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

Miss R. Davids, Kanarese Assistant; Miss G. Hobday, Tamil Assistant; and 18 Bible-women and Teachers.

Although I have not been able to do much this year, it is a source of deep thankfulness to me to be able to report that my two faithful assistants with all the other workers have kept the work moving along on all lines and we have had perceptible advance particularly in our Day Schools.

Then this year we have been privileged to have an unusual number of blessed testimonies from women and children just before they dipped their feet in the waters of Jordan. One dear bright little girl belonging to the village school taught by faithful Moses was always clean and active. Moses told them one day that he would be away for some days and they were all to have holidays till he returned. She asked why must you go away? He told her he was going to a District Conference at Kolar. During his absence the dreadful plague struck her down, and she asked her parents to call her teacher—she wished to see him. Later she said, “I see white angels and I am going away to Jesus.” She repeated the Lord’s Prayer and soon after was with the Lord. She once told her mother, “Jesus is our Shepherd and we are His sheep, and just as a shepherd takes care of his sheep, so Jesus takes care of us, and we must obey His voice and please Him.” She was an only child, and her dying words have made a tremendous impression on her people, and was so encouraging to us all, coming from this heathen village, that together in our Monday meeting we thanked God for this bright fruit from our little village school. My faithful Bible-woman Hannah has had three similar experiences this year in the homes she has been visiting. The presence of death releases these poor bound souls from the fear of priests and relatives, and these three boldly declared their trust and confidence in Jesus.

Sagoonama also had a like case. Miss Hobday visited this case with Sagoonama the day before she died and they rejoiced to hear her say “Jesus Saviour forgive me and wash me in Thy blood.”
Another woman on hearing the sweet Gospel story for the first time seemed quite spell-bound, and said to those about "How was it when you heard this good news you never told me?" Ah! Yes, Why!

We know there are many many secret believers, but such clear definite testimonies are a great stimulus to the workers and have powerful weight with relatives and friends.

A Muhammadan, after hearing some verses read from the Bible, wanted one to be given him, but later he went to the Bible Society and bought one for himself, which he is now reading, and says it is better than the Koran. Another Muhammadan has asked prayer for himself as there is so much unrest in his soul.

A heathen priest whom we have been visiting learned the Golden Text for the week, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," and professes to believe in Jesus. He first heard Jesus in his youth in a Mission School. And so the leaven is working, and as in Christ's day so now it is largely being done by personal teaching.

Miss Wheeler had charge of our Bible Schools for some months and was most successful; but like her two immediate predecessors she left to be married, and the work had to be divided between Miss Davids and Miss Hobday; however, they are faithful and capable, and we still have sixteen Bible Schools with about 300 children attending besides the number of adults that often gather about to hear and sometimes ask questions.

I wish to repeat what I said in my report last year only more emphatically "I am more and more convinced that the stability and real worth of the next generation of Methodist Christians will depend very largely upon our getting them into our schools."

We secured the Government grant for our Blackpully Girls' School, but I am sorry to say I have not yet secured the grant of land. I was hopeful of getting it long before this, and still feel sure we will get it. The School Inspector visited us the other day and was so well pleased that he recommends to Government to give us a 20-rupee increase for next year.

The Mysore Government Inspector of Schools has asked me if we do not want a grant for our school in Goothully. I am to meet him soon to talk the matter over.

And now I have one more school to report—The St. John's Hill School. Our District Superintendent asked me to take over a school he had there and offered me the free use of the house (Parent Board Property). It was much out of repair so I spent about a year's rent in doing it up. Then put in two good teachers and a call woman and as a result the attendance has gone steadily up from 12 or 15 to 60. This is a very poor low quarter of the city and we hope next year if funds permit to put a Bible-woman to work here. Will all who read this kindly send up a prayer that this school may prove a blessed light in this dark place.
We have over 200 children in these four schools and feel sure a great harvest will result.

Miss Davids writes: "I with my Bible-women visit about 250 homes. When we have gained their confidence they throw off all restraint and tell us freely of their home troubles and difficulties so we are able to pray and sympathise with them.

The subjects chosen for each week are carefully prepared by Mrs. Stephens and are given to the workers each Monday morning. These lessons are then given by us in the homes, Bible and Day Schools. The Golden Text for each week is carefully taught to each woman and child as far as possible, for we are often reminded that God's Word is far more powerful than any words of ours."

We have again this year been able to rescue and send several girls on to the Kolar School. I earnestly wish some good friend of Jesus and the children would give us a few yearly scholarships of about $15 each to enable me to send needy little boys to the Kolar Boys' School. Their funds are too low to allow them to take boys free.

Owing to ill-health I have asked the Bishop to relieve me of this work next year. So this will probably be my last report. I am glad and thankful I have been permitted to help in sowing and tending and now hand over to other hands the garden and pray that an abundant harvest may be gathered in.

I desire again to thank Mrs. Thomas and other elect ladies of the Cincinnati Branch and also those of the Topeka Branch for their generous help and sympathy at all times. Hitherto hath the Lord lead.

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KOLAR

Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital

MARGARET D. LEWIS (5 months) \ldots\} Physician-in-charge
NELLIE NUNAN, M.D. (9 months) \ldots\} Superintending Nurse
MARTHA A. GRIFFIN \ldots \ldots

Nurse Abaranam, Head; Nurse; Elizabeth, Lakshmi, Penninah, Sundari, Nathali, Satya and Shantie (on probation), Pupil Nurses; Khemi Anderson (10 months), Compounder; Hannah, Kannarese Bible-woman; Mercy and Satthuri, Hindustani Bible-women; Mrs. Marshall (8 months), Matron.

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Medical Department

The temptation to write "failure" in capital letters across this year's report is great. But, when one remembers that it is not ours to judge and since the time is not here for us to see the end from the beginning, one dares not.
To me personally was accorded a great privilege in being allowed to come to the assistance of Dr. Lewis when she fell a prey to diphtheria; and though on reaching India, March the second, I was rejoiced to find I had been appointed to my beloved Guzerath, when ten days later a telegram came from Bishop John E. Robinson asking for help, I was more than happy to be able to come. In the short time I was with Dr. Lewis I learned to love her; one could not do otherwise; it was a great disappointment and grief when it proved necessary for her to go home. In April I myself had a severe attack of diphtheria caused by having a girl, whose throat I was treating, cough in my face; in thirty-six hours the disease developed in my own throat. I was far from well at the time, as I started from America sick. Dr. Lewis had to leave to be at Miraj with Miss Griffin who was undergoing an operation, it was not possible to get adequate medical help here, so to add to all else the responsibility of the few patients we felt it necessary to allow to stay in hospital, came at a time when freedom from care was imperative. It is hard to find words to express my gratitude to Miss Julia Morrow who so cheerfully came and took hold in our time of need, looking after both the hospital and me, to say nothing of the scores of little side issues that enter into our daily life. It was surely hard for her, for to add to all else she was anxious about me, but never once did she appear anything but happy and cheerful. I have never recovered my strength and for this reason the work has been very slack in the in-patient department and our dispensary department closed for about ten weeks. In spite of this, patients still seek us out and insist on being treated, but of these the number is not large and nominally we are closed. I feel terribly about it, especially for the sake of the girls who are in training as nurses. Miss Griffin has been beautifully patient. I feel sure she must be discouraged but she never even looks reproach.

There have been some bright spots. We think with joy of the old woman of at least seventy years, and looking more like ninety, who came with a complete fracture of the bone of the upper arm; she had fallen six days before and considering her age, condition and the length of time that had elapsed since the accident, it seemed impossible that union should take place; however we reduced the fracture and put the arm on a splint, keeping the old lady in hospital. Ten days later, in removing the dressing, to our great happiness, we found the two fragments of bone uniting perfectly, a week later we put the arm in a plaster cast and at the patient's urgent request allowed her to go home, telling her to return in two weeks to have the cast removed. She has never returned, she probably had someone remove it for her, it must be alright as the union was good. Then we think of the wee boy of four who came with the history of a foreign body in the eye; when it was removed with difficulty it proved to be an accacia thorn measuring exactly half an inch; suppuration was
just beginning but by careful, persistent treatment this was soon overcome and our small boy has a perfect eye. Some days have been dark, for instance when the milk woman brought poisoned milk and as a result we lost two of our wee babies and all the rest who took the milk were desperately sick for weeks. This was a specially dark time, for it happened while Miss Griffin had to be away on the hills. Another sad experience was, one Sunday morning two men came from a village, nine miles away, asking for help for a woman who had been in labor for three days with her tenth child. I sent for a jatka and prepared to go as quickly as possible, just as I was starting a messenger came to say the woman had died. Not an hour later another woman was brought in on a cot who had been in labor for several days with her first child, when I looked at her I saw she was quite beyond all human help, she died in less than half an hour undelivered. Against these we have to thank God for the little Brahmin woman brought in fourteen miles just in time, we just managed to save her life and that of her dear little baby boy. A few days later came a call from the town, at our request this patient was brought to the hospital, and though her tiny boy returned to heaven even before he was ushered into this world, we rejoiced with great joy that the mother was spared, especially as she is much beloved by both her husband's family and her own. Another time a Muhammadan woman came after the village midwives had done their worst; here also the mother was safely delivered of an exceptionally beautiful boy who also lived. One case that made us very happy was a little Brahmin woman from Madras, she had been in Kolar only three days and was not expecting her baby so soon; she had no relations or even acquaintances here, her husband brought her in, one of the most frightened looking little things I ever saw. She cried as if her heart would break when he had to go, but we did our best to make her feel happy and show that we cared for her; the baby came in a few hours and before the day was over the mother was the happiest, most contented patient in hospital and continued to be so until she left in fourteen days, as proud of her small son as any mother on earth. She says she is coming again. Another patient absolutely neurasthenic and apparently hopeless is almost a perfect cure on a prescription of smiles though it took time and effort to convince her the prescription was both good and efficacious. And so I could go on writing for a long time for I find when one sits down and reviews there is after all much to rejoice over and I cannot write the word I was so tempted to begin with. I must not forget our dear little Kolar Missionary baby, Lucille Anderson, was born a day or two before the awful war was an established fact. When one looks into her smiling face with its sweet wondering blue eyes it seems as if the war must all be a bad dream and it cannot be possible that men who were ever as this dear little piece of humanity, fresh from the God of love, could be now killing one another with a fury and passion born of hatred.
Just here I wish to say how many times I have heard the people express their appreciation and gratitude for the work done by Dr. Lewis, Miss Griffin and our nurses at the time of the plague epidemic here in Kolar. Dr. Lewis has a very large place in the hearts of the people and I feel for her sake they have received and trusted me.

In closing, our heartfelt thanks are due to each and everyone of those in America who, by their prayers, goodwill and means, the latter often at no small sacrifice to themselves, are making this work possible. Yours is the hard end for you must work without seeing what is being accomplished. Surely some day it will all be revealed to each one of you and I know your cup of joy will indeed be full even to overflowing. I wish to thank the Standard Bearers of the First Church Germantown Pa, for the box which arrived in India before I did, but went astray finally reaching me just in time for this Christmas. It is true that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but I scarcely think the pleasure you had at sending that box could have been greater than the happiness the gifts in it gave to those who received them.

Nellie F. Nunan.

Nursing Department

This year, the second of my sojourn in India, was begun in an almost deserted town because of an epidemic of plague which had crept in over a month before. It came in gradually and as gradually left. It continued longer than usual partly because the people did not move far enough away and oftimes returned to their infected homes to get some articles which they felt it necessary to have. Many suffered from the cold, damp huts which they were obliged to live in.

Inoculation was urged but not forced upon the people, except the school children. Not one who was inoculated died from plague. But few except Christians were willing to take the treatment; consequently, the mortality was high. Records showed that this was the severest siege that Kolar had known.

Because of the general exodus the work became very light and as it seemed that conditions would continue thus for some time, Dr. Lewis obtained permission for me to attend language school as soon as it opened in January. The Telugu class did not begin until school had been open a little over a week, but we studied under munshis during this time. Two days after the class was opened word came that plague had entered the Boys' School. This necessitated my return to Kolar and an opportunity did not present itself for me to take up my studies there again, so I am doing what I can at home.

As it was not wise to take these cases even into the infectious ward, huts were put up in the back compound some distance from the buildings.
We made arrangements in a hospital in Bangalore to take the few patients that were in the hospital and unable to return to their homes, and for our babies in an Indian Boarding School. We asked for volunteers among the nurses for the care of the plague cases and sent the rest to care for the babies. As the work grew it was necessary to call some of the nurses back and put untrained helpers with the babies.

We had great reason to be proud of our nurses. They went about their duties with prayerful hearts and willing hands, and many words of commendation were spoken because of their bravery and faithfulness. Never once did they shrink from their tasks nor show signs of discouragement, even though many died and their work was hard. They were ever ready to speak the word of comfort to the suffering. It was a splendid experience for the nurses and they appreciated it.

A number of prominent men of Kolar visited the camp and expressed their surprise and pleasure by saying, "See all you are doing for us. No one has ever done it before. You leave your beautiful hospital and its comforts and come out here to care for our sick and dying."

One man, a wealthy Muhammandan, and not our friend, came to Dr. Lewis, after he had been deserted by the Government doctors and begged her in the name of Christ to do something for his daughter who lay very ill with plague. Dr. Lewis went to see her and it did not seem as though she would live through the day. In response to his earnest plea "for the love of Christ," she told him her condition but said we would do the best we could for her. She sent some medicine and we all prayed for her. When the doctor returned in the evening the patient was better and the father said, "From the very hour that I pleaded with you to help her for the love of Christ, she began to improve." She steadily grew better. To-day he is our friend, but has not yet given his heart to the One who so wonderfully helped him. We are praying for him and ask that all who read this will join with us. He is a very influential man and if truly converted will do much to lift his people out of darkness.

As the very hot days came the plague died out and people began to return to their homes. Our little flock of babies and the nurses who were in charge of them were brought back, and we were just about to begin our work in the hospital when Dr. Lewis was taken ill with a mild attack of diphtheria. Bishop Robinson telegraphed for a doctor to take her place until she might get the rest she so much needed. Dr. Nunan of Baroda was sent but soon after was attacked with the same disease and since has been in poor health. Just before Dr. Nunan's illness it was decided that Dr. Lewis should go home on her furlough, and she sailed the first week in May. Consequently our work has been light during the whole year.

Our babies, eleven in number at the present ranging in
ages from fifteen months to four years, are well and happy. Three of the tiny ones near the beginning of the year died within a few weeks of one another, having been poisoned by impure milk. We have much difficulty in getting a sufficient quantity of good milk. At the time both the Doctor and I were ill and the care of the milk could not be properly supervised. A short time ago another little girl of one year was given to us by the beggar caste and died within a few days, having been neglected and ill. The mother had died some time before. These little ones come to us from families where the mother or father has died and the remaining one too poor to care for the babe, or from homes where they come unwelcomed.

The work this year having been so light we have not added to the numbers of one training class as we know that "idle hands are the devil's workshop." And there would be so much discontent. How glad we will be when Dr. Lewis returns and we will again be able to do full work.

Dr. Nunan has been brave and did the best that could be done under conditions as they were. How our hearts have ached for her. She plunged into her work with great energy and it was an overwhelming disappointment when she found that her health would not permit her to realize her ambitions. I heartily agreed with Dr. Wanless of Miraj when he said, "No doctor should be sent out to India until he or she had had at least a year at home to rest or do light work after their strenuous college course."

We find it very difficult to get girls of sufficient training to take up the work, as the brighter girls of our schools are needed there as teachers and an effort is made to get them married as soon as they are at a responsible age. It is very easy to see that we could not take married women into the work. My belief is that the hope of India lies in the Christian home, and if we should take the wives and mothers from their homes what would the result be? Consequently the problem of obtaining good nurses is ever a hard one.

This year has been a hard one and we have fallen far short of our aim, but we are not discouraged for we know that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

For we know not every morrow can be sad
So forgetting all the sorrows we have had
Let us wipe away our tears
And lay by our foolish fears
And through all the coming years
Just be glad.

We have heard Him say, "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, 'Fear not I will help thee.'" So leaning on his promises we will "lay aside every weight that doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."
Woman's Missionary Conference

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have upheld us with their prayers this year and to the N. W., Pac., Cinn., and D. M. Branches for their material support.

Martha A. Griffin.

Boarding School and Orphanage and Widows’ Home

Urdell Montgomery... ... ... Missionary

Assistants: Miss Peters, Mrs. Tremenhere, Miss Dunning, Mrs. Fitz Walter.

After the danger and inconvenience of the plague epidemic was passed, and we were all back again in our comfortable homes, it was time to begin the yearly Evangelistic Campaign. As Miss Maskell was starting on her furlough to America, it was my happy lot to take charge of the women who went out for that work. After the difficulties and uncertainties of looking after the girls and guarding them from all the real and the imaginary dangers incident to living in temporary shelters unprotected by a compound wall, it was a great relief to escape to the care-free life of the campaign, where there were only seven Bible-women to be responsible for, and they all knew how to look after themselves. The young Lady Assistants and the temporary Matron took full charge of the orphanage and school work, cheerfully undertaking this extra burden, for the joy of having the evangelistic work done. They and the girls were almost as interested as we who were out in the field, and their daily earnest prayers were surely a mighty force to help in the salvation of souls. During the month’s campaign there were 272 people baptized, whom the evangelistic workers are keeping in touch with and trying to train in Christian living.

Our hot weather vacation begins about April 15; so that there was only about a month after the campaign before we had to close the school term. It had been a term of many interruptions and much confusion, so that we did not feel that much had been accomplished. However, the examinations showed good results; most of the girls received passing marks, and four were successful in passing the Government Lower Secondary Examination. The results of the Government Inspection were very good; and in July about eighty girls and twelve teachers passed the All-India Sunday School Examination, one receiving a medal for having the highest marks in the Kanarese field for the Intermediate grade.
During the six weeks of the hottest weather, while the others go to their homes, the largest girls and I do what we can to keep busy and happy. There were sixty-five who could not go away this year, and all but ten of these were large girls. In the middle of the vacation we decided to take a week's tramp, making a circuit of some of the principal villages about, where we have Christian workers. It proved to be one of the happiest weeks of the year. The girls walked over seventy miles, sleeping at nights in travellers' bungalows, village churches or homes that were thrown open. We did not carry food with us, but depended on buying what we needed as we went along. The workers in the villages welcomed us most heartily, and helped to get us food, and have it cooked. It was in the very hottest part of the year, but a good breeze was blowing, and not one of us felt it too much; we returned in splendid health and spirits.

In June I went for my holiday, while the Assistants began the routine school work. This is our long term of seven months, with hardly a day of vacation; the time when we expect to do our best work. There has been no epidemic to hinder, the health has been generally good, the teachers faithful; and we feel now that it has been very satisfactory in every way. Miss Peters has been conducting a class for the teachers, training them in plans and methods. The value of this has been very evident in the increased efficiency of the teachers and in the results obtained by the pupils. The English work has made good progress under Miss Dunning and Mrs. Tremenhere; we think we are beginning to realize a little of our ideal that our girls shall be able, after leaving school, to keep in touch with the best Christian thought through the medium of English books.

We have had a more definite and systematic prayer-life this year than before. Every Monday afternoon, the teachers meet with me for counsel and prayer. Each in turn tells her successes and difficulties, and those of the girls in her class. Then each in turn is prayed for; each girl who is backward in her studies or troublesome in deportment, or not strong in body, is prayed for individually. Then we are all in covenant to pray individually for all of these difficulties each day of the week. There have been many backward girls who have become good students during the year; the Lord has honoured our faith and done things for us that seemed almost impossible. On Tuesday afternoon the young ladies, the Matron and I meet for the same purpose. Every difficulty is retold; each one tells frankly her own needs and anxieties; and these are prayed for one by one. On Sunday afternoons the Heads of the Houses meet in my office for Bible study and Prayer. There we talk about our responsibilities in looking after the girls in the Mission, etc., and pray for strength and courage to meet the difficulties.

In some ways this has been a very hard year. The prolonged plague epidemic, the famine conditions, which are not ended, and
the anxiety because of the War, have all made it a peculiarly trying year. But we come to the close in good condition of health and strength, with all the work well in hand and everything progressing satisfactorily. We are making application for nine girls to take the Government examination next April, and for five others who have already passed that examination to take the English Examination. This is the largest number we have ever sent up. They seem well-prepared up to this stage, at least. And we know that all that has been accomplished has been the result of our prayer life and the added earnestness and ability that has come to us through united prayer.

We had just sufficient rain to give us a fairly good ragi crop, but not enough to reduce the price materially. The tanks have not filled, indeed they are nearly all dry; so that there is not much hope that conditions will change in the early part of next year. The Christmas boxes which kind friends in America sent us have been stopped over on the western side of the Mediterranean; many conditions are not what we would have chosen. But we rejoice that our God has brought good out of all the evils of the past, and that there has not “one word failed of all his good promise.” He continues to set right all that is wrong; and our hearts are grateful for the strength and development that has come to us through meeting difficulties in company with Him.

