'; another woman said, 'My heart breaks
when I hear of God's love'; another's eyes fill with tears as she
hears that Jesus suffered for sinners and is disappointed and
pained when He sees that His people are away from Him.

Think of such expressions as these, 'In a short time we all
will be like you'—'We are coming closer to you.' 'We are follow-
ing you in dress and in ways of living and one day we will accept
your faith.' 'What you say gladdens our hearts and we would like to let go everything and be like you.'"

May they look to Him and desire to be like Him who is able. The eye of faith sees the day approaching. Miss Fallon writes: "Here are some of the incidents in my work that have interested me much. Since Bishop Robinson spoke to us about testifying more than we do in our work, I have found it helped the women to hear how Christ helped me and keeps me from sin. It was quite a new experience to have two women ask me to pray for their husbands, that they might give up their evil ways, and when I told them that they must first believe that Christ can save and also pray for themselves and their husbands they said 'yes, we will.'

In speaking of another man who was a good kind husband, one of these women said 'Oh, that is because he is more a Christian than anything else.'

The first time I visited one house a man asked me to bring him a Bible and when he was going out he said to his wife and sister 'listen carefully to all the Mensahib says for she will tell you the truth.' He had often heard the Gospel from a well known minister and is eager to know more about the Christian religion.

Once among my hearers were two boys about 10 or 12 years of age. I was speaking about Christ going amongst sinners and fearing lest these boys would think they could do the same without being learned by the evil company, I gave them an illustration of how a doctor would go with impunity among sickness of all kinds because he had a cure and one of the boys said 'Yes, and Christ has the cure for sin, so He went among sinners.'

The children are always so interested and keep begging to have the Scripture lesson and hymns. Those in the schools answer so brightly in Scripture. The little ones in the street are always asking for papers. They cannot read so I cut out the advertisement pictures from old magazines and catalogues and give them to these little ones. In this way I have made friends with many of the mothers, who call out through their windows to me as I pass, and are so pleased about the pictures. One little boy caught me by the hand and took me into his house shouting 'mother, I have brought the Mensahib to tell you about Christ.'"

Miss C. Smith writes about the schools. "It has been my privilege to teach in the day schools for some years and the deep appreciation and interest shown by some of these people is most gratifying. I supervise three Day Schools and teach one hundred and twenty children during a week. There are many difficulties in the way of reaching this people. They are slow to cast off their old habits and superstitions. The children come with knotted strings around their necks and ankles. When asked what these are for they quite confidently reply 'I was sick and this is to make me well.'

In the schools some progress is being made against this ignorance and superstition. One little girl always repeats the Golden
Text of the Sunday School lesson to her mother when she goes home. In the review on Sundays she also remembers the former texts. Another little girl brought her older sister with her to the Sunday School to hear the singing and was so happy to show her sister what she had learned. Many times women from the neighbourhood come to the Sunday Schools. They often come from curiosity, but the remarks they make are often very encouraging.

"Our people would never take this trouble." "You give our children good advice." "All was good. "It is quite wrong of us to say anything against this teaching."

The Industrial School furnishes support for from ten to twelve women, and in this work the "line upon line" and "precept upon precept" is producing some changes.

The support for this work is from the New England, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Des Moines and Topeka Branches.

Hyderabad English Church Women's Work

The Lord has indeed proved to be our Refuge and Strength and a very present Help. Though many discouragements have come, we have realized our Master's presence with us all the time, and we do praise Him for the way in which He has so blessed and helped us in our work this year.

We were able to organize a Ladies' Aid Society in the beginning of February with thirty members on the roll. The ladies have taken great interest and the mite boxes have been filled and gathered in every month and we have realized about Rs. 10 on an average per member from this source. The young ladies with their sewing class have done excellently and have helped very materially in increasing the funds. A concert was organized by another section of the Ladies' Society and brought in Rs. 115. Thus in these various ways this Society has netted about Rs. 275 during the year and helps towards the up-keep of the Home for Anglo-Indian children which was opened last July and now has ten inmates whose average age is eight years. These children are under the care and supervision of Miss Alice Murray. The Home is supported by Societies and organizations within the Church such as Ladies' Aid, Epworth League, Social Service Mission as also by the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., H. M. Society and by the generous contributions of many kind friends.

The work in our two Sunday Schools has been faithfully carried on. The Cradle Roll Department was organized this year of which I was made the Superintendent. I have six babies on the roll and each has been given a certificate of membership. One of the Sunday Schools gives a monthly contribution for Missionary work and this year the contribution amounted to Rs. 15. The
Children's Day Service was held in August, at which Rs. 50 were realized and applied to the Conference Educational Fund.

The Epworth League has also kept up its reputation for usefulness. Gifts in kind and cash have been generously distributed, the sick have been visited, tracts have been given around and Temperance work efficiently carried on. The Epworth League contributes Rs. 15 per mensem towards the Home and School for Anglo-Indian children. Our Social Service Mission has been continued this year and I have the honour of being its Secretary and Treasurer. Rupees 50 are given by this Mission to the aforementioned Home and Rs. 4 per mensem to a helper who is expected to visit the poor classes of the domiciled community and encourage them to attend the Church services. About fifteen to twenty of them turn out every Sunday.

We pray that God may bless us in the coming year and give to us more tangible results in the work to which He has called us.

Maude E. Ross deSouza.

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Ruth A. Partridge

Bible-women:—Lucy Ambiah, Martha Venkatayya, Chendrama Chinayya, Ramaajama Thomas, Ruth Rejanna, Rachel Buchanan, Jeevama Devanandam, Janikama Fraser, Nagama David (8 months), D. Sachama, Kruppama (6 months), N. Sachama (8 months), Rachel John (8 months).

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Another year has gone by and when we look back to consider what the Lord has done for us our hearts are lifted up in praise and thankfulness for answered prayer, for help and for guidance. At the beginning of the year many hearts were burdened when we thought of the ever increasing number of Christians and the few workers there were to shepherd the flock, we were led to pray that God would raise up for Himself workers from amongst the village Christians. Shortly after this, one couple went to the Bible Institute for training, others asked admission. A young man took position as cart driver in order that he might have opportunity to study and fit himself for Christian work. To-day he is doing good work in the Master's vineyard. An old woman was remarkably converted. Having given up the drink habit and other evils she is now helping in Bible-woman's work. When asked by her former companions what makes the change in her life she answers "I am with God's people. He helps me."
These are only a few instances; besides, there are those who do voluntary work, teaching in Sunday Schools and working in connection with the Epworth League.

During the year one of our Bible-women was called away for service above. Her place was left vacant for two months. We wondered then what could be done. After the memorial service which was held in the village where she worked I asked for volunteers to help until some one should come to take her place. A young man said he would teach the Sunday School, another offered to hold the Night School, and another said he would do such visiting as he could with the help of another man. They carried on the work to the best of their ability until help came.

God's Spirit has not been manifested in our midst by a mighty rushing wind where hundreds would have been baptized, but by the still small voice that speaks to the hearts of people, convincing of sin and assuring of forgiveness and of eternal life. We trust in God, who has put upon the hearts of India's own children the burden of soul-saving, to call from amongst them many workers for his vineyard, that in the coming year there may be a great ingathering of souls, even the hundreds that are now waiting for baptism.

The progress of the work is especially marked in the deepening of the spiritual life of the village Christian, which has been the result of severe tests of faith during persecution and epidemics of diseases. "You may take my lands and all my earthly possessions, but Christ is mine" said one man to his persecutors before a crowd of people. When the drums beat and the command comes that all, even Christians must worship "Poshama" (the Small-Pox goddess) and bring offerings to the shrine, Christians take a bold stand and gather together every night with the preacher to ask God's protection over them. God heard these prayers. It seemed wherever heathen worshipping was done, the disease visited almost every house, and where God's people met to worship Him no pestilence came nigh. They have learned to believe more and more in a personal Saviour, and in times of distress and trouble to know from whence cometh their help. Especial attention has been given to the cause of temperance with definite results. Many have become total abstainers, testifying to the peace and happiness that has come into their homes since giving up drink. We cannot lay too much stress on this line of work as it is one of the evils that is a great hindrance to our work. We thank God for what has been accomplished. With His help we hope to fight this for the coming year until every Christian shall be a total abstainer. Thirteen Bible-women work in thirty-seven villages from nine centres. There have been two hundred and fifty baptisms during the year.

The Bible-women have done good faithful work and God has blessed their labours of love. In August Rachel John was called to her Heavenly home. Soon after, a village woman who was
her helper, was called also. The Lord heard our prayer and these places have been filled. I thank God every day for the privilege that is mine, that it is possible for me to spend the greater share of my time in touring. From January until July I lived in the villages in close touch with the people. They came to my camp from distant villages to ask for guidance and for instruction. There was no Bible-woman with me then, so I had to do all of the work by myself. It is a great blessing to have Kruppama to help now; she is untiring in her labours, enduring well the hardships connected with touring.

May God help us each one to press forward until "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as waters that cover the sea."

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have been praying for us during the year. We give special thanks to the Des Moines, Cincinnati, Pacific, Baltimore and Northwestern Branches for the support of this work.
Madras District

MEMOIR OF MISS NESTA MURIEL DOYLE

In the Vepery Madras Parsonage, which was once known as 'Stella Lodge' and which has been the home of many of God's people here, Miss Nesta Muriel Doyle was born in 1874. She was a petted child of a devoted father; often she was seen as a child seated on her father's knee in our Methodist Church at Vepery. When she was a few years older she attended the Sunday School, and promised her teacher, Miss Stephens, to love and serve God. Through the influence and advice of that teacher, she went to the Baldwin Girls' School, Bangalore, as a boarder in 1893. She was there for two and a half years and then left with her parents for a station out of Madras where she continued her studies. In 1896, Miss Doyle returned to Bangalore and was for a short period a teacher in the Baldwin Schools. In the meantime both her parents died, and remembering her father's promise to Miss Stephens to be a Mission worker, she returned to Madras, and joined the W. F. M. S. work in 1897 as an assistant.

She was greatly beloved, and was always courteous, affable and pleasant and went amongst the women and children in the villages, zenanas and schools as a burning and shining light.

A few years ago Miss Doyle was recommended and accepted by the Conference as a probationary Deaconess. At our last Annual Conference she was made a full member of our Conference; but alas, her health was failing and for several months she was very poorly. But up to the last, notwithstanding her ill-health, she bravely continued her work. To comfort His poor weak child, the blessing of the Lord rested upon her work in a special manner. On the morning of the 16th of December, 1912, heart failure set in and in a few hours this handmaid of the Lord was "Safe in the arms of Jesus." She lovingly thanked all who had ministered to her and up to the last triumphantly gave the assurance that Jesus was with her.

There was joy in Heaven and among the angels when this blood-washed soul entered its portals to meet her Lord.
MADRAS BIBLE WOMAN AND ZENANA PUPIL
Woman's Missionary Conference

Evangelistic Work, Zenana, Village and Evangelistic Day Schools

MISS GRACE STEPHENS ... ... ... Missionary

Miss D’Jordan, Miss Young and Miss Lewis, Assistant Missionaries; Sooboonagam Ammal, Miss Z. Stanley Murray and Miss Hesterlow, Assistants.

Bible women—Isobella Benjamin, Sarah Sullivan, Ruth Stokes, Rachel, Katherine, Sowbackium, Paulina, Umuruthum (9 months), Annamal (6 months), Phillomine (6 months); Assistant Bible-women—Abbie, Backium (6 months), Alice (6 months); Evangelist—Elizabeth; Teachers—Emma, Joseph, Timothy, Anmal (8 months), Sarah (6 months), Mooniamal (6 months), Devasumuthum (9 months), Israel (3 months), Swamidoss (3 months), Martha (3 months), Gnanum (3 months), and Jeavamony (3 months).

“His banner over me was Love”

Soon after our last Annual Conference, the death angel visited our home, and dear Miss Nesta Muriel Doyle, who was connected with the mission for 15 years, was taken from us. For several months Miss Doyle was in poor health, but she went on with her work bravely and well. Early on the morning of the 16th December, 1912, we were called to her bed-side. Heart failure had set in and in a few hours she was “Safe in the arms of Jesus.” She thanked us for all our care and ministration to her and with many assurances of the abiding presence of Jesus, she went to meet her Lord. There was joy in heaven as that blood-washed soul entered into its portals. Lovingly we laid her to rest till the resurrection morn, and reverently we took up the work she had laid down. Miss Doyle was always affable, happy and courteous. Her work in the mission will not be forgotten. Her name is a household word here and I trust it will live in the hearts of the people with whom she laboured for so many years.

Now, we have to write about the “living,” whose privilege it is to continue their blessed work for the Master.

Miss Evelyn D’Jordan

This dear worker, who is so spiritual and faithful in her zenana work, praises God for all the countless blessings He has bestowed upon her and upon her work. She works with the highest classes of Hindu ladies and is their friend, teacher and comforter. She is one with them and with me in our joys and sorrows, and labours arduously in her four districts of zenana work. Many of the idols in my “Trophy Room” are from Miss D’Jordan’s work. Miss D’Jordan writes of her women:—‘Many of our women are keeping true and faithful to Jesus under much trial and disappointment. Surrounded by idolatry and super-
stition, our visits mean much to them and are often their only comfort. Our hearts are made glad to hear their bright testimonies. Jeyamall says:—'Whenever I take up the Bible portion to learn, I feel so sleepy and tired. I know satan does this, because he does not like God and he wants to keep me from pleasing Him but I always pray to God to make me good and pure' and, beating her breast, she said:—'Satan, you must not stay here, you must go away and not tempt me!' Mogani is trusting Jesus and is trying to be His child in the heathen home. Her father spends hours upstairs making "poojas" to the gods, but—pointing to a corner at the end of the house—she said: 'It is here I come whenever I can and I pray to the true God, Jesus.'

