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Baldwin High School for European Girls.

Miss Montgomery ... ... ... Principal.

With what heavy hearts we began the year in our English Girls' School. In January, 1903, our girls were separated from the Baldwin High School for girls and boys and organised into a Girls' School under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We had no school building or property, no furniture except such the Boys' School could spare, and were given to understand that we were not able to pay expenses. This last, however, was not true after the first month of 1903. The way of paying expenses was, of course, a way of the greatest privation and some personal humiliation; but we thought anything was better than running into debt, and are glad to report that we have been spared this.

One other blessing has been ours from the beginning; a splendid corps of Christian teachers; they have so cheerfully and earnestly entered into all our plans and interests that they have kept us hopeful throughout. Also, all the constituents were greatly pleased that the girls were to have a school of their own. Thus we began the year with the prayer that God would either supply all our needs or show us that the school was not His. We are glad to report that so far He has answered only the first part of that prayer.

Discouragements? Yes. So many that one "doth tread upon another's heels, so fast they follow." But how quickly they pass away, and how ashamed we become that we ever noticed them. We know to-day that we are a stronger band of workers and better able to cope with to-morrow's difficulties because of yesterday's trials; and He who is more interested than any one else in our school, has all power given unto Him in heaven and in earth. He has plenty of wealth to send us for property, when He is ready for us to have it.

We have not increased largely in numbers this year; but we believe we have increased very largely in influence and sphere of
usefulness. We are so closely in touch with our girls that their innermost natures are more open to us than could be possible with larger numbers. We have been investing our lives, and are looking for large returns. Some results we have already seen; our Christian girls reflecting Christ's image more truly, and understanding more deeply their relation to Him, and those who have never given themselves to Christ, longing for better things. This is the part of our work that rejoices our hearts.

We are greatly in need of property—not a foot of ground can we call our own. It was so long before we could even rent a suitable building. Only one piece of property in all Richmond Town had ground room enough for a Day School and Boarding Hall, and this was not to be rented. Then came the news that it was for sale. Should it be sold and broken up into small lots what ever could we do? Then God sent us a kind friend who offered to purchase the property, erect a suitable building, and rent it us for a reasonable sum until we are able to buy it, when he would sell it to us at cost. We accepted his offer and the building is now under erection; we are doing the best we can until it shall be ready for us. When it is finished the property will have cost about Rs. 30,000 ($10,000). We believe the Lord will soon send us money to make the purchase.

**ZENANA AND VILLAGE WORK.**

| MISS MONTGOMERY       | ... | ... | ... | Missionary. |
| MISS WOUTERSZ         | ... | ... | ... | Assistant.  |
| ELIZABETH             | ... | ... | ... |            |
| SUSAN                 | ... | ... | ... | Bible-Women.|
| ANNAL                 | ... | ... | ... |            |
| TARA                  | ... | ... | ... |            |
| FRANCES               | ... | ... | ... | Teachers.  |
| SUSAN                 | ... | ... | ... |            |

This work was appointed to Mrs. J. B. Buttrick, the wife of our Presiding Elder; but she left in March for furlough in England and the work was left to me. But as the English school was so largely occupying my time and attention, this native work had to be left almost entirely in the hands of our noble assistant, Miss Woutersz; and very earnestly and conscientiously has she carried it on. With the help of our four Bible-women she has visited regularly ninety-seven zenanas and fourteen villages, besides superintending our Blackpully native school with its one hundred and ten pupils.

The heavy rains have seriously injured the ragi and padi crops bringing much distress to many of our people. The plague, too, has been very prevalent, taking away many of those among
whom we work. These great sorrows open up the hearts of the people as nothing else can. Many are now listening earnestly to our teaching who a year ago laughed at our workers and contended that their own religion was best for them.

I hope this next year to devote at least half of my time to this needy work. I submit Miss Woutersz's report in her own words:

"In one of our zenana homes a nice, bright young girl by the name of Narrinee was being taught to read. She had advanced as far as the second book and she and her mother always listened to the Word of God with much attention. But I never felt that she was receiving any light in her soul, and nearly always left feeling that I had done little good. But about a fortnight ago she was taken with the dreadful plague. The Bible-readers went when sent for and prayed with her. Narrinee then said she was not afraid to die, she had asked Jesus to save her. A little later she said to her mother, 'Take me to the church to which my teacher belongs,' and among the last words to which Narrinee gave repeated expression were these, Jesus save me. Her mother now regrets that she listened to the advice of her neighbors and did not grant the child's request.

A few days later, a girl in the opposite house took the infection and when our Bible-woman went to her, she said, 'Tell me that which you told Narrinee. She listened attentively and the Bible-woman prayed with her and left. The girl died on the next day, and God grant that she, too, trusted Christ as her Saviour.

Another on her death-bed called for the Bible-reader and bursting into tears exclaimed, 'I believe in Jesus as my Saviour, if I recover I will come with my two children and be baptized. I have waited to take this step all along, but my people are against it. God took her to Himself a day or two later.

In the village work there is much to encourage us, for the people nearly always give us a warm welcome and many listen eagerly when we sing, pray and read the Scriptures; especially is this true in these times of plague when their hearts are filled with sadness and fear. Bereavements have made them more willing to hear the Word of God. We are scattering the seed broad-cast, knowing in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

The Blackpully Day School began with fifty children enrolled. We have now one hundred and ten. The two whom we sent up for the primary examination last year were both successful. Special attention is given them in Scripture and we rejoice that some are receiving the truth into their hearts.