Kolar Zenana, Village Work and Day Schools

**Julia E. Morrow** ... ... ... ... Missionary


A year in India! How quickly the time has flown! It hardly seems possible that a full year has passed since a party of sixteen new missionaries landed in Bombay, glad for the opportunities before them and eager to plunge into active service. Every day, every week since has been full to the brim yet what a happy year it has been!

Having been given three months' time in which to attend the Language School in Bangalore, and five weeks longer for continued study in the hills, I did not take up regular work in Kolar until the first of June. Of course I missed the Evangelistic Campaign for the year as it had been held in February and
March. Miss Montgomery and Miss Davids went with the Bible-women and Mr. Anderson accompanied the native men in the village work. They had altogether two-hundred and seventy-two baptisms and many interesting experiences.

We now have sixteen Bible-women in the field. We have arranged the work just a little differently for the coming year. The eighty-six villages and six hundred homes in Kolar have been apportioned equally between them. They will hold the same territory for one year and be responsible for the instruction of the baptized people within their territory. It seems that one of our greatest needs is to get trained Christian men and women to go and live in the heathen villages so that the influence of their daily lives may give more weight to the message they bring. We hope this year to give special attention to the children in our evangelistic work. These little ones are usually the first to greet us when we enter the village and the last to leave us on our return home. It is often very difficult to make the old understand clearly even the simple truths that we teach them but the young grasp things more quickly. And after all in India, as elsewhere in the world, the hope of the future is in the children.

During the early part of the year the plague raged for over two months in Kolar. This necessitated the closing of our day schools for some time and it was difficult on again re-opening to collect the scattered children. So it has been rather a hard year for our Kolar Day Schools but on the whole they have done fairly good work. The little Mardigarapet School grew so rapidly that we were forced to build a small addition to the original building to hold the overflow. Arehulley School is also growing rapidly. There are fifty children in the day school and twenty boys in the night school. We have begun a new school in the village of Keelkota and hope to have our new building finished by the first of January. We are planning also to open a school for the Sweeper Caste the first of the year. The men in this village have begged us again and again to open a school for their children, offering to build the house themselves if we could only furnish the material. These low caste children are often difficult to manage and hard to teach but they appeal to me more strongly than the others, for looking at them, I seem to see all the weight of ignorance, misery and oppression, that has been their inheritance for centuries. Poor little creatures! Acquainted with filth and starvation from earliest infancy, yet in spite of everything, retaining at least to a certain extent, the light-heartedness of childhood. How these little ones of India do creep into one's heart! Everywhere we go in Kolar tiny hands are raised to the foreheads and childish voices call out “salaam!” as we pass by. In the Muhammadan quarter the cry changes to “Mem Sahib, salaam! Mem Sahib, salaam!” repeated several times. Surely if the W. F. M. S. did no other work in India than that she is doing for the children, her reward would be great indeed.
Only yesterday we had a little Zenana party for the mothers of our Muhammadan school girls. First we had music and singing, then our Hindustani workers passed some candy and nuts. As the party broke up we put the question to them "would you like to come again?", and eagerly every head nodded assent. I did not know one word they were saying to me as they passed out but as they patted my hand, their eyes told me what their lips could not. To the Muhammadan woman, shut in her darkened home, never leaving it except in closely covered conveyances, even a brief glimpse into the outside world is a great treat.

For over four months we held a weekly class with our teachers to help them in their preparation for the Conference examinations. Nearly all of them passed in the full year's course.

During the same four months we also held a weekly class with the Bible-women in which time we studied the Life of Christ and portions of the Old Testament in outline form. They all took such an active interest in the course that it was a source of real pleasure to me to teach them.

We are planning to give a little treat of nuts and native sweets to our 400 Day School children, as we close the Schools for the Christmas Holidays, and a Christmas Tree for our workers and their children.

Our Assistants have all done very faithful work throughout the year and have been a wonderful help to me in getting hold of the new work and its responsibilities. Then Miss Montgomery has proven an invaluable counsellor always ready to help in every time of need. Personally I have much for which to praise God, in this first year of service in India, and we all join in thanking again the dear ones in America, who by their gifts, continue to make this work possible.

Just a little over a year ago in the homeland, I heard for the first time the following words as they fell from the lips of our beloved W F. M. S. President, and as I close, their music is still ringing in my ears and finding an answering echo in my heart—

"O! Its great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
In the fight for God and man.
Though it seams the face and tires the brain,
And strains the arm till our friend is pain,
Yet its great to be out where the fight is strong,
Out where the heaviest troops belong,
In the fight for God and man."

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Belgaum District

Evangelistic Work

Mrs. Margaret C. Ernsberger ... ... Missionary
Mrs. Clara C. Lipp ... ... Missionary
Miss Millicent Graham ... ... Assistant
Bail-Hongal Circuit Nine Bible-women, one teacher
Belgaum Circuit Seventeen Bible-women, five teachers

Bail-Hongal Circuit.—Mrs. Lipp had charge of the Woman’s Evangelistic work in this Circuit until October 1. Her competent band of Bible-women has worked regularly except for illnesses. There have been 91 baptisms in the Circuit, 41 of these being women and girls. Mr. Lipp was hard at work building a bungalow in the town of Bail-Hongal when he contracted a fever which proved to be typhoid. Consequently the family had to come into Belgaum, where they were from June 1, to the end of September; then, on the Doctor’s orders, they left for furlough, in the hope that Mr. Lipp might be able to make a complete recovery. Thus our hopes for a closer supervision of the work have been, for the most of the year, disappointed. However we trust that another missionary may be sent to Bail-Hongal after Conference to care for the work in that interesting field.

Belgaum City and Circuit.—During the past years, 17 Bible-women have been working in Belgaum City and Circuit in about 800 homes in the City and in 40 villages. Miss Graham has assisted in the City and village work and has also regularly visited the four Evangelistic schools. The success of this work is largely due to her keen interest in it and devotion to its interests.

The month of January was spent by our workers in a special effort in our new Christian communities in and near Belgaum. The people were visited again and again throughout the month, and special attention was paid to recording all the families in these communities. Then during the first week in February we went in large bands to hold morning and evening meeting in these places. We find that year by year our influence increases among the people. In one locality where the Municipal school master has greatly opposed us, we have at last succeeded in putting a Bible-woman right into the Municipal school to teach sewing and Bible.
On February 10, we turned out in force for the Chinchli Jathre (or religious fair). This place happens to be in the Gokak Circuit, but it is of interest to the whole District as it is a very large Jathre attended by about 50,000 annually. This year our party numbered 27 including missionaries, teachers, preachers, Bible-women and High School boys. We rented two houses for workers and pitched two tents for missionaries. We also had a book-stall for the sale of Scriptures and preaching by day, and for magic lantern views at night. We also went everywhere preaching and selling books and were never at a loss for an audience. The Rajah of Kolhapur was there and vast crowds from villages far and near thronged the place. The temple of a local goddess is the centre of interest. Here her devotees come with offerings, beseeching her with the cry of "Chang-bolo" (speak favourably). As the excitement increases these devotees dance round and round the temple till they fall in a swoon in which the goddess is supposed to appear to them and deliver some message. Some women become so excited that they roll round and round the temple. This misguided seeking for the blessing of God fills one with a profound pity and a longing to lead these ignorant but zealous seekers into the paths of truth and light.

After the Jathre, we returned to the Belgaum Circuit and pitched our tents first at Sambra. From this centre we visited all the villages in that neighbourhood. In this circuit 33 workers were out in relays. We found a great improvement in the spirit of the people. Last year in Sambra the people had opposed us, but this year all castes were friendly and we now have a worker living there who teaches a school and his wife is a Bible-woman. They report that 30 people await baptism. We opened up work in one fine large town and have also placed a school there and are expecting baptisms soon.

From this centre we shifted to Kakti, and worked the villages in that field. Mr. Ernsberger drove the motor-bicycle and took Miss Graham and myself in the side-car, so we had very few long walks this year. It was a great comfort to be able to make these trips without becoming so over-heated by the sun. The Bible-women had the use of a danny for going to villages which were on the main roads. In this way we reached in all 23 villages, held 132 services, had 5,829 listeners and baptized 21 people during the campaign month. Our women and boys were active in selling Scripture portions. Our work was hindered in some villages by small-pox and plague.

After this month in the villages the workers were called into Belgaum for a Training School, which lasted for a month. It was held in the Kanarese Church. This quiet place was quickly transformed into a busy school room and classes, lectures, and addresses were the order of the day for the month of March. Twenty-one Bible-women took examinations at the close of the Training School and four Bible-women were given certificates by
Bishop Robinson at the District Conference for having completed the Bible Readers' course of study. The Woman's District Conference was the third which we have held as a separate organization. Fifty women attended the Conference and showed more interest and initiative than formerly in conducting the work of the Conference.

This year the Evangelistic work went on uninterruptedly during the hot season, with a month's vacation in July—the worst month of the rainy season. It was well we had planned the work so, for this proved to be the worst rainy season on record—the rainfall being over 80 inches or nearly double the normal rainfall.

In spite of heavy rains and other hindrances we have had a good year's work; 200 visits have been paid to our 40 villages; 8,378 visits have been paid by the Bible-women in the homes of the people; our 800 homes in the City have been frequently visited; and 59,070 listeners and 320 inquirers are recorded; 100 cases of sickness have been cared for; 4 Jathras have been attended and the Word preached to great crowds; 461 Scripture portions have been sold; this is only a beginning, but now the women have learned the advantage of always having books with them for sale and we expect larger sales next year. We have only 137 baptisms to report in this circuit, but much earnest and necessary work has been done in teaching those already baptized.

Our Christian Mohulla schools are of very great importance in our work. We have four W. F. M. S. Schools of this class and as one master has two night-schools we are really caring for five communities. These schools form the nucleus of the work wherever they exist. Both boys and girls attend and the parents frequently sit and listen. Both secular and religious instruction is given, and special attention is given to the singing of hymns. The teachers of these schools as well as the Bible-women constantly visit the homes of the people. The Sunday School lessons are taught and collections taken each Sunday in six places in Belgaum in connection with this work.

The Monday meeting has been regularly held for Bible-women and teachers, being conducted by different workers in turn, and besides the first Monday of each month is always observed as a special day of fasting and prayer. We have much need for special intercession both for our workers, that they may be consecrated and worthy, and for the large Christian community of this District numbering about 6,500, so recently received into the fold from heathenism. May we not ask those who read these lines to join their prayers with ours for a great revival among the people, which shall result in Pentecostal blessing in this field?

An account of my work would be incomplete without mentioning the Mission Boys' Hostel and the English work. This year there have been 36 boys in the Hostel. We have enjoyed our comfortable new buildings greatly. As we have no matron, no House-father, and no resident master in the Hostel, much
responsibility has been placed upon the older boys as Monitors, and they have proved trustworthy. There are among the boys ten Exhorters who are studying the Exhorter's course. Twelve boys rendered good service in my party in the Evangelistic campaign. Four boys have taught Sunday School among the new Christians and one boy has regularly visited the Civil Hospital. Besides having Scripture in their various schools they have also pursued a course of Scripture with me in the Hostel, and passed their examination most creditably. One boy won a medal in the All-India Sunday School Examination. These boys also hold most of the offices in the local Epworth League Chapter, and many are members of the Social Service Club in the High School. They are keen on sports and physical exercise. The small Primary school now necessarily carried on in connection with the Hostel has been attended by 15 scholars. It is now recognised by Government and has received its first grant.

The English work has taken a good deal of time and interest. As usual I have conducted a series of Bible-classes in the local Y. W. C. A. which reaches all classes of resident Europeans. Besides, this is the seventh year in which I have taught the Bible-class for English soldiers in our English Church. There have been 52 names on the class roll during the year with an average attendance of 13 each Sunday. Thursday is a Regimental holiday and this work with the soldiers entails many hours "over the tea-cups", but there have been some bright conversions among the men and vast improvement in many of them. One of the men gave a three months' course in Swedish Drills to the Hostel boys and the Captain of sports in the Hostel now carries on the drills himself. But early in November our Norfolk Regiment joined the Indian Expeditionary Force and is now doing duty at the front. Thirty-five lads went furnished with pocket Testaments, given by Mrs. Dale of the Soldiers' Home. A large farewell meeting was given to the men at the Church, attended by about 80 soldiers. Our prayers follow them for a safe return. Later, as the families also proceeded home, useful Christmas presents were given to all the children who had been attending the Sunday School. Our English work has sustained great temporary loss, but we look forward to a speedy termination of the War and the return of the troops.

To our loving Heavenly Father who has inspired and upheld this work be all the praise.

Our loving thanks are due to the various Branches which have so faithfully supported this work, viz., New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, N. W., Topeka, and Pacific Branches.
God has been very gracious to us during the past year. Amidst disease and floods our fourteen Bible-women have been spared to carry on their work in the houses and streets of the villages. The floods have been unusual this year. Two of the houses, in which our Bible-women were living, and one Church were washed away; but the workers were not hurt, although they lost some of their belongings, many of the houses of our village Christians and some whole villages were destroyed.

The year has passed by so quickly that we have not been able to accomplish all that we would have liked to do. There have been many encouraging things in the work. During the past year there have been 502 baptisms; of this number about 250 were women and girls. This now makes the number of Christians in Gokak Circuit 3,433.

The Bible-women live in twelve different villages. They work in their own villages and those near by. We try to put a Christian worker in every village where we have Christians. The Bible-women are doing an important work among the women and girls. I have been pleased with their work in the villages, where I have visited them. I made a tour of a week and visited six villages. We quite enjoyed starting off in the early morning to the villages in a bullock-cart. But going at the rate of two miles an hour all day and with nothing but a few dry biscuits to eat was not quite so pleasant. But when we stopped at the villages and saw how well the children are learning and how eager they are to learn, we were glad that we had come. Our village schools are doing excellent work and several of them are registered for grants. Seven boys, who have been Christians for only a few years are now teaching village schools and are doing good work. Both boys and girls attend these village schools.

In one village two little girls, who have been in our Girls’ Boarding School, went with us to the houses. They sang very nicely and the people all gathered around to hear them, so we had a large crowd to listen to the message of Jesus and His love. In another village a Bible-woman stood up in the street and preached to a large crowd of men, women and children. They all listened and wanted to hear more and have us to come oftener. But we had to move on to another village, where there was a large bazaar or market. Here we sat on the roots of a large banyan tree; this gave us a good view of the great crowd that gathered to listen to the preaching. A number spoke, among them several boys who a few years ago were heathen.
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(2) A MAN WHO OFFERED HIS GOAT FOR SALE TO HELP ON THE MISSION

(3) A GIRL RESCUED FROM BEING A TEMPLE GIRL
On Sunday morning we had a meeting for the workers in the bungalow where we were staying. In the afternoon we went to a village to hold a meeting. We have Sunday schools in all of the villages where we have Christian workers and in some of the villages where there are Christians but no worker.

On Christmas Day the school children from the villages came to a central village where they had some exercises. Then we gave them each a few sweets, some popped rice, a Sunday school picture card and a slate pencil. You should have seen how pleased they were.

The workers all give their tithe to help on the work. We have given the village Christians jars made of mud. They keep the jars in their houses and when the women grind their food they put a handful of grain into the jar for the collection. This grain is collected every week and sold to help on the school work.

All of the villages where we have Christians were visited several times during the campaign by our workers and revival meetings held. They attended the Jathras and make special effort there to sell the Scriptures. All of our Bible-women and workers attended our Summer School and District Conference held in Belgaum last April. We trust that the good meetings were a real help and blessing to them all. Nearly all of our Bible-women took some of their examinations and passed in them.

The Lord has blessed us and our work in many ways during the year and we wish to praise Him for it.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Pacific, Topeka and Cincinnati Branches.

Belgaum Boarding School and Day Schools

Mrs. Earl King ... ... ... ... Missionary

Assistant and Teachers—Assistants, Miss Mann and Mrs. M. Davids, and ten teachers.

The year has flown so rapidly that I am found at its close without my report in hand. To write a report of the past year is a real task for me. It has been such a mixture of joy and sorrow, trials and failures. Yesterday the troubles and failures loomed so large that they shut out all else but to-day, however, things have assumed a brighter hue and in thinking over the past year's work I am really surprised at the number of good things that present themselves.

Of course we people connected with school work have a great deal of routine which cannot be reported but which nevertheless takes up much of our time.

Miss Mann is still at the helm in our Boarding School.
Her interest and faithfulness have made it the school it now is—one that is quoted throughout the surrounding country as a model of efficiency and good work. Our teaching staff has been improved by the introduction of another trained teacher and we have the prospect of two more to come to us soon who are now in training in Bangalore. The securing of good Christian teachers is such a hard task and so important a matter that we are made happy in our present and future prospects along that line. The grant spoken of in last year’s report has been obtained, likewise the organ. Several of our girls are taking music lessons regularly under a teacher engaged for the purpose. The school pays half of the music fees, while the girls pay the other half. Several girls are now able to play simple hymns and are looking forward to playing for our District Conference where their parents and district workers may hear them. Our Kanarese Church possesses no musical instrument as yet, but we are hoping to arouse in the members a desire for one through the use of ours.

The hardest problem in the Boarding School during the last year has been the securing of a good matron. We are glad to say that we now have one and are spared many of the harassing problems of the first of the year because of her.

Mrs. Secluna came to us well recommended and has proven her recommendations true. She has had several years’ experience as a nurse and so is able to take good care of the physical side of our girls’ lives. She is competent and self-reliant and understands Indian ways and customs as she has spent a great part of her life working among them. That she is filling her position well is proven by remarks of the girls themselves, who say that she is like a mother to them. She is very much interested in her work and has thought out and made several improvements in the daily schedule.

We are glad to say that the parents of our girls are gradually being stirred to a sense of their own responsibility to their children and consequently have borne a raise in the fee system much more cheerfully than we expected.

Our Day Schools are still under the supervision of our former assistant, although she is no longer Miss Moyser but has taken the name of Davids. She spends each day teaching back and forth between the schools and spending a part of the school hours in each one supervising and teaching as the needs arise. She has made the schools especially attractive through the introduction of kindergarten work so that they are the envy of the municipal schools where the kindergarten course is lacking.

Her work is full of much to discourage. There is a lack of apparatus and of good teachers through a lack of funds to supply them. The schools are located on the bazaar streets where there are many distractions for the girls in attendance, yet Mrs. Davids seems cheerful and enthusiastic through it all and sees many hopeful things in the Day School work.
The Marathi School is filled to overflowing with high caste girls, a great many of whom are in attendance for several years, so that we have the opportunity of teaching them much of Christianity through Scripture teaching and Sunday School work, before they pass out of our reach. Jessiebai, our faithful Headmistress, is very ill at present but we are hoping and praying for her speedy recovery. There is a call for higher standards in this school and we are hoping for funds sufficient to heed the call. These girls were persuaded to try the All-India Sunday School examination and studied very hard for it. The report is not out so we do not know the result as yet.

The work in the other three Day Schools has gone on as usual, but there seems to be nothing outside of the regular routine to report.

Since coming to Conference I have met Miss Ericson who is now back from her furlough and she will no doubt have charge of this work next year.
English District

Baldwin Boys' School

Mrs. John D. Harris ... ... ... Missionary

Upon my arrival in Bangalore on the 1st of March, 1914, I was unceremoniously precipitated into the primary department of the Baldwin Boys' School to relieve Mrs. Coates of some of the burden under which she was so bravely struggling. Supervision of the first three Standards fell to my lot, and the direct charge of the first Standard and kindergarten, comprising 20 boys ranging from three to ten years. After becoming adjusted to the English system, I found it a great joy and privilege to watch the development and growth of these dear little Anglo-Indian boys. I employed every opportunity to teach them the Scriptures. By taking advantage of their ability to commit to memory, I have taught them all the books of the Bible and numerous passages. I love them and they love me, and by love we have been able to impress many moral lessons upon each other. The principles I tried to teach them acted as a discipline to me.

At the close of the school year, an exhibition and parents' day was conducted, in which an opportunity was given to inspect the work of the boys. This feature of the exercise as well as an entertainment was rendered solely by the boys, which met with hearty applause and approval on the part of the patrons.

Baldwin Girls' High School, Bangalore

J. E. Wisner and Ida G. Isham ... ... Missionaries

We turn to look back over the work of the past year with mingled feelings: regret for opportunities missed, and things that had to be left undone; sorrow for failures; but joy in real victories and in the realization of some of our hopes. We have watched with joy some of the older girls growing into intelligent Christian women—with real faith in God and a desire to serve Him. A voluntary Prayer and Bible-study circle has met on Saturday evening and many have come, and we have studied
week by week what the Bible has to teach about the vital things of the Christian character and life, the subject being announced a week ahead so that it might be studied up during the week before the meeting. This has been a means of blessing to many, and our prayer is that the good seed may bring forth an abundant harvest.

The health of the girls has been excellent and we have held our own in attendance, eighty-five having been on the roll during the year.

Early in the year Miss F. F. Fisher to whom Baldwin Girls’ School is so greatly indebted for some of its fine buildings, was transferred to Bidar. We have missed her in the capable management of the Boarding Department and in the business of the School for which she is especially fitted.