Another Hindu woman parted with some sacred sand from the Ganges river, which a friend had given her saying it was a true passport into heaven if only a pinch of sand was given to a dying person! Giving it to me Govindamal said:—'I believe God alone can save us and fit us for heaven if we trust Him.' Thus, the Lord is leading us and giving us the joy and assurance of His Spirit's power in our midst.

Miss Fanny Young

This good worker continues to abound in every good work. Her duties are numerous and varied, but with a very willing and cheerful heart she undertakes to do all that is given to her. We can always count upon her for everything and Miss Young rises to every emergency. With the help of Sooboonagam Ammal, Miss Young does all the evangelistic work in many villages and she also has the Hindustani zenana work in one district. Miss Young gives a few instances of wonderful changes in the hearts and lives of some of the women among whom she works. She says:—'Murrueh Autchamma was named after the goddess Autchamma and every year in the month of August it was her custom to visit this goddess' temple at Durgah. She used to save up her money during the year to buy fowls, flowers, and fruit, and sometimes a sheep, for this visit to the temple. In the beginning of this year she came under our influence and she gave her heart to Jesus. In August her husband asked her if she was not going to the temple this year as usual. She told him that she now loves the Lord Jesus and no more believes in her old gods. Her husband was very pleased to hear this for he too had learnt to love Jesus and we had the joy of seeing these two souls receive baptism not long ago. Murugama every January visited the temple of Thirthani to perform vows. This year, as she gave her offering to the priest to lay it on the altar,—for she, poor soul, could not go into the temple being a low caste woman—she felt that it was all very unsatisfying. She came back to Madras feeling very unhappy and sad to think that her gods were failing her. We met her in one of our villages and told her the-
story of Jesus and His love. She said:—’Why, it is just the thing I need.’ She not only found the Lord, but she received baptism together with her children. These are but two instances of what God has wrought in our midst this year and for which I praise Him.’

**Miss Lydia Lewis**

Faithful in all things, Miss Lewis is devoted to her work. Besides her two districts of zenana work, she helps in many things connected with the mission. Miss Lewis has had several changes in her department with regard to her Bible-women, but she proved equal to the situation and often did her own and her Bible-woman’s work. Miss Lewis says:—”It is a great joy to me to find how eager the women are to receive Gospel portions and often in the midst of persecution, they study the Scriptures.

“Amani of the Mudaliar caste, is a secret believer. She has gone through a lot of trouble with her relatives, but withal, testifies beautifully of her faith and trust in Jesus and says that her only comfort is in the little zenana hand-book which we gave her and which she studies. She is very fond of the hymn, ‘One there is above all others, oh, how He loves’ and when visiting her friends, she sings this hymn to them. One of her friends when she sang this hymn said ‘What a beautiful hymn it is! I would like to get a book like yours and learn it. I wish you would tell someone to come and teach me. Another dear woman, the mother of one of our pupils, is a true Christian at heart. She is totally blind and has to be helped by others, but her testimony is beautiful to hear. Although she cannot see anyone, nor anything about her, still she feels that Jesus is near her all the time. She says that whenever Jesus comes for her she is ready to go as she does not wish to be a burden to anybody. Her one desire is that her daughter and grand-daughter should learn to love Jesus. I started teaching the daughter lately, but the dear old woman said: ‘Teach my grand-daughter also, not only the secular lessons, but principally the Bible.’ May the Lord bless these dear women who profess so truly to be His children, and help them to be shining lights for Him in their dark homes.”

**Sooboonagan Ammal**

My good Sooboo is fully identified with this big mission as one of its great workers. Her principal outside work is the evangelistic work which she does with Miss Young in the many villages. Sooboo’s work in the home is manifold. It is wonderful that one who was once so steeped in idolatry and heathenism, should now be, in the Lord’s cause, “The succourer of many.” This is the Lord’s doing, and we are glad. Sooboo writes:—”The past year has been one of the most blessed years in my life, and God has indeed blessed my humble work for Him in the villages. We
have had several baptisms among the village women, and there are several more to take baptism soon, but there is one I would especially like to write about. This woman who was living in the Artuthoti village used to give us a lot of trouble by making fun and laughing at us whenever we preached there, but we always feel that all these trouble-giving people are the ones who make good Christians when they give their hearts to Jesus. One day this woman told us that she after all had found out that Jesus is the only Saviour in the world. We were very happy indeed to hear her say this, and I instructed her for baptism. She promised me that she would take baptism after her baby was born. Shortly after, to our great sorrow, when we went into the village, we heard that she had died a few days after her baby came, but the people in the village told us that Unkattamma's last words were: 'My Jesus, your great love has redeemed poor me.'—We were very happy to hear her last testimony from the people. Thus God is blessing us and our work for Him."

**Miss Zoe Stanley Murray**

My many years of work in this mission make me realize more than ever how much I need my Secretary. A good Secretary and Stenographer is such a blessing, and this is what Miss Murray is to me. So I say, "God bless her, and God bless the ones who give her to me, and support her for me." I leave Miss Murray to tell of her work. "Each new day brings fresh duties and great responsibilities of service to me in my capacity as Secretary and stenographer, but I have proved God's power to help, and I realize more and more that my work is identified with the mission as largely as the work of those in the different other departments. The reading, writing, typing, keeping of accounts, etc., all tend to promote this great missionary cause, and God's work is being done through them all. I count it a privilege to do some out-door work also for the Master by carrying the message to several Mohammedan women in their zenana. I am glad to say that the women look forward to my visits, and are always willing to have me sing and speak to them. It is not often that I can get the attention of all the household, for some of them are busy with domestic duties, but I am glad to give the story of Jesus and His love to as many of them as will listen. Especially do I try to get the younger members of the household to come and learn, and I am encouraged to find that little Choti Bee is slowly learning the chorus of 'The Best Friend to have is Jesus' and 'Jesus loves me' in her own language, and her aunt is a good listener to the Word. Thus, in a very feeble way, I am trying to do something in this great battle for God and truth,' and although I often realize my inability and weakness, yet I thank God that He is daily teaching me to be faithful in the "little things," and He has helped me "to find my niche and
fill it to the best of my ability with the largest amount of usefulness."

**Miss Alice Hesterlow**

I daily realize that Miss Alice Hesterlow, who only came to us a few months ago in the place of Miss Nesta Doyle, is "God's true Missionary." She has taken up her work in the eight different village Evangelistic Day Schools bravely and well. There is much scope for work in her department, and the duties are arduous for a young new worker like her, but Miss Young and Sooboo are always willing to help her, and with their aid, this worker is doing much for God. Miss Hesterlow says: "I have been working in these Evangelistic Day Schools for the last few months. There are eight of them situated at varying distances from half a mile to four miles from the mission house. The children who attend these schools come from the poorest, and some from the lowest classes, yet some of them have the happiest and most beautiful faces. Some of them even are very bright and clever. To me, these children just seem like so many buds gathered, to be watched and tended—buds, full of life, waiting as it were for the love of Christ to flow into the heart of each, and thereby open them so that they, in time, may bear fruit. When talking with the children I've sometimes to my great joy heard from some little soul of how much she loves Jesus. Sometimes, too, the Christian influence of one child will be told to me by some of the others. One day while I was visiting one of my schools at Pullyanthope, I discovered the children with a clay idol of the elephant-headed god "Ganesh" amongst them, and in which they were interested. It was this god's feast day, and here were these children preparing to worship this idol. These children had been taught of the love of Christ, and some of them personally knew what Jesus meant to them, yet the grip of custom, and the inherent fear of these mythological gods had so firm a hold on them that they felt bound to do what they were doing. I assured them that they need fear nothing so long as they believed in Jesus. This gave them new courage and they handed over their idol to me saying how sorry they were that they had grieved God, and promised never to worship idols again. I thanked God that day for using me in such a special manner. It was but His grace that enabled me to do what I did. God grant that I may help to gather in the children for Christ's kingdom."

**Bible-women**

Among all the Bible-women, although I would like to report upon each one of them separately, for all are doing good work, yet, for want of space, and as Isobella Benjamin and Ruth Stokes have been the longest in the mission, I record their names, and give them the privilege of saying a little about their work.
Isobella Benjamin says: “In every house I visit I find the zenana women are willing to receive us and to learn to read and to work. They often testify that they believe in Jesus, and acknowledge Him as the true God and Saviour. I will just briefly show how the faith of some of the women are tried. Three young women and their mother firmly believe in Jesus, but their father hates the Christian faith. He tried to convince his wife and daughters that it was wrong to believe in the Christian religion, but they told him that they believed it was right. He was very angry with them for saying this to him, but they have me come and teach them when he is not at home. Another young married Hindu girl says:—‘I find it hard to study the Bible lessons because my husband, brother, and grand-mother scold me for doing so. I have to get up early in the morning, at 4 o’clock, and hiding the Book in my cloth, I take it to the kitchen, read it there, and pray to Jesus a short prayer for help. I do rejoice when I hear these testimonies, and I feel that God is blessing my work.’” Ruth Stokes reports: “By the grace of God I am working for the past eight years. When I first began this work in the zenanas, the women were afraid to learn or hear the Scriptures because as they were the wives of learned men, they did not receive Christians, nor care to talk to them. Now they freely hear God’s word, and read it too with gladness. One day while Kalayaniamal and I were talking on religious subjects, she told me that one of her servants came to her one day, saying that there was a devil on the jack fruit tree in her garden, and asked for money to perform certain ceremonies to drive it out. When she refused to give the money, he said: ‘It will do some harm to the children.’ But she would not give him the money. Shortly after, her only son got quite ill, and the man said it was because she refused to perform the rites to drive the devil out, but she asked him, ‘Has the devil greater power than God?’ Her son soon recovered. Kalayaniamal believes in Jesus and in prayer and teaches her children religious things. Other women who were once afraid to even whisper the name of Jesus, are now learning to sing our hymns, and learn about Jesus. I hope and pray that God will bless all the women, and answer my prayers for them.”

Elizabeth

No report would be complete unless “poor old Elizabeth” had her “say” in it! She would feel very much slighted if she was put aside. She is not as strong physically as she once was, and the feet do not run as fast, but she is still my worker and the large-hearted Elizabeth always ready and always willing to help. Her own words will suffice to tell you of her work. ‘When my mother, Stephens Ammal, asking me to write a report about my work I feel that Jesus knowing about my work, and I must
now write to please Him, because people will read in this report what Jesus is doing through poor old Elizabeth. Although I am getting old, I am still young in my working for Jesus. I still in the evangelistic work. I had several good conversions in my work, some have taken baptism, others got plenty troubles, but I praying day and night to God to open way for them to take baptism. One woman who leading sinful life I told about Jesus and the woman of Samaria. She first done got very angry with me, but now she loving Jesus, and leading good life. In one another village, one woman give me plenty trouble. Every time Elizabeth preaching Jesus' word, she saying, 'Elizabeth barking like one dog!' She always say plenty bad words too, but I no get angry. Soon she and her child learn to love Jesus, and both took baptism. I, Elizabeth, praying plenty for these peoples.'

Joseph

Another factor in this work is Joseph, our village worker and preacher. Joseph is not versed in literature, and cannot pass examinations, but he knows some of the "deep things" of God, and notwithstanding all the changes in the work and among the workers, Joseph seems to go on forever.

He writes—"I know I am not at all worthy to do this great work, but God has chosen me to be His worker. I was taken from the streets and dust, but now, I am the Joseph to preach and teach about Jesus Christ who makes the weakest the strongest in His great work. Elkencherry is a village about four miles away from the city of Madras. I go there every morning to do street-preaching, and then gather the children in for my school. After the school hours, I go and visit other villages close by, and tell about the great love of Jesus, to which the people eagerly listen. I have had very many blessings in my work, and I do praise God for His goodness."

There are other teachers besides Joseph that I would like to write about but the want of space does not permit me to do so. Their names and their work are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. I feel that to do a successful work, the workers must be spiritual. God must have the first place in our hearts, so, by word, exhortation, and prayer, the work goes on, and I myself have been much blessed in helping the workers to do their work. There are many things I would like to write about in detail, such as our little "At Homes" for our zenana women, our evangelistic campaign in the zenanas, the Scripture examinations, the groups of people who were baptised at different times in the villages, etc., but all this was in the day's work for Jesus and to Him we give all the praise.

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Grace Stephens.
Girls' Orphanage and Educational Work

EVALYN TOLL ... ... ... Missionary

Miss J. Gordon, English Assistant, City Schools; Miss Harman, English Assistant, Orphanage; Miss Goodair, Matron.

Orphanage Teachers—Thanam Isaiah, Thayamony Isaiah, Adaikalam, Gnanasebam David, Mary Downs, Vethamanickam, Lilly Subbiah, Rane Mary.

Pudupet Teachers—E. Murugammal, Jenny Young, Jagathambal, Susan Mary.


Lace Department—Meenambal and Lillian.

Nurse—Mamie Rudisill.

In glancing back over the year’s work I feel as though I had been a Martha, “cumbered with much serving.” Nevertheless the service has been a pleasure. Whether from the horde of duties that daily presented themselves we have selected only the necessary ones, or those which appeared to be so, remains yet to be seen.

City Schools.—Although we have not had as much time as we would like to give to Choolai and Pudupet, we feel that with Miss Gordon as English Assistant and one of our own girls as Head Mistress in each school with a staff of trained teachers, good work is being done.

Not only are the Government requirements met, but little hearts who have no other Christian influence are taught to look to Jesus. Some of them refuse to worship idols and in spite of the opposition of their parents, pray the Lord’s Prayer.