Four Sunday schools are being regularly held. The little ones are getting on well with the catechism and can sing several hymns. Our teachers and Bible readers have been faithful in
their work, and our hearts go out in thanks and praise to God for the special Providence that has watched over and protected us in the midst of danger.”

MOHAMMEDAN ZENANA VISITING.

MRS. TOUSSAINT ... ... Volunteer Worker.

We are thankful to the Lord for the opportunity of another year’s work among the Mohammedan women. Most of them belong to the well-to-do class. We have visited eighteen homes. Two of these families were here only on a few months’ visit.

One woman told me not to go to her neighbour’s home, as the woman took no interest in anything. However, we went and found our visits appreciated. We sang a hymn to her and when visiting again read her the Word of God. We visited her several times, but when the plague came in this vicinity we stopped going there and are told she fell a victim to this dread disease. We were glad we had had the privilege of giving her the message.

In another place a young girl brought down a Bible, given her by a missionary lady, and followed as I read the Word.

Two of our girls went with their mother to Japan. We gave them Gospel portions and I have written to the mother once since she left.

Another young woman repeated, “The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin,” saying a missionary lady had taught her. I repeated, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life,” and reminded her of the text she had learned. When I made a mistake in giving it in the vernacular, she corrected me. May God bless the truth she has learned, to her salvation.

In one family we found two young women sitting apart with bowed heads and covered faces. It is their custom to sit apart thus and not speak to any one for a few days before their marriage. One of them told us so, but she poured out her heart to us, saying, “I have never seen the bridegroom. I don’t know him. I am quite troubled. The future is all unknown.” We tried to cheer them and had a nice talk with them, leaving a Gospel portion for each. We saw them again after their marriage; and I had the opportunity of speaking to the husband of one. I told him if he loved and served God, he would seek his wife’s welfare always, and told him of Christ as a Saviour. He said I might write to his wife if I chose, and he would get her to reply.

Occasionally we find them indifferent. One was especially so; but when the death angel took one of her little lambs home, and she was left sad and quiet, she was ready to hear the words of
comfort which we spoke. We sang in English, "There's a land that is fairer than day," and my mother, Mrs. Walker, interpreted it to them. Many women have come to visit her in her time of sorrow. One young woman, a priest's daughter, asked Miss Woutersz, who goes with me, to sing in Tamil. She sang "Nothing but the blood of Jesus," and I interpreted it to them.

We cry to God to so fill us with His spirit, that among these benighted ones, souls may be led to know our Saviour as their own.

**Deaconess Work.**

*Mrs. Anna M. Walker ... ... Associate Deaconess.*

During the year we have helped our pastor by visiting the people of our congregation, paying about fifty visits a month. In some of the homes we have been asked to pray for some members of the family.

We work among the poor of Blackpully in the Sunday school and in the Dorcas Society. We have ninety scholars in this Sabbath school, twenty-five of whom are adults.

It cheers our hearts to find these poor women listening eagerly to the lessons and drinking in their precious truths. In connection with the Dorcas Society we gave a hundred of these poor people a treat and clothing, the money for which was raised by subscriptions and donations, our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. B. Buttrick giving an address on the occasion.

The mercy and help department of the Epworth League of which I am a member, holds a service in Blackpully once a fortnight, and also once a month in the Women's Home.

We visit the hospitals every Sunday and have been helped by God to speak to a number of sick ones of the precious love of our Saviour; it would take much space and time to write of individual cases but we hope that some of those who have passed away have gone to be with the blessed Master.
KOLAR.

BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE, DEACONNESS HOME, AND WIDOWS' HOME.

MISS F. F. FISHER ... ... ... Missionaries.
MISS G. M. WOODS ... ... ... 
MRS. HALL ... ... ... Matron.
MISS GRACE PETERS ... ... ... Assistants.
MISS WILLIE LEWIS ... ... ... 
MR. SRINIVASA SATRI ... ... ... 
MR. HANUMANTRA RAO ... ... ... Class Masters.
MR. GOPALAH KRISHNA IYER ... 
MR. SANTOJI ... ... ... Music Master.
HANNAH ... ... ... ... Teachers.
BHAGIE ... ... ... ... 
ESTHER ... ... ... ... 
RACHEL ... ... ... ... 
SARAH SIROMONY ... ... ... 
LAKSHMI ... ... ... ... 
MARI BENNETT ... ... ... ... Pupil Teachers.
LEN A ... ... ... ... 

"The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." We close another year's work with grateful hearts for advancements in every department of work. The Lord has used these imperfect tools to His praise.

Orphanage.—During the year we have had one hundred and forty-four girls in the orphanage, twenty-seven of these are members of the church and thirty-two were received on probation during the year. All of the girls in the orphanage have been baptized. This is a sign of separation when they leave their heathen homes and come under Christian influence and training. Twenty-five of the girls are members of the Senior Epworth League and all the others are members of the Junior Epworth League and take an active part in the meetings. The girls are also organized into Class Meetings, six in number, held once a week, when they are taught the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to testify of God's goodness to them, and to give a monthly contribution towards the support of their pastor. In this way more than rupees nine, or three dollars, was given by the girls in their Class Meetings, alone, during 1903. They also give to the Epworth League, the Sunday school and every Sunday morning to the church collection. Thus one hundred and forty-four girls have been taught this year to give regularly of their pocket-money to Him who has given
ORPHANAGE GIRLS COMING FROM CHURCH, KOLAR.
GROUP OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN, KOLAR.
them all they have, and who has saved them from a life of sin and darkness, and brought them into the light and knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Five little graves have been made in the "city of the dead." Three of these were consumptive children of begging parents. Their little bodies had been so exposed from infancy by the wandering life of their parents that they early developed the dread disease. Each of these girls confessed Jesus as her Saviour and we believe they are all at Home with Him. We have had to battle with various kinds of disease during the year. The mumps went through the entire orphanage—over one hundred cases. Various kinds of fevers, smallpox, dysentery, diarrhoea, consumption and all the lighter ailments of children, have demanded our attention and skill. Often during the year we have longed for, and earnestly prayed that God would hasten the urgently needed medical missionary to us.