Miss D. Curtis, who had for over two years so successfully conducted our kindergarten, left us in April for a home of her own. She has been greatly missed and we extend to her our sincere thanks for her service and best wishes for her happiness.

Two out of the three girls presented for the High School examination in 1913 passed; one of whom is now studying in Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, for an Allahabad B.A.; the other is taking a teacher’s training. The two girls who appeared for the Trinity College of Music Examinations in November passed, one with honours. In the recent Government Examinations four pupils were presented for the High School, three for the Middle School, and two for Primary School.

The usual interest has been taken in athletics, and in October we had a friendly game of basket-ball with the girls from Bishop Cotton School. We sent two girls to Madras last December to play in the Inter-school Tennis Tournament for the Lady Atkinson Silver Cup. We expect those who will represent us at the second Tournament to be held in February next to bring back the cup of which we have been the proud possessors this year.

The war which has occupied the thought of all since August, has been intelligently followed by means of maps, talks by the teachers, and the Times’ history of the War. On Saturday afternoon, November the seventh, the pupils and teachers held a birthday party to celebrate all the birthdays. Each brought her birthday-offering and dropped it into a Red Cross Box. The total amount of this offering is Rs. 100, which, together with the sum the school usually spends for prizes, which the girls have voluntarily given up for this purpose, will be sent to the Red Cross Society.

In 1915, the Staff is to be strongly reinforced by four experienced teachers, three of whom are college women. We are confident in saying that then we shall be equipped to do as good work as any school in India.

We regret that it has been impossible this year to carry out
our plans for a Commercial Course, or to continue that in Domestic Science so well begun the previous year, and are glad to be able to announce that in January our cooking classes will be resumed, and a class in dress-making will be started. The Commercial Course will be open in the 1st of April.

During the year, through aid received from the North-Western and Cincinnati Branches, the Board of Education of the South India Conference, private contributions from those who have gone out from the school, and the scholarships from the Kolar home, we have been able to help fifteen girls. We are very grateful for this assistance.

We aim that our pupils shall lay the foundations not only of real scholarship, but also of Christian character. We would teach them that "They may seek the whole world for joy, happiness, and beauty, but they will not find them if they do not have them in themselves."

Women’s Work in the English Church
Hyderabad

MRS. H. F. HILMER ... ... ... ... Missionary

The work begun last year has been continued under the signal blessing of God without which all efforts would be in vain. To Him alone be praise.

The regular meetings of the Ladies’ Aid Society have been well attended through the year. The ever-present mite boxes have never failed to supply the necessary funds for the Society’s Social Service and Church Aid enterprises. Rs. 300 were given towards the care of the Anglo-Indian Home, besides many gifts in kind and clothing for the children of the Home and for the poor of the community. A Junior Branch, called the Dorcas Society, has furnished needle-work as well as gifts in money, the proceeds from the sale of this work were put into the general treasury.

In October the younger members of the Aid Society gave a Concert which netted Rs. 245 for the work.

The Social Service Mission which is largely composed of women has been active for good. Just after the war began, it prepared two units for army hospital wards and raised Rs. 100 towards their cost. It has been the chief source of support for the Anglo-Indian Home this year. The mission aims in a local way to do for the depressed of Hyderabad what the H. M. S. is doing throughout India.

It is cheering indeed to see the spirit of devotion and self-denial, even on the part of those who can ill-afford it, in giving expression to their sympathy for fellow-creatures in need and to their love for the place of God’s habitation.
The ladies are making use of all the channels of usefulness offered by the Church, and that without seeking credit from others, preferring to serve as unto the Lord. I am glad for the privilege of working with them in the service of our blessed Master who left us His example of going about doing good.

His we are and Him we would serve.

Madras English Church Woman's Work

Mrs. Ross deSouza ... ... ... ... Missionary

This my first year in Madras has indeed been a happy one, for it has been full of work. Our Heavenly Father’s favour has attended us and He has blessed our efforts in connection with the various departments of Church service.

It has been my privilege to teach in two of our Sunday Schools and I have sole charge of the Cradle Roll Department. I had the pleasure of arranging the programme for the Children’s Day Service which was held on the 25th of October. The service was greatly enjoyed and a good collection was taken which is to swell our Conference Educational Fund.

My connection with the Senior Epworth League has been incidental. When able, I have attended the meetings and have greatly appreciated them. I took part in organizing a “Song Service” in connection with this League, when a special programme was rendered and the proceeds turned over to the War Relief Fund.

I have everything to do with our Junior League, being its Superintendent. We have 34 on the roll—28 girls and 6 boys. About 13 of these are children of our Church members and therefore themselves prospective members of the Methodist Church. Perhaps no branch of Church work has given me so much pleasure and encouragement. The hearty interest and enthusiasm of the little ones, the little deeds of self-denial on behalf of poorer children, and their keen desire towards self-improvement, are inspiring. They rarely miss a Saturday meeting. Some of them when given the option of going to the Cinema Show and other attractions in place of the Junior meeting resolutely chose the latter. These “kiddies” collected through their own efforts Rs. 12 for the War Relief Fund and sent Rs. 5 to our Home for Anglo-Indian children in Hyderabad; and one little girl—the girl who has been immortalized by escaping with only a wound during the bombardment of Madras by the late “Emden” has presented a special thank-offering.

The Ladies’ Aid Society is imperium in imperio—a hive of activity; its funds are gathered by various methods, such as “mite boxes”, a “birthday box”, “young ladies’ work class and subscrip-
tion book." Towards the middle of the year the Society paid off a debt to Messrs. Osler and Co. for electric installation in a part of the Parsonage and a millstone was thus removed. With hands rendered freer and hearts made lighter, the Society is now planning to engage the services of a young lady to work in a poor and neglected neighbourhood among members of the domiciled community, the Ladies' Aid Society making itself responsible for her support and all expenses in connection with her work. Much of the success and prosperity of the Society is due to the unflagging interest of Miss Grace Stephens, the President, and Mrs. J. M. Lewis, the late Treasurer.

In addition to this, it has been my privilege to share with my husband the duty of Pastoral visiting, and when needed to take part in the services at Royapuram and Otary in connection with the musical portion of such services. Our first District Conference was held in Madras at the end of October and it fell to my happy lot to entertain some of the guests who came from other stations as delegates to the Conference.

We are looking forward to larger usefulness, wider scope, and increased prosperity in the coming year.

Secunderabad English Church Woman's Work

Mrs. A. Tindale ... ... ... ... Missionary

My work is chiefly among the English and Anglo-Indian community and has been full of benediction to myself and I trust to others.

My little class of eighteen in the Sunday School has been regularly taken and the boys averaging from ten to fourteen years of age will have right views of life and of God's requirements of them, so far as I have been able to teach them.

The poor class of twelve persons, chiefly widows, is taken by Mrs. Muller. They are weekly given a slice of bread and cup of tea when they meet to sew. Once a month we give them tea, sugar, rice, a cake of soap and 4 annas; in the middle of the year, a pair of shoes each, and at Christmas a suit of new clothes—we collect money for this from our members—old clothes, hats and shoes, when we gather a sufficient quantity to go all round. They have each a Testament from which they read, and the verses are explained to them. In this way we have been trying to help these poor women spiritually and temporally. Visitation of sick children of our Sunday School, as also of the members of the Church and their children has been carried on. Frequent house-to-house visits have also been paid.

The work is small but such as it is, I trust it may be owned of God.
Hyderabad District

HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Bible Institute—Women’s Department

MRS. M. D. Ross ... ... ... Missionary-in-charge

Bible-woman and teacher—Kropamma. Bible-women in training—Shantoshamma, Rebeccamma, Sowbogiamma, Soobamma, Poshamma, Denamma.

Our work this year has been somewhat hindered by the transfer of our teacher, Kropamma, with her husband to another district. One of the Bible-women from the Narsingpet Circuit was brought in to fill the vacancy and stayed with us until after our District Conference, then went out with her husband to take charge of the work in the villages to which they were appointed. So now we are again without a teacher, but we are hoping to find an efficient teacher before our vacation closes. As our teacher must be a married woman, competent to teach, and a good as well as experienced Bible-woman, we do not find vacancies easy to fill. I expect to add the requirement this time that they know how to cut and make clothes for Indian women and children. Village women come to us, who do not even know how to thread or hold a needle. And as we try to teach them to make their own and their children’s clothes and do the mending for the whole family, it is very necessary that our teacher know how to sew. But our Heavenly Father, who stands by us in every need will, I am sure, help us to find a woman who can ably fill every requirement. We have had but six women during the year, although a seventh was with us a few weeks. But their village held a mortgage on her husband and the people thereof fearing that we meant to steal them, forced them to come back to their debts. Whether they will ever come to us again we do not know, but this we do know, that the instruction which they received, while with us, in the word of God will not be lost. Our women have done good work this year. Women from the caste sections near us have visited our compound as inquirers, as a result of their practical lessons in Bible-women’s work three afternoons in the week. They have done perhaps better in their examinations than in preceding years. Two have already gone to their work and
two more go at the end of the year. Deiamma came to us as a bride during the year and was only with us a few months. The two who have gone out and the two who are to go are women who will work side by side with and do as good work as the older Bible-women in their field of labor. We are looking forward to and planning for a bigger year next year. We mean to do more touring and to take our school with us. A gift was given during the year to build an upstairs room on our school building. This will be used as a dormitory for the single men and as an assembly hall and perhaps as a church part of the time. We are all very grateful for this, as it was much needed and will add much to the comfort and pleasure of the whole school, especially during the hot weather. Trusting to the Lord, who brought us to this work, that He will guide in all our plans, and that He will help us to send out efficient men and women to do the work of teachers and preachers in this great Telugu field, we commit ourselves to His hands, hoping that He will in some way use us in awakening and saving the great city of Hyderabad, which lies all around us.

Stanley Girls’ High School

Miss Evans and Miss Morgan ... ... Missionaries

Assistants and Teachers:—
Misses Williams, Woodbridge, Joseph, D’Lima, John, Hudson, Abana, A. John.
Telugu Teachers and Urdu Munshi.

“More than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.”

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, scattered throughout all the Branches there are loving hearts and hands reaching out sympathetically to each and every one belonging to the STANLEY GIRLS’ HIGH SCHOOL. Let this be a personal letter to you all.

We can never tell just exactly how many there are of us at one time as there are sure to be some who are away at their houses taken out for a few days, but as their mothers were never at School and cannot read, their stay may be only a few days or it may be prolonged into months. This is specially true of the Mohammadans and Hindus who come as boarders. Then there are new girls constantly coming, one child brings another, so as a School we keep constantly growing. At present they are 163 on the rolls; largest number we have ever had, of these 130 are boarders and are your scholarship girls.

A family that size might be burdensome when people have to cook on stoves and use so many dishes but happily the children
live the simple life. The stove is not a stove at all but just a slight elevation in the cook-house on which rests the big “degcha,” or rice boiler and here the rice is cooked three times a day. Then there is another cooking vessel, for the savory curry with vegetables every day and meat twice a week. Fingers take the place of knives and forks and each child washes her own plate and presto! the meal is over.

The High School girls do almost all the cooking and now that domestic science is a subject required by the Government it adds dignity to this work. The new education which puts more emphasis on a knowledge of the laws of health, food values, how and what to cook; than, on who ruled one thousand years B.C. and what wars were waged, is taking deep root here in India. The care of the drinking water for such a large number is an education in sanitation which will bear much fruit in the years to come in the village homes to which many of these girls will go.

The compound or ground around the School is ideal as to drainage and that brings us to the School garden. Here the girls learn to dig and plant and weed; to have flowers of their very own and to know the glory of the garden.

There are more than 100 banana trees and we count the education received from tree and plant of much more importance than just something read out of books; while doubtless the children count the bananas. Many kinds of Indian vegetables are cultivated and sometimes there is plenty to use for the School and the girls will say we can get the vegetables from our own garden to-day.

Why do we write about all of these common duties? Because here is the real battle field. The “Carpenter of Nazareth” lived and worked with common tools at the common task to teach us all the glory of carrying joyfully the common burden of humanity. Here in India where caste builds its well-nigh impregnable walls about work, it is well worth while to lay the foundations deep on the great truth that it is sin which defiles and not honest toil.

Now if every one kept well all the time the burdens of this large family would not be worth mentioning but, what with 35 cases of a very bad form of measles, two cases of continued fever; and the missionary’s broken ankle there has been ample scope for much practice in sick nursing; so the education of the Indian girl includes taking temperatures, the proper food for the sick, the giving of medicine and all that a nurse ought to do. The fever had run its course when the kind and loving but ignorant mother came. The warnings about food were not heeded and the child was fed by the deceitful mother on the sly, when there was a dreadful relapse which lasted another three weeks, and then some in all the case ran along for 70 days but when the fever was the highest and the little sufferer, in her wild delirium, wanted to leave
her bed it was the gentle hands of the School-girl nurse who put her to sleep.

We were all made to feel the horrors of the terrible war when the teachers and big girls were all so busy rolling the long bandages, finishing surgeons' aprons, making nightingales or small capes and other necessaries for the wounded on the battlefield. The girls wrote passages of Scripture and pinned them on the various articles and put Testaments into all the pockets.

From the home life of this large family we turn to the School work. You, who from across the seas, have sown in faith, believing that the Indian girls have a right to enter the temple of learning will rejoice that the first class of girls to appear for the High School Leaving Certificate were Christian young women from your Stanley Girls' High School.

For a week the girls went daily to the public examination hall and took examinations in English, Mathematics, Chemistry and an Indian language; four subjects in all and oh, joy! they were workmen that needed not to be ashamed. I can assure you that the examination was sufficiently difficult and that the certificates won by the girls will admit them to the universities and medical schools of India. On the entire work they secured 83 per cent of passes. Of these girls, one remains on the staff as a teacher, another hopes to study medicine if her health will permit, the third went to relatives in Bombay, but although an Indian girl, her knowledge of English secured her a post to teach English in an English School. She has begun to refund the money for her education so that another may have a chance and this is very good form of self-support. The fourth one in the class was a day scholar whose mother paid almost $3 a month for her fees. All told we sent up 16 different girls, there were failures but there were plenty of successes too. There were two Muhammadan girls who passed the Middle School examination, much to their credit as they were both day scholars and one of them came daily a distance of more than five miles. A bright Telugu Christian girl, who also passed her examination, is now studying in the High school. In all departments faithful work is being done and best of all the girls are trying to be more like their Divine pattern.

Library

It was such a worthwhile box which came early in the year for it was filled with histories, scientific books, the works of our best authors, an encyclopedia and such a beautiful Bible; a teacher's library. It was the loving gift of Miss C. C. Cromer, for many years the teacher of modern languages in Simpson College. Our best thanks are also due to the Young Ladies' Bible Class of Hasting, Michigan, for a complete set of Hope Daring's books, which are so well adapted to inspire girls to do their best. The
beautiful doll, life size, which arrived without loss of life or limb has been a source of much comfort to the little girls during the weary days of convalescence.

**Improvements**

While the Houston Home and the Stanley Girls' High School are complete the missionary has had designs on the old bungalow at the back of the compound. Without expense to the society, an old tile roof has been converted into a Sky-Parlour which makes possible a new dormitory for little children. The size of the room is 30 by 20.

**Sowing by all Waters**

But all this is but the back ground of our real work. Vacation days are filled with joyous service. A day school for Muhammedan girls has been kept up for years. One day we told the children that we would go to the houses where those lived, who had learned to read in this school. We little thought how big a contract we had taken. The children formed a body-guard marching from house to house; and as soon as we entered, out would come the books and with modest pride the women and girls would read for us. Awaiting us at the outer door, the children would make a rush to see which one would be able to secure our hands to lead us to her house for the much coveted visit. At one house the mother was grief-stricken; her daughter, who had learned to read and sing in the school, had died. How glad we were to know that the dear child had heard the "Wonderful Name", had learned to sing of "Him who died for us all", and we left it all with Jesus, knowing that a bruised reed will He not break nor quench the smoking flax.

Teachers, school girls and missionaries went another day in another direction to a poor little Hindu village. Men, women and children listened with earnest attention. The little day school, with its dust floor; its roof, the wide spreading branches of a friendly tree; its walls, the beautiful out of doors, was thoroughly taught that day. Although the pencils were nimble fingers, the slates and books, the sand of the road side; yet our teachers adapted themselves most naturally to the primitive ways of the village. When the rest time came the missionary and the girls with the workers walked on to the village a mile away.

In the whole village there was not a house which was not made of mud with a grass roof, and grass and sticks skillfully woven and tied together made the doors to these hovels. At first it did look like every one was out in the fields or herding goats. However, when the clear notes of the girls rang out singing the songs of Zion, heads began to be up behind the walls. Old women, little children and hard working men began to come till there were twenty-five by actual count.
One woman came from the rice fields where she had been pouring water. She told us that all her five children had died when they were babies and we told her how safe they were "in the arms of Jesus" and the beautiful home where she might find them again. The hopeless look went out of her sad eyes and our heart prayer was that that poor woman might find all her dear children in the beautiful home on high.

Another day, a short train journey brought us to another village where there were a few Christians and many heathen. The Christian teacher in that place had died the year before but it was his daughter, who took her father's place and told the story of God's love.

The day was dying in the west. The rock-ribbed hills on which rests the ancient and historic Fort of Golconda were banked in clouds of sunset glory. The whole school was in the lumbering two-wheeled carts ready to start home. The long happy day was done. The hundreds of steps leading up to the very top of the wonderful old Fort had been climbed many times by joyous little feet. From the Baradhari, the throne, where centuries ago, warrior kings had watched the triumph or defeat of their armies in the plains below, could be seen the magnificent panorama of the tombs of these warrior kings and the great walled city and the suburbs of Hyderabad with its 415,000 souls; the magnificent palaces of the rich, the hovels of the poor. Sky and cloud, stately palm and the wide spreading branches of forest trees laden with creepers covered with gorgeous bloom, made a scene never to be forgotten. The carts had not gone far when we saw a Bible-woman. In a few moments there was a small party ready to go to the village while the remainder went merrily home. The walk across the fields, with the deep furrows of sand, ready for the sweet potatoes to be planted, the little stream just too wide to jump but lovely to wade, the small fields, their boundary lines being marked by narrow ridges or foot-paths, sufficiently wide for the bare feet of the humble toilers but too narrow for shoes, all this told the story of long hours of unremitting toil. The people were just returning from their hard day's toil in the fields and they gladly came to listen as the beautiful voices of the teachers and girls rang out telling in the Telugu language the sweet story of God's love. How still it all was, as the stars shone out and the people sitting on the ground so poor and distressed, their houses of mud and yet reaching out after eternal riches, one could but rejoice in the Salvation for all mankind and they shall be mine in that day saith the Lord Jehovah.

We are grateful to all the Branches which so kindly support our work and also to all those who remember us when they pray.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools

MISS CATHERINE WOOD ... ... ... Missionary

Assistants—Miss M. Smith, Miss M. Fallon, Mrs. G. Somerville; Bible-women—Simyabai Singh, Kumbabai John.

Day Schools

Assistant—Miss C. Smith, Teachers—Jothabai, Mihr-un-Nissa Begum, Sabib Khatun, Rahim-un-Nissa Begum, Birmillah Bi, Mahbub Bi, Majud-un-Nissa Begum.

Industrial School

Teacher—Mrs. Grace Surrey.

It has been impossible to accomplish as much in either work this year as might have been done for I have been obliged to carry all the detail of both works and to be ready also for all the unexpected duties that sometimes come so rapidly.

The year began with the preparations for a welcome to our new missionary, Miss Low, and the plans for Christmas presents for the children of the village Schools which the Bible-women were to carry back with them to these Schools from this reception. What we had planned as a pleasant beginning for the year’s work became a real burden before the end of that week, for Miss Low had fallen so ill that she had to have constant care and the preparation of the presents proved a heavy task. The welcome meeting had to be held without Miss Low present and was indeed an anxious time, for the fever was at its worst just at that hour. It was however the turning point and in a few days she was up and away to attend the Language School—the goal of her ambitions at that time. The presents, too, reached the little Schools and did not prove to be such a burden to them as they had been to us. They brought Christmas cheer to little ones unaccustomed to such things and encouraged them in their tasks of trying to learn to read the Telugu language.

On a recent tour it was a glad surprise to the missionary to find that her labour had not been in vain that busy week. These little children have been going on slowly and we find some of them are able to read a little, as a result of their perseverance.

During February, March, and April the villages were again reached by short tours but during the rains which were very heavy this year nothing more could be done. It has been a year
filled with a good many discouragements. Sometimes it has been hard to press on. Every day seemed to bring some new disappointment. But the end has been reached and while we look back over broken plans and disappointments God has carried on his work. The Bible-women have been at their posts, the assistants have regularly gone about their duties. Miss Low joined us in the work the middle of June and has been able to carry the Telugu work in the city in addition to her language study. A few short trips have been made into the villages since the rains. We have not seen all the work but what we have seen gives inspiration.