We have just concluded the Annual Scripture Examination. All the children who had been regular in attendance passed with credit to themselves and teachers. We have the promise that “My word shall not return unto me void” so we believe the future harvest will be abundant.

Orphanage.—Faithful work has been done in the school by the teachers and the results in the different standards are fairly satisfactory. One teacher in giving her report says: “There are two kinds of children in my class. Those who work hard and those who never work hard.” Very like American children are they not? The annual promotions have just been made with the results that the first kind are happier than the second.

Miss Harman came to us in July as English Assistant in the Orphanage. The classes have been regularly taught and are making progress. The Head Mistress writes: “There has been no doubt, cause for disappointment and discouragement, but there have also been evident tokens of the grace of God and
Jesus Christ in the hearts of the larger number of girls, who are educated and trained, not only to be good Christian wives and mothers, but also to be His witnesses in the different spheres to which they go. I am glad to say that they have been proving themselves in every way useful as Christian workers, ever trying to bring others under the elevating influence of our Lord and Master."

The three girls who finished their two years' course in the London Mission Bible Training School last May, have entered Miss Stephens' work as Bible-women. Another, who has finished her probationary work, has been taken as a regular worker. Two other girls are taking the same course this year, while another is going out with an older Bible-woman as a probationer.

Four girls have married. One lives in the city and is still teaching in one of the city schools. Another married one of our young men who is taking Bible training in our Biblical Institute in Hyderabad. She also is taking the Bible-woman's course. We expect that they will return to our district to work after they have completed the course. Two girls who finished the seventh standard course last year are taking their Teachers' Training in the Presidency Training School for Mistresses. Although the school is at a distance they go daily and walk much of the way to save expense.

One of our nurses has just completed her third years' nursing-course in the Wesleyan Mission Hospital, Mysore, and has received a call to our Kolar Hospital to fill an important vacancy for a year. Still another is taking the first year's work in nursing.

The lace and embroidery teachers have been kept busy. Though the proceeds from the sale of work have been small there are greater hopes for the coming year.

The health of the school has been much better this year than last; though in a family of one hundred and sixty coming from different homes, with all sorts of inheritances, it is not remarkable that some are sick.

We have found Kolar Hospital a great help to us again this year though we are thankful that it has not been necessary to send so many girls for treatment. One little girl, Thayar, about ten years old was discovered to have leprosy. She was a heathen child when she was brought to us, with no relatives. After she had been with us for some time she asked to be baptised and chose as her name Mabel. She has a happy disposition and is a true little Christian. We have heard how she was busy talking about Jesus to the patients in the Government Leper Hospital, where she was placed till other arrangements could be made for her. Dr. Parker of the Madura Mission has kindly consented to take her into their new Hospital for Lepers and she is now under her care.

Three times the Angel of Death has visited our home, and called Elizabeth, about eleven years of age, and two older girls,
Annapurani and Siromony, both gave beautiful testimony to the love of Jesus and were ready and willing to go to be with Him.

Life in the Orphanage although it has not been ideal, has been encouraging. We have watched with interest the struggles and defeats of each girl and have been pleased to see that though the struggle has been severe and sometimes the failure complete, there has also been the final victory over self and sin. The Day of Prayer was a means of grace to all of us for the Holy Spirit was present with power.

May the blessing of God rest upon our co-workers in America who, in faith, labour, and pray for the success of this work—theirs and ours.

Evalyn Toll.

Tinnevelly Work

The way our work opened in the extreme South of India is a rather interesting story. Probably so many of the Bishops of our Church were never individually consulted about any work the Church has ever undertaken, when the apparent issues at stake were so small.

In the first place Bishop Oldham was addressed as early as the spring of 1905, and requested to take over small congregation of seceders from the Church of England in Tuticorin, some 250 souls who, on the ground of extreme ritualistic tendencies, had forsaken the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, built a church building for themselves, and had regularly conducted services for the space of three years, in the mean time requesting the Wesleyan Church in Madras to come to their aid and receive them. The Wesleyans, however, were hindered from doing so by some agreement they had made with the S. P G., and though they expressed sympathy with these Protestants, they kept their distance. The Brethren offered help, but the Tuticorin congregation was not anti-nomian. They set themselves to get the Methodist Episcopal Church to take them in. Bishop Oldham referred them to Brother Grose, then District Superintendent, and they presented their petition to him. He told them to bring it before the Conference at Hyderabad, our Jubilee Conference, in December, 1906 and they gave him a printed petition which he accordingly presented there. This petition was supported by Bishops Oldham, Thoburn, Foss and Fitzgerald, all of whom had been requested to aid Tuticorin, but the South India Conference voted it down. The other jubilee visitors were likewise in favor of it, including Dr. Leonard, but had no voice in the Conference. Mr. Baker in particular was opposed to the proposition, and Bishop Robinson coincided with him in this stand.
When the Conference was over, Bishop Oldham told Mr. Kingham to take a holiday and incidentally spend it in Tuticorin. The Indian brethren there had agreed to pay his expenses in the local hotel. He went and spent Christmas in their midst, visiting from house to house, and asking numerous questions about the condition of the Church members. He saw that they were not all of one caste, nor had they left the Anglican Church on account of some little caste dispute as was alleged, but that there were already five or six castes represented in the congregation. He prayed with them, preached to them once or twice, and came away, reporting the whole matter to Bishop Oldham. The latter had not been idle, but had written the Bishop of Tinnevelly regarding the matter. Bishop Williams had courteously responded that it was a little family quarrel and that if strangers kept hands off, all would speedily be settled up. If it were not settled within a year, we might consider ourselves at liberty to proceed with the matter again.

A year passed but the Tuticorin people were still writing Mr. Kingham from time to time and about Christmas time in 1908, at the request of Bishop Oldham, he went to Tuticorin a second time to give the people the Lord's Supper, which they had not had for a long time. They received him gladly and he visited from house to house again and learned more about their affairs, told the Bishop all about it and interested his new District Superintendent, Mr. Baker, in the matter. Mr. Baker sent him thither again early in 1909 at the urgent request of the people, and in April, 1909, after writing to Bishop Robinson, they were surprised and delighted to find that God had made it as clear to the Bishop as he had to them, that He wanted them to enter Tuticorin. On the 23rd May, 1909, the little Church had its prayers fulfilled, being received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the First Quarterly Conference of the Tuticorin Church was held there the following morning.

It was their realization of the encroachments of Romanism in the Anglican Church which had driven them out: the priestly garments, genuflections, positions at the altar, incense, tapers, sanctus bell, the cross upon the altar, even the confessional had made its appearance in the South of India, in Churches which had once been highly evangelical. In the Methodist Church they found a simplicity of ritual and service which accorded with their desires.

When the villagers learned that the Methodist Mission was established in Tuticorin, they took their first opportunity to visit the missionary. There were people there who had some of the same difficulties as those in Tuticorin, and one man came walking forty miles to tell his story. Eventually they showed such good reason for him to visit them that he agreed to do it with Mr. Baker's consent, on the express understanding that we were unable to furnish those who were asking us with schools, education or
workers, but only with spiritual instruction. In village after village, he found that the Sacraments had not been administered at all for years. Children of Christian parents had come to the age of eighteen without baptism, in the territory of a Church which believes,—that branch of it believes,—in baptismal regeneration. After examination he baptized some of these. After visiting a few more villages and baptizing some two-hundred more, he returned to Madras and reported the matter to Mr. Baker. That year the numbers grew and at its close there were altogether 1,232 names on the registers instead of the 132 who were enrolled at the close of 1909.

That was clear gain of 1,100 in one year, 1910. The following year showed a less increase, and so did this year, but the rolls this year show a congregation of 2,330 and an increase of 809 souls or 53 %

This has not come without persecution and difficulty on all sides. Some incidents have been amusing, some pathetic. When our work first started in the villages to the north-east, the house of brother D. Vedanayagam was burned down in his absence. Brother Abraham's house was burned and his property looted because he was the only caste convert in a village where his own relatives were very rich. His back was cut open by the blows of a staff and he had to go to hospital for ten days. In one village nineteen houses were destroyed by fire, the incendiary was suspected and bound over to keep the peace. The little thatch-roofed Church-building there was in the line of fire, but just before it could reach the Church, the wind changed and turned it the other way.

We ourselves have not been free from the troubles of our people. In July we were obliged to leave our quarters and find another house, the landlord, a Roman Catholic, having been told that he would have to either put us out of his house or be put out of the Church. He chose the lesser of two evils. We got out at fifteen days' notice.

The brother of D. Vedanayagam died suddenly when in apparent health. The symptoms were those of arsenic poisoning. We have not investigated further.

Time would fail me to tell you of the afflictions of some of our people. Yet through them all, the consolations of God are not few. They rejoice in trial and hardship, and the workers have been very brave.

There has been as yet no great outpouring of the Spirit upon our people, such as we desire. They are not relieved from the cares and troubles of this world as we wish, by that infilling which gives fellowship with Christ Jesus in heavenly places. For this we pray. Our friends and workers have shown great devotedness. One or two gave their whole time to the service of the Lord without salary for six months, one for a whole year, and one for eighteen
months. Each of these men had to sell property in order to support himself in His service. They are not complaining about it at all, but rejoice in it, counting loss as gain for Jesus' sake. We are thankful that none have had to go to jail yet. That may come later. Magistrates have thanked us for the services of our workers in apprehending and convicting criminals and malefactors. They are all glad to help.

MRS. J. J. KINGHAM.
Raichur District

Circuit Evangelistic and Boarding School Work

MRS. D. P. HOTTON ... ... Missionary
Bible-women, Thirteen; Matron, Elizamma Paul, and three teachers.

This has been another happy year added to our lives in India, and we are very grateful to be able to report good things from the Raichur Circuit. The field is great and like all other fields the call for the Gospel and teachers is ever in our ears. Just this morning the oft-repeated appeal was again made “when are we to have a good teacher? We have been asking a long time. There are so many boys and girls in our village who want to be in school.” As we had, in the past two months, taken on four new Bible-women I was able to make the promise that they should have one and the women went away happy. It was to this village I made one very interesting visit with Mr. Hotton. It was a three mile walk from Raichur but the tired feeling was soon forgotten as we saw the villagers throng about us, all so eager to sing and to hear the simple story of Jesus. At the close of the long service thirty-five men, women, and children were baptized. It is always such an inspiration to work among the villagers and to see so many determined to take this one great step toward Christianity.

In spite of the fact that I have been unable to visit our Bible-women’s work and supervise it in a way that I have longed to do yet some good results have proven the faithfulness of the women. They often say how glad they would be if the Dhoresâni could visit them, and we earnestly pray that we may soon be able to do this. Some of the women are teaching day schools. Last year we had five Sunday schools conducted by the Bible-women while this year we have eleven, with a large increase in the enrollment. It is our hope that 1914 may be a year of great advancement and victory on the circuit.
Woman’s Missionary Conference

School Work

The school has been holding its own and we have been well pleased at the way the Lord has led us. We have had many things to be thankful for. On account of illness and transfers some girls have been obliged to leave, but new ones are always ready to step in to fill up the gap, and were it not for the small dormitories many more could have been enrolled. We now have forty-one boarders and six small boys as day pupils. Last week we were delighted to accept two caste girls. One a weaver whose father and she have recently been baptized. They were anxious to have her in school but had heard that ours was for low caste children. So they permitted her to come for the present saying that they would send her to another which they think is a high caste school. The other is also from the weaver caste. She is a bright child and always runs to meet me when I go to the compound. She loves me and delights to kiss my hands. We have taken special interest in both of these girls and now they say they are so happy they do not want to go away. We are hoping that the parents will see when they visit the girls, that we have not a caste but a Christian school.

Most of the girls were promoted at the mid-year examinations. The study of English has been put in all classes and it is pleasing to note how quickly the girls have taken to it. This year nineteen of them made their first attempt at the written All-India Sunday School Examination questions. Twelve of this number were small and had never had practice in the use of pen and ink. Eleven of these made passing grades and nine in the oral also passed. We are sure they will do better as they get accustomed to this phase of Bible study. Special attention has been given to sewing and cutting out frocks, and also in cooking.

We wish to heartily thank the New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Topeka and Northwestern Branches for their support in this work.

Mrs. Florence B. Hotton.

District Evangelistic Work

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

Wives of Indian Pastors and Bible-women: Gulbarga Circuit, Mrs. J. Karodi and sixteen Bible-women; Kopral Circuit, three Bible-women; Shorapur Circuit, Mrs. Desai and seven Bible-women; Yadagiri Circuit, Mrs. Lewis and two Bible-women.

“A little one shall become a thousand.”

On reviewing the work of the past year hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to God for all that He hath done.
In all the Circuits on the District there has been a notable advance, both in the number of the workers and in the work done. During the ten visits that I have made to the Circuits I have been able to come into closer touch with the women, and with their work, and to me at least these visits were both pleasant and profitable.

In Gulbarga, Mrs. Karodi, wife of the Preacher-in-charge, has had to teach a small class for the training of the wives of workers, who have had no education, most of them village women. These she teaches to read and write in Kannarese. She also teaches them Hymns and Lyrics, Bible Stories, The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed and Scripture verses. After studying in the Training School for a time they go back to the village with their husbands, and carry the message of salvation to their own people.

These women meet with all the workers for prayer at 5-30 a.m., at which time a Scripture lesson is taught and a verse committed to memory. Afterwards the women go out by twos and threes to the near villages to teach what they have learned. Returning they study in the class for one and a half hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon.

The personnel of this school is constantly changing; we have never had more than six women studying at any one time, but numbers have gone out from this school better equipped for their work. The number of Bible-women on this circuit has increased from fourteen to seventeen. Number of women and girls baptized during the year, thirty-nine. There are eighty-five enquirers asking for baptism.