Two more of our girls have gone out to make homes of their own. One of these has entered active Christian service, and has been given certain heathen villages to instruct the women in the Gospel. Hers is a responsible position, yet we believe she is equal to it, as she had developed a strong Christian character before leaving the orphanage.

We still have our faithful matron, Mrs. Hall, who is untiring in her efforts for the health and comfort of the girls.

Widows —There are six widows in the Widows' Home this year. All are Christians and three of them are Bible-women. Only a few years ago a widow would not be allowed to enter any home, but to-day these Bible-women are received gladly and cordially into the homes of the highest castes, even among the Brahmins.

Deaconess Home.—Our motto, "Christ is the Head of this House," has been felt in the life of each member of the home. It has been a great joy to us to share our comfortable home with some of God's tired handmaidens; and we covet the privilege of extending this to others.

This work is supported by the following Branches: North-Western, New York, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Topeka, Minneapolis, and Pacific.

F. F. Fisher.
"When all Thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love and praise."

He has given unto us blessings unnumbered in the school room this year.

Our enrollment of one hundred and thirty-two is the same though there have been some changes.

During the year we have added to our course of study English, music and physical culture, and since the arrival of Miss Lewis, special attention has been given to kindergarten.

The sewing and fancy work classes have done new work from time to time; "Battenburg" and drawn work have become quite fascinating to a little girl of fourteen, while most of the girls do knitting and crocheting.

Last April, four days before the decision was to be made in Mysore, concerning a prize which was to be given for the best piece of lace one and a half yards long, four of our girls saw the notice and began to work for it. The competition was among representatives from Madras, Bangalore, Hassan, Pandita Ramabai's schools, and Mysore. One of our girls carried off the first prize of rupees five and another the second prize of a fine portfolio, the latter's work being especially admired by the Maharani, or queen, who bought it.

Particular interest has been taken by the teachers in the Bible study. The examiner, Rev. Gershon, spent four days with us in testing each class orally and in writing, and in his report says, "The whole school with but few exceptions, has done excellent work in Bible and catechism."

Five of our fifth standard girls appeared for the Lower Secondary Examinations, three of whom were successful while in the remaining classes 84.1% of all examined have passed.

Our Brahmin inspector says, "This ratio of passes would be creditable to any school, and in this institution it is most creditable considering from what class of people the large majority of the pupils are drawn."

During our annual inspection we were favoured with a visit from the Senior Counsellor of Mysore, who was making a tour of the District as the King's representative. He spoke of our work as follows:

"It gave me much pleasure to visit the girls' orphanage and school. I was much impressed with everything I heard and saw. The children looked cheerful and happy. Two batches of children were taken through musical exercises with extended motions and they acquitted themselves very creditably. The system and discipline prevailing were very striking. The school
rooms, dormitories and grounds were object lessons in their neatness and tidiness. Every arrangement has been made for the health and comfort of the children. We cannot be sufficiently grateful to the Mission and its philanthropic supporters for providing such a home and training for these poor orphans.”

We rejoice in the fact that our government officials are so cordial to us; and that our work is beginning to be recognized by them.

As we were closing the work of the school year, an application was handed me from the government inspector in the adjoining district, asking that one of our lower secondary girls be sent to a certain government school as sewing mistress, promising a salary which would tempt any of them. A building grant of one thousand rupees helps to pay for our school building.

We cannot but plan for greater things in the future. One is, that the girls who seem to be adapted to special Christian work shall, from time to time, be taken out on the District and thus receive practical training in the Master’s service; another that lessons on the vina be taught, and a third that our highest English class appear for the Lower Secondary Examination next November. Thus the year has closed with prospects brighter than ever before.

We pray God’s richest blessings upon this little corner of His great vineyard.

Grace M. Woods.
ZENANA AND VILLAGE WORK.

MISS F. MASKELL ... ... ... Missionary.

ZENANA WORK.

MISS BERTHA SHERWOOD ... ... ... Assistant.
MARY ... ... ... ... ... ...
RACHEL ... ... ... ... ... ...
CATHERINE ... ... ... ... ... ...
VENKATI ... ... ... ... ... ...
RUBY ... ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
ESTHER ... ... ... ... ... ...
MIRIAM ... ... ... ... ... ...
SATHYA ... ... ... ... ... ...
PURUM JOHY ... ... ... ... ... ...

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

MISS EVA PETERS ... ... ... Assistant.
J. CHARLOTTE ... ... ... ...
CATHERINE ... ... ... ...
REBECCA ... ... ... ...
MARY ... ... ... Teachers.
N. CHARLOTTE ... ... ... ...
AMY ... ... ... ...
ANNIE ... ... ... ...
POLLY ... ... ... ...
ELLIE ... ... ... ...