Here is a little school that has not only lived through the year but gives evidence of vigorous life. The spirit is good though the slates have become too few. These little villagers are as full of life and activity as any healthy farmer’s children can be; but the teacher soon brings order out of the confusion as she opens her school with song and all are just as full of life in work as in play. The answers come readily and correctly as she questions them on their Bible lessons and patiently the 25 or 30 little ones await their turns for lessons and the use of the slates.

Another village that has often seemed dull and listless is now aroused and presses its need of a teacher and half a dozen young men take a good half-hour to try to prove to us their need. One of their number can almost read well enough to be a teacher we observe. There is small hope of a teacher from any other source. These young men may be led to push on in their efforts until they themselves will be able to provide their own teacher. If foreign lands cannot help, then the Lord will raise up other means to carry forward His work. “The cattle upon the thousand hills are His. The silver and the gold are His also.”

Again in a recent tour at the evening hour we visit another little school. Though the enrollment in this school is not very large the work shown gives evidence of good faithful effort. It is a real school and as the children sing song after song with keen enjoyment we realize that the few months this teacher has been there have not been in vain.

The work in the city and suburbs has gone on again this year with not much of change. To be able to say this is to say a good deal this year. The day schools have all been well attended and the interest has been good and we can say the same about the Sunday Schools. The teaching and visiting in the houses has been greatly appreciated by the women and girls. I myself have given two days each week to this work and helped in two Sunday Schools on Sunday. The four assistants have gone regularly on their daily rounds and will report for themselves on the work done. The Industrial School though not large in numbers has been self-supporting again this year and several women have
found temporary help by joining this school for two or three months at a time when work could not be found elsewhere. One of our women who left the school about two years ago has again come back and does the work in her home, coming once a week for fresh supplies of work and giving over what she has finished.

Miss M. Smith

My work during the year has been to supervise a day school and teach in 24 houses about thirty girls and women. I also visit and give the Gospel Story in 10 other houses. The attendance in the day school has been from thirty-five to forty-five girls. About half-a-dozen of these girls are learning Persian and English in addition to Urdu. They take their lessons with great enthusiasm. They especially like Arithmetic. Some of the big girls have memorized the whole of the Catechism of 24 chapters. To these girls, memorizing is no hard task. On Sunday they have Sunday School. During this year we have had the Sunday School Picture Rolls and they have been a great help to the girls in remembering their lessons.

The girls and women in the houses enjoy their lessons greatly and appreciate our visits. They look forward to the day when their turn for a visit comes. As I enter they will say to me “We have been counting the days until you should come. We have been watching for you as we watch for the feast moon.” On the day of my visit one of these women gets up earlier than usual and does all her work. Her husband has his food earlier than usual and gets out of the way for they have just one small room. Lately he has told his wife not to trouble me for her lesson in the reader but he will teach her that so that she may give all her time to the lesson in the Gospel and its explanation. Afterwards they talk over these things and the husband tells his wife that this is the truth. As I go among these people I realize that the things they once considered true are losing their hold upon them. They say so—and they do not know just what it is they want, but are desirous of learning the truth. They are willing to hear the Gospel and some confess that they believe it is the truth. May the good Seed sown from day to day in these many hearts bring forth fruit in due season.

Miss C. Smith

This year I supervised four day schools—taught and catechised on an average twenty-five to forty-five girls daily. Our schools are no more looked upon with dread and fear. Children come in most leisurely oft-times tagging their little sisters and brothers behind them. After a most gracious bow and a salaam each one takes her place. The programme of the school lasts six
hours, during which time reading, dictation, arithmetic, copy-
writing, geography, singing, catechism and drills are taught.
Reading of the Sunday School papers and tracts is an extra lesson.
Our yearly programme is a very interesting time. No sooner do
the girls get their pieces for recitation and song than our schools
are full to overflowing. The children enjoy this preparation very
much and go into these exercises with heart and soul. Each one
tries to do her very best. Their mothers and relations also have
their part in these preparations and feel proud to see their little
ones taking part and reciting and singing so well. Some of the
girls learn fancy work also. Given an opportunity, they have
capacity and ability to learn anything others can learn.

A few months ago there was an unrest in the neighbourhood
of one of these schools. Some persons told the teacher that they
would put a stop to her school. Quietly we waited and prayed
over the matter. The feeling was started by one man who was
unusually desirous that his daughters be taught English. The
girls gave up their gay coloured clothing and adopted a more
modest, quiet apparel. They joined us in a prayer with their heads
bowed and eyes closed. This becoming known stirred some
people up to interfere. After a few days however the trouble all
passed over and we have heard nothing of it since. This is the
only disagreeable thing that happened during the year; except this
affair our school work has gone on peacefully. It is the hand of
our God that guides and we will never forget.

Miss M. Fallon

My work gets more and more interesting as the days go by
and it is with great joy I find that the people are eager to hear
the Gospel. Recently I have had work in quite a new quarter
and one girl whom I had visited twice before said “Have you
brought your book of pictures for I am just longing to hear
the stories. I feel happier after hearing them.” Another girl
asked me if I was sure Christ could save her and I replied, “yes,
He has saved me and will save you too.” She then said that
she would pray every day to Christ as she really wanted Salva-
tion.

The children in the homes take an interest in the Scripture
lessons and some of them beg for “one more story.” At two
houses, while I am giving the Urdu or English lesson to a pupil
one of the elder children will take my book of pictures and tell
the other children the Bible stories and my heart rejoices to find
how well these little ones remember the lessons. Many of the
young men in the streets ask for copies of the Gospel and I often
see them reading them and nearly all who can read eagerly take
the tracts and read them. Some of the big girls who have left
school have asked for hymn books so as to sing at home the hymns
they know.
One man was told that his children were taught what was not right, especially on Sundays; so they brought him to the house next to the school and he listened while we had prayer, after which he told the people that those who prayed as we did could not possibly teach his children anything wrong.

One woman asked me why I taught about Christ and said that she only wanted her daughter-in-law taught English; so I told her that the English would benefit the girl only in this world but that the Scripture lessons would also benefit her in the world to come. And yet this was the woman who a short time before had asked me to teach her to pray to Christ. I was very disappointed; but when I took the disappointment to my Saviour He helped me to get over it and some glad day I hope to see all these dear ones safe at the side of the Christ.

Mrs. G. Somerville

During the past year I have had the privilege of visiting 110 houses and read and spoke to 146 women. Almost every one listens with interest and several manifest a real pleasure in the day’s lesson. Sometimes one may be busy while the others are prepared to listen, and she will call out and say “Please do not begin to read until I also can come and hear.” Others say “Wait a few minutes until we send for so and so.” She will be disappointed if you finish and go away without her having heard.” I believe that several have a fair knowledge of the Gospel from hearing it over and over.

The work among the women is necessarily slow. There are so many things to divert attention and draw away their minds from the truth. Not a month passes but there is some religious observance or feast for which they have to prepare many days in advance, so they are constantly kept busy. One thing is barely over before it is time to get ready for another. Owing to these sort of things it seems as if there is not much time for the good seed to find lodgment in their hearts. Only the knowledge that “He who is for us is mightier than he who is against us” helps to keep us persevering. And in spite of every hindrance there is progress though slow and gradual.

On Sunday, I help in two Sunday Schools. In one class there are about thirty-three children and in the other twenty-four. Many are quite little ones but they behave very nicely and try hard to learn the Golden Texts.

In all this work there is much to encourage. The greater results will appear when the Holy Spirit convicts of sin and works as he can mightily in their hearts.

Again the blessed privilege has been ours of giving another year to the service of our Master in this field. We face another
new year ready again to do all we can to help build up His Kingdom. The work has been supported by New England, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, North-western, Des Moines and Topeka Branches.

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Telugu Work, Hyderabad

Miss Low ... ... ... ... ... Missionary


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The greater part of my time during the year was spent in studying the Telugu language. Progress in this study is slow as it consists in learning to say things backwards.

It was my privilege to attend the Union Missionary Language School of Bangalore for three months.

The instruction given in the vernaculars and in other subjects is very helpful in preparing the missionary for better work.

On returning to Hyderabad I began some practical work.

There are four Telugu Mission Day schools in Hyderabad with an enrollment of seventy pupils.

At first the supervision of these schools was anything but encouraging.

However as the days passed, we learned to love the children and the work more and more.

The welcome salaams and the hearty response on the part of these children were found to win one’s love.

We have only had one glimpse of the village work of the two circuits.

The children in the villages do coolie work or care for their younger brothers and sisters during the day. Consequently the schools are held at night.

Although the equipment in these schools is poor, yet the ventilation is perfect as the sky is the roof and mother nature the floor.

In one of these schools which we visited there were twenty children sitting in a semi-circle around a lantern. Although it was difficult for some of them to see and there was a necessity for some to wait their turn to secure a slate, yet at the close of a two hours’ session a few were reluctant to give up their slates.

While out on the first tour in the villages there was a meeting held in one of them in the interest of self-support. This was
the first meeting held on the circuit for this purpose. As the meeting was held at an unfavorable time there were only eleven Christians present. These contributed six rupees. Out of the exceeding little which they possessed they gave.

I would express my appreciation for the assistance which my co-worker, Miss Wood, has so kindly given, enabling me to escape many of the difficulties which naturally come to the new missionary.

For the unexpected joys and opportunities which have been ours in His service we give thanks to God.

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The year was begun with great odds against us; there was sickness in the home of almost every worker. Death had visited four families, and on account of these domestic troubles the work was seemingly neglected. But we prayed to our Heavenly Father that notwithstanding these hindrances, he would give us great victory. True to His promise before long these trials were being overcome; those who had passed through deep waters redoubled their efforts in the Master’s Vineyard receiving rich blessings, even the Salvation of souls for their hire.

Our staff has been strengthened by three additional Bible-women. The band of fifteen women has been working faithfully on. Of these, three are helpers; that is being village women they each one work in company with a qualified Bible-woman. Nine of them live in the out stations, visiting fifty villages from nine centres. Hitherto there was only one woman for Itinerating whereas now there are three. Whilst one accompanies me the other two work from another direction, strengthening the hands of the women who work alone. The motto for the year is “For though I Preach the Gospel I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me. Yea, woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel.”

When special difficulty has arisen in any woman's work it has been made known to the others with requests for special prayer, and thus a prayer band has been started.

Several tours have been made over the circuit, so that each Bible-woman has been visited every quarter, sometimes more than once. At the beginning of the year a Temperance Campaign proved very successful. At every village we stopped and at every meeting we held we spoke on the subject, showing by illustrations the evil effects of alcohol on the human system. Temperance was taught also in the Sunday Schools.

In another campaign special effort was directed towards work amongst young people, urging them to do all in their
power to build up their own Church. Five Village Epworth Leagues were organized with a membership of about seventy. Through this means the village Christians are learning to do active church work. Leading meetings and helping in Sunday Schools. Then a Women’s Campaign far exceeded our expectations. In spite of all our efforts it seems impossible to meet the great demand or satisfy the desire for the Gospel. As never before the people are begging for the Bread of Life. There seems to be a general awakening amongst the women, especially those of the high caste. In order to satisfy the people we were often kept standing, preaching here and there for five or six hours at a stretch. They have followed us to our camping place until we had eaten, then taken us to homes we happened to pass by. Meeting us in the streets they begged us for the Gospel. Often messages have been sent for us to visit again soon. In connection Christ’s words have come to my mind many times. “But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.” I can only give a few instances by which an idea of the great heart hunger of these people may be conveyed to you. An old woman listened while the tears streamed down her face, so moved that all she could say with her head bowed over her hands in an attitude of deep devotion, “Jesus Lord have mercy on me. Have mercy on me.” Calling the little ones to her she made each one fold his hands and say “Jesus Lord” A woman was going on with her work near by; she suddenly left and coming up close said “Teach me also to say the word for I too need salvation;” with the others she was fervently saying the prayer. At another place we met a woman coming out of her house. On being asked if she wished to hear God’s word she said “I haven’t time, but that you should not be disappointed I will listen a little.” The story of the woman of Samaria made a strong impression on her mind. She stayed a long time listening, questioning, then she exclaimed “Blessed, blessed words that God has permitted me to hear in my old age. I have heard before but it has never taken such hold upon me as it has now. Wonderful that Christ saves even me.”

She followed us to other caste sections and in her own simple words was telling the Redemption Story, having many listeners.

About thirty women of the Shepherd caste stood around urging the Sunday School children to sing and repeat the Catechism; afterwards they listened most attentively to the message which the angels brought to the shepherds so long ago and how they came to see the Christ babe lying in a manger. Being greatly impressed they began to give expression to their thoughts. “How far short we come of what we ought to be” said one. Another said “How wonderful God’s plan that Christ should be born so lowly that even humble shepherds hastened to see Him.” When
asked what they intended to do with the message, an old woman, the leader amongst them, said "What else but that we will be Christians, we will give up our evil ways and be followers of this Christ.

A woman of the dhoby caste came to our camp and invited us to her house, where she and all her numerous relatives with the neighbours assembled to hear the Gospel. She wanted to hear fully about the religion she had hitherto heard a little about, she told us. One Bible story after another was told, showing Christ's love for mankind. Then when we were ready to go she said "I and my household at least will be Christians."

One hot day at noon the road being too rough to ride, it was necessary for the Bible-woman and myself to walk a mile through a village while the cart went another direction to meet us later. There were some Christians there and it was our intention to visit them first; not knowing the way we asked the very first woman we met to direct us. She asked who we were and what our business was. We told her we were preaching God's word. Then she said "Why do you pass us by, are we not worthy to hear God's word?"

We began to sing and about fifteen women gathered, these of the barber caste. They listened a long time and were quite impressed. As we moved on towards our destination a Goldsmith came running up saying "Am I just too late? I have heard before but I want to hear again." We told him our mission was especially to women, whereupon he invited us to his house to visit the women folk, whom he said never had opportunity to hear. We were taken in, respectfully seated and all the neighbours and friends came in. They listened for more than an hour, asking questions, trying to understand all they could about this religion. "What shall we do to be saved?" was one of the questions. "Simply ask Jesus to save you and give you Light" I replied. Then with one accord several were saying "Jesus Lord save me. Have mercy on me." One or two of them could not pronounce the word "Jesus" properly so they had us teach it to them saying "Be sure to give it to us right because we want to remember it always and say the prayer every day."

Hearing the singing of the children in a Sunday School Class a few Christian women came to add their voices. Then when the children had nearly all dispersed we began to talk to them. Soon the little gathering took the nature of a class-meeting, and they were testifying. One said "It is five months ago since I experienced a new heart. The Spirit Charmers were here taking up collection for idol-worship and many of the Christians gave because they were compelled, but I absolutely refused to have anything to do with the business. I believe only in Jesus. They say you cannot see God but my heart knows my Saviour and He hears when I pray to Him." Another said "When I am in trouble I pray to Jesus. I do not know just how but I say "Jesus Lord
show favour unto me," then I know He knows all that is in my heart and I am comforted.

Cholera was raging in a certain village and the people were much troubled. A woman said to me "What shall we do? Where shall we turn for help? There is no preacher within two miles of here. Do send some one to us." I told her to pray to Jesus, He would protect her.

"I do not know how" she said "but my little boy knows a few words of a prayer and he can sing some songs; every night we come together and I have him sing and pray. Does God hear that? Is it as though I prayed to Him?" She was much comforted when we taught her a little prayer to say for herself.

Another, a heathen woman, who had no use for the Bible-women or their messages, happened to become interested one day. After listening for some time she said "I have wasted all these years by living an evil life, but by the help of Jesus I will give up the drink habit and idolatry and live right. Please send the Pastor to baptize me.

A woman wept while she listened to the story of Salvation when asked why she was crying, was she not glad to hear God's Word? "Glad to hear" she said "but unhappy because I do not know how to reach God or what I could do in order to know Him." Time does not permit to tell you all but these few instances I hope will serve to show the great heart-hunger of the people, and how those of all castes are turning towards the truth. And it is not strange, for does not the Father seek such to worship Him?

I feel that every minute ought to be spent amongst these people. All we can do for them is but little. They are resisting the mighty forces of superstition and fear which have grown in them with the ages, to this end they need our constant influence and preaching, which is the only means by which they can know the Saviour. They need too your faithful prayers. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

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MISS DORIS WELLS ... ... ... 


Love and blessing, joy and gladness have been with us during the past year. We have had failures and disappointments, but the Good Hand of the Lord was upon us, and some Jews from heathen darkness were gathered for His Crown. Instead of writing a lengthy report, I wish to give here a word picture of some of the Jews.

Esther

Belongs to the Pariah caste. Her mother was married when very young. Soon after Esther's birth, her husband deserted her for another woman. Esther's bringing up was very sad. The poor child often hadn't enough to eat, and consequently grew up a very delicate and sickly child. Her mother and grandmother were both employed in the rice fields, and their wages barely sufficed for the daily necessities of life. In this sad state of poverty, the young mother fell into temptation, and had an illegitimate family. The child steadily grew bigger and in the course of time became a servant to a Muhammadan. While Esther was in this employment, one of our Christian workers came across her, and persuaded her to attend his school, which she did during her spare hours. In school she not only learned to read and write, but also learned about Jesus, whose faithful little follower she became. She then asked the teacher to come to her home, as she wanted him to talk to her mother and grandmother. At
her request he did so, and as usual met with great difficulties. Both her people were bigoted heathen, and would not brook interference from anybody. This did not however discourage the teacher, and he went on steadily with his work. One day, Esther came to him and said, that she was praying very hard for her mother and grandmother, and Jesus would answer her prayers. Not long after this, the teacher, during one of his visits, discovered that the man with whom Esther's mother had been living was driven out of the house. God had at last answered little Esther's prayers, and her mother's heart was touched. She abandoned her old sinful life, and tried to make atonement for her past sins. Both mother and grandmother took a stand for Christ, and finally the whole three of them came to our Church and were baptized. Esther's father heard of the change that had come over his wife and daughter, and returned home and craved forgiveness for his past sins. Eventually, this man also was baptized and now the whole family live together, a God-fearing and happy life, Gems gathered for Christ's Crown.

Rajaruthnamal

Is a Zenana pupil, and was a strict observer of all the Hindu rites and customs. At one time she and the principal members of her family took upon themselves the vow of silence, to appease the gods. To fulfil this vow, they went to the famous temple at Tirupati, and they had silver wires passed through their mouths from cheek to cheek in order to keep them from speaking. She also gave her beautiful hair to the gods. But now the knowledge of Jesus Christ is sweet and precious to her, and though still in her Zenana home, she has the comforts of our religion, and is anxious to bring others to study His Word. So this lovely woman, one day in spite of her caste and customs, and with her jewels and silk cloth walked some of the streets with the workers, to the house of her friend to persuade her to become our pupil and she is now learning the Word of God from us. So Raja-ruthnamal is shining brightly for Jesus.

Autchama

Do you know what persecution means for Jesus' sake? Do you know what it is to have your daughter spit in your face? Do you know what it is to have your son drag you by the hair, while the husband furious and angry, with blows and sticks bruises the body? Autchama, the wife of the headman of the village endured this and more, when she became a follower of the Lord. She bravely came forward for baptism, but her whole family and village were against her. She endured much, but patience had its perfect work, and to-day she is one of the bright-est Jewels in the Saviour's Crown. All the people in the village
honour her, and the son, who dragged her by her hair on the floor, and had her beaten severely, is also a Christian, and he and his wife were baptized. Through Autchama’s instrumentality, a large number of that village have received baptism. She still works on, and great will be her Crown of rejoicing.

Amana

A Brahmin widow! Who can tell the sorrows and sufferings of such a one? This little widow was at one time dressed in beautiful silk clothes, and decked with jewels. She was the flower of the family, and her father’s great pride and joy. But alas, after she was a year married, she became a widow, and as such she lives in one room, wearing constantly a course white cloth instead of her jewels and silks, and is now an ‘outcast’ in her home. Her father scarcely sees her face, and her shadow must never cross his threshold. She was a queen in her home at one time, but now she takes her solitary one meal a day without salt, in one of the back rooms of the house, and vermin are allowed to creep in her hair and on her body. Poor Amana! She lives in a large house, which she at one time greatly enjoyed, but she is now a slave to the household. What is our religion to this child widow? Jesus is everything to her, and on a recent visit to her, with tears in her eyes she said, “I am alone, yet not alone for Jesus is with me.” Is she not a jewel in the Saviour’s Crown?

Veerawahmy

This little boy belongs to the sweeper caste. His mother is very poor and has to work very hard for a living. She had no children for a long time, and she was very anxious to have a son, so she made poojas to the heathen gods. When her little son was born he was named after the god, Veerawahmy, so that she would have the god’s name always on her lips. During the month of September, the month he was born, the mother performed some special ceremonies. She got rice and flour and mixed it with oil, and placed it on a tray with a cocoanut, and with this tray in her hand, and her little son in her arms, she walked fifty times round the temple. She did this annually. Our little Evangelistic school is not far from this place, and in time Veerawahmy became a pupil of this school, where he learned our hymns and Bible verses, and gave his heart to Jesus. Through his influence his mother became a Christian, and they were both baptized in our Tamil Church not long ago, and are now bright jewels for Christ.