During the latter part of the year Miss Joan McGregor was sent from Pandita Ramabai's work in Mukti to open up work among the high caste people of Gulbarga. This was in response to an appeal by the District Superintendent, and the coming of this elect lady with her band of twelve Maharattas has given new impetus to the work. The following from Miss McGregor will give some idea of her encouragements and discouragements during two months of effort:

"The first statement of the Brahman representative gathering was that the school for girls was desired, regardless of the fact that religious teaching would be a feature of the school, and these people declared their intention to provide the house for the school themselves. Evidently the matter was discussed among themselves afterwards, for the leaders declared their intention to have no part with it because of the Bible teaching.

"One pupil was promised and the school opened on October 1st, in our own rented house. The promised pupil did not attend, but a little girl of caste lower than Brahman was the first pupil.

"She was followed two days later by three other girls. All the Brahman gentlemen of Brahmanipura were very polite, and invited us to their houses, but their stolid opposition could be seen. In very
polite terms they told us, "No house could ever possibly be procured in Brahanipura and no children would be sent." In the house of one gentleman (who had from the beginning shown his opposition while the others were all enthusiastic) when several were discussing the question that gentleman said, "These people are like this,—they put a seed in the ground and then they wait and watch till it grows. When they put their foot in any place they never let it go,—it becomes their place. They do not change nor get discouraged wherever they get an entrance." That same gentleman had assured us that we never would be able to get a house in Brahanipura, as all were afraid of the Christian religion being taught in the school. Nevertheless, in two or three weeks' time he sent a message to state that a house which was being rebuilt could be rented by us if we liked.

"The Brahan owner of the house told us that the above-mentioned gentleman told him that we sought a house for a school and would probably pay a higher rental than any one else. The world, said he, is going to be filled with this thing whether we let them have a place or not. So you may as well reap the benefit of a higher rental and let them have it. They are good people and their purpose is good, quietly rent it to them and say little to others about it.

That house we have taken for two years, and now that and another house are offered to us for sale.

"No children will come prophesied many, but they slowly continued to increase in numbers.

One leading gentleman said, "People are afraid of caste being broken, but we have stood by and have watched, and are now decided to send our girls. People are abusing us for it but later others will follow."

"One Brahman gentleman brought his daughters and said, Teach morals, teach Parables of the New Testament, teach Catechism or anything you wish to my daughter. He was educated at a Mission School in Mysore."

On the Kopbal Circuit three babies have come to bless the homes of the three Bible-women. This and the epidemic of Plague which raged there for several months, have done much to hinder the progress of the work in that circuit, still some work has been done, as the number of baptisms, and the much greater number of enquirers, clearly reveals. Now that the Plague is stayed the women are looking forward hopefully to a good year of service.

Shorapur circuit.—Shorapur, 32 miles from Yadagiri Station, is the place where our District Conference was held this year. On our way thither we were met at the Station by the Rev. Nanappa Desai, who escorted us and Bishop Robinson to the rest-house (9 miles), and there we spent the night, going on as soon as it was light the next morning. As we passed through the villages the Christians came out to meet us with flags and tom
toms, the Bishop very graciously getting out of his palanquin to say a few words to the humble villagers, listening to their Christian Lyrics, and shaking hands with many of them. It was a very pleasant sight to see, and broke the monotony of what would otherwise have been a very tedious journey.

Arriving at Shorapur at about 11 A.M., refreshments were provided for us by Mrs. Desai, after which we went to the travellers' bungalow where we stayed throughout the entire session. The whole Conference was most interesting and inspiring.

The Women's Conference had three interesting sessions, and Mrs. Desai was unanimously chosen as President, and Martha Prakasham as Secretary. The Conference was much smaller this year than it was last, owing no doubt to the long cart journey necessary to reach Shorapur. Mrs. Desai in reporting her work says that she does not go about to visit the people, but they come to her instead. She is visited and consulted by all castes, who come into her home and eat with her, and all caste rules are laid aside while they tell her all their troubles, and she, as opportunity offers, points them to Jesus. One hundred and eighteen women and girls were baptized during the year and there are a host of enquirers, of high caste and low.

On the Yadagiri Circuit Priscillamma Lewis reports that Hindu women are more approachable, while Christian women are forgetting to quarrel and learning to present themselves clean and tidy at the public worship of God, bringing in their hands the offerings of grain and money which formerly they grudgingly gave or sullenly refused to permit their husbands to give.

We hope for a brighter day in the near future.

We wish to express our most hearty thanks to the New York, Pacific and Topeka Branches for the support so kindly given to this work.
Vikarabad District

BIDAR

Girls’ Boarding School and Orphanage

MISS E. BEIHL ... ... ... ... Missionary

The year has passed so quickly that we have scarcely had time to fix in memory the interesting points that might have been collected for a report.

Our text for the year has been, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth," and according to our faith he has fulfilled this in our lives, for many of the things that seemed impossible were made possible by His help.

We close the year with an enrollment of thirty-eight girls in the school, an increase of six over last year. In January we had our first school wedding when the two oldest girls were married. They have done faithful work throughout the year for the Master.

Eighteen of the older girls go out every Sunday with the Biblewomen to their village Sunday schools and are doing very good work. This gives them an opportunity to tell others what God has done for them and the following Friday at Junior League each girl and boy tells what has been done the previous Sunday and in this way they encourage each other to do better.

During the campaign months they never tired going out in the evenings, often to distant villages, sometimes riding in a country cart and often walking as far as six miles. We had many blessed meetings and the Lord used the testimony of these girls to reach the people.

Most of our girls are very young. Many of them are too small to provide for their own wants and only three are past thirteen, yet they do all their own work and make their own clothes.

This year we sent up twenty-four for the All-India Sunday School Examination and all passed.

Unfortunately we have not been able to secure efficient teachers but, notwithstanding, the Lord has helped us and the girls have progressed in their studies. We now have a Lower Secondary teacher but we need at least two more and trust that we may soon have them.

The health of the girls has been very good throughout the year until three months ago, when suddenly small-pox came in upon us, but we praise the Lord that only two cases developed and both recovered.
In February Miss Davids, my assistant, was transferred to the evangelistic work to assist Miss Fenderich. In July she resigned. This left us without help.

During the four months of Miss Fenderich's absence, without assistant or matron, the school work, evangelistic work and, in Rev. Hollister's absence, the building work, was carried on. This, however, left no time for language study. It was then that the Lord in a marvellous way fulfilled the promise He gave us in the beginning of the year and made the impossible things possible, even making it possible to get out into some of the distant villages where we opened three new day schools.

We rejoice that reinforcements have been sent us from Columbia River Branch and Miss Julia E. Morrow after six months of studying in the Union Missionary Language School in Bangalore will take up her work in Bidar.

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

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**BIDAR, HOMINABAD, BIRDIAPUR AND NARAINKAIRD CIRCUITS**

**Zenana, Village Evangelistic and Day Schools**

**MISS NORMA H. FENDERICH**


"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

God's help and blessing have truly been ours. It is with mingled feelings of regret and rejoicing that I report the year's work—regret that God's power has not been more fully manifested in our service, rejoicing that victory has been given us over the workings of the enemy and souls led to Christ.

Upon being released, through the coming of Rev. Hollister, from having to supervise the building work it was my privilege to spend two months' touring in our four circuits. I had planned to give most of the year itinerating among the villages but
was hindered from doing so. During the four months’ rest I was obliged to take, Miss Biehl efficiently supervised the work of the Bible-women and teachers.

The problem of the year has been how to best shepherd and train the hundreds who were gathered in the previous year. The work of teaching the village Christians, and especially the women cumbered with household and family cares, besides cooly work in the field, has been somewhat slow. Persecution has come to many of the new converts and faith has been severely tested. Though in some villages opposition has been met, in the majority of villages there are more than ever before who are willing and desirous of listening to the gospel messages. To Mohammedan and Hindu, high caste, and outcast, in zenana, field, and at many a shrine, the campaign verse of invitation “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest,” has been given.

At the beginning of the year the Bidar circuit was divided into four circuits: Bidar and Hominabad circuits (Kanarese fields) and Birdiapur and Narainkaird circuits in the Telugu sections.

**Bidar Circuit.**—Greater efficiency has been secured in this circuit in that more of the workers are stationed in the sub-circuits. Three new out stations have been manned and from seven centers the Bible-women have gone forth teaching and preaching in a hundred and twenty-six villages and fifteen mohallahs in the tour. As a result of their labors three hundred and twenty-five (one hundred and fifty-seven women and girls) have been baptized. The largest proportion of the converts from this circuit have been among the Kanarese speaking people of the two lowest castes. As the evangelistic department was without an assistant Miss P. Davids gave two months during the evangelistic campaign to the village evangelistic and zenana work in section 3 of the Bidar circuit.

**Narainkaird Circuit.**—Although Narainkaird was formed into a circuit of its own no workers were available to station here until the middle of the year, and it was necessary for Rev. Little, our Hindustani pastor, and those in the Bidar circuit to visit as frequently as they could the Christians scattered in twelve villages in this field twenty miles from Bidar. But Karlappa and his wife Krupiyamma, the couple who were with us in training the previous year, went back to their village to teach the new Christians there, and in the surrounding villages, the Scripture portions and Christian lyrics they had learned while in our boarding schools. In July Hominabad and Bidar circuits transferred three of its workers, one exhorter and two Bible-women to this great needy Telugu field, and souls were given them, and the Christians more firmly established in the faith. A large ingathering is speedily expected in this section, as the Christians are bearing faithful witness and many are being instrumental in leading their relatives into the light.
Hominabad Circuit, with its small force of workers was formally organized into a circuit at the beginning of the year. In this section the Lingaites have their head-quarters, and caste is strong, but the workers are gaining the confidence of the people and the handful of Christians now number one hundred and thirty-four, fifty-two women and girls among the number. These represent fourteen of the fifty-four villages in which work is being carried on by our three Bible-women. Great interest has been manifested by those of the shepherd caste in several of the villages and we had hoped that ere the year closed some from this higher caste and that of the barbers' caste might have publicly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ.

At the annual jathras held at the great Lingaite temple in Hominabad the Gospel message has been given to thousands who have gathered from many a distant village.

Birdiapur Circuit.—Yacob, Jacob Appa, the first of Bidar's young men to be ordained, has been placed in charge of this circuit. God has abundantly blessed his labors and those of the ones associated with him in the work. In several sections whole villages have come out, and there are indications of a great mass movement, and that in the very near future, among the Telugus. Two hundred and fifty-five men and one hundred and twenty-seven women and girls among the number have this year been baptized from those living in the ten villages.

Village schools.—As the work of the day schools proved somewhat discouraging in that the attendance of the children steadily decreased and children were withdrawn from the schools that they might watch the cattle, or work in the fields, night schools have been substituted in each circuit for the day schools and larger attendances secured, as the men and women as well as the children attend the evening classes held by the workers of the parent board and their wives.

We hope to make these schools centers of great influence in each of the villages in which they are held.

Training of Village women.—To meet the ever increasing need of Bible-women and teachers we would have each Bible-woman teach and train one village woman to assist her in the work, who will in time be able to be placed in charge of the work. Already nine-hundred and eighty-one Christian women and girls in our widely scattered field look to us for instruction. Oh that they, one and all, may truly know Christ, and be filled with His Spirit, and through them thousands be won for God.

Building work.—We are truly grateful to Rev. W. H. Hollister for the valuable service he has rendered in supervising under many difficulties the building work. We had hoped ere the year closed to have completed the entire plant, and at district conference time have had the buildings dedicated, but owing to the inability of securing needed workmen and lime the work has been greatly hindered, but the missionaries are thankful that the bungalow
will soon be ready for occupancy. Northwestern Branch and our sisters of the German work have added their gifts to those of Baltimore and Philadelphia Branches and made it possible for us to erect larger and better equipped buildings than the first plans called for. The evangelistic and day school work has been supported from the first by the Topeka branch. Philadelphia branch then took up work in this field and was followed by Cincinnati, Baltimore and Northwestern branches. To all who are supporting special work in our stations we would express our appreciation and thanks.

As I am about to lay down the work and leave for the Homeland, it is with the prayer that God's Spirit will come mightily upon Miss Biehl who has been appointed to the evangelistic work, and that it will be hers, and the privilege of the Bible-women, in the near future to see the people turning unto Christ in great numbers, and the coming of His kingdom thus hastened.

NORMA H. FENDERICH.

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**Vikarabad Evangelistic Work**

**ELIZABETH WELLS** ... ... Missionary (9 months)

**MILDRED SIMonds** ... ... Missionary (3 months)


The Evangelistic work of Vikarabad has, to all appearances, this past year been carried on under great disadvantage, and yet at the close of the year as we look out over the fields and see the ripening harvest, as we watch the great movement spreading from circuit to circuit, as we hear the gospel songs from lips which have heretofore worshipped only heathen gods, we understand that this is of God, it is His and He will cause it to prosper.

The early part of the year, Miss Wells did some touring among the villages but the demands of the school kept her very closely at home. It was my privilege to return to Vikarabad late in
August and I fully expected to spend all my time out in the district. What was my disappointment to find that because of sickness in her home Miss Wells had been summoned to America and was even then at the eve of her departure. But just the same the work moves on. God in His great kindness lets us do a little here and a little there and sometimes we make the mistake of thinking and saying "its our work, its our school, these are our villages and our Christians" but all the time we know it is His and His only.

There are in the Telugu field of the Vikarabad District fifteen hundred villages and in these we have about fifty Bible-women at work. During my year and a half of absence so many changes have taken place, there has been an advancement along so many lines, new workers have entered the field, new villages in new localities have been entered, and there are new Christians everywhere. The spirit of giving, of self-help which is being manifested among the Christian people, is very encouraging. In the Jubilee year on what is now the Vikarabad District the people, i.e., the native people, gave Rs. 371. This year their offering is Rs. 4,213.