In sickness and in health, midst trials and difficulties, and when all things have been bright and joyous, the Saviour has closely clasped our hand in His and has led us tenderly every step of the way; and we have ever been able to look up into His loving face knowing it was the Lord who doeth all things well.

Owing to the paucity of workers, we have attempted in some measure to control the rapid spread of the work, but it has been beyond our power to do so for it has been of the Lord.

School Work.—Some years ago, a leading Brahman citizen of this town came to us with the request that we should open a school for Brahman girls, offering to supply a school house and all requisites saying that we would be at liberty to teach every subject we chose except the Bible, which prohibition was, of course, fatal to his project. From the beginning of the year the Lord laid it heavily on our heart to open a school for Brahman girls, but we did not see our way to do so on account of lack of time and workers; but during a severe illness the Lord's voice was heard so clearly, that we could no longer delay, so in October
we opened a school for Brahman girls. The Lord has set His seal upon this work, and it was through His help that we were able to secure a suitable house in the town, and right on Brahman street, too, which was no easy matter, the Brahmans being so exclusive. We have in this school thirty bright, promising pupils quick at song, study and needle-work, who are learning to love and trust the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus whom they formerly despised. The marked improvement in the character of these girls is very encouraging, and the happy faces they bring to school brighten the days for their teachers. A Brahman father said, "I have but one little girl left in my home now and when I come home in the evening, tired from my day's work, it does me good to have her sing the sweet Christian lyrics to me."

In Katarapallium we opened a new school in October. The girls pleaded with us so earnestly, and the boys begged so hard for a school in which their sisters could be taught, that we could not resist. It was very touching to see how those children flocked in the first day we opened school till there were forty-five present. In a few days they had learned to sing one of our Christian lyrics, and had memorized the first Psalm. Many of them are now making good progress in reading, writing and sewing. A Kanarese exhorter belonging to the Parent Board of our church said to us, "Ten years ago it was dangerous for us to attempt street preaching in Kattarapallium owing to the stones and other missiles that would be hurled at us; but since you began zenana work in that locality there has been a wonderful change for the better. We praise God for this testimony to the power of His Word and believingly pray that this school may also be a blessing in every way to the people of that vicinity.

Now our six day schools for non-Christians include girls of all castes beginning with the one for the very lowest caste to the one for Brahmans. While labouring under some disadvantages in conducting these schools, yet we have a great deal to thank God for in that we have a steady increase in the number of our pupils, a greater love of study on the part of the scholars, and the knowledge that many of these girls are developing into sweet womanly Christian characters.

In March we had evangelistic services for the young people of Kolar and among the number of children belonging to Christian parents who came forward to the altar in token of repentance, and a desire to yield themselves to the Lord, were many young Hindu girls who humbly kneeling there, prayed Jesus to accept them. Sunday schools are held in connection with these day schools, and we are glad to have the brothers of our pupils attend them with their sisters.
Some of these girls come to our Sunday morning service, and several attend the Thursday afternoon meeting for workers.

One of the chief drawbacks in the day school work is that several of the teachers have not enough education themselves to teach those of their pupils who are making good progress. We cannot get better educated Kanarese women who are suitable to this work, for we employ only Christian women. Besides the purposes denoted by its name we have planned to hold in our new office and enquirers' room a summer school every year for six weeks in which Bible-women and teachers of this District will take a course of training which we trust will be very helpful to them along mental and spiritual lines.

Zenana Work.—Three hundred and eighty-nine homes have been visited this year. There are several we have lately begun to visit which are not included in this number. It can with safety be said that there are now comparatively few houses where we would not be received if we had a sufficient number of workers to so extend our work; whereas when we first began this work, it was quite the other way and the number of those who would receive us was very small. On visiting Kolar a lady of large experience in Mission work in India said, "This is a magnificent field. No other Mission at work for miles around. Dozens of workers should go out into the town and surrounding villages to give the Gospel to the people," and at no very distant date we hope that such will be the case. We are grateful to God for permitting us to see that even a severe illness, when one is laid aside for weeks, may be to the advancement of His kingdom. Many Hindu women were closely drawn to God during that time by their earnest prayers offered to Him in the name of Jesus Christ for the recovery of one who had worked among them for years; and because they were not permitted to see that one in her weakness and suffering when they came to the Deaconess Home, every word she uttered after her recovery when able to be amongst them once again carried additional weight. It will never be forgotten how one Hindu woman who had never prayed audibly before knelt beside the couch of the convalescent and poured out her heart in praise, thanksgiving and supplication to God.

We have had seven women baptized since last Conference. My sisters in America, can you who are so free, so self-reliant, ever realize what it costs these women to come out, and before a church full of men and women receive the public rite of baptism? Last Sunday after one of these women was baptised while she lay perfectly exhausted physically, her old superstitions got the better of her and she said feebly, "I think that water must have been drugged, I have never felt like this before." We have never
had a case in which a woman was so utterly overcome by fear and nervousness as this one, but in all cases we have to deal very tenderly with these babes in Christ.