Kondama

Is the daughter of a Sudra priestess, and she was brought up in daily contact with the goddess. As a little girl she used to
take a wooden beggar bowl and go from village to village, asking for offerings for her beloved goddess. By the means of these offerings she built a little temple for her goddess. When she was twenty-one years of age, we saw her in some of the villages, quite possessed, as people said, with this goddess, and the villagers burnt camphor and made offerings to her, for they considered her a holy woman. While she was in this condition people came from distant villages and made their offering to her. In this way Kondama’s mother made money for herself. Our Evangelistic work was going on in that village and while the people worshipped the devil possessed woman, the workers prayed for her, and entreated the One True God to have mercy upon her. In course of time, Kondama became a listener to the Word of God. Gradually the true light dawned upon her, and when the invitation was given in the village for all those who believed on Jesus to come forward for baptism, Kondama was one of the first who came, and reverently received the solemn rite. As much as she was a bigotted heathen and devil possessed woman before, she is now a happy Christian, and as Christ’s Jewel, brightly shines for Him.

Runganagi

Is the daughter of a rich intelligent, government official. They are strict Orthodox Brahmins. At one time the father went to England, and on his return to India, none of his family would receive him till he first made some costly rites and ceremonies to reinstate him into caste. Because he had partaken of English food, his tongue was branded with a red hot iron by the priests. In a home like this Runganagi lives and shines like Christ’s Jewel. She repeats many Bible verses, is very interested in the Word of God, and takes great pleasure in our hymns and prayers.

Tulsi Ammal

Was named after the sacred plant “Tulsi” which almost every woman of the highest caste worships. When they are fortunate enough to possess a plant, the first thing the women do is to walk round it several times reverently during the first hours in the morning, and then take a leaf from the plant and swallow it. This they think pleases the gods, and atones for all their sins. Tulsi Ammal in her own zenana home, and among all this idolatry lived and shined for God. For many years she annually passed her Scripture examinations, and nothing gave her more pleasure than to sing our hymns and lyrics. She had many obstacles in her way, and of course her heathen people had no faith in the “New Religion.” But Tulsi Ammal lived above all her surroundings. After receiving our precious Truths, she never once worshipped the “Tulsi” plant after which she was
named, and which was always kept in the courtyard. But now Tulsi has gone to live with Jesus. She died in her heathen home in the midst of her heathen people. While the priests performed their poojas and sang their Vedas, Tulsi Ammal kept her Bible near her, and gave us many assurances that she was going to Jesus. This Jewel now shines brightly in the Heavenly Home.

There are many more Jewels shining for Jesus in the dark places of heathenism and idolatry connected with our work, and who have been brought to the Lord during the past year. Space does not permit me to write about them, but although their faces may not be seen, and their names may not be known in this world, yet they are, and will be Bright Gems in our Saviour’s Crown.

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Girls’ Orphanage and Educational Work

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

Miss Gordon, English Assistant, City Schools; Miss Harman, English Assistant, Orphanage, (4 months); Miss Goodsir, Matron.

Orphanage Teachers:—Thanam Isaiah, Thayamony Isaiah, Adaikalam, Gnanathebam David, Mary Downs, Sathiammal, Lilly Subbiah, Renee Mary, Mary Venkatachelam (English Teacher.)

Pudupet Teachers:—E. Murugammal, Jenny Young, Jagathammal, Susan Mary.


Lace Department:—Meenambal and Lillian.

Nurse:—Mamie Rudisell and Rosie Phillips.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."

When the dark side of the year’s record seemed to be making a greater display than the bright, this verse came to me, as a message from above, along with the thought that perhaps a little more “hope” with a little more “prayer” would help to put to flight the forces of darkness and bring in a decisive victory for our King.

There have been but few changes on the teaching staff. Miss Harman, the Orphanage English Assistant, left us March 1st, but her work has been efficiently carried on and the children have made progress with their English.
Miss Gordon enjoys her work in the City Day Schools. She writes concerning the Choolai and Pudupet Sunday Schools "The children are very attentive and listen eagerly to all that is said. Some of the poorest bring their mite for the collection. One little tot gave the money her mother had given for her morning meal."

The Pudupet School has had a struggle, because the Corporation has bought up many of the adjacent houses. Consequently, many families have been obliged to move away. Nevertheless, the year closes with an enrollment of 99 over against 106 of last year. One of the little girls who was leaving came with a part of the price of a new Bible saying that she wanted to have one of her very own. A few days later she was the joyful possessor of a second-hand one which she had bought for a few annas. Another little Hindu girl in the same school is rejoicing because God has definitely answered her prayers in restoring her grandmother to health and in securing employment for her father.

Eight of these girls took the All-India Sunday School Examination last year and all passed, one of these with 100 per cent.

The Choolai Caste Girls' Teachers write—"One little Brahmin girl when she came, was forbidden by her father to study the Scripture. Nevertheless, she heard the lessons and became interested. Finally she began to pray, that her father's mind might be changed; and one day later joyfully came with two annas which her father had sent with her to buy Scripture portions. Two other girls were withdrawn on account of the Bible lessons. One was sent to a Hindu school, but after a while the other returned and now eagerly asks for Bible stories. One little seven year old from the Infant Class said that one day her father was arrested and taken to the Police station. As soon as she heard of it she began to pray to Jesus that he might be released. And after she had prayed the Lord's Prayer ten times he came home. At the same time her mother was praying and making vows to her goddess.

At the close of the Scripture examination last week one of the Hindu girls led us in prayer while the others of the class listened reverently with bowed heads.

The Church Records show no increase from these schools, but who will say there has been no harvest.

**Orphanage**—The teachers have all worked together in harmony throughout the year. The Head Mistress writes "I feel my responsibility for training the girls for something higher. At times they do things that are not right, but when they are reproved they are penitent and try to rectify the wrong. I try to win each of them to Jesus. A young Hindu caste girl is reading in the VIIth Standard. She is trying to qualify herself to earn a living for herself and her mother. She is not unmindful at the same time that her soul needs to be cared for more than her body. She takes no little interest in her Bible lesson. I pray that in
course of time she will find out the truth that Jesus is the only Saviour who can save her from her sins and give her eternal life.”

The chief problems this year as in others, have been in connection with the boarding department. How to make a home of an institution? How to give the freedom that will develop without giving enough to spoil? How to be firm and yet kind? To be just without being partial? How to meet the individual needs of the girls? In fact, to know how to be a real mother to so many?

We have become better acquainted which is probably the reason the problems have seemed greater than before. But in spite of difficulties and some failures we rejoice, because the year has shown steady progress in the lives of many of the older girls and teachers. There is a greater desire to do right and a readier response to duty.

Only one girl has married during the year, while six have been called to the Heavenly Home. The first two—two Bakians after several months, illness both died of tuberculosis. Johannah followed later in the year. Then in October, for the first time in several years, cholera came into the school and attacked three girls within a week. All were fatal cases. Siromony, when she was being carried out to be taken to the cholera hospital, asked to have her Bible go with her. Oothirimary and Liliypushpan in one day were attacked. Little Oothiram, 5 years old, our brightest little one, when she lay dying, kept repeating the name of Jesus and told those standing around her not to cry as she was going to Jesus. We miss her very much, for she was the leader among the little children. God’s plans are not alway ours.

The Spiritual Work has not been neglected. The Sunday School and Epworth League have been active. Our class meeting is not yet ideal, but we can report some progress.

In closing, we would thank our Heavenly Father for all His continued mercies not the least of which is the privilege of Service. We feel more and more that the success of this work is due largely to the prayers and efforts of those toiling in the Home Land and we pray that upon each of them may fall God’s richest blessing that they also may “abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost!”
Raichur District

RAICHUR

Boarding School and Circuit Evangelistic Work

MRS. D. P. HOTTON ... ... ... ... Missionary

"Shadows and Sunshine"

We mention shadows first, for this year has been exceptionally full of them and I have felt I could not write a report, as I am unable to say this has been the best year of service, as I had been hoping to be able to say. Yet the shadows have not entirely prevailed; the sun has shone. We said at the close of last year that we would, "By our God leap over the walls" this year, and many times when they were high and close together, our flesh and spirit cried out against them but each time the sun peeped through and smiled at us.

I have been able to work but very little during the year which is cause enough to make shadows gather, for it is hard to see the work suffering, and not be able to do any. After spending three months in the hills I felt I could then accomplish something; so returned; but only to find that a few days before I arrived the dreadful epidemic of cholera had broken out among our school girls and for two weeks, both night and day Mr. Hotton and I fought it with all our might. We had nine cases among the girls, two proving fatal. One of these was the best teacher I had. At the close of the tenth day, after burying the second child at 10 o'clock p.m., I thought I too was taking it, but my attack proved to be the result of fright and physical weakness. It was in answer to our definite prayer at that hour that I began to get stronger, and while the shadows had been very deep the bright sun beamed upon us again. Oh how good our Father was to us in those anxious hours. He was mindful of His own. The verse "Trust and not be afraid" was uppermost in our minds.

During the epidemic many of the girls were sent to their homes and since only a few have returned. Instead of the regular enrollment of forty-two we now have only twenty-eight. I am confident all will gladly return when we can get more help, but under the circumstances I could not urge them. On account of four weddings and the death of Minnie, several changes have had to be
made among the teaching staff. This has all been a hindrance and caused more clouds. We have tried to hold things together until reinforcements could come.

Miss Baptiste, the new Matron who came in August, has done remarkably well in taking up her work and was also able to take the classes in English so as to relieve the two teachers who have had extra work during the last two months.

Elizamma Paul, our former Matron, is now working as a Bible-woman. You will remember I referred to Rindamma, the high caste girl, in my last report, she went home during the April vacation but has not returned since. I enquired from her pastor why this was and he said he had been having a big fight for her. When she returned home her relatives, excepting her old Christian father, refused to allow her to eat with them as she had been in a Christian school. She had to take her food outside. This she did willingly, saying she did not care, that she liked the Christian school and would return again. The trouble is that her three non-Christian sisters have married Hindu station masters who draw a fair salary, so they say Rindamma must do likewise, but she says "No." We are hoping she may win the battle and return to school.

During the Evangelistic Campaign the larger girls were delighted and encouraged to be able to go to near-by villages and sing and testify for Jesus. At the close of one of these services, which was conducted from a Hindu temple, a mother came forward and with a beaming face put her arms around her girl saying, she wished she could put her other daughter in school also but she must now help to support the family.

We have no Christians in that village but many are asking for baptism. I was sorry not to be able to write the regular letters to the Bible-woman's Patrons, and I hope they will now understand why I did not.

The Bible-women were all in for a month of summer training, and all did very good work. There have also been several changes among the women.

We are again very grateful to the many friends at home and for the support from the New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Topeka and North Western Branches; also for the very encouraging letters I have received from the different Secretaries. I sincerely trust that none of the Patrons nor any part of this great work may be neglected this year, but that His grace which is sufficient may be ours.
Vikarabad District

BIDAR

Bidar Girls’ Boarding School

F. F. Fisher ... ... ... Missionary (5 months)

Mrs. Abbott, Matron (9 Months); Miss Pennah, Assistant (6 months); Timothy, Amy, Naomi, Teachers.

The text given me at beginning of the 1914 was, “In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard your heart and thoughts in Christ Jesus”. These words have come to me over and over again during the year that is just closing and have comforted my heart. They truly have given me that peace that passeth all understanding.

My year opened in Baldwin Girls’ High School, that school which has held a very dear place in my heart, even long before I was appointed to it. I want to record my gratitude for the privilege of five years of service in “Baldwins”. By the middle of the year it was expedient that I receive a transfer and Bishop J. E. Robinson appointed me to Bidar to take the work assigned to Miss Morrow at Conference. Before taking up my new work I was granted a vacation of two months, to be spent in Kashmir.

“Who has not heard of the Vale of Cashmere,
With its roses the brightest that earth ever gave,
Its temples, and grottos, and fountains as clear
As the love-lighted eyes that hang over their wave?”

I have heard much of the charms of Kashmir, but the half had not been told, of the beauties of Nature as they were opened up before me as I went up the Jhelum river to the enchanted valley with Srinagar nestled among its lakes and rivers, and the grandeur of Nature as I found it displayed in the great snow-capped mountain heights with their precipices of stone, which rise from the river’s edge to a sheer height of from 4,000 to 9,000 feet, and the dainty little forget-me-nots and other wild flowers blooming so sweetly under the shelter of the huge boulders that have been brought to the very water’s edge by the avalanches of snow.
and ice. The velvety carpeted hill sides with the mammoth forest trees of pine and cedar made me feel my own insignificance in the presence of such mighty handiwork of God, and yet the communion with Him, alone, in the midst of His awe-inspiring handiwork was very sweet. It was my privilege to go up the Lidar Valley as far as the Kolahoi Glacier—11,200 feet above sea level and I most heartily recommend a similar camping tour to all tired missionaries.

Early in August I was permitted to proceed to my new station of work—Bidar. The heavy monsoon had made the shorter route from Vikarabad impassable and it took me three days, travelling in a bullock tonga to reach Bidar, where a very hearty welcome awaited me. I found so many of our Kolar boys and girls, now married, living here and preaching the Good News in this comparatively new field, it did not seem to me that I had gone to a new station but that I was again among my old Kolar friends. Bidar is between 400 and 500 miles from Kolar and 60 miles from the railway station via a Government road. I have not ceased to praise God for sending me here; the fields truly are white already unto the harvest.

Miss Biehl has done such excellent work in the Girls' Boarding School that it is a pleasure to follow her. Each of these girls knows Jesus as her personal Saviour and they are always ready to testify of His goodness to them. The future of India depends on the training of the youth of to-day and so much depends on the training of the girls, for truly in India as in other lands, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." One little girl who was in the school long enough to learn of Jesus and to find in Him her personal Saviour would gather the girls in prayer meeting and she herself would conduct the meeting as she had seen it conducted in the public service. Her prayers and testimonies showed she knew and loved Jesus.

Another very small girl was in the school for only a short time—her heathen relatives refused to allow her to remain in a Christian school—but she was here long enough to learn some Christian songs and Bible verses. Miss Biehl said when she went to the village where this girl lived she was surprised to hear the women and children singing so well, she asked who taught them and they said this little girl had gathered them together and taught them all she had learned while she was in the school. "So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." God's promise is true, whether it be spoken concerning the teaching of His most Holy Word to the very least of these, His children here in Bidar, or to the great nation of Israel—"His chosen people." "For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword."

Bidar, an ancient Capital city in the Nizam's Dominions of the
State of Hyderabad, is surrounded by high turreted walls with gun-holes and cannon bastions every few feet. The city has four entrances, with thick winding walls and heavy gates that are closed every night. When I first saw these walls I was reminded of the ancient city of Jerusalem and God's prophecy through Isaiah came to my mind, "But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation and thy gates Praise" and I claimed the promise for Bidar. He also gave me this message concerning my mission here, "Ye are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest and give Him no rest till he establish and till he make Bidar a praise in the earth."

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Bidar Evangelistic Work

Elizabeth M. Biehl ... ... ... ... Missionary


"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." My appointment for the year was evangelistic work but because of other duties I have not been able to give as much time to this department as I desired.

In January Miss Fenderich left Bidar for America for a much needed rest and Rev. Hollister who had charge of the building work was called to take up the work in Hyderabad. This meant my taking up the burdens they laid down.

Our building work seems rather long drawn out but any one who has tried putting up buildings in the jungle sixty miles from the rail-road will understand what burning chunam, counting stone, buying lumber, over seeing the making of doors, windows, and furniture and planning the work for each day, means—and that without a maistry who could take the responsibility. Soon after taking up this work we were unable to buy chunam (lime). This meant closing our work or burning our own. We made an attempt at the latter. We sent a man out to one of the distant fields to gather chunam stone. Since the stone did not come in we wondered if the task was too much for him. The
next day we went out to see and behold, our faithful servant asleep under a tree. However we succeeded after gathering and measuring stone, and weighing wood to burn it, in turning out better chunam and at a much cheaper rate than we had been able to buy. Surely the promise, "With God all things are possible" has been made real in these experiences.

We are glad to say our bungalow is complete and we have enjoyed being settled in it since June. We regret we cannot say the same about the school building but the school and four of the dormitories are still unroofed. We have also put up a small building away from the school and dormitories for contagious diseases. Last year when small-pox broke out in our school we had no place to put the sick girls. Miss Carnahan of Pittsburgh very kindly donated the needed money and a little two-roomed Hospital was built. This little building is a great comfort as we need no longer wonder what we would do with the patients if any of these dreadful diseases should come upon us again.

Our evangelistic work is continually growing. Last year we had four Circuits on the Bidar field. This year the Bidar Circuit was divided into three making six Circuits. In these we have thirty-five Bible-women at work. Surely the Lord has blessed the work of the past year and has answered prayer. All around us people are not only coming out of darkness into the light of salvation but are learning to obey God's commands. He tells us in His word to bring all the tithes into the store house. It is true the village people of India are poor, yet not too poor to pay their debt to God. A Bible-woman's salary is very small indeed. Not many receive more than six rupees (₹2) a month yet most of them give one-tenth of this each month to God. The village people do not understand what a tenth is, so many of them put aside a handful of grain each day for the Lord. We believe this is why God's blessing has been upon us for He has not promised if we bring our tithe into the storehouse He will pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. This year on the Bidar field we have raised Government Rs. 1,500 or ₹ 500.00. This money is used for the support of the native preachers.

During the year we prayed earnestly that some one would be sent to take Miss Fenderich's place and God who never fails us answered prayer by sending Miss Fanny Fern Fisher of Bangalore to us, in August. Miss Fisher's furlough is due this year but because of the great need she has come to share the burdens until some one has heard the call to come over and help us. Miss Fisher's coming has also made it possible for me to do some touring out in the District. I wish you could come with us on one of these tours. This is a real Gipsy life. We travel from village to village, cook our food under a tree and live in God's out of doors often for weeks at a time. You may say, "This is a hard life for a missionary to live." We admit it is not quite as comfortable as a home and a good bed to sleep in, but if you
could see the people crowding around us with hungry hearts to hear the message of the living Saviour you would also say it pays to forget comfort. We began a meeting in one village at three o'clock in the afternoon and could not get away from the crowd until twelve o'clock that night. The next day we visited a village where one of our school girls was found. She had been in the boarding school one year. Well we remember the day we visited this same village two years ago when we were told to take little Sakery to school as she had no mother, and her father could not take care of her. She was then six years old. About nine months ago the father came and took the girl out of school to have her married to a Hindu boy. We tried to get her back before the final arrangements were made for the wedding but it was too late; she was married and only seven years old. We could not understand why she should be taken from school so young but we believe that “All things work together for good to them that love the Lord” and this case was no exception. “A little child shall lead them.” As we entered this village we heard echoes of hymns from all directions. In the evening we had a meeting under a tree and every man, woman, and child turned out. The children sat in front. We said, “Now what shall we sing?” when all eyes turned towards Sakery who with her clear, sweet voice began and such singing we had not heard in any other village. Men and women all joined in and those who could not sing entered into the spirit of the song by clapping their hands or keeping time in some other way. Sakery had taught the people of her village all the songs and Bible verses she had learned in school and she is leading them to Christ. Each day she gathers the children together and has little prayer meetings with them. Surely it pays to train these little ones in our Boarding Schools.

In this same village a week later we had a thank-offering service. After the service some one spread a blanket on the ground while the Christian people came with their offerings. Some brought grain, others brought eggs, chickens, pumpkins, milk, bundles of grass, pice (pennies) and at last came a man leading two little lambs on to the blanket. They brought their offerings because they loved the Lord. All these things were sold and the money used for the support of a Christian worker.

Taking a supply of medicines with us and treating the sick as we go has helped us to get into some homes where otherwise we could not enter.

Our Sunday schools and night schools are doing very good work. We now have twenty-five village Sunday schools and ten night schools. The training of these village children will mean much to the coming generation. We have also added a “Home Department” to our Sunday school. The women go from house to house teaching verses of Scripture to the older people who do not come to Sunday school. In this way the Word of God finds a way
into the hearts of the old and young and God says, "My Word shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that which I please."

During the year two of our Bible-women and one of our teachers were called home to higher service. In the month of July, August and September cholera was raging all about us. At this time many of the Bible-women could not go to their work as they were not allowed by the Government to travel from one village to another. But those in the out stations bravely stood by their people who were stricken with the disease and faithfully ministered to them until it entered into their own homes. Peacama was out doing what she could for the Christian people in her village on Tuesday, and Wednesday morning cholera took hold of her and at noon the same day she closed her eyes to pain and sorrow and the Lord said, "It is enough, come up higher" and before night she was laid away. Rose Mary was called home from Boupcherdy by the same disease leaving a wonderful testimony of her faith in Christ just before she entered the pearly gates. Sarabamma died in Hominabad after several weeks illness also leaving a testimony that she was ready to meet the God she loved and served." With Jesus' sweet 'Well done!' They shall be greeted.

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Bidar Hospital and Boys' School

MRS. H. H. LINN ... ... ... ... ... Missionary

During the past year my work has included supervision of the woman's work in the Hospital and Dispensary as well as that of the Boys' school. Early in the year we lost Dr. Little in the transfer of her husband to North India, hence it fell to my part to assist to a greater extent in the medical work.