Come with me and attend a Sunday evening service in one of the villages. There is in this village a building with stone walls and tile roof which has been built by the Christians of the village. Some way they have heard of our coming, we know this because the floor is all freshly cleaned with cowdung. The children who are members of the Sunday School and are the leaders of the singing come in and seat themselves along one side of the room. One of the men of the village, who is helper to the regular worker, acts as usher and sees that every one who comes in is properly seated. Then the music begins. Hymn after hymn, lyric after lyric, sometimes by the children, sometimes by the older people, but usually by the whole congregation, is sung. The Bible reading is portions of scripture which the people have learned. Then comes the catechism on the Life of Christ followed by a brief talk by some one present.

Then it is announced that it is time for the collection. This seems to be the time that everyone has been looking forward to. The crowd is immediately in a bustle as the women untie their pice from a corner of their saries and the men loosen theirs from their turbans or their dothies. Just as we have many times gone out into the orchard and gathered up the fruit in our aprons, the helper goes around and gathers up the offering in the tail of his shirt. Everyone holds up his money very high so that he will not be missed and some are not satisfied with this but must shout out "Here is my pice, here is my pice." This is the regular Sunday evening service.

Now come with me and attend a Quarterly Conference in one of the villages. There has been a temporary structure put up for the comfort of those attending. In the daytime the regular
business of the Conference is transacted, but in the evening the people from this and the surrounding villages gather together. After the regular program of the evening is over, the people are invited to bring forward any offering they wish to make and to tell why they make it. One man gives two rupees because twin sons have been born into his home. He has lost two sons by death but now the Lord has made it up to him by giving him two sons at once and this is his thank-offering. Another brings several chickens because, when disease was all around them, their village escaped. A boy brings twelve annas because one time when he had a very severe stomach-ache the worker had given him medicine and relieved him and thus saved his life, he says.

While this is going on we notice a disturbance in the outskirts of the crowd. There is an old grandfather who is trying to make his way to the front. But he is not alone, he is bringing something with him. As he edges the people out of the way and draws nearer we see that he is bringing two sheep, and is dragging the unwilling creatures after him. Some one says “Grandfather, why do you make this offering?” He clasps his hands in front of him, looks up and says, “Because of all the kindness God has shown to me.” Then here comes another man with two more sheep and then another until we have six sheep tied to the table legs and to the poles. The little pile of money on the table grows and when a high caste Hindu man sends his servant with a hundred rupees to add to the pile it is greatly increased. One after another makes his offering until the rupees count up to about 180. And so happy they are in their giving. But before they reach this stage they must be taught.

It is wonderful what the Lord can do with so few workers. One side of the field is opening up in a wonderful way and yet it is so far away and the roads are so poor that it is almost impossible to tour down these unless one can be free from other work and give as much time as is needed. No W. F. M. S. missionary has been able to visit this locality for nearly two years. The workers who are stationed in that field come to us and say “Please come down there. Our women need you, they are afraid and are hard to deal with but if you would only come and put some courage into them it would be a very good thing.” How hard it is to resist this appeal. But God, who is ever watchful over His work, knows the need and while we are grieving because we cannot see our way through, He is already making provision for that need.

It is a great grief to us that Miss Voigtlander must leave us and return to the homeland. She has so quickly acquired the use of the language and has found for herself a large place in the hearts of the people. But He knows why this must be, and while we are sorrowful that she must go we are rejoicing that the Lord has so quickly sent Miss Brewer to the rescue. May God bless them both.

Our Christian community now numbers many thousands. A
heavy responsibility for the women falls on the shoulders of the missionary and the Bible-women. We are very grateful for the sympathy and prayers of our sisters at home and acknowledge with thanks the financial support of the Des Moines, Columbia River, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Pacific, Minneapolis and TopekaBranches.

Vikarabad Girls’ Boarding School and Orphanage

ELIZABETH J. WELLS Missionary (on leave since August 30th)
GERTRUDE M. VOIGTLANDER ... ... Missionary

This, my first year in India, has been one of strange experiences, of trials and testings, yet one of unspeakable joy in the Master’s service. Though the road has often been rough and the way dark, His hand has guided all the way, and His face has never been hid. And it is with a heart full of gratitude for all that God has done for me and because He allowed me to serve Him here that I begin this report of the year’s work.

My first six months in Vikarabad were spent almost entirely at language study, so I could not give Miss Wells much help in the work. Yet in spite of the fact that she labored under such a burden, and had to leave undone much that she longed to do, God’s work has gone on, and He has blessed our efforts in a marvellous way. Our great struggle in the school was because of the lack of teachers. Although we tried again and again, we were not able to secure teachers competent to teach the higher classes. When I first came out, I taught some of this work, but later Miss Wells took this work so that I might have more time for the language. In August, however, we secured the much-needed teachers, and since then our work has gone on much easier.

On February 3rd occurred the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this W. F. M. S. school. The day was given over to celebrating and thanking for all that God has wrought here. In 1903 this school began with three girls. In spite of many difficulties, the number has steadily increased until we have almost reached the one hundred mark. There are at present ninety-six girls in school. It was a great joy to me as I went out on tour with Miss Simonds to see that the results of the school reach much further than the boundaries of the school itself. For in many villages we found the girls who have gone out from here doing valiant service for the Master. One of our girls was sent this year to a village where we have never had any work before. Recently there were 103 baptisms in this village and a large number are waiting to be taken into the fold. This year four girls have been married and have gone out into the villages to work.
MARY A. KNOTT'S SCHOOL GIRLS WHO WON SOUTH INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL MEDALS FOR TWO YEARS
One of our great joys this year is the spirit manifested among the girls. Early in the year a number of girls banded themselves together as a Prayer Band. Each evening they met for prayer, and each Sunday a collection was taken. Although the amount they give is small, yet this is preparing them for larger sacrifices in the future.

In July we had a thankoffering in the Sunday School. When we balanced up the books, we had nearly eighty-seven rupees. The object of the thankoffering was to increase this amount to one hundred and eighty rupees and use it for building a native worker’s house in some village where we have never had work before.

For two weeks previous to the day set for the thankoffering day, the girls did extra work to earn money to give. Some did our mending, others did sewing, others worked about the house, and the small girls did cooly work on our garden. The total offering was ninety-four rupees, about half of which came from the boys and half from the girls. This made a total of one hundred and one rupees. On our thanksgiving day another offering was taken which amounted to thirty-six rupees. We are delighted with this spirit of sacrifice on the part of the children, and above all, for the real spirit of thanksgiving manifested.

Although cholera and small-pox have raged in the villages near us, they did not enter our midst. Nor have we had much sickness during the year. Two girls were dangerously sick with pneumonia, but God spared them, and we praise Him for it. Of our baby Elsamma’s life we despaired several times. Indeed, it seems no less than a miracle that she is with us now a well, happy baby. God does care for His own in a most wonderful way.

In July came the good news that Miss Simonds would soon be with us. How we had longed for her and prayed for her safe return. When I was starting on my way to Bombay to meet her, the sad news, calling Miss Wells home, came. At first this seemed almost more than we could bear, but His grace has been sufficient. Only four days before Miss Wells had to leave, Miss Simonds returned to Vikarabad. How I could have gotten on without her just at a time when circumstances were trying indeed, I do not know. And now while we, with such a lack of faith, have been praying for a new missionary to be sent out to take the work which I must leave, comes the word that Miss Brewer is on her way. Truly, God has rewarded us not according to our merits, but according to His great mercy and love. How gladly I would stay and do the work which she will do.

Now unto Him who is able to guard us from stumbling, and to set us before the presence of His glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time now and for evermore—Amen.
We are very grateful to Des Moines, North-Western, Cincinnati, Topeka, and Columbia River Branches for the support of the Vikarabad work. And our hearts go out in great thankfulness to the host of friends who have upheld us by their prayers. May God richly reward.
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Official Correspondent ... ... ... ... Miss Fisher
Treasurer ... ... ... ... Miss Wood
Statistical Secretary ... ... ... ... Miss Morgan
Editor, "Tamil Woman's Friend" ... ... Miss Stephens
Registrar ... ... ... ... Miss Montgomery
Historian ... ... ... ... Dr. Lewis

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Mrs. Ernsberger | Conference Secretary

Reference and Finance Committee
Miss Fisher, Official Correspondent
Miss Wood, Treasurer | Miss Simonds
Mrs. Ernsberger | Miss Montgomery
Miss Toll | Mrs. Hotton
Alternate, Miss Evans

Temperance Committee
Miss Wood | Miss Partridge
Mrs. Hotton | Mrs. Gabel

Evangelistic Work Committee
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Programme Committee
Mrs. Hilmer | Miss Morrow | Miss Low

Rest Home Committee
Miss Toll | Miss Montgomery | Miss Wood

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Belgaum—Mrs. Ernsberger | Hyderabad—Miss Evans
Madras—Miss Stephens | Raichur—Mrs. Garden
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Buttrick, Mrs. Parker.

Temperance

W. L. Morgan, H. H. Linn, Malappa Lewis, Matthew Tindale, J. J. Kingham,
Heta Singh.

Audit

C. W. Scharer, C. F. Lipp, H. F. Hilmer, J. J. Kingham, H. H. Linn, Miss Toll,
Miss Evans, A. B. Coates, D. P. Hutton, Miss Simonds.

Building

W. H. Hollister, A. B. Coates, Miss Fisher, Miss Wood and District Superin-
tendent and Missionary concerned in each case.
WOMAN’S CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

BANGALORE DISTRICT

District Work.......................................................... Mrs. Buttrick.
Bangalore—Zenana, Village and School Work, Missionary to be supplied.
Bowringpet, Woman’s Work......................................... Mrs. Buttrick.
Kolar—Boys’ Boarding School...................................... Mrs. Gabel.
Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital and Medical Work,
Nursing Superintendent.............................................. Miss Griffin.
Evangelistic Work....................................................... Mrs. Anderson.
Girls’ Orphanage, Boarding School, and Widows’ Homes,
Miss Montgomery.
Zenana, Village, and School Work, Missionary to be supplied.
On leave........................................................... Miss Maskell.

BELGAUM DISTRICT

District Work.......................................................... Mrs. Ernsberger.
Bail Hongal Circuit.................................................. Mrs. Lipp.
Belgaum District—
City and Circuit..................................................... To be supplied.
Christian Boys’ Hostel.............................................. Mrs. Ernsberger.
Girls’ Boarding and Day Schools................................. Mrs. King.
Gokak and Chikodi Circuits.......................................... Mrs. Scharer.
On leave........................................................ Mrs. Beal and Miss Ericson.

ENGLISH DISTRICT

Bangalore—Richmond Town and Blackpully, Mrs. H. Stephens, M. D.
Baldwin Boys’ School............................................. Mrs. Coatée, Mrs. Simmons.
Baldwin Girls’ School, Superintendent, Miss Fisher.
Principal............................................................... Miss Wiesner.
Head Mistress....................................................... Miss Isham.
Belgaum—English Work............................................. To be supplied.
Hyderabad—English Work........................................... Mrs. H. F. Hilmer.
Madras—English Work.............................................. Mrs. Ross deSouza.
Secunderabad—English Work........................................ Mrs. Tindale.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT

Hyderabad—District Work........................................... Mrs. Hollister.
Bible Institute........................................................ Mrs. Ross.
Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls’ High School—
Principal............................................................... Miss Evans.
Vice-Principal....................................................... Miss Morgan.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools—
Hindustani............................................................. Miss Wood.
Hyderabad Telugu and Narsingpet Circuits,
Miss Wood and Miss Low.
Shankarpalli—School and Village Work........................... Miss Partridge.
MADRAS DISTRICT

Madras—Bible Women's, Zenana, and Evangelistic Work

\(\text{Miss Grace Stephens.}\)
\(\text{Miss D'Jordan.}\)
\(\text{Miss Young.}\)

Orphanage, School, and Educational Work.................. Miss Toll.
Tuticorin—Woman's Work...........................................Mrs. Kingham.
On leave..............................................................Mrs. King.

RAICHUR DISTRICT

District Work.........................................................Mrs. Buttrick.
Raichur—Circuit and Girls' Boarding School.................Mrs. Hutton
and Missionary to be supplied.
On leave..............................................................Mrs. Cook.

VIKARABAD DISTRICT

District Work.........................................................Mrs. Parker.
Bidar Boys' School and Woman's Work........................Mrs. Linn.
Bidar Girls' School..................................................Miss Morrow.
Bidar, Burdiapur, Hominabad, and Narainkaid Circuits,
Evangelistic and Day School Work..............................Miss Biehl.
Gulbarga Woman's Work............................................Mrs. Garden.
Kohir, Kortipully, Momeinpet, Pergi, Ragapur, Tandur, and Vikarabad
Circuits, Evangelistic Work.................................Miss Simonde.
Vikarabad—Mary A. Knotts' Girls' School.....................Miss Brewer.
Returning to the Homeland.................................Miss Wells, Miss Fenderich,
Miss Voigtlander.

On leave in India to attend the Language School,
Miss Brewer, Miss Low, Miss Morrow.
First Session

Y. M. C. A. Hall, Hyderabad, Deccan,

December 11th, 1913.

Opening and Devotions.—The twenty-ninth Annual Session of the South India Woman's Conference convened on Thursday, December 11th at 1 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Hyderabad. Mrs. J. E. Robinson led the Devotions. The hymn “Stayed on Jehovah” was sung. After a short exposition on John iii: 16, several led briefly in prayer.