All these women before their baptism have broken their caste by eating with one or other of our Bible-women but had never done so with each other. The Lord put it into our heart to get them all to meet and partake of refreshment together, so we invited all those who had been baptised in recent years to come over one afternoon. It was very hard for some of these women to eat and drink with those of lower caste, but we told them this was one of the ways of showing we are all one in Christ Jesus. One of the women positively refused to do so, and oh! how earnestly we prayed in our hearts for her, and at last she gave in. It was a blessed time, for surely these women were eating and drinking together to the glory of God. Some of these women are being persecuted for Christ’s sake. They have come to us entreating us to remove them into the Mission buildings saying they will earn their own living. If we did this we would have a great many more converts, but though it pained us much to refuse, we were compelled to do so. We believe that in the future God is going to bring out women by the hundred, it would not be possible to receive them all into Mission premises, so it is better to begin aright, and though many who believe in Jesus may not come out now and receive baptism, we believe the stand we are taking will be all the better for the work in the future. Though in many cases the public step of baptism has not been taken, yet there is no doubt that the number who are receiving Jesus into their hearts and lives is steadily increasing.

We praise God for great encouragement in our work among the Mohammedans this year. These women are not allowed to come out of their homes, but through the Gospel they have already begun to receive liberty and sometimes some of them will steal out at night and come to us to have a private interview. A few of them have had the courage on Sunday night to slip in at a side door and sit on the floor in a corner to see how we worship the Lord. We are deeply grateful to God for all the Hindu women to whom He has given the courage to come out and receive baptism; but in our praise to Him rings out a deeper note of gratitude for the Mohammedan woman who took her stand for Christ and was baptised in the name of the triune God. In all these many years we have not had before a convert from among the Mohammedans. They have so much of the truth that it is harder to work with them than with Hindus, for as Tennyson says:—

“A lie that is all a lie may be met with and fought outright,
But a lie that is half a truth is a harder matter to fight.”
This woman is loyal to Christ in every way and is becoming fearless, though at first she was very timid. Her daughter has been pleading with us to have her and her infant baptised, but we cannot do so as she is a minor according to law, and has not her husband’s consent. She is a very sweet bright girl of fifteen. Think of her having to bear the responsibility of motherhood at such an early age. We now have a hundred of these Mohammedan homes we are trying to visit, and could have many more if we had more workers who know the Hindustani language, but they are very hard to procure in this part of South India. What we painfully need is an assistant from North India, where Hindustani is the language spoken, who will come here and train some of these women to become workers for the Master among these Mohammedans. We believe that the Lord will hear our prayer and give us the needed funds to get such a worker from North India. On our last visit to one of the most bigoted Mohammedan quarters, a man brought forward the women of his household and said to them, “Now you listen attentively to all that you are told, and always kindly welcome these friends, for they will teach you nothing but what is good.” How we do praise God for thus opening doors that were once fast closed against us. The Mohammedan woman who was lately baptised comes to the Class Meeting we hold on Saturdays for recently baptised converts, and what a Class Meeting it is! The women feel quite free to put in their remarks and questions when we are giving them our little talk, and their faces beam with pleasure when they can give correct answers to questions on former Scripture lessons.

*Village Work.*—We conducted weekly women and children’s meetings at the Christian villages of Elim, Bethany and Nazareth for half the year, but there were so many other heavy demands upon our time and strength, that we did not find it possible to continue this work much as we would have liked to have done so, but after much prayer and consultation with the Presiding Elder, we decided to leave this work in the hands of the exhorter and his wife living at each of these villages, knowing that these Christians would be frequently visited by the missionary of the Parent Board, the pastor of the Kanarese church and local preachers.

We have been working in fifty-five heathen villages this year. The Bible-women love this work better than any other, for the people receive them so kindly and listen with such interest. Men, women and children gather around us in the open air as we sing and read and explain the Scriptures. Not only these whom we see are receiving the Gospel message, but many in their homes, or hidden behind walls and houses, are listening to the Word. We see many indications that our work among these
people is being blest of the Lord, and we praise Him for those who have given up idol worship and heathen ceremonies. Ten years ago when only three or four Bible-women were employed, one of them suggested that they go out for only half a day as it was so hard to get people to listen to them. Now our nine Bible-women have more work than they can well do, and we could easily find work for as many more.

The Bible-women have been doing faithful work and the teachers have surpassed themselves. Miss Eva Peters married and consequently left the work, and Miss Bertha Sherwood was obliged to leave on account of ill-health and other reasons. We thank God for giving us two spiritual young ladies in their stead who are already doing good work for the Master.

We are grateful to the Des Moines, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Minnesota, and Topeka Branches for supporting this work.
GODAVERY DISTRICT

RAIPUR, C. P.

EMILY L. HARVEY ... ... ... Missionary.
CHARLOTTE THOMAS ... ... ... Assistants.
EMILY B. L. MANUEL ... ... ... 
FLORENCE B. BURKE ... ... ... Matron.
CHOTIBAI ... ... ... ... Teachers.
JESSIEBAI ... ... ... ...
JAMNABAI ... ... ... ...
BHURIBAI ... ... ... ...
BHIMABAII ... ... ... ...
DHARMAJI ... ... ... ...
IDA ... ... ... ...
EDA ... ... ... ...
JOCHEBED ... ... ... 

The lessons of another year are said, "the books have closed over," and now we attempt to write the story as we have read it from page to page. As we close the old book and open the new, we recall not one line of complaint or discouragement.

We began the year with the twenty-third Psalm and all the way have been able to say, "The Lord is my Shepherd," and "He leadeth me," not always as we had thought, yet ever "beside the still waters," and with unspeakable gratitude we record that He has also been leading our little flock. As we have plodded on day after day it sometimes has seemed that there is much lameness about the life we live and the work we do, yet so varied have been the experiences, the burdens, the trials, and the blessings, that one hardly knows where to begin their rehearsal.