During the year we have had 82 in-patients at the Hospital, of whom 47 were women and children—not a great many but they have given ample opportunity for service and many of them, we believe, have taken home lessons of Christian living which they will not soon forget.

While the patients remain in the Hospital and are able and willing to listen, we try to give them Gospel facts that they will not soon forget; nor do they forget them, as we often see by their words and actions, when again they come to see us.

Early in the year a woman of near forty years strong and robust, but blind from cataract, was led in to the Hospital,
having come all the way from Gulbarga (75 miles). A double extraction was done and in a couple of weeks she was able to go away happy and with her own sight. Nine months later she returned, bringing another poor old woman whose sight had failed through age for whom we could do but little. Her own vision however was quite satisfactory.

Another case was a Hindu woman from a distant village. She had been at the Dispensary nearly a year before with an ulcerating tumor of the scalp; an operation was advised but she was fearful, and returned to her home to endure the pain and maliferous odours of that sore for another year. Again she came to the Dispensary and this time was willing to undergo the operation necessary for the removal of the filthy sore. It was my pleasure (?) to administer the chloroform under the supervision of the doctor—my first attempt. Happily she took it well and the tumor was quickly removed. She made an uneventful recovery and later went to her home happy and grateful.

One case of opium poisoning was most interesting. Late one evening a well-to-do Hindu of the Brahmin caste brought his little girl of seven years to the Dispensary. He said she had accidently gotten hold of the opium box, and as near as we could estimate had taken ten or more grains of crude opium—she was already quite unconscious and could only be aroused by severe slapping. An emetic was given and thus the stomach cleaned out as quickly as possible—she was then massaged beaten and otherwise ill-treated—artificial respiration being kept up for several hours when she appeared to be somewhat more wakeful. Stimulants were given and she was finally allowed to go home, relieved of the poison and the possibility of a sudden death. Later her father came with garlands and sweets as well as Rs. 20 to show his appreciation. In the speech which he presented, written in very good English, he expressed the gratitude of the people of Bidar to those in America who make possible a Hospital and Dispensary at Bidar. We were especially glad to see that he knew why we were here and who it was that sent us. For he expressly said that he knew we were the “representatives of the Christian religion sent by the people of America.”

One other case of special interest, and for which we should like your prayers. Early in the year a Muhammadan pleader (lawyer) began coming to the Dispensary for treatment of a severe tuberculosis. When he first came he was much emaciated, scarcely looked that he would live a week, but somehow he has held on and is not discouraged although he has had several, at least five, hemorrhages from the diseased lung. In October he came as an in-patient bringing his wife and father with him to help with his food. It was not long until we found that he was greatly interested in Christianity and wanted very much to have a copy of the Bible in Urdu; this was secured and now he spends hours daily reading this and telling it to his friends.
—six or eight of whom come almost every day to see him. He claims to have faith in Christ and we have a feeling that if he is sincere the Lord will yet make him well and allow him to become a teacher and a leader to his people. These are a few of the more interesting cases but daily there are many such opportunities to get into the hearts of all classes.

With some 3,000 women in the city of Bidar and as many more in nearby villages our need of a woman who can diagnose and treat the diseases common to women is great. We hope that in the very near future some one will see this need and help to make an Indian lady doctor a reality for the work at Bidar. We already have two buildings that can be given as a woman’s ward, one of which will be shut off by walls in order to made it strictly zenana—these will give room for 15 or 20 beds.

We hope in the very near future to see great developments in the woman’s side of the medical work at Bider. God is our helper.

In the Boys’ School although the numerical strength is small, we have an enrollment of but 25, we feel that for spiritual qualifications they are doing well.

Having had a number of experiences with Indian students whose education (book learning) had apparently been over done we are taking special pains to avoid this difficulty in Bidar boys. To this end they are given as much manual labour as their years will permit—drawing water, grinding jawarie, cooking their roties, making garden, taking care of their rooms—in fact every thing that a boy ought to be able to do. And with most of the boys under fourteen years of age, this is not such easy work as it might appear. Along with this their education in school and church is continued without loss. A number of the boys having passed the All-India Sunday School examination.

Some of the older boys I have taken in their English work when time could be given to them. They are very ambitious to get the English and we believe in the little they have already had they would compare favourably with Bidar High School boys.

We are trying more and more to get the village children started in their education while they remain in their own homes, herding their sheep, or watching the fields during the day and getting their lessons at night. Already there are near 200 village children who are learning their letters or beginning to read a little. From these we expect to secure the ones the Master wishes to lead out the Kanarese people of all the Bidar Circuit.

With a new missionary to our assistance which will mean a more liberal support from the home church we look for new life in our schools.
The year just past, this my first year in India, has been filled to overflowing with unusual experiences. It has indeed been a precious year, because of the spiritual lessons learned. How I have come to love God’s promises. Better still, how closely I have been drawn to the God who made these promises. Surely this one promise at least has been verified in my case. Is. 42: 3.

A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench” I am praising Him to-day for the blessing of health. I am indeed grateful for the privilege of remaining here with the people whom I have already learned to love.

One of the most interesting of a series of interesting and novel experiences crowded into this year occurred during the Christmas holidays. A school girl, who was a widow, influenced by her heathen grandmother, hesitated about returning to us. Her native pastor was much distressed, for he realized that since she was a widow, the only other alternative for her was a life of shame. He immediately sent for us begging us to come for her. Although the village is twenty-five miles from here and the journey a most difficult one, we decided to go. After a full day’s travel we reached the village late in the night. As this was my first tonga trip through the jungles of India the sights and sounds and even the smells were new to me and intensely interesting. I shall never forget the impressions made upon me by the first huge idol I saw. We were entering a village. It was late in the evening and just as we turned a corner in a narrow street, this hideous thing, half man half beast loomed up, outlined in the moonlight. How uncanny it was. What mingled feelings of horror and yearning for the deluded worshippers filled my heart. The prophet’s cry “My people perish for lack of knowledge” seemed to me again to be verified in the case of the Indian people.

Although we arrived late in the evening and were very tired the native preacher advised us to leave the village shortly after our arrival. He assured us the girl’s parents were perfectly willing that she should return to school but he feared that the heathen grandmother would instigate a riot. After taking food, for we had eaten nothing since breakfast we lay down for a short rest arising at two o’clock in the morning to resume our journey. We arrived in Vikarabad late the next evening, completely worn out by our trip. But a few months later when our girl was happily married, we felt that our efforts had more than paid.

The next three and a half months were spent in language study in Bangalore. Here it was my privilege to study the language under the best pundits, free from all interruptions.

My plan was to spend the next month in language study in
THE WELL, VIKARABAD SCHOOL.

SCHOOL—VIKARABAD MEAT MARKET.

SCHOOL WATCHMAN, VIKARABAD.
the hills but the Father's plan did not coincide with mine, and I was obliged, much to my regret, to lay aside my studies for the next two months.

In June I came to Vikarabad. The school which had an enrollment of eighty-six when I arrived now has an enrollment of ninety-five. During the year three of our girls have married and gone out into the work. With the exception of a long siege of measles and chicken-pox the school has been exceptionally free from contagious diseases. We are especially grateful for this as cholera and plague have been prevalent in the surrounding villages.

I believe the spiritual tone of the school is deepening constantly, the enthusiasm of the girls in regard to committing Scripture is beautiful to see. The rapidity with which this work is done and the power of retaining the committed portions, is a constant source of wonder to me.

Two Thank-offerings have been held this year. The first, the Annual Sunday School Thank-offering resulting in a collection of a hundred rupees. Every one, even our cook, had a part in this. A Christian from a neighbouring village brought in a basket of vegetables. One of our Bible-women placed her ring on the table and a number of Bible-women presented gifts of needle work which sold, and helped swell the amount of the offering. Each class in the Sunday School vied with every other in the attempt to secure the largest offering, and when the amount of the different subscriptions were read, great excitement prevailed. For days before the eventful day, our girls fairly besieged us with requests for work in order that they might earn money for their offerings. Early and late they busied themselves, and the result was that the class standing at the head of the list was one composed of our Middle School girls and taught by our matron.

We observed October 31st as our Annual Thanksgiving Day. Special services were held and again in the midst of much enthusiasm another offering amounting to over forty rupees was taken.

As I close the year, my thoughts are centered not on the past but on the future. It is with a feeling of joyful anticipation and keen interest that I am entering upon the work of the new year. I am thanking the Father for the insight which He has given me into the needs of this my people and for the sympathy which I feel for them, thus enabling me with His help to plan for the future.

We thank Des Moines, Northwestern, Topeka, Cincinnati, Columbia River and Philadelphia Branches for their support of the Mary A. Knot's Girls' School. We are indeed grateful to the hosts of friends who have upheld us by their prayers. May our God, who is also their God, richly reward them for the sacrifice they have made.
Mildred Simonds ... ... ... ... Missionary

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform" but while we are passing through these mysterious and often discouraging times we wonder if there has not been some terrible mistake made and how much better it would have been if events had taken a different course; and yet later as we look back over the road we have travelled, we see the hand of God has been in it all and His far-seeing eye as it looks from the beginning to the end of time directs this hand that shapes all things into a beautiful completeness.

A year ago the world was at peace but now the mighty nations are engaged in a deadly conflict. A year ago there seemed to be no reason why God’s missionary treasury should not be full, now there is the call for money to relieve the fatherless and the widow and the distress which follows in the train of every war. And yet, notwithstanding all this, the year which we began with many discouragements is ending in hope; and although Satan seems for a time to be rejoicing in the gloom he has thrown over the nations of the world yet we can feel that the dawn is near, that righteousness will triumph and the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdom of our God.

Miss Voigtlander returned home in January and Miss Brewer who had just arrived was appointed to the school work but was immediately sent away to the language school in Bangalore. While there she became ill and it looked for a time as though she might have to return home. She came to Vikarabad in June and has been improving in health ever since. We are very grateful for this.

My appointment was to the Evangelistic work, but from January until June I was alone with the Girls’ Boarding School with nearly a hundred girls to be cared for, so this great Evangelistic field with more than sixty Bible-women at work received very little attention from the missionary in charge. But now with Miss Brewer over the school I shall be able to attend to the work to which I have been assigned, and we are praying for and expecting a glorious year ahead of us, the few trips I have been privileged to make out into the villages giving promise of this.

On a certain day we had been travelling over a long hard road, the most of the way no road at all, streams had to be crossed, great rocks barred our pathway and several times we lost the way but at last as the afternoon was wearing away we came to our destination the little village of B—. The worker and his wife welcomed us to their home, a little grass hut, and as they owned no chairs, they invited us to sit on the cot. As
we sat there for a few minutes resting, a number of the village children began to gather around, at first half afraid but becoming more accustomed to the looks of a white person, they drew near and were persuaded to sing for us the campaign song of the year "Jesus the King has come." Then the worker started up saying "Why are we just sitting here?" You children go home and tell your people to come with you this evening, we will now go over into the village and see some of the people. He led us to the home of the chief man of the village who welcomed us very cordially and brought out his cot for us to sit upon. His family came out and sat about and a number of the neighbours came in and listened very intently to the message we gave. Then the host brought out a measure of grain and a rupee, his offering to the Christian's God.

The evening time brought a large crowd together. They sang for us a number of Christian songs and repeated many Bible verses, the most important of these, our campaign verse "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then our Nursama began to talk and although the closing prayer had been offered, no one seemed inclined to go. We had had a hard day, so went to our conveyance to make ready for bed. With the exception of a half dozen who came to see how we got into bed, the crowd stayed to listen to Nursama preach the Gospel. Very late into the night we heard her voice as she told the old, old story.

At daybreak the next morning we started again on our travels, visited a village or two and a little after noon came near the village of K—. A little outside of the village was a beautiful tamarind tree and under this we camped and proceeded to prepare the mid-day meal. In a few minutes, out came the chief man of the village, a Brahmin and his son and a large following of underlings. They welcomed us to their village and invited us to come to the Brahmin's home. His house was built on the same plan as most of the high caste homes,—a little compound in front, then a veranda where the guests were entertained and back of this the family quarters. His home was unusually clean and there were pots of blooming plants along the walk and on the veranda. He was very cordial and asked us to come to his house for food the next day. We thanked him but told him we were leaving early in the morning, and asked him to please excuse us. But he said he would have food ready for us by four o'clock in the morning, if we had to leave that early. So we accepted the invitation and were served in true Brahmin style, plantain or banana leaves for plates on which the rice was placed and little leaf side dishes containing ghee, milk, pickle and different kinds of vegetables. There was no meat as the Brahmin is a vegetarian. After we had finished, the food that was left and our leaf dishes were carried away by our own servants.

The evening before we had visited the Christians of the village and had a splendid service with them. We had just returned
from breakfast with the Brahmin and were packing up to leave when the Christians came to us bringing some meat and rice and said they had hoped to have us eat with them but had heard through our servants that we had already been invited by the chief of the village but they would like to give us something and we could take this with us and cook it for the next meal. They wanted us to remember them and to send them a teacher, 'a good teacher' to live in the village, wouldn't we send some one soon, very soon?

The monsoon was unusually heavy and long this year and even after the main roads were well dried off, the other roads and gulleys were deep in mud. But we started out to visit the work and attend some Quarterly Conferences. All went well until we reached a long narrow gully with a high bank on either side. Some one remarked as we entered, 'what if we should meet a team,' there is no room to pass; but there are some things worse than meeting teams. It was not long before the luggage cart which was ahead sank to its hubs and half turned over. The men struggled with the cart for some time and then decided that it was hopeless to try to get it out that way and that it must be unloaded and taken to pieces. The Bible-women helped in carrying the luggage to a dry place. Back and forth through the mud waded Nusramp carrying the different articles. On one of her trips she looked up and espied on the bank above a curious onlooker. There was her opportunity, and she stopped where she was, half way to her knees in the mud, a roll of bedding under one arm and three chickens held by their legs in the other hand and there she preached Christ to this man.

It was most encouraging visiting the Quarterly Conferences. Many of the workers there were those who only a few short years ago were worshipping idols. A woman who was baptized a little over three years ago and was, at that time a very timid little creature, scarcely daring to speak and never attempting to sing alone, stood up before the Conference, sang the campaign song and told the story of the Prodigal Son. A young man, the son of a priest, a man who made his living by slaying the animals at the heathen sacrifices, had become a Christian and cut off his hair. This young man brought a thank-offering of several sheep and asked to be assigned to a village where he might spend his time working for the Master. A Bible-woman who had been a child wife but was rescued from a cruel husband is now working so earnestly to save others. Another, whose mother had attempted to sell her to a Mohammedan, now saved and in a happy home of her own with a good husband, both of them working for the Lord.

As we look over this band of workers our hearts are full of praise to the God who has saved them and us.

Many were the thank-offerings brought in, sheep, goats, chickens, in one place a buffalo, a horse and a bullock. These were sold and the money turned into the work. The people are
very enthusiastic over doing what they can to help on the work. Every Sunday, as the women come back from their village Sunday Schools, they bring grain and money as the Sunday School offerings. Not very much perhaps, but it is a beginning and it is sure to grow; it is growing now.

In our District Conference, only three weeks ago, the workers promised to make the attempt to raise on their field, one-third of their support for the coming year. At this, our District Conference, the meetings were held in a large tent and the workers were in tents and cottages scattered over the compound. Early in the morning, long before day light I was awakened by the sound of singing from a tent near by, "Jesus the King has come". Then it was taken up in another where perhaps a violin joined in, and then from another, and still another until from every direction came the sound of praise to our King and our Christ. Oh, it is great, it is blessed to work with God, to work for God, how He fills the heart to overflowing with a joy unspeakable. But listen, just across the road is a tiny shrine. Here a mother comes and makes her offering and begs the god to spare the life of her child. She returns home and her child is dead. Mingling with the mourner’s wail is the cry of her heart "Where is God, where shall I find Him? If he is not in that stone, where shall I search for him?"

We have so many Christians and their training must not be neglected, even now there are not enough workers to care for the Christians we have, and not enough missionaries to direct the work of the workers we have, and "times are hard," they say "we must not branch out". What about this poor woman?

We praise God for what has been done; and for their support and prayers wish to thank especially the Des Moines, Columbia River, Pacific, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Topeka, Minneapolis, and Northwestern Branches.

Vikarabad District Work

Mrs. Chas. E. Parker ... ... ... Missionary

The past year has been a very blessed one. The Lord has been with us, and our work for Him has been sweet. Trials have come, but His grace has been sufficient for us.

During the early part of the year, we had much sickness in the Crawford Boys’ School. Twenty-five of the boys had measles, and five of these developed pneumonia as we had no doctor in Vikarabad at that time,—our anxiety was great. But our extremity was God’s opportunity and all the boys recovered,—for which we praise Him.
In the midst of this epidemic, the wife of one of the teachers committed suicide by cutting her throat! It was a dreadful, dreadful time. Their little child was one of those very ill with pneumonia, and the mother's mind,—which was naturally weak, had become crazed with anxiety. The child recovered, but the mother died after a day or two in the Secunderabad Hospital. The arrival of Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Taylor, has been a great blessing to both our schools.

This year we have started in Vikarabad a Training School for village men, who want to learn to read and write, as a preparation for entering the work. They are to remain in this school for only three months at a time, and then return to their homes and teach their fellow villagers what they have learned. Though this work is just in its beginning,—three men have finished the first three months course,—and three more will soon be ready to go out. It is pathetic to see how anxious these men are to learn,—and how untiring they are in their studies. During the three months,—they usually read through the Primer and the first two Standard Readers,—they write from dictation, learn the storied Life of Christ, together with many Bible verses and hymns. We believe that as this work grows,—it will greatly help in supplying our much felt need of simple village teachers. Mr. George O. Holbrooke has given money to put up the building that will be necessary for this school,—and it is to be called, "The Charlotte Maurice Training Home," in memory of a beloved niece. The houses are now going up.

Much of my time is also spent in helping my husband in the little details of his work,—such as letter writing,—book auditing,—record keeping, etc. This work, together with my duties as Sunday School Superintendent, Recording Steward for the District, housekeeper and mother,—usually occupy my time pretty fully; as I look out over our field,—I feel grieved that I have not spent more time during the past year, in the work of intercession. Where our workers have failed,—and I know that I have not prayed for them as I should have done, my heart condemns me,—and I must plead God's forgiveness. As He ever liveth to make intercession for us,—I am determined during the coming year, to be more faithful in the wonderful work of prayer,—that I may thus help to hold up my weaker brothers and sisters.
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Miss Evans

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Raichur—Mrs. Hotton

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State of the Church

Memoirs
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Temperance

Audit
C. W. Sharer, Miss Morgan, Miss Toll, C. L. Camp, D. P. Hotton, E. L. King, Karl Anderson, H. F. Hilmer, M. D. Ross, Miss Brewer, Miss Montgomery, W. L. Morgan.

Building
W. H. Hollister, D. P. Hotton, Miss Fisher, Miss Wood, and the District Superintendents, and Missionary concerned in each case.

Aggressive Evangelism
C. E. Parker, C. W. Sharer, N. Desai, M. D. Ross, G. Gershom, Mrs. Hotton, Miss Patridge, K. R. Gopalah, Miss Ericson, Mrs. Anderson.

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The Book Editors—The Agent of the Publishing House, J. H. Garden, K. R. Gopalah, Miss Simonds, G. Gershom and Miss C. Wood.
WOMAN’S CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

BANGALORE DISTRICT

District Work ........................................... Mrs. Hollister.
Bangalore—Zenana, Village and School Work .......... Miss Robinson.
Kolar—Boys' Boarding School .......................... Mrs. Hollister.
Ellen Thoburn Cowen Hospital and
Medical Work ......................................... Miss Nunan, M. D.
Nursing Superintendent .............................. Miss Griffin.
Girls’ Orphanage, Boarding School and
Widows’ Home ....................................... Miss Montgomery.
Zenana, Village and School Work ..................... Miss Morrow.
Kuppan and Vengal Woman’s Work ..................... Mrs. Anderson.
On leave ............................................ Miss Maskell, Miss Lewis, M.D., Mrs. Gabel.

BELGAUM DISTRICT

District Work ........................................... Mrs. Ernsberger.
Belgaum Circuit—Evangelistic Work and
Girls’ Day School ..................................... Miss Ericson.
Belgaum Circuit—Girls’ Boarding School and
Christian Indigenous Schools ........................ Miss Ericson.
Christian Boys’ Hostel ................................ Mrs. E. L. King.
Girl’s Day Schools and Home visitation ............ Mrs. E. L. King.
Gokak and Chikodi Circuit—Evangelistic Work ...... Mrs. Schaber.
On leave ............................................. Mrs. Beal, Miss Lipp.

ENGLISH DISTRICT

Bangalore—Richmond Town and Blackpully ......... Mrs. Stephens, M. D.
Baldwin Boys’ School ................................. Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Harris.
Baldwin Girls’ School:
Principal and Correspondent ....................... Miss Wisner.
Vice-Principal ...................................... Miss Isham.
Belgaum English Work ................................ To be supplied.
Hyderabad English Work ............................. Mrs. Hilmer.
Madras English Work ................................. Mrs. Ross de Souza.
Railway Circuit English Work ........................ To be supplied.
Secunderabad English Work ........................ Mrs. Tindale.
On leave .............................................. Mrs. Cotes.