Roll Call.—The following ladies responded to the roll call:—
Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Buttrick, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Evans, Miss Fenderich, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Garden, Mrs. Hilmer, Mrs. Hollister, Miss Isham, Mrs. E. L. King, Mrs. Kingham, Mrs. Lipp, Mrs. Linn, Dr. Lewis, Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Miss Partridge, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ross deSouza, Miss Stephens, Miss Simonds, Mrs. Scharer, Miss Toll, Miss Voigtlander and Miss Wood.

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

Manual.—Miss Evans moved that the Treasurer ask that she be allowed to pay for the manuals from the Profit on Exchange and that copies be distributed to the Conference Members gratis.

Temporary Committees.—On motion of Miss Stephens, Miss Evans was elected to fill the vacancy on the Editing and Publishing Committee.

On motion of Miss Evans, the Chair appointed the following Committee on Resolutions—Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Lipp and Mrs. Garden.

Annual Conference Committees.—On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger it was ordered that a heading be inserted before the Annual Conference Committees.

Introductions.—Miss McGregor of the Mukti Mission was introduced and spoke a few words on the work that she has begun among the caste women in Gulbarga. Mrs. Hollister, Mrs. Scharer and Miss Simonds were welcomed back from furlough.

Time and Place of Meeting.—It was moved by Dr. Lewis that the Conference be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Telegrams.—On motion of Dr. Lewis, the Secretary was instructed to send a message of welcome to the Missionaries arriving in Bombay. Miss Maskell moved that greetings be sent to the Bengal Woman's Conference now in session.

Correspondent.—The following were appointed as correspondents to the several papers:

- Woman's Friend ...
- Indian Witness ...
- Central Christian Advocate ...
- Pittsburg Christian Advocate ...
- N. W. Christian Advocate ...
- Western Christian Advocate ...
- Bombay Guardian ...
- California Christian Advocate ...

- Miss Simonds
- Secretaries
- Miss Wood
- Mrs. Parker
- Miss Fisher
- Mrs. Ernsberger
- Mrs. Ross deSouza
- Miss Isham

Scale of Fees for Boarding Schools.—On motion of Miss Evans, ladies in charge of Boarding Schools were appointed a committee to draw up a scale of fees for Boarding Schools.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Maskell Conference was adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

Y. M. C. A. HALL, HYDERABAD, DECCAN,
December 12th, 1913.

Devotional Service.—The Conference was called to order at 1.45 p.m. After singing "Dying with Jesus" Miss Montgomery spoke very appropriately on "Falling among Thieves." In closing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung.

Journal.—The journal of the previous session was read and corrected.

Introductions.—Mrs. Trimbak Canaran was introduced to the Conference.

Letters.—On motion of Miss Fisher, the Secretary was instructed to write letters to Mrs. Stephens, Miss Griffin and Mrs. Gabel.

Roll Call.—Mrs. Parker took her seat in the Conference.

Reference and Finance Committee.—On motion of Miss Evans, the election of the Reference and Finance Committee was made the order of the day for Tuesday.

Letters of Greetings.—Ladies volunteered to send greetings to the following members on furlough.—Mrs. W. L. King, Mrs. Cook, Miss Wells, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ogg, Mrs. Schermerhorn and Miss Erickson.

Report of Committees.—Miss Maskell gave the "Rest Home Committee Report." It was accepted. (See Report No I.)

Mrs. Kingham read an interesting report of the work in Tuticorin. After which Mrs. Hilmer sang "Keep on believing,
Jesus is near.” The Evangelistic Report was presented by Miss Maskell. On motion of Dr. Lewis it was accepted.

(See Report No. II.)

A verbal report was given by Dr. Lewis from the Editing and Publishing Committee. It was accepted.

Courses of Study.—The following were appointed a Committee to look up the Courses of Study for Bible-women and Boarding School and to report:—Misses Wood, Toll, Montgomery and Mrs. Ernsberger.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned on expiration of time. The Doxology was sung.

THIRD SESSION

Y. M. C. A. Hall, Hyderabad,
Deccan, December 14th, 1913.

Opening.—Conference was called to order at 1 P.M.

Devotional.—After singing “More Holiness Give Me” Mrs. Ernsberger spoke on “Conditions of True Success” Josh. 1. After which Miss Partridge, Mrs. Hotton and Dr. Lewis led in prayer.

Journal.—The Minutes were read and approved.

Messages.—Miss Simonds, Mrs. Scharer and Mrs. Hollister spoke briefly on experiences in the Homeland.

Greetings from Miss Griffin, Mrs. Gabel and Baby were received by telegram.

Report of Committees.—The report of the Committee on Courses of Study was read by Miss Montgomery. On motion of Miss Maskell it was accepted. (See Report No III.)

It was moved by Miss Maskell that women teachers in evangelistic schools be required to take the same examination as the Bible-women.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read by Mrs. Parker. Dr. Lewis moved its adoption. (See Report No. IV.)

Historian.—On motion of Miss Montgomery, Dr. Lewis was appointed Historian for the Conference, with instructions to bring the history up-to-date.

Conference Course of Study.—On motion of Dr. Lewis the following items were adopted:

1. That the Woman’s Course of Study be discontinued after 1915, and that the South Indian Missionary Association Course of Study be accepted as that required for Missionaries and Assistants.

2. That the new Course be required from date except in the case of those who having begun the present Course may be able to complete it by the end of 1915.

3. That a Registrar be elected by this body to hold office for four years, whose duty it shall be to have custody of former
records of examinations and to keep a record of results of examinations of W. F. M. S. Missionaries and Assistants in the S. I. M. A. Course of Study from date of approval of this as a Woman's Conference Course.

4. That the examination fees for Assistants and their third class travelling expenses to and from the nearest examination center, once for each year's course, be considered legitimate W. F. M. S. expenditure of the department in which Assistants taking the examinations are engaged.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned by expiration of time after the singing of the Doxology.

FOURTH SESSION

Y. M. C. A. HALL, HYDERABAD,
DECCAN, DECEMBER 15TH, 1913.

Opening.—Conference came to order at 1 P.M.

Devotional.—After singing "Take Time to be Holy" Miss Maskell gave a short address from 1 Cor. 3: 16 which was followed by prayer.

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

Greetings.—Greetings were received from the Bengal Woman's Conference (Deut. 31. 6).

Miss Simonds presented a message from Miss Wells. The Conference sent greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson through Miss Montgomery.

A letter containing the news of the death of both Mr. and Mrs. Holland was read by Miss Fisher. It was moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Millholland.

Introductions.—Misses Low and Morrow, the newly arrived Missionaries, were introduced to the Conference.

Reference and Finance.—Miss Fisher gave a partial report.

1. The Reference and Finance Committee nominated Miss Simonds, Miss Fisher and Miss Wood the Treasurer as ex-officio members of the Field Property Committee. On motion of Dr. Lewis it was carried.

2. It recommended that the Conference extend to Miss Maskell an invitation to return to the field after her furlough. On motion of Miss Montgomery it was adopted.

Conference Reports.—On motion of Miss Maskell 1,800 copies of the Minutes were voted to be printed.

Statistical Report.—Miss Morgan read the Statistical Report. On motion of Miss Maskell it was adopted. (See Statistics.)

Programme.—Mrs. Hilmer sang "Out of Touch with my Lord."
Miss Montgomery gave a few words of welcome to the new Missionaries. Miss Low responded with some impressions from the General Executive.

Memoirs.—On motion of Miss Maskell it was voted that the memoirs of Miss Doyle be printed in our Minutes.

Resolutions.—The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Garden and on motion of Miss Montgomery was accepted.

Whereas our esteemed friend the Pandita Ramabai has kindly sent Miss McGregor and a band of Mahatta women to open up school-work among the high caste people in Gulbarga, and whereas it is the assured purpose of these ladies to work in close touch and fellowship with our Missionaries in Gulbarga, looking upon themselves and their work as of us while they remain among us, and whereas this elect Band has already been of the greatest help to us in upholding the interests of Christ’s Kingdom in Gulbarga, therefore,

Resolved that we extend a very hearty welcome to Miss McGregor and her helpers, assuring them of our hearty appreciation and of our prayers to God for them, and that we hereby express our thanks to Pandita Ramabai for this welcome co-operation and timely help in carrying on God’s work among the Mahatta people of the Nizam’s Dominions, among whom so little has heretofore been done.

Board of Education.—On motion of Miss Montgomery the following were nominated as members of the Board of Education:—Misses Fisher, Toll, Evans and Mrs. Ernsberger.

Examinations.—It was moved by Miss Evans that the Board of Education arrange for a uniform examination in Holy Scripture in all Boarding schools, also in such Day and Village schools as follow the Conference Course of Study.

United Bible-Women’s Training School.—In reply to the invitation to our mission to join in a United Bible-woman Training School in Madras, on motion of Miss Fisher it was decided to reply that we were not yet ready for this Union.

Representative Council of Missions.—Miss Fisher spoke briefly on the need of our having a representative on this body.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Fisher it was voted to adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. the following day. The Doxology was sung.

FIFTH SESSION

Y. M. C. A. HALL, HYDERABAD,
DECCAN, December 16th, 1913.

Opening.—Conference convened at 9 a.m.

Devotions.—“I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” was sung. After which Miss Wood spoke on “Little Things” from 2 Kings v. and led in prayer.
Journal.—The Minutes of the previous session was read and approved.

Programme.—Dr. Lewis gave an informal talk on the "Advantage of Medical work as an Evangelizing Agency."

Reports.—The Examination report was given by Miss Maskell. On motion of Dr. Lewis it was accepted. (See Report No. V.)

The final report of the Reference and Finance Committee was given by Miss Fisher. On motion of Mrs. Buttrick it was accepted. (See Report No. VI.)

Miss Montgomery gave the report of the Committee on fees.

Miss Evans moved its adoption. (See Report No. VII.)

Programme.—Miss Morrow spoke a few words on her impressions of the General Executive.

Mrs. Ross deSouza sang "His Child for Ever More."

Election of Standing Committees.—On ballot the following were nominated on the Reference and Finance Committee:—Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Toll, Miss Simonds and Miss Montgomery.

On second ballot Mrs. Hotton was nominated for election to the Reference and Finance Committee.

On motion of Miss Wood, Miss Maskell was authorized to present the matter of our balances to the ladies at home.

On motion of Dr. Lewis it was decided that all children must be examined for tuberculosis before being admitted into our Boarding schools.

Boarding Schools.—Moved by Mrs. Garden that the ladies in charge of Boarding schools require a medical certificate from the young men applying for wives from our schools.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Montgomery we were adjourned to meet at 1 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Y. M. C. A. HALL, HYDERABAD,
DECCAN, DECEMBER 16th, 1913.

Opening and Devotions.—Conference convened at 1-15 P.M. with Mrs. Robinson in the chair. After singing "Tenderly Guide us O Shepherd of Light" Mrs. Parker led in prayer.

Journal.—The Minutes were read and approved.

Standing Committees.—On ballot Miss Evans was nominated as alternate on Reference and Finance Committee.

Resolutions.—On motion of Miss Fisher the following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas Dr. Lewis is nearing the time for regular furlough and cannot much longer carry the heavy burden of the medical work in Kolar alone. Resolved that we bring these facts before the Foreign Committee and urge that a special call be made for
a Lady Doctor for the "Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital." This Doctor should be sent immediately.

Representative.—On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Toll was elected a member of the Representative Council of Missions.

Registrar.—On motion of Miss Maskell Miss Montgomery was elected Registrar.

Standing Committees.—On motion of Miss Fisher the following were elected on the Reference and Finance Committee:—Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Toll, Miss Simonds, Miss Montgomery and Mrs. Hoton with Miss Evans as alternate.

Committees.—On motion the following Committees were appointed:—

Rest Home.—Miss Toll, Miss Wood and Miss Montgomery.

Evangelistic.—Mrs. Ernsberger, President; Miss Simonds, Secretary; Ladies in charge of Evangelistic work.

Editing and Publishing.—Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Evans, and Conference Secretary.

Temperance.—Miss Wood, Mrs. Hoton, Miss Partridge and Mrs. Gabel.

Programme.—Mrs. Hilmer, Miss Morrow and Miss Low.

Furniture.—The Chair appointed the following Committees by Districts:—

Bangalore ... ... ... Miss Fisher
Belgaum ... ... ... Mrs. Ernsberger
Madras ... ... ... Miss Stephens
Vikarabad ... ... ... Miss Simonds
Hyderabad ... ... ... Miss Evans
Raichur ... ... ... Mrs. Garden

Tamil Woman's Friend.—Miss Stephens gave a verbal report of the Tamil Woman's Friend. Miss Maskell moved its acceptance. On motion of Miss Fisher, Miss Stephens was re-elected Editor for the ensuing year.

Correspondent to the Home Office.—On motion of Miss Wood, Miss Fisher was appointed correspondent to the Home Office.

Office Record.—On motion of Miss Maskell the printed minutes become the Official Record of this Conference.

Resolutions.—Miss Montgomery read the report of the Resolutions Committee which was adopted item by item.

On motion of Miss Fisher the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report No. VIII.)

Adjournment.—After the reading of the Minutes, Miss Fisher moved that we adjourn sine die.

"Oh God our Help in Ages Past" was sung and Miss Evans led in closing prayer.

K. E. Toll,
Secretary.

Retta T. Robinson,
President.
Reports

I

REST HOME COMMITTEE REPORT

Eleven ladies were in the Rest Home this summer. We were glad to have with us Miss Vida Stephens of the Bombay Conference. Miss Sofica, an English trained nurse of the Baptist Mission, who was much worn out by her heavy hospital duties, was grateful for being taken into our home and was warm in praise of the beautiful house and grounds and thankful for the complete rest afforded her.