It may not be necessary to say that as yet we have no new buildings. Hence if one will refer to our last annual report he can picture to himself our surroundings and our need of better accommodation. Sometimes we do cry out "how long must we wait," but we are trying to be patient and do the best we can under the many adverse conditions.

The year has been unsurpassed in sickness, and how could it be otherwise living as our girls and women do? At times we have had twenty and more suffering with fever, bowel trouble and
other diseases tucked away in the corners of the bedrooms, dining room, etc., of our little bungalow while the women from the behá kháná (widows' home), washed out of the stables which they occupy, have slept wherever they could find a dry spot on the veranda of the house. As we look back over the dangers which have thus menaced our own life we marvel that malaria and disease have not chosen us as a constant victim. Truly God has verified His Word. He has enabled us to change the pronouns thy and thee to my and me in the one hundred and twenty-first Psalm, and then to appropriate it all as our own.

Several of our little ones have been laid away in our little "God's Acre," yet we feel that they are blooming in the Paradise of God on high. Others have had almost constant nursing and care night and day during the whole year and until within a few weeks only, we have entertained but little hope of their recovery.

The famine in the Raipur district in the earlier part of the year brought us many women and children who were cared for and fed for a longer or shorter time until the prospect brightened when some returned to their villages. Others are still with us in the orphanage and behá kháná.

The case of one poor waif will serve as an illustration of the condition of many who have come to us. Our little Dehrin—a living skeleton—who, for many weeks had to be fed at regular intervals on milk and lime water, nearly broke my heart begging for food. She would scarcely leave my side. Wherever I turned the little pinched and tear-stained face was constantly upturned to mine begging for thori sî dál bhat sirf itná, (just a little dál and rice, only so much) and it would be measured off on the tips of her little bird's claw fingers, until my own eyes would overflow despite the efforts to restrain the tears. She is now like a little butter ball—and one of the merriest of our little lambs. What precious children they are! Dear mothers in the homeland, they are just as sweet and lovely and loveable as your very own little ones.

Notwithstanding the many interruptions by sickness the children have made commendable progress in their school work. Three of the older girls have taken up the Bible-readers' course and are being fitted for work among their own people, to which they look forward with glad anticipations. One of these has serious eye trouble and we fear she will lose her sight entirely. We often say, "She will be our blind Bible-reader some day." She seems to realize it and is storing her mind and heart with the Word committed to memory against the day when she may no longer read.

We have two little children, a boy and a girl, (yes, a boy in a girls' orphanage because he is too young and frail to be placed
in the boys’ orphanage) whose mother is nearly blind, a beggar wandering from place to place. These children are among our dearest. The mother sometimes comes to see them, seeming content to sit and watch them for a few minutes. The little girl seldom allows the mother to go until she has knelt and listened to the childish little prayer to her heavenly Father to save and keep the poor mother from sin, and show her the way to Yisu Krisht her tāranhārā “to Jesus Christ her Saviour.” The old woman seems deeply impressed at such times, and we believe the leaven is working in her heart. “A little child shall lead them.”

The City and Village Work

has had many interruptions because of famine and sickness. During the famine months some of the villages were almost wholly deserted. However, many of the women were found on the famine relief work which was regularly visited and services were held with the labourers each day by the assistant and Bible-readers. We never have had so large an average number of listeners monthly, as during the past year. The interest is good, the work encouraging, and the workers encouraged.

We are hoping during the coming year to be able to open some day schools in the nearer villages.

The Widows’ Home.

I wonder what some of the dear old ladies in such institutions in the home land, surrounded with every comfort and convenience, would think of such a place as our women call home. I believe could they see these women and their abiding places in these old stables there would go up from their hearts to God a note of thanksgiving and praise such as they never sent heavenward before. Like the Master these poor women have not where to lay their heads save in these old stables, yet they never complain.

Although they are far from perfect, yet we have not a woman in the Home who has not shown marked improvement in character during the year. The light is penetrating their dark minds and hearts and some are, indeed, walking in the “Narrow way.”

We have not another department of work fraught with so many perplexities and trials and which calls for greater wisdom from on high and for the exercise of greater faith, than does this work among the widows. But we have not a more needy work or a class of people calling for more sympathy and help than do these same women. I have just admitted two women who belong to the professional thief caste. One has in her arms a poor sickly looking little boy perhaps a year old. It was a great
question whether to admit them or not. We felt in all probability it was the only opportunity they would ever have to hear of Him who saved the thief on the Cross, and we seemed irresistibly led to admit them. Now I bespeak very special prayers for these two women as well as for all in the Home from all who read these lines they may be truly converted and saved from their sins.

Bishop Warne came to Raipur in September for the express purpose of holding evangelistic meetings with our people. God wonderfully blessed his labors. The manifest presence of the Spirit was felt in great power. The meetings often continued for two hours or more with no chance to close them. Men and women trembled and wept under the conviction of sin as the Holy Ghost searched them through and through during the preaching and many were clearly and thoroughly converted and saved. Boys, girls, men, and women hastened to the altar or prostrated themselves where they were, crying aloud for mercy and pardon. God heard and answered.

During one of the services I saw a woman in the rear with her face to the floor trembling from head to foot. When I went to talk with her she poured into my ears a terrible list of the sins of her life. I never saw a person suffering greater remorse under the conviction of sin. "Can God forgive me? Can the blood of Christ wash away these sins"? she asked. As I talked and prayed with her light broke in and she was able soon to claim the new heart which she had said she wanted. How her face was transfigured! It fairly shone with the peace and pardon which had come to her heart.