GULBARGA-RAICHUR DISTRICT

Bidar—Medical Work ................................... Mrs. Linn.
Boys’ School and Woman’s Work ..................... Mrs. Camp.
Girls’ School ........................................ Miss Fisher.
Bidar, Hominabad, Janwada and Ratnapur Circuits:
Evangelistic and Day School Work .................. Miss Biehl.
Gulbarga Circuit ....................................... To be supplied.
Raichur Circuit Woman’s Work ....................... Mrs. Hotton.
Girls’ Boarding School .............................. Missionary to be supplied.
On leave .............................................. Mrs. Buttrick, Mrs. Cook.
MADRAS DISTRICT

District Work.................................................. Mrs. King.

Madras—Bible Woman's, Zenana, and { Miss Grace Stephens.
       Evangelistic Work.................................................. Miss D'Jordan.
       { Miss Young.
       Orphanage, School and Educational Work........ Miss Tolle.
       Vepery Tamil Church and City Circuit
       Woman's Work........................................ Mrs. Bateman.

Tuticorin—Woman's Work........................................ Mrs. Gray.

On leave.................................................. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ogg, Mrs. Kingham.

HYDERABAD-VIKARABAD DISTRICT

District Work and Village Workers' Training School... Mrs. Parker.

Hyderabad—Bible Institute........................................ Mrs. Ross.
       Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls' School, Principal. Miss Evans.
       Vice-Principal.................................................. Miss Morgan.
       Hindustani Evangelistic Work and Day
       Schools.................................................. Miss Wood.

Hyderabad Telugu and Narsingpet Circuits... Miss Low.

Kohir, Kortipully, Narainkhaid, Pergi, Bagapur and
       Tandur Circuits.................................................. Miss Simonds.

Shankarpalli and Momeinpet Circuits........................ Miss Partridge.

Vikarabad Circuit.................................................. Miss Brewer.

Huidah A. Crawford Hospital and District Medical
       Work for Women, Nursing Superintendent... Mrs. Taylor.
       Mary A. Knotts' Girls' School.....Principal, Miss Brewer.

Yellandu—Woman's Work........................................ Mrs. Garden.

On leave.................................................. Miss Wells.
JOURNAL

FIRST SESSION

VIKARABAD, DECCAN,
10th December, 1914.

Opening and Devotions.—The thirtieth Annual Session of the South-India Woman’s Conference convened on Thursday, 10th December, at 1.40 p.m. in the Drawing Room of the Mary A. Knott’s Memorial at Vikarabad. Mrs. Robinson led the devotions on the subject of "Praise and Thanksgiving" after which a Chorus of Boarding School Girls’ sang "My Lord and I".

Roll Call.—The following ladies responded to the roll call:—Mrs. Robinson, Miss Biehl, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Evans, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Garden, Miss Griffin, Mrs. Hilmer, Mrs. Linn, Miss Low, Miss Montgomery, Miss Morgan, Miss Morrow, Mrs. Parker, Miss Partridge, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ross deSouza, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Simonds, Miss Toll and Miss Wood.

Organization.—The following officers were elected:—
Mrs. Robinson was nominated as President, but at her earnest request she was relieved.
President, Miss Wood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ernsberger and Mrs. Garden; Secretary, Miss Toll; Assistant Secretary, Miss Montgomery.

Introductions.—Mrs. Camp and Miss Robinson were presented to the Conference.

Temporary Committees:—
Temperance—Miss Robinson was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Mrs. Gabel.
Resolutions.—The Chair appointed the following committee:—Miss Biehl, Miss Evans, Miss Stephens and Mrs. Stephens.

Communications.—The Official Correspondent read a letter from Mrs. Knox concerning contract teachers.
It was also stated that requests had been received from the National Missionary Council for three copies annually of our Conference Reports and from Dr. J. R. Mott for one copy.

Reports.—It was moved by Miss Evans that at the First Session of the Woman’s Conference each year the roll be called and that all reports and photographs for the Annual Reports be
given at that time to the Secretary of the Conference who shall be the Chairman of the Editing and Publishing Committee.

**Time of Sessions.**—It was moved by Miss Fisher that the hours of session be from 1-30 to 3-30 p.m. daily.

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

- **Woman's Friend** ... Miss Robinson
- **Indian Witness** ... Mrs. Robinson
- **Central Christian Advocate** ... Mrs. Ross
- **Pittsburg Christian Advocate** ... Mrs. Taylor
- **N. W. Christian Advocate** ... Mrs. Camp
- **Western Christian** ... Miss Low
- **Bombay Guardian** ... Mrs. Stephens
- **California Christian Advocate** Miss Morrow

**Greetings.**—Greetings from Mrs. Schermerhorn were received through Mrs. Camp. Members of Conference volunteered to send letters of greetings to the following ladies on furlough:—

Miss Maskell, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Lipp, Mrs. Kingham, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Gabel, Mrs. Butrick, Miss Wells, Miss Voigtlander, Miss Fenderich, Mrs. Ogg, Mrs. Schermerhorn, Dr. Lewis and Mrs. Beal.

**Adjournment.**—On motion Conference was adjourned.

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SECOND SESSION

**Vikarabad, Deccan,**

11th December, 1914.

**Opening.**—At 1-30 p.m. Conference came to order. Mrs. Stephens led the Devotional Service and spoke on "Five Christian Habits" 1 Thess. v. 16-22. Mrs. Hilmer sang "My Father Leads".

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

**Introductions.**—Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Mathie, visitors from Hyderabad and Mrs. Harris were introduced. Mrs. Hotton and Mrs. Tindale took their seat in the Conference.

**Greetings.**—It was moved by Miss Fisher that we as a Conference send our greetings and congratulations to Mrs. Bateman and express our regrets that she was not able to be present.

Also that greetings be sent to Dr. Nunan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hollister and Mrs. Scharer.

**Reports.**—Moved by Miss Evans that the roll be called on Monday for the reception of all reports and photographs for the Editing Committee.
The Evangelistic report was read by Miss Simonds.

[See Report I (A).]

On motion of Mrs. Hotton it was adopted.

The Registrar gave a report of the year's examination which
was accepted. (See Report II.)

Standing Committees.—It was moved by Mrs. Ernsberger
that the election of Standing Committees be made the order of
the day at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned by expiration of time,
Miss Evans led in a closing prayer.

THIRD SESSION

Vikarabad, Deccan,
12th December, 1914.

Opening.—Conference convened at 1-30 p.m. Mrs. Linn
conducted a short Devotional Service, taking as her subject
"Looking to Jesus" Heb. xii. 1-2.

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

Introductions.—Mrs. Taylor was introduced to the Confer-
ence

Committee Reports :

Field Property.—Miss Wood reported that she had secured
and sent to the Home Office the records, required by the Society
regarding the title-deeds of the W F. M. S. Property of the
South India Conference.

Evangelistic.—It was moved by Miss Montgomery that the
Board of Education be asked to prepare a set of examination
questions on the Course of Bible Study for Boarding Schools.
And that a set of these questions be sent annually by November
1st, to the one in charge of each school.

Medical Certificates.—It was moved by Mrs. Ernsberger
that a Committee consisting of Mrs. Linn, Mrs. Taylor, Miss
Griffin, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Camp be appointed to prepare a
blank form for a medical certificate to be used in our Boarding
Schools and to be required of all applying for marriage, said
medical certificate to be signed by an accredited physician and
the Missionary recommending the candidate.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned at 3-15 p.m. The
Doxology was sung.

FOURTH SESSION

Vikarabad,
14th December, 1914.

Opening.—The Devotional Service was led by Mrs. Camp
who spoke on "Prayer." Mrs. Ross deSouza sang "Was that
Somebody You".
Journal.—The Minutes were read and approved.

Introductions.—Miss Wisner, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Simmons and Miss Davies were presented to the Conference.

Miss Ericson was welcomed back from furlough and gave a very interesting report of the General Executive.

Miss Isham took her seat in Conference.

Conference Reports.—The roll was called for the reception of the Conference Reports.

It was moved by Miss Evans that we request the Agent of the Publishing House not to publish anything in the Conference Report but what comes through the Publishing Committee.

Committee Reports:

Editing and Publishing.—An oral report of the Editing and Publishing Committee was given by Miss Toll. It was accepted.

Rest Home.—The report of the Rest Home was read by Miss Toll and after discussion was adopted. (See Report III.) It was moved by Miss Wood that the Committee be given power to secure a Caretaker for the Home.

Certificates:

Health Certificate.—Mrs. Linn gave the report of the Committee and submitted the following form:

Medical Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined........................and find no symptoms or recent history of Tuberculosis, Gonorrhoea, or Syphilis present and believe no other disease detrimental to married life to be present.

Date_________ Medical Officer________________

Station_________ Missionary Recommendary Candidate

On motion it was adopted.

It was moved by Miss Evans that these certificates be printed in tabular form in books of 50 each, and that each Boarding School be required to use them and pay for them.

Bible-woman’s Certificate.—It was moved by Miss Evans that the Bible-woman’s Certificates be printed in tabular form with stubbs, each book to contain 25 certificates.

It was moved by Mrs. Stephens that Mrs. W. L. King be appointed a Committee to see to the printing of both these books.

Adjournment.—On motion we were adjourned. Mrs. Robinson led in prayer.
FIFTH SESSION

Vikarabad,
15th December, 1914

Opening.—Conference convened at 1-40 p.m. Mrs. Robinson led the devotions and spoke on the “Four Alls” of Matt. 28: 18-20.

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

Reports.—Miss Fisher gave the report of the Field Reference and Finance Committee.

It was moved by Miss Ericson that the report be adopted.

(See Report IV.)

Welcome.—Mrs. W. L. King was welcomed back from furlough.

Standing Committees:—

Official Correspondent.—Miss Fisher was nominated, but withdrew on account of the difficulties of travel and post.

On the third ballot Miss Montgomery was nominated as the Official Correspondent. On motion of Miss Fisher the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Miss Montgomery as Official Correspondent.

Field Reference and Finance:—The following were nominated on the Field Reference and Finance Committee:—Miss Simonds, Miss Ericson, Mrs. Hotton and Miss Toll.

Miss Fisher moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote in favour of these four ladies.

On second ballot Miss Wisner was nominated. On motion of Miss Evans, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote in favour of Miss Wisner.

On ballot Miss Biehl was nominated as Alternate on the Field Reference and Finance Committee. On motion of Miss Montgomery the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote in favour of Miss Biehl as Alternate.

On ballot Miss Morgan was elected as Second Alternate.

Extension of Time.—It was moved by Miss Ericson that the time be extended.

Reports.—

Furniture Report.—The Report of the Furniture Committee was given by Miss Fisher.

It was moved by Miss Ericson that it be adopted.

(See Report V.)

Temperance Report:—The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Miss Robinson.

On motion it was adopted.

(See Report VI.)

Statistical Report:—The Statistical report was read by Miss Morgan. It was adopted.

(See Statistics.)
Boarding Schools versus Orphanages.—After discussion on the statistics Miss Fisher moved that all our Schools be called Boarding Schools.

Adjournment.—It was moved by Miss Montgomery that we adjourn to meet at 4 P.M.

ADJOURNED SESSION

Reports.—Miss Toll gave a verbal report of “the Madras Representative Council of Missions” and “the Missionary Educational Council of South India.”

On motion it was accepted.

The matter of the annual fee was discussed.

Mrs. Ernsberger moved that it be referred to the Field Reference and Finance Committee.

Miss Montgomery reported that the Board of Education had acceded to our request to prepare examination papers on the Course of Bible Study for Boarding Schools. That they would send the questions so as to reach the heads of schools by Nov. 1st and requested that the examinations be held in time to get the results to report to the Board of Education at Conference time.

She also presented the following recommendation passed by the Annual Conference:

Whereas the Special Committee on Bible Study appointed by the last Central Conference has adopted the graded Sunday School Lessons as the Standard Course of Bible Lessons for our Boarding Schools; Therefore be it resolved that we request the Board of Sunday Schools of our Church to kindly make a special grant to our Conference of one set of Teachers’ Text Books, and Picture sheets or the money to purchase the same to each of the Boarding Schools in the South India Conference.

On motion of Miss Fisher the Conference endorsed the recommendation.

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

On motion it was accepted.

Conference Examinations.—It was moved by Mrs. Ernsberger that Miss Ericson, Miss Biehl and Miss Graham be allowed to the end of 1916 to complete our Conference Course of Vernacular Study.

Correspondent to the Home Office.—It was moved by Miss Fisher that the Official Correspondent be the Correspondent to the Home Office.

Registrar.—It was moved by Miss Montgomery that the Conference Secretary be the Registrar.
Statistical Secretary.—On motion Miss Morgan was elected Statistical Secretary.

Committees.—The following Committees were elected:

Editing and Publishing:—Conference Secretary, Mrs. W. L. King, Miss Evans and Mrs. Ernsberger.

Temperance:—Mrs. W. L. King, Mrs. Hilmer, Miss Morrow and Miss Robinson.

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

Programme:—Miss Evans, Miss Isham and Miss Brewer.

Field Property Committee:—It was moved by Miss Montgomery that the Committee remains the same as last year.

Rest Home:—Miss Fisher, Miss Ericson and Miss Morrow.

Furniture:—

Bangalore English ... ... ... Miss Wisner

Belgaum " ... ... ... Miss Griffin

Madras " ... ... ... Miss Ericson

Vikarabad " ... ... ... Miss Stephens

Hyderabad " ... ... ... Miss Simonds

Raichur " ... ... ... Miss Evans

Mrs. Hotton

Council of Missions and Educational Council.—Miss Toll was elected Representative to the Madras Representative Council of Missions and the Missionary Educational Council of South India.

Official Record.—Miss Evans moved that the printed minutes become the Official Record of this Conference.

The Conference selected as a cover for the reports a paper as near the Society Color as could be secured.

It was moved by Miss Evans that 1,900 copies of the report be printed.

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

Miss Fisher moved that the report be adopted as a whole.

(See Report VII.)

Adjournment.—Miss Fisher moved that after the reading of the minutes we stand adjourned.

Mrs. Robinson led in a closing prayer.

K. E. Toll,  
Secretary.  

Catherine Wood,  
President.
Reports

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK

The Committee on Evangelistic work in tendering this its third report would emphasize the fact that all of our mission work is Evangelistic in spirit, and would suggest that in future greater effort be made to incorporate in this report data from our Boarding schools and English work.

Field and Workers.—On an ever increasing scale aggressive Evangelistic work is being carried on in five languages in the six Districts of the South India Conference. During the past year the human agents at work have been sixteen ladies of the W. F. M. S.; nineteen ladies of the General Society, ten of whom have been definitely in charge of W. F. M. S. work; forty-five assistants of all grades; 230 Bible-women, and a large band of teachers serving in our eight Boarding schools and 40 city and village schools.

The Evangelistic work has been prosecuted in, approximately, 650 villages and 2,800 homes in the cities.

Baptisms:—The number of baptisms in the Conference during the year has been 6,335. The General Society and the W. F. M. S. work side by side in most of the villages. Often one sows and the other reaps. To God be all the glory.

Training of Workers.—Of the 230 Bible-women now engaged in work ninety have been educated in our Boarding schools, while thirty have been trained solely by other Bible-women. In the Vikarabad District each Bible-woman in the villages is encouraged to select some promising village woman to train as a helper. She learns the hymns, Lord’s Prayer, Ten Commandments, and simple Bible Stories and accompanies the Bible-woman to her work. Then by practice and association with the experienced worker she eventually becomes able to do independent work.

Thus at present about 52 per cent. of our Bible-women are the outcome of our own work.

Missionaries and assistants are expected to take the vernacular examinations, and Bible-women are required to take the course of study for Bible-readers consisting of a four year’s course followed by a two year’s reading course. Exemption from examination is based on age and physical inability.

In most of the stations classes are held by the missionaries to aid the Bible-women in their studies. In the Belgaum District,
twenty-one Bible-women attended the Training School held in Belgaum in the month of March.

**Institutional and English Work.**—From all the stations comes the cry for more workers. This together with more consecrated effort constitutes our greatest need. Where shall we look for help? Hitherto we have looked, and not in vain, to our English school and churches for assistants, and to our Boarding Schools for capable young women with trained minds, to become leaders among our Bible-women. The Baldwin Girls’ School and the English churches in Madras, Bangalore, Belgaum and Hyderabad have in their keeping the moulding of many young lives, and to them we look for more Methodist Assistants.

A gracious revival was held in Bangalore by Rev. Bancroft, assisted by the Pastor Rev. H. Stephens. The young people of the Girls’ and Boys’ Baldwin Schools were much blessed and fifteen were converted to the Lord.

In most of our Boarding Schools much practical work is given to the girls both in the school and outside of it. During the campaign many of the girls went to nearby villages in the evening. In Vikarabad, Bidar and Kolar the girls teach Sunday School classes among the new converts under good supervision. In Vikarabad some of the girls accompany the missionary on tours during vacations. Revivals are held in the schools, daily Scripture lessons are taught, and class and Epworth League meetings aid the spiritual life of the girls.

In Kolar, Bidar, Vikarabad, Belgaum and Madras the school girls appeared for the All India Sunday School Examination, with excellent results, and a Kolar girl won a medal.

Thus souls are being born into the Kingdom, and they are being grounded in the word of God, and a desire for definite Evangelistic work is being fostered in them while still in school, and we confidently expect many to go out from these schools to meet this demand for more workers.

**Encouragements.**—Our reasons for encouragement are many. Wherever we have been able to put forth an adequate effort, the results have been satisfactory. In partial reply to an enquiry, 232 women are reported as learning to read or studying from advanced texts; while quite a goodly number of village women are reading their Bibles. In Vikarabad 101 are reported. In the Belgaum District in the 43 village schools many adults are studying at night. Many of the village people can also pray in their own words. In the Vikarabad District about 1,000 are reported and Miss Partridge has a number of families where the family altar is established. In the Gokak Circuit schools the children are regularly trained to make voluntary prayers at school.

Miss Stephens says, “Several of our goshā women have already given up the purdah but I will give only one incident. There is a Muhammadan Doctor whose wife and daughters we are
teaching; they have lately become very interested in our religion and often kneel down and pray with us. The whole family have given up the purdah entirely and go about now as Christians in an open carriage. One of the daughters of this family was recently ill and they had an English Doctor to come and see her which they are not supposed to do, but when we asked how it was they had an English Doctor, they said that they had broken off purdah and now they do not mind seeing an English man or any other man. But these people not only broke their gosha, I am glad to say that they have opened their hearts to Jesus and they are trusting in him for everything."

Throughout the Conference the work in the Day Schools, the Sunday School and house to house visitation is attended with much blessing and promise.

In Bangalore City nearly all the converts are pledged total abstainers, and in Madras good progress is being made. The schools are everywhere a great help in teaching temperance, though in a great many cases adults long addicted to drink, have given up the habit.

Some hopeful signs are seen regarding marriage and burial customs. During the campaign in Belgaum Circuit, the District Superintendent everywhere preached marriage reforms. In Madras the converts are most anxious that weddings and burials may be conducted in the Christian way, and this has sometimes resulted in winning more converts.

A Zenana Party.— Miss Stephens has given a description of a Zenana party that was held in her Home. "The women came from all kinds of places, and eight different castes were represented:— There were gosha women, Brahmins of the highest order, and all kinds of wealthy people together with those of poorer circumstances.

Among this company were half a dozen widows. It is a great thing for women like these to mix with the other castes and people. Some women were here, who are so high caste, that they will not allow us to touch them when we go to their homes to teach them. The books are thrown back and forth between us during the lesson. Yet these 'Touch-me-nots' were here mingling with all the castes and creeds, and receiving from me a hearty welcome with a good hand-shake and embrace, to make up for their lack of cordiality to us in their homes. These dear women all came together at my invitation to a song service on 'The Life of Christ' sung by a renowned Tamil singer from the South. There was scarcely any standing room in my spacious hall, and the women were delighted with the singing and the service. They were gorgeously dressed, and looked so beautiful with their diamonds, and sparkling ornaments. It was a grand sight to see their happy faces, and I was so thankful for an assembly of this kind in my Mission Home.
Some of the men were here also, who came with their ladies, but they stayed outside the drawing room and listened. One of them said most politely to me when leaving, that he enjoyed the service, for not only was the singing good, but the words were Holy Words, and would touch the hearts of the people who listened. This was a great thing for a Hindu man to admit especially when he knew that there were so many women from the Zenanas. This will show how the work is growing.”

**Campaign Items.---**The Evangelistic campaign has become a regular feature of our work throughout the Conference. In most districts it is held from February 15th to March 15th. In the Belgaum District touring parties were out in each Circuit.

In Vikarabad District much work was done. Miss Partridge made a tour over her whole circuit.