We are deeply pained to learn that Mrs. Gamble who so lovingly and generously gave us our Rest Home has been seriously ill all last summer. We pray that God in His infinite mercy will speedily restore her to health and strength.

F. W. Maskell,
U. Montgomery,
Catherine Wood,
Evalyn Toll.

II

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK

This Committee tenders its thanks to the ladies who so promptly responded to the request for Evangelistic items in connection with their work. These reports are full of hope and cheer and show that there has been steady progress and good success along all lines.

Aggressive Evangelistic work is being carried on with ever increasing zeal in five languages, viz., Kanarese, Tamil, Telugu, Hindustani and Marathi in the six districts of our Conference from Bidar in the dominions of the Nizam of Hyderabad to Tuticorin in the south, from Belgaum in the west to Madras on the east.

The Outlook.—Very bright and full of promise is the outlook. We praise God for the evidences that His Holy Spirit is surely working. But we know that these are but mercy drops to the showers that will follow. In some places the mass movement has begun, in other places the people are coming out along family lines. On every side there are indications of a great turning to the Lord.

Baptisms.—The number of baptisms during the year has been 8,811 of whom 2,987 were women and girls. Thousands of enquirers are enrolled.
Workers.—The number of lady missionaries has been painfully inadequate but the Lord in His own wonderful way had accomplished much through them. The forty-five assistants employed have rendered faithful service. 222 Bible-women have visited homes in the cities and towns and have worked in surrounding villages proclaiming the Good News, and have been successful soul winners. Boarding School girls have gone out in charge of responsible persons to deliver the message of salvation. Missionaries have been greatly encouraged and deeply thankful to find that some of the converts have been so enthused that they have eagerly pointed out the way of salvation to their non-Christian friends and relatives and brought them forward for baptism and have thus become workers together with God.

Consecration.—Though each one of us knows full well the necessity of entire consecration to the Lord in this work yet in view of the fact that, under God, the Bible-women and teachers look up to the Missionary as their spiritual leader and unhesitatingly accept her teachings and decisions the Committee would lovingly emphasize the urgent need of keeping ourselves in such close touch with God that not only the souls of the Bible-women and teachers but the thousands that are reached through these dear workers may be quickened by the Holy Spirit in us.

Prayer.—We praise God for the many answers to prayer that he has vouchsafed us in connection with this work. We feel sure that the copies of the Prayer Calendar sent to the home lands have helped those interested in our work to pray more intelligently for it. Your Committee suggested that this year also November 18th be observed as a day of fasting and prayer which was carried out as far as practicable.

At Vikarabad the workers who remained in that station gave sealed notes to be opened at certain places to those who went out on evangelistic work assuring them of their prayers for the work at those points. In the Evangelistic Campaign, Boarding School girls helped greatly by their prayers. In Belgaum the first Monday of every month is observed as a day of fasting and prayer. In Kolar the Missionary meets every morning with her Assistants, Bible-women and teachers and has them divided up into Prayer Circles which meet once a week.

Sword of the Spirit.—In India three hundred million gods are worshipped, and ignorance and superstition hold multitudes of idolators in thralldom. Caste originally consisting of four divisions and now of numerous sub-divisions has presented a solid wall of opposition to the advance of Christianity. According to reliable statistics four-fifths of the population of India are Hindus and a great majority of the remaining fifth are Mahomedans deeply entrenched in the errors of Islam. The chief weapon with which we are to enter this warfare against Hinduism and Mahomedanism is the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Oh! let us who are leaders study the Word so prayerfully
that its truths shall be made clear to us by the Holy Spirit and may we carefully and prayerfully impart these truths to others, and see to it that the workers under us have the Sword of the Spirit ever ready for use.

**Training of Workers.**—Two of Miss Stephens' Bible-women appeared for "The School and Zenana Teachers and Bible-woman's Scripture Examination," Tamil, Upper Secondary Grade, in Madras, and both passed.

On the Bangalore District some of the Bible-women have taken their full four years' course of study and others are pursuing it. At the beginning of the year a Training School was held in Sampgaum in the Belgaum District for five weeks. Sixteen Bible-women passed their examination during the year. In Belgaum a class of four Bible-women has been studying under Mrs. Ernsberger. From Shankarapalli Circuit a woman has gone with her husband to be trained at the Seminary at Hyderabad and others have asked to be taken into this institution. In Bidar the Missionary has sought to make each Bible-woman feel responsible for the training of a worker among the villagers who will be able to carry on the work.

The Bible-woman with her own little home with its cares and duties and her own children has no easy burden to bear in this work but it is to the Bible-woman that the women in the villages must look for instruction. How much she needs sympathy, help and encouragement. How much she needs some one to come and take up this burden with her now and again and help her to keep herself hopeful and earnest.

**Industrial Training School.**—In connection with her evangelistic work Miss Wood of Hyderabad has for many years been training women to earn their own living by making net lace and has at the same time worked steadily with them to win them to higher ideals and turn their hearts to Christ.

**Instruction of Converts.**—No phase of evangelistic work is more important than the careful instruction of those who have come out from heathenism and received baptism. Accustomed as they are from their cradles to idolatrous practices and ceremonies they are exposed to great temptation during the time of public festivals, births, marriages and deaths which take place in their villages. If carefully and prayerfully instructed they by the grace of God do resist such temptations and prove loyal to one Lord and thus develop spiritually. But the work of instructing village women is even more difficult than that of instructing the men. After a hard day of stooping over their field work, cutting grass for their cattle &c. they have the cooking and household work to attend to so that whenever the Bible-woman goes to them—morning, noon or night she finds them busy. Yet it is these women who cling most tenaciously to the old superstitions and customs and in their care are the children. We are thankful however, that these veritable Marthas are becoming increasingly
willing, during the Bible-women's visits, to lay aside the many things they are careful and troubled about and like Mary of old listen to what the Lord has to say to them.

The Sabbath.—The observance of the Sabbath by converts is a difficult problem that Missionaries have to face. Some of the people are desperately poor and the loss of a day's wage means a great deal to them. A large majority of them cannot read and thus occupy the time so the day seems long and wearisome to them if they do not work. In Kolar services are held for converts in three centres every Sunday. Shall we not make more earnest effort and pray more that these new Christians may by the observance of the Lord's day become partakers of the rich blessings promised in God's Word to Sabbath keepers.

Tithing and Self-support.—We are thankful that so many of our workers tithe. Let us not be satisfied till every one does so. In Vikarabad many of the converts eagerly and gladly give to the Lord. In other places they have begun to do so. As most of the converts are from the depressed classes and are very poor it will not be possible for them to give much but let them be taught to give cheerfully and systematically as the Lord has prospered them.

Tours.—An incalculable amount of good is done by the Missionary visiting the villages where evangelistic work is being carried on, for Bible-women in lonely stations are cheered and helped and the whole work receives a fresh impetus. Mrs. Buttrick has visited her Bible-women stationed at different points of the Bangalore District and found them doing good, faithful work. Miss Wood of Hyderabad has from time to time made short tours to many villages and encouraged the workers. In Belgaum District three visits were made to Gokok Circuit to over-see the Woman's work—in April Mrs. Ernsberger spent a week on tour and in August and September the evangelistic assistant was out for three weeks. In September Mrs. Lipp moved to a place twenty-seven miles from Belgaum and from the line of railway and excellent results are expected from her being there. Miss Wells, although she found it difficult to get away, has made at least a dozen trips to visit Bible-women and the work at out-stations. Miss Simonds since her return from furlough has made some tours. Miss Stephens and Miss Maskell have kept in close touch with their workers throughout the year. Mrs. Kingham has travelled with her husband long distances undergoing great inconveniences and keenly feels the need of woman's work for women in Tuticorin. Mrs. Hutton has been doing bravely and well in caring for the girls of the Orphanage in Raichur in addition to her own children but her health has been poor and she has not been able to go out on tours. A W.F.M.S. Missionary is sadly needed for such work in this promising field. Miss Partridge has done a great deal of itinerating on the Shankarapalli Circuit and has
accomplished much. Mrs. Garden has made ten tours through the District strengthening the workers in each Circuit.

Jathras.—As reported last year the Hindu religious festivals have become fewer in number and are not conducted with such spirit as they used to be. This is owing to plague and in some degree also, we trust, to the light received through Christianity. A large party of Missionaries and workers attended for a week the great Jathra at Chinchilli in the Belgaum District where about fifty thousand were gathered. The Bible-women took an active part in this work. Mrs. Buttrick, and Miss Maskell and her Bible-women were at Arvinee Jathra for ten days and gave the Gospel message to crowds of attentive listeners.

Evangelistic Campaign.—During Miss Fenderich's two months' campaign most of the villages on four Circuits were visited. The Missionaries and workers dispensing with tent and all camp furniture, with the exception of a cot, toured in tonga and cart sleeping at night under a tree or on a housetop, in tonga or workers' house, and as a rule two villages a day were visited. Evening after evening Miss Biehl accompanied by the older school girls rendered effective service in the meetings held in villages near Bidar. Week ends were also given by them to this work.

The Campaign was carried on in each Circuit of the Belgaum District. Ninety-nine were baptized. Two bands of Missionaries and workers itinerated in Bail Hongal and Belgaum Circuits. A series of night evangelistic meetings were held in the schools, for converts, in and around Belgaum which resulted in new interest and several baptisms.

Miss Maskell was out itinerating for a month in the villages around Kolar with relays of Bible-women while the village Assistant and other Bible-women worked in and around Kolar. Altogether there were four hundred and seventeen baptized.

Mohamedan Work.—A great work among Mohamedan women and girls has been carried on for many years in Hyderabad the second largest city under Mohamedan rule in the world. Many of these women have from earliest childhood been taught the Koran, believe it to be God's Word and consider there is merit in repeating the words although, being in Arabic, they do not understand them. A good many more can read than formerly but generally they are very ignorant. Work among Mohamedan women and girls is being carried on in Kolar, Madras, Bangalore and Bidar. We feel sure that the seed which is being so faithfully sown will yield an abundant harvest. Our great hope for these people lies in the Girls' Schools and Sunday Schools which are conducted in their own language—Hindustani.

District Conference.—At the commencement of the year a Woman's District Conference was held at Belgaum which was a great inspiration to the women. In Kolar, with Bishop Robinson
in the chair, the Woman's District Conference was re-organized. Without doubt these Women's District Conferences are a great help to the workers. There are, of course, difficulties in the way of holding them regularly but your committee would recommend that the matter be discussed in this Conference with the view to having Women's District Conferences at the same time and place that Men's District Conferences are held.

Schools.—One of the most important factors in the evangelizing of India is the school. The Baldwin Girls' School is not only training Anglo-Indian girls mentally and developing them physically but the chief aim is to develop them into young women of sterling Christian character who no matter whether they are called to homes of their own, to secular appointments, or to Mission work will feel it their duty and privilege to help bring to the Savior the non-Christians of the land in which they are born. The Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls' High School has demonstrated what can be done with raw material in the shape of Anglo-Indian and Indian brains and as the girls are being carefully trained spiritually as well we feel that leaders will arise from that school who will surely help in the evangelization of India.

In the six Boarding Schools and Orphanages, Kanarese, Tamil and Telugu girls are being trained by precept and example to serve the Lord. From these schools are drawn the girls who develop into such good Bible-women, Teachers and Nurses and we wish to place on record our deep appreciation of the excellent work being done in these institutions.

Day Schools.—There are sixty-two W. F. M. S. Day Schools in our Conference with an enrollment of about 2,205 children who are being taught the only way of salvation. The school which is carefully supervised and has Christian teachers is one of the best evangelistic agencies for it is not only the pupils who are influenced but also the parents and relatives through them. Your Committee strongly recommends that many more of these schools be started.

Sunday Schools.—We have 194 Sunday Schools in our Conference with an enrollment of 4,044. Missionaries, Assistants, Bible-women and Day School Teachers all take an active part in this work. The older girls of the Boarding Schools and Orphanages make fine teachers. Let us do all we can to start new Sunday Schools especially in places where there are newly baptized people.

The All-India Sunday School Examination is a great incentive to the study of the Word and even the young children are led by it to take a deeper interest in Scripture lessons. Just a few years ago there were no passes in the First Class of the Kanarese Junior Department, this year there were thirty-four. The medals and certificates received in successive years by the girls of the Vikarabad, Kolar and Belgaum Boarding Schools who appear for this examination gives promise of workers who will be able to wield
the Sword of the Spirit with good effects. This year sixty-eight Kolar, twenty-four Bidar and twenty-one Belgaum girls passed this examination in Kanarese. In Madras seventy-eight passed in Tamil.

Hospital.—In the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Hospital the Gospel is given in the vernacular to out-patients as they wait for their turn to be called into the Dispensary. In the afternoon two Bible-women work among the in-patients. Thus those who come to have their bodily diseases cured are pointed to the Great Physician who is able to heal their sin-sick souls.

Interesting Incidents.—Miss Grace Stephens tells of a woman who was once a worshipper of many idols, who after her baptism was greatly persecuted by her husband and relatives, the former having beaten her and threatened to cut her throat. But she remained steadfast and now attends Church services and is a communicant. In a village near Madras thirteen were baptized one night, which led others to decide that they would be Christians. In another village through one young Christian woman refusing to marry a heathen not only the intended husband but seven other members of her family became Christians. In that same village several more were baptized later, including a young mother and her six days' old baby.

Mrs. H. Stephens of Bangalore tells of a caste woman who was baptized and shortly afterwards when the Bishop was conducting service it was so good to see the old woman walk up to the front, kneel with her head resting on the table and then, later, to hear her pray so simply and sweetly. Miss Partridge tells of an unkempt village woman who was baptized and attended the Seminary at Hyderabad with her husband and became so improved in appearance she could hardly be recognised. She now promises to develop into a good Bible-woman.