Those were blessed days for our people and the fruit is daily manifested in their lives.

This report would be incomplete without special mention of the interest and faithful work of my assistants, the Misses Thomas, Manuel, and Burke. Like daughters have they sought to relieve and lighten my burdens, and are ever ready to do "ye nexe thynge" whether in their own special department or not. But for their devoted service it would have been impossible to accomplish what we have during the year.

And now, dear readers, will you not, as oft as you shall go in unto the King, breathe a special prayer for His blessing and the outpouring of His Spirit upon this corner of His kingdom in Raipur?

The work has been supported during the year by the Baltimore, Topeka, Cincinnati, and New England Branches.
SIRONCHA.

Deborah ... Sironcha ... Bible-reader.
Sarah ... Sironcha ... Maded ... ",
Leah ... Maded ... "
Abigail ... Chinur ... "
Penninah ... Chinur ... "

Sironcha has had another year without a resident foreign missionary in charge, but our native brother, Rev. B. Luke, and his wife, have stood nobly by us and are able to give most encouraging accounts of the year’s attainments. The girls’ orphanage and school has fifty pupils enrolled some of whom are day scholars. The study of the Bible is emphasized and made the subject of greatest importance. All are made to feel they must know and practise the teachings of this Book whether anything else is accomplished or not.

Mrs. Luke has charge of the Epworth Senior and Junior Leagues, and has so trained and developed the girls that they are able to lead the meetings and preside over business sessions. The Sunday school children read systematically the selected daily readings.

From all reports the secular school has made good advance. Twice has it been inspected by the Deputy Inspector of the Government Educational Department with most encouraging entries made by him in the visitors’ book. A grant has been applied for, which, doubtless, will be received in another year.

One of the orphanage girls, a waif of the 1899 famine, was married a short time ago to a worker under the Parent Missionary Society and is now doing Bible-reader’s work. She is a sweet singer and a promising young worker.

The widows are developing on all lines. All have voluntarily given up the use of tobacco to which a great majority of this class of the women of India are addicted, and, instead of the quarreling and bickering of other days, now spend their spare moments together in the singing of hymns and prayer, often even in the night time one woman has learned to read and is now doing Bible-reader’s work.

We bespeak for this important field the continued efforts and interests and earnest prayers of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society.

The work is supported by the Baltimore, Cincinnati, and Topeka Branches.

E. L. HARVEY.
HYDERABAD.

Evangelistic Work and City Schools.

Miss Wood ... ... ... Missionary.
Mrs. Somerville ... ... ... ... Assistants.
Miss Smith ... ... ... ... Miss Reilly ... ... ... ...
Miss Murray ... ... ... ... 
Sarah ... ... ... ... 
Leah ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
Mrs. Paul (Voluntary worker) ... ... ... 
Mishun Nissa Begum ... ... ... Teachers.
Chhoti Bi ... ... ... 
Gainat Bi ... ... ... 
Sirdar Bhatun ... ... ... 

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Praise is in our hearts as we look back upon the year. In many ways we realize that the work of the year has been owned and blessed by our Heavenly Father and in this we rejoice. At the beginning of the year the way seemed hidden, crooked, and difficult; but as we have gone forward it has opened, and while the difficulties and crooked places have not all been removed, still we have had grace to go on, and there has always been sufficient light for the next step.

For increase of workers and means for carrying on the work we wish to return thanks. In a wonderful and unexpected way all our needs have been supplied and two earnest consecrated workers have been found. Miss Reilly came to strengthen our hands and help us to extend the work in June, and Miss Murray in September. Both of these feel called of God to help in telling the women of India of the Saviour.

In little lowly huts where live the very poor, by the waysides, and behind the purdahs of both rich and poor, in the city and suburbs, and in some of the near villages we have gone seeking opportunities to tell the poor lost ones of the great salvation purchased for them by our Lord Jesus Christ, and we have found many listeners. Some hear the Word gladly, some with mixed motives, some reject it, and some believe.

Our efforts to teach some of the women to read are being crowned with success. One girl has struggled on with her weekly lesson for about three years now and has at last learned to read with some degree of fluency. All her relatives are pleased with this accomplishment and seven of them have been encouraged by her example to undertake the task of learning to read.
To some of those who can read we have this year had the privilege of distributing Bibles and Testaments and we find that they are being read. Ruku Begum, a woman to whom we have been reading the Bible for some time, received one of these. Her heart has been very much softened by affliction this year. In April her mother died and a month or two later her little baby was also taken from her by death. After this she found the Bible readings with her teacher, Mrs. Somerville, very comforting, and she asked for a Bible for her own. One was given to her but strange enough, just at the time she received it she could not read on account of sore eyes but her husband has become interested and now reads it to her in the evenings. So we trust that two instead of one may be led into the light of truth.

One of the Testaments has brought another soul to the knowledge of the truth. This one is a pleader in whose house we have been visiting for a little over a year. Not long ago we were permitted to pray with him and ask for him the pardon of sins and the witness of the Spirit.

There are many incidents that show us that our work among the zenana women is not in vain. We have made it our prayer this year that the Lord would send us to the souls who are sincere and ready to hear or send them to us.