Mrs. Anderson writes from Kolar: “During the months when I was assisting in Miss Maskell’s work before Miss Morrow came, I learned to appreciate very much the interest and effort shown by our Indian Christian women in the Evangelistic work. When the plague was so bad that all of our day schools were closed for many weeks, the day school teachers did Bible-women’s work, and went to all the villages round about, preaching and teaching of Him who could heal from the plague of sin. During the month of the campaign, eight of the Bible-women spent the whole of the time away from their homes in the work. Only a few hours in the middle of the day they would rest at the camp, but morning and evening from about 7 to 12 o’clock, and from 4-30 to 8 P.M., they went from village to village preaching, singing and talking to the heathen people. Three of them had children and two of such an age that their mothers could not leave them. These they carried mile after mile over ploughed fields, stony roads and under the blazing sun. Often the missionary would try to persuade them to stay in camp for a while and rest, but when the time came to start they were always on hand saying, ‘Do let us go. We do not want to stay behind.’ I will never forget the last Sunday of the campaign and the constant stream of villagers coming and going. They were greatly interested in going through the tents, seeing our beds, tables and dishes. The ‘Memsahib’ and the two ‘white babies’ felt much like a Santa Claus at a department store; we helped draw the crowd while the Indian workers offered them God’s best gift. Especially were they glad to hear the singing which was going on most of the time either at the men’s tent or the Bible-women’s tents. One convert, a shepherdess, stood and listened a long time as the women sang ‘The Ninety and Nine,’ and another convert, a sturdy strong, young man sat the whole afternoon gleaning from one and another all the help he could get. The special campaign song was, ‘The Kingdom is Coming’ and one’s heart glowed to see the faces and hear the voices of the workers as they sang it.”
Miss Biehl says: "We had a special campaign verse and also a campaign song which was taught by all our workers to the village people. This has been the greatest blessing. Every where we go we hear the people in the fields or the women and children at their work singing this song."

Miss Stephens says: "Special meetings were held in the villages and in the Zenana Homes. Christians were attended to most carefully. The special campaign Hymn and Bible verses were learned in three languages in the Zenana Homes, villages and village schools."

Miss David’s reports from Kolar—"At one place of encampment we met with much opposition. The Headman of the village objected to our camping there or using their well water. He was angry and determined that we should not enter his village but finally after much prayer and conversation he decided that we could stay but could not use their water. However, he said that he would send some one to dig a hole where we could get water. The next day the Headman left the village to attend to business elsewhere and we were left in perfect peace. The people then allowed us to get water from their well and received us gladly. Not only would they listen to us in the regular Service but would often come to the tent for more of the Gospel truths. One high caste woman used to wait at the door of our tent when we returned tired from our morning’s work and would offer us milk to drink saying that we must be tired and the milk would refresh us.

We had twenty baptisms in this village and the people were sorry when we left."

Notable Conversions.—Miss Simonds writes: "Nursama, our 'soul winner' whom every one knows, had a prodigal son for whom she had been praying for years. But not withstanding her prayers and tears he was going deeper and deeper into sin. At last he was overtaken by the disease so much dreaded by all, consumption, and he was forced to stop and think. He did not realize his serious condition, physically, and yet he began to see how far he had gone astray from the right path. He asked that he might be baptised and his mother brought him in, in a cart which was coming over twenty-five miles of the worst of jungle roads. He was baptised and returned the next day. He lived on for several months and then God took him. Over and over his mother tells the story of how her 'Prodigal Son' was brought to the Lord and of how her grief was changed to gladness."

Miss Biehl tells of a Bidar priest who brought his boy and girl to Church every Sunday for sometime and one day asked if his children could be baptised. The next Sunday they were both baptised while he stood by them and gave his own testimony which touched the hearts of many. These children are now
being taught in School and we trust they will be soul winners for Christ some day.

Miss Stephens tells of the following conversions:—

"Autchama Ruth and Rosiah Daniel—husband and wife were great heathens. When we preached about Christ in the village, this man would gather a number of young men and jeer at Christ and the poor Christians. One evening, when we were there as usual preaching, the subject being 'The Richman and Lazarus'; the wife was touched by the story and told her husband about her belief in Christ. This alarmed him. The next day, he took her away to his village. By means of the wife, the spirit of God worked in the husband too, which resulted in his coming back after a few months and taking a stand for Christ and was baptised. They now help a number of other people who are still in the dark.

During the campaign month, a young man named Narsiah was very ill. A year ago this man's mother became a Christian; he together with his father used to ill-treat her and eventually drove her from the house. During his illness, his mother used to pray with him and attend to him so sweetly that his heart was touched.

He said that if he was cured, he would accept his mother's God as his. His illness was a very lengthy and tedious one—and so he had to go away to his village but the influence that his mother's prayers had over him resulted in his coming back when he was quite well and being baptised. The moment after the service was over, he turned round to some of the workers and said 'I will go back to the village and bring my wife and child to be baptized too.

One Chengiah was converted during the campaign month but was too afraid to take baptism. From the 15th of July to the 15th of August is known as the 'Holy month' in the village. During this period, the villagers make poojah to the goddess of Charerah and small-pox, etc. This man's family as was customary went to the temple to do poojah and requested him to come too but he frankly refused and said that he believed in the Lord Jesus who was above all other Gods. This infuriated the people—so much so, that they locked up the house and would not give him the key and so he was left without food or shelter. This did not shake his faith but strengthened him and so he came to our Church and was baptized. Chengiah Daniel is now a great example in the village and by his help others are brought to Christ. His one prayer is that his family may be brought to Christ too.

Appaswamy now one of our Christians was baptized during the campaign month. Before becoming a Christian he lived in sin and was leading a bad life. Through our frequent visits and instruction to him on the Christian religion, and through the Spirit's leading, this dark soul confessed his wrong deeds and was led to the feet of Jesus and was baptized. As soon as he became a Christian, he was united in marriage with the one who was a
Christian and with whom he was so long living in sin, and now both of them with their family are living happy Christian lives.

Another family who were Christians and had gone back and were leading sinful lives, were during the campaign month brought into the fold and united in Christian marriage and now, with their family, are living happily.

David Durmalingam has been a strict Buddhist for the past six years and it was hard to convince him of the Christian religion. He always had an excuse by saying that the Buddhist religion was the best and that he would never give it up. He was a great help in the Sunday School in getting the children. He even gave us a little room to hold our Sunday School. For nine months he heard the Gospel preached. We prayed much for the conversion of the young man. At last, the terrible cords of this Buddhist religion which was binding him were broken and he without any persuasion accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. He went to the Pastor's house and asked for baptism. Now we are glad that he is a child of God and we hope and pray that he will keep true to his faith and bring many numbers of his house-hold and his family to Christ. He is now married to a Christian girl in opposition to his parents wishes who wanted him to marry a heathen girl, and is living a happy life.

**Interesting Incidents.**—Miss Biehl writes:—"Just a few days ago I visited a village where one of our school girls lives. This girl had been in school for one year when her father took her out about nine months ago and had her married, though she is only seven years old. Her one year in school was not a waste of time and energy as some may think. We found that this little girl had taught all the women and children of her village all the songs and Bible verses she had learned in School and each day held little meetings with her playmates teaching them the way of the Lord. The Hindu songs had lost favour in the hearts of the children of this village and Christian hymns had taken their place. We had one of the most blessed meetings in this village and many were ready for baptism all because one little girl did what she could. 'A little child shall lead them.' Mrs. Garden writes.—

"On one tour an educated Lingayet became interested in reading one of Paul's Epistles, and read aloud for nearly an hour to a crowd of listeners, wagging his own head, all the while, in approval of his message. Later on, this same man taught his servant to read and brought him to us, a journey of 40 miles, that we might receive him into our Training School to be trained as a preacher. He and his wife are now both studying in the school and making good progress.

Bhimabai in her youth came into contact with Christianity and learned crochet work, but did not learn to read. She was early married to an old man who is a Hindu. All these years she has stood fast to the little knowledge she had and has had all her children baptized. She is striving earnestly to get her hus-
band to become a Christian. As she works in the fields she preaches to the women at their work. She is trying to arrange her home duties so that she can come to the Training classes to learn to read so that she can do better work. Mrs. Anderson says:—

"Thanamma is one of our Bible-women. Though she has known Jesus only a few years they have been very fruitful years in results. She is very old now, bent and feeble, and she finds it impossible to walk over the country as she once did. During our siege of plague she became very ill and was found unconscious and alone in her home when one of the young lady Assistants went, one morning, to see her. Dr. Lewis went to her home and took her to the Hospital. It was soon found that she had plague and there seemed little hope for one so old. How we all prayed that Dr. Lewis might be able to cure her of this terrible disease! We were especially anxious about the case, because the heathen people of her village had become enraged because we had removed the patient without getting permission from the head-man of the village, though they themselves had left her to die, alone and uncared for. They hindered the children from coming to our day school and threatened trouble if we did not return her at once to her lonely house. We kept still and prayed day after day, while the heathen raged, and God healed Thanamma. When she finally returned home, they refused to draw water for her from the well, but Christian friends went each day and drew water for her, and after a time the children began to come back to the school, and now it is larger than before. Thanamma will probably never entirely recover from the effects of the plague but her tongue which had been swollen, black, and woody, with the awful disease, is again witnessing for Jesus. When we greet her she says, "Salaam, amma, I am getting old and weak, but I should like to win some more souls for Jesus."

Miss Simonds reports that in a recent Quarterly Conference, twelve sheep were brought as thank-offerings by different persons. In another place a horse, a buffalo, three sheep and a bullock were given, besides a pair of ducks and eight chickens. Mrs. Scharer reports that earthen pots are in use in many villages into which the women put their daily offerings of grain.

Miss Partridge Reports.—"In a village containing about 120 Christians, a house stands vacant for some worker to occupy. Every time a Missionary visits the place he or she is besieged with requests for a teacher to live in their midst and instruct them in the right path. These Christians have been peculiarly tried by epidemics of plague, small-pox and cholera by turn. They have stood the test, absolutely refusing to obey the command to worship the idols in order to stay the disease. Recently when a visit was made to the village, while cholera was raging, the people pressed us to stay and have prayer meetings with them every night, saying they derived much comfort from that, and they had no more faith in their idols. A woman said 'I do not
know how to pray but my little boy knows a few words and he can sing some songs, every night I have him pray and sing. Does God hear that? Is it the same as though I prayed to him?" We taught her a little prayer and she was much comforted. There were many such requests. With tears they asked that some one be sent to give them the spiritual food they craved. We trust soon that these prayers may be answered and the worker and his salary be provided. According to custom when cholera is prevalent a collection of one rupee per head is taken to pay the Jogi who intercedes with the goddess to prevent the disease entering their midst. Under such circumstances a young woman absolutely refused to have anything to do with the affair, saying she served the only true God and she loved the Saviour. Under many threats one sang Christian songs and prayed openly."

The Ellen Thoburn Cowen Hospital in Kolar has ministered to both body and soul of thousands of patients. Out-patients are taught in the mornings and in the after noon Evangelistic work is done among the in-patients.

In Belgaum city the work has been greatly helped by the fact that one Bible-woman is a qualified nurse, and she has three helpers whom she has trained. During the past year they have had 100 cases; of this number 37 were confinement cases. The work is always preceded by prayer and the patients and members of the families attended, attribute success to the prayers which have been offered. Many people listen to the Gospel message in these houses.

Miss Stephens writes:—Anatha Lutchmee is a secret believer in Christ. Her relatives persecuted her a great deal because she was studying the Scriptures, but this dear girl was determined to learn the Bible and told her people that she would no more worship idols of wood and stone but worship Jesus whom she had learned to love. Lately when visiting her, she brought out a Tamil Testament which she had received as a prize in her former school and asked us to teach her what was in it and also to teach a small prayer that she might pray to Jesus every day. She undergoes a lot of persecution but notwithstanding she is steadfast and true through it all, and testifies beautifully to us when we visit her, 'There is no other God but one and he is Jesus whom I love and serve.'

Selvanayikie is another dear Christian at heart and a believer in prayer. It is a great joy when visiting this dear woman to hear her repeat a few verses of the 23rd Psalm and ask us to tell her Bible stories. She not only comes herself, but gathers her family to listen to the good news that is being spoken. It is very encouraging to know that her two little ones are being taught while young to love Jesus. She and her mother have gone through a great deal of trouble but their trust and faith in Jesus is so great that whatever comes he will not forsake them, but help them in every time of need. Before leaving this home we generally have
prayer committing this dear family to the One, and only One whom
they profess to love and serve. The family kneel with us and
when closing repeat the Lord’s Prayer with us. Selvanayikie
is a bright witness in her home.

Thus by means of schools, Sunday Schools, medicines, and
direct Evangelism, we are working together with God for the
salvation of India. Her teeming peoples are hearing God’s voice
and are turning inquiringly to Him. Though the process of
evolution seems slow, let us not be discouraged, but confident
and bold. Let us gladly sow beside all waters, assured that His
Word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that
whereunto it is sent. Therefore let us rejoice in hope, looking
forward to the day when in India every knee shall bow to Jesus
as Lord and King, “for the earth shall be filled with the knowl-
edge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

MARGARET C. ERNSBERGER, President,
MILDRED SIMONDS, Secretary.

I (B)
EVANGELISTIC REPORT

The Committee on Evangelistic Work recommended
I. That we adopt an abridged course of study for Bible-
women as follows:—

First Year:—
1. Lord’s Prayer
2. Ten Commandments
3. Catechism on the Life of Christ

Second Year:—
1. Beatitudes
2. New Testament Stories
9. Junior Catechism (first half)

Third Year:—
1. 23rd and 1st Psalms
2. Old Testament Stories
3. Junior Catechism (second half)

II. That certificates for the abridged course be printed.

III. That an examination be passed in the first year of the
abridged course before a village woman in training be recognised
as a Bible-woman and given a salary.

IV. That a Standing Committee be appointed with power
either to secure a reprint of the texts now out of print and
needed for the Bible Woman’s Course or to secure suitable sub-
stitutes for such texts.

MARGARET C. ERNSBERGER,
President.
II

REPORT OF REGISTRAR

Kanarese—Miss Graham passed in 3rd year, Grammar and Psalms.

Results from the S. I. M. A. Examinations held in November have not yet been received.

U. Montgomery,
Registrar.

III

REST HOME COMMITTEE

This year eight of our Ladies and three from other Conferences enjoyed the privileges of our Rest Home.

Rev. J. B. Buttrick has very kindly helped us throughout the year in keeping the accounts, and thanks is due to him and to Rev. W. H. Hollister for their assistance in attending to some repairs. They report that other repairs are necessary as soon as arrangements can be made for the supervision of it. The balance in the fund will about cover the necessary expense.

Since some of our Ladies find the house-keeping anything but restful and others feel it too great a burden to assume, your Committee recommends that this Conference devise some plan whereby this difficulty may be overcome and the Home be made for all, as it is to some a real Rest Home.

Evalyn Toll,
Chairman.

IV

REPORT OF REFERENCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Reference and Finance Committee of South India Woman's Conference met in mid year session at Kolar, July 28th to 30th 1914, with the following members present:—

Miss Wood, Treasurer; Miss Fisher, Official Correspondent; Miss Toll, Miss Simonds, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Hotton and Mrs. Ernsberger.

The estimates of the work for 1915 were carefully considered and passed. The Committee met at a called session at Vikarabad December 14th.

On motion of Miss Montgomery the Finance Committee recommend that Dr. Lewis be invited to return to the South Indian Conference after her furlough.

On motion of Miss Fisher, Miss Montgomery was nominated to represent the W. F. M. S. on the Council of the Union Chris-
tian College for Women at Madras, this Institution having been approved by the General Executive Committee and subsidized to the extent of $1000 per annum.

F. F. Fisher, 
Secretary. 

Margaret Ernsberger, 
President.

V

REPORT OF FURNITURE COMMITTEE

The Committee has ascertained that furniture has been listed in Bangalore, Kolar, Bidar, Raichur and Madras. Hyderabad in partially listed.

Belgaum and Vikarabad are not listed.
The Committee recommends.—

1. That all furniture be marked to designate to which Department of Work it belongs.

2. That lists of furniture be kept by the Conference Treasurer, the Secretary of the Furniture Committee and the Missionary in charge of each Mission House.

3. That all lists be brought up-to-date annually at Conference time.

4. That lists not yet handed in, be ready to present this year at Finance Committee.

F. F. Fisher, 
Chairman.

VI

TEMPERANCE REPORT

While we cannot report to any extent work done by special organizations, our church everywhere holds up the temperance standard, and every preacher and teacher in the ranks is a teacher of temperance principles—if he or she is true to the charge given. Temperance is taught both by example and precept in our day schools, boarding schools, Sunday schools, and in our house to house visitation. We are thankful that the stand taken by the church is so high that every worker who is consistent in the faith is a temperance advocate.

Some special efforts have been made. On Shankarpalli Circuit, under the direction and management of Miss Partridge, a special Temperance Campaign was carried on. Temperance ideals and lessons were taught in Sunday schools, and in every meeting. Houses and bazaars were visited, and practical illustrations were given showing the evil effect of alcohol. Everyone was interested, and people of all castes came to see and hear. One meeting was held at a toddy shop itself. The sellers were very much interested and said they did not realize that they were doing so much harm. Many individuals promised to abstain from the use of intoxicants.
There is a decrease in the use of liquor by the Christian population, but the decrease is slight in comparison with what it ought to be.

After the village people become Christians, the toddy shops often have to be removed from the locality as they receive no patronage. It is urged upon the workers in all cases to see that this removal shall be necessitated by the abstinence of the Christians.

In Madras special services were held to which many village people came, some walking twelve miles daily in order that they might attend. There were numerous toddy shops, and nearly all the people were accustomed to taking toddy, and thought they had to have it every day. But they were so impressed and blessed at these meetings, that in going to their homes late at night they passed the toddy shops without going in or taking any. They are, to a remarkable extent, still standing true.

Systematic lessons on the effects of alcohol have been presented in the Baldwin Schools, and temperance programmes were carried out in Belgaum, Hyderabad, and other places.

The Committee desires to urge upon all workers the importance and necessity of an advance in this work for the future. With many people it is this drink question alone which keeps them from being Christians. Their moral courage is not sufficient to cope with the situation unaided. Every effort that is made to help these poor people to fight against their worst selves will surely be blessed. Many Hindus and Muhammadans are disgusted with what they consider the laxity of Christians with regard to the temperance question. And indeed if we would have our Christians act in any measure as a shining light and example to the non-Christians, we must work with them to achieve a steadfastness upon this question. The Committee feels, that as far as is possible, a Temperance Campaign similar to the one just mentioned, would be extremely beneficial if carried on in every circuit. If separate time cannot be spared for such a campaign, perhaps features of it might be introduced into the Evangelistic Campaigns. There are several temperance tracts which, translated as they are in several languages are most useful. Rev. Blake of Bangalore has written a tract on the “Physical Effects of Alcohol,” and this useful little pamphlet may be had in Kanarese and Telugu. There are temperance tracts for mothers, in three or four languages, and these might be distributed in the villages, and at mothers’ meetings. In the Vivekavathi there are very well arranged temperance lessons which have been found to interest the people greatly.

The attitude of greater enthusiasm with regard to this question is urged upon every worker, so that the next year will see definite advance in all sections of the Conference.

Miss Robinson,
Chairman.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

With joyful hearts we look into the faces of our new missionaries, who have come to our Conference from the homeland or by transfer from other Conferences and bid them welcome to this glorious warfare. But let joy be added to joy for the safe return from furlough of Mrs. W L. King and Miss Ericson, therefore be it

Resolved, that we express our gratitude to the Members of the Board of Foreign Missions and The Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society for sending to our Conference—Misses Ericson, Wisner, Robinson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Camp, Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Harris and further that we give thanks to our gracious God for safely bringing them through perils by land and sea to their desired haven.

But in our great happiness in welcoming our new members we cannot forget the absent faces. To dear Mrs. Hollister, whose days are so filled with kindly ministries, we express our regret at her enforced absence; to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Scharer, who are held captives by golden cords, woven by baby-hands we extend our congratulations and bid the little visitants welcome. To Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Gabel, Mrs. Lipp, Mrs. Kingham, Miss Maskell, Mrs Buttrick, and Mrs. Ogg, who have gone on furlough to the homeland we send greetings and assure them of our sympathetic prayers. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Schermerhorn who so lovingly keep the work of our Conference before the workers at home.

We assure Miss Wells of our sympathy and prayers in the great bereavement she has suffered in the loss of her mother.

As Mrs. Crawford has so thoughtfully remembered the people of India in their suffering and distress and has generously provided funds for the erection of a hospital in this place and as Mr. G. O. Holbrooke has provided the means for the erection of a children’s ward;

Be it Resolved that we as a Conference record our thanks for these munificent gifts.

To our kind hosts and hostesses, the Rev. and Mrs. Parker, Rev. Morgan, and the Misses Simonds, Brewer, Fisher, and Partridge for their kindly ministries, which anticipated every want, and their abundant hospitality we record our best thanks. To J. Edgerton, Esq., who so kindly put at the disposal of the Conference the spacious dwellings of the Government our many thanks are due.

E. M. BIEHL.
GRACE STEPHENS,
ALICE A. EVANS.
STATISTICS
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