Miss Montgomery was greatly encouraged to have one of her beautiful young orphanage girls volunteer to go to Bidar as a teacher which was as big an undertaking for her as it would be for an American to come to India.

Difficulties and Encouragements.—How often it happens that the more energy and ardour we are filled with the more Satan multiplies his devices to thwart progress and injure the work but “If God be for us who can be against us.”

The difficulty of getting a sufficient number of capable workers for the rapidly growing evangelistic work of our Conference is a serious one and already beginning to prove a hindrance to the progress of the work. Shall we not consider while we are here met together the advisability of starting training classes for Christian village women that shall be held throughout the year. The women who would be likely to attend are wage earners. If we had them give up their employment to attend such a class we would have to arrange for scholarships.

We are painfully conscious of the hindrances we are constantly
meeting with in our efforts to instruct our new Christians, yet we
do praise God for the way in which, by the help of the Holy
Spirit they are learning divine truths. Is it any wonder that
some of the converts from the depressed classes, who have been
downtrodden for generations should be lacking in moral courage,
strength of purpose, truthfulness and some of the other attributes
we consider essential to Christian character? While striving to
make them live up to higher ideals let us not be discouraged if
they do not meet all our expectations but let us pray the more
earnestly for them and do all in our power to have them placed
under proper instruction.

While there is still opposition to be met with here and there
we note with gladness and gratitude to God the increased con-
fidence which non-Christians are placing in us who are His re-
presentatives. Surely they are beginning to see that the Christ
can do more for His followers than all their leaders and gods can
for them and so we are going forward in our work in the joyful
expectation that non-Christians will accept our Saviour as theirs.
There are many women who feel themselves so placed that they
cannot come out and receive baptism, yet who are trusting in
our Lord.

Why should we not be full of cheer when He has given to us
such blessed words of love and encouragement as “He that
toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.” Zech. 2: 8.

“No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper.” Is. 54: 17.

“Never for a moment quail before your antagonists.” Phil. 1:
27. (Weymouth’s Trans.) “Fear not little flock, it is your
Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:
32. “The sovereignty of this world now belongs to our Lord
and His Christ.” Rev. 11: 15. (“Weymouth’s Trans.) Do not
be over-anxious about anything.” Phil. 4: 6 (Weymouth’s
Trans.)

“I will never, never let go your hand; I will never, never
forsake you.” Heb. 13: 5. (Weymouth) and that most precious
promise, “Remember I am with you always day by day.”
Matt. 28: 20 (Weymouth.)

Florence W. Maskell, President.
Margaret C. Ernsberger, Secretary.

III

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY
FOR BIBLE WOMEN AND WOMEN TEACHERS
IN EVANGELISTIC SCHOOLS, AND
BOARDING SCHOOLS.

I. The Committee met and discussed first the matter of the
Rules and Ritual of the Methodist Church in the fourth year of the
Bible Readers’ Course. We recommended that this shall include the General Rules and Articles I, II, III, IV, and V of the Ritual. Also that in the Ritual for the Lord’s Supper, the General Confession, and the Collects be memorized. The portions of the Discipline on Membership and Temporal Economy be put in the Reading Course for the fifth year. The Articles of Religion be put in the Reading Course for the sixth year.

II. As some of the books required in the Bible Readers’ Course of Study cannot now be obtained we recommend that the Examination Committees be allowed to substitute some other appropriate books in place of these.

III. We would recommend that the Course of Study be printed in this year’s Conference Report.

IV. Boarding Schools:—As we are given to understand that the Central Conference has appointed a Committee to prepare a Course of Study for Boarding Schools, we recommend that the Course of Study as published in our Report for 1909 be continued in use until we receive that from the Central Conference Committee.

Catherine Wood,
UrdeLL Montgomery,
Margaret Ernsberger,
EVALyn Toll.

IV
TEMPERANCE REPORT

Although the work of Temperance has not yet been given the prominence we could desire, we feel that there has been great improvement. Special Temperance Sermons and Lectures are being given, hand bills and Tracts showing the evil effects of alcohol on the system, are being distributed. The World’s Temperance Sunday is being generally observed, and many of our women especially in the English Churches are members of the W.C.T.U. The Sunday School Temperance Lesson is being studied in all our organized Sunday Schools and the Epworth League among its topics takes up the subject of Temperance.

The evils of strong drink are constantly being spoken of, by our preachers, teachers and Bible-women. The village people are understanding more and more, that to be real Christians they must give up toddy. One woman on the Shankarapally Circuit at first refused baptism, because she was in the habit of drinking, but she has since been enabled to give it up, has received baptism and is now a bright Christian, a helper to one of the Bible-women. Her own people are amazed that she is able to pass by a toddy-shop without drinking. When asked about it, she testified to the saving grace of God. Village women who used to spend all
their money on drink, now buy clothing and food, and in one village the toddy-shop has been removed, because so many of the people having become Christians, the keeper could get no sale for his liquor. On the Vikarabad District much good has been done throughout the villages by the singing of lyrics on the subject of Temperance.

As Statistics show that the use of intoxicants in India is enormously increasing—we as a Committee would urge our Missionaries to even great efforts along this line than ever before, by preaching, teaching and singing. We would recommend that some simple text book on the subject be translated into the various vernaculars and be put into all our Boarding Schools and also into the hands of our workers and Bible-women.

Sarah Parker, 
Chairman.

V

BOARD OF EXAMINER'S REPORT

Telugu.—Miss Voigtlander passed in Arden's Grammar, Arden's Reader (first half), dictation and memoriter, reading, conversation and pronunciation in Luke of the First year. Dictation, and memoriter, Arden's Reader (second half) in the second year's course.

Kanaresse.—Miss Biehl passed in Luke's Gospel, King's First Reader, and memoriter thus completing the first year's course; also in Practical Key (second half), dictation, reading, pronunciation and conversation on Marsden's Second Reader of the second year.

Miss D'Cruz has passed the first year's course.

Miss Graham passed in Genesis and Exodus, Hodson's Grammar (second half), dictation, reading, conversation and pronunciation on Marsden's Second Reader.

Florence W. Maskell, 
Registrar.

VI

REFERENCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Reference and Finance Committee of South India Woman's Conference met in mid-year session at Bangalore, July 1st to 3rd, 1913, with the following members present:—

Miss Wood, Treasurer; Miss Wells, Official Correspondent; Miss Maskell, Miss Toll, Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Garden and Miss Fisher.

The estimates of work for 1914 were carefully considered and passed.
The Reference and Finance Committee met at a called session at Hyderabad, December 15th, 1913 and nominated the following on the Field Property Committee:—

Miss Simonds and Miss Fisher with the treasurer, Miss Wood as ex-officio member.

On motion of Miss Fisher the Finance Committee recommend that the Conference extended to Miss Maskell an invitation to return to the field after her furlough.

F. F. Fisher, 
Acting Secretary.

Catherine Wood, 
President.

VII

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM FEES FOR BOARDING SCHOOLS

The Committee recommends that the fees in Boarding Schools be as follows:—

That one anna on the rupee of the combined salary of the child's parents shall be collected per month. If more than one child from a family be admitted the rate for the second and other children shall be 9 pies on the rupee.

Children from other Missions may be admitted if sent by the Missionary-in-charge of such Mission and the fees shall be not less than Rs. 1-8-0 nor more than Rs. 5 per month for each child.

Alice A. Evans, Chairman.
U. Montgomery, Secretary.

VIII

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the goodness of God in preserving the life of our beloved President Mrs. J. E. Robinson, therefore be it

Resolved that we express to her our sincere thanks for her able and gracious leadership and pray God that He may bless her and keep her through the coming year.

To our Missionaries who have returned to our Conference after their furloughs in the home-land, Miss Simonds, Mrs. Hollister, Mrs. Scharer and Mrs. Anderson and the new Missionaries Misses Low, Brewer and Morrow, we express our glad welcome and pray that they may have a glad and fruitful term of service with us.

To those who are leaving us to enter Home Missionary Work, Miss Fenderich and Miss Voigtlander, we express our appreciation of the excellent work they have done in South India and the
pleasure we have had in their fellowship with us. We wish them happiness and a wide field of usefulness in their new relations.

We are grateful to the Secretary and the Board of Managers of the Young Men's Christian Association for their kind loan of their beautiful building which has been so convenient for us and has added so much to our comfort.

Resolved that we express our deep appreciation to the ladies of the Chadarghat Church for their cordial welcome, for the ample provision made for our wants and to all Local Committees who have done so much to make our stay in this Historic City a delight and to our kind hosts and hostesses Rev. and Mrs. Ross deSouza, Rev. and Mrs. Ross, Miss Evans, Miss Morgan and Miss Wood in their homes who have given such loving thought and attention for our comfort.

Resolved that we express our hearty thanks to Major Green and those who provided for the delightful drive and interesting visit to Golconda and the unique and amusing elephant and camel ride which was much appreciated and for the Band which has given us such pleasure.

We express our sympathy to Miss Wells in the continued illness of her mother and her necessary absence from her loved work. We miss her in our Conference deliberations and in our Missionary work and look forward to her return.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call our Sister Nesta Doyle from her labours of mercy and love on earth to her Heavenly Home on December 16, 1912.

Be it resolved that we express our deep feeling of loss and that we extend to her relatives and friends our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

To our Sisters who have suffered deep affliction this year, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Scharer, Mrs. Maigur and Mrs. Job we would also tender our deepest sympathy and lovingly commend them to the comfort of the all loving Father.

URDELL MONTGOMERY,
MRS. C. F. LIPP,
FRANCIS E. GARDEN.

IX

COURSE OF STUDY FOR BIBLE READERS AND WOMEN TEACHERS IN EVANGELISTIC SCHOOLS

First Year

3. Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church, No. I.

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Second Year
1 Reading Book for Zenanas.
2 Old Testament Stories.
3 Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church, first half of CSNo. II.
4 Arithmetic: Multiplication and Division.

Third Year
1 Bible Geography of the Four Gospels.
2 A study of Hinduism.
3 The House I live in.
4 Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church, second half of No. II.

Fourth Year
1 Evidences of Christianity.

Fifth Year (First Year of Reading Course)
1 Old Testament.
2 Chundra Lela and Yamanabai.
3 Discipline—(Membership and Temporal Economy)

Sixth Year (Second Year of Reading Course)
1 New Testament.
2 Church History.
3 Pilgrim’s Progress.
4 Discipline (Articles of Religion).
STATISTICS
### 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, 1913

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#### Bangalore District
- **Bangalore**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 6
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 4
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 8
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 80
  - Full Members: 126
  - Probationers: 456
  - Instructees: 6
  - No. of Christian Women under Instruction: 279
  - No. of non-Christian Women under Instruction: 279
  - No. of Gifts-women Employed: 9

#### Belgaum District
- **Belgaum City and Circuit**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 15
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 706
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 19
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 652
  - Full Members: 375
  - Probationers: 400
  - Instructees: 28
  - No. of Christian Women under Instruction: 706
  - No. of non-Christian Women under Instruction: 706
  - No. of Gifts-women Employed: 1,500

#### Hyderabad District
- **Hyderabad**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 87
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 172
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 12
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 15
  - Full Members: 550
  - Probationers: 78
  - Instructees: 94
  - No. of Christian Women under Instruction: 1,729
  - No. of non-Christian Women under Instruction: 1,729
  - No. of Gifts-women Employed: 4,800

#### Madras District
- **Madras**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 66
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 70
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 89
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 44
  - Full Members: 66
  - Probationers: 66
  - Instructees: 70
  - No. of Christian Women under Instruction: 14,666
  - No. of non-Christian Women under Instruction: 14,666
  - No. of Gifts-women Employed: 9

#### Raichur District
- **Gulabra Circuit**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 85
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 43
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 14
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 184
  - Full Members: 30
  - Probationers: 20
  - Instructees: 20
  - No. of Christian Women under Instruction: 205
  - No. of non-Christian Women under Instruction: 205
  - No. of Gifts-women Employed: 9

#### Vizianagaram District
- **Bilas Circuit**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 30
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 120
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 30
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 12
  - Full Members: 30
  - Probationers: 30
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  - No. of Gifts-women Employed: 9

#### Total
- **Grand Total**
  - Women and Girls Baptised: 80
  - Women and Girls under Instruction: 327
  - Wives of Missionaries in Active work: 45
  - Foreign or Eurasian Assistants: 564
  - Full Members: 827
  - Probationers: 605
  - Instructees: 2,937
  - No. of Christian Women under Instruction: 5,973
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| Station | No. of Homes | No. of Foreign Missionaries | No. of Indian Missionaries | No. of Native Missionaries | No. of Girls | No. of Boys | No. of Women | No. of Men | No. of Indian Teachers | No. of Indian Children | No. of Indian Women | No. of Indian Men | No. of Teachers | No. of Pupils | No. of Employees | Government Grants & Donations | Receipts for Tuition | Average Attendance | Receipts for Tuition | Government Grants & Donations |
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|         | 1           | 4                           | 8                           | 14                           | 34           | 46           | 46           | 34           | 348                   | 343                   | 79                   | 44               | 730             | 405             | 192             | 0                 | 4                 | 12               | 59                 |

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| Station | No. of Homes | No. of Foreign Missionaries | No. of Indian Missionaries | No. of Native Missionaries | No. of Girls | No. of Boys | No. of Women | No. of Men | No. of Indian Teachers | No. of Indian Children | No. of Indian Women | No. of Indian Men | No. of Teachers | No. of Pupils | No. of Employees | Government Grants & Donations | Receipts for Tuition | Average Attendance | Receipts for Tuition | Government Grants & Donations |
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