Lala Begum is an old woman that we have taught for two or three years. Lately a sense of her need of a Saviour has seemed to take hold upon her. Once as we were telling her that Jesus would forgive her sins, remove all fear from her heart and give her peace, she then and there prayed to Jesus for herself asking Him to forgive her sins; and on another occasion, in the presence of some of her relatives, she expressed her desire for salvation and her faith in Jesus and asked us to pray for her.*

Another woman was telling her teacher that she and her sister would like to come and live in our home. She was told that our home is only for Christian workers or those who wish to become Christians. She replied, “But we believe in Jesus.” “Yes, perhaps, but not as we do,” her teacher said. The woman then said “Misahib, you may think we do not mean it when we say we love Jesus but God knows our hearts.”

On Fridays, one of the hospitals, and the largest one in Hyderabad, has been regularly visited, and flowers, pictures and tracts distributed to the patients. Whenever the opportunity has offered we have talked with the patients and many have thus heard of the Saviour who is able to heal the soul of the disease of sin. These have gone away into different parts of the city and suburbs, and we believe that many have taken the Gospel message into honest hearts. Four Testaments were given to patients who
JHANGHARBEH.
were specially desirous of reading the Word of God. All along the wards we hear calls for tracts and eager hands are stretched out to receive them.

In all the neighbourhoods where we visit there is a growing demand for tracts and we have distributed about 14,000 during the year.

The day schools have all done well this year. The new one opened just at the close of last year has done a good work. There are fifty-five in attendance in this school. Miss Smith has patiently trained the teacher in systematic ways of doing her work and splendid progress has been made by all the classes. Twenty or more girls have learned to read well and the smaller ones have done as well as could be expected in one year. There has been one class of women and some of them are now able to read.

The regular Sunday schools in connection with these day schools have been continued and the attendance has been better on Sundays than on other days of the week. Christian truths by catechism and Scripture texts have again been implanted in these little hearts. It is wonderful to see how quickly the Golden texts are committed to memory and how well they are remembered from Sunday to Sunday.

The Telugu work has grown very much this year. With Miss Murray to direct the Bible-women during the past few months many new houses have been opened and the number of hearers has greatly increased. Several have expressed a desire to become Christians. One old woman and her daughter have been among the listeners for some time. The mother is crippled and almost bed-ridden. At different times the workers have prayed with her asking that she might receive the forgiveness of her sins but each time she seemed to doubt; she said she did not know how to pray for herself but hearing them read to her the prayer of the publican one day she said that expressed her condition and she prayed it for herself,—"God be merciful to me, a sinner."

In one village the people are very anxious to have a day school opened for their children. They say that if we will but send them a good teacher they will pay fees enough to support the school, so we intend opening a school and trying to make it self-supporting in that village. The people are very poor though, and the undertaking will not be an easy one, but they pay much for things less valuable than an education and might support a school if they give up some of these.

We now have three Sunday schools in connection with the Telugu work. There was a fourth one but it has had to be discontinued for the present. We expect either to re-open it or
some new ones soon. The rains obliged us to hold some of these Sunday schools rather irregularly as two of them were held under trees and on rainy days there was no shelter.

Poor women come to us from time to time asking for employment. Up to the present it has not been possible to do much for them but their pleas and tales of woe have led us to feel that something ought to be done whereby such women could be helped to earn an honest livelihood. Doors of sin are open everywhere and, without our help, the only alternative for poor, unprotected women is to enter or starve. There are so many needy souls all about us and the labourers have been so few that as yet the vision of the Industrial school which has been before us for some time has not been realized, but we believe that the Lord has not laid this before us for naught. He will help us and in His own time, open the way for us. As He leads we will follow.

This work during the past year has been supported by the Des Moines, New England, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York Branches.

ELIZABETH K. STANLEY GIRLS’ BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

MISS EVANS ... ... ... ... ... Principal.
MISS ROSS ... ... ... ... ... Assistants.
MISS PARTRIDGE ... ... ... ... ...
MISS BIRT ... ... ... ... ...
MISS SMITH ... ... ... ... ...
MRS. DAVID ... ... ... ... Telugu teacher.
SHEY AMANOOLAH ... ... ... ... Urdu teacher.
MRS. LUCK ... ... ... ... Matron.

Saturday, February 13th, 1904, was an historical day in the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Hyderabad, for on that day the foundation stones of the Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls’ School building and the Mary S. Huston Home were laid.

On the gray granite foundations an immense shemiana (military tent) was pitched and converted into a pavilion of beauty with flags, and palms, and blooming plants, and long trailing creepers, and the gorgeous bogannilla.

A large and enthusiastic audience was present. Bishop Warne presided in his usual happy manner, and Bishop Warren gave a matchless address on education which opened new continents of thought to the large number of teachers from Government schools who were present.

And then the beautiful granite stones, writ large with the names of the elect ladies, whom the Des Moines Branch honors
herself in honoring for their abundant labour of love, so wisely wrought, were duly placed, the one for the school by Bishop Warren, and the other for the home by Bishop Warne.

The choir furnished the best of music; the school girls singing in Hindustani, "Oh! for a thousand tongues to sing"; after a delightful social hour in which refreshments were served by the ladies of the English church the guests departed with higher ideals and broader views of life, enriched in mind and heart for having heard the great Bishop of Methodism.

Every day of the past year has been freighted with blessings from the "Giver of every good and perfect gift." In hours of perplexity and uncertainty our Guide has led us in His way to do His most holy will.

Early in January, 1903, Nancy D'Lima, our brightest and best, was put under the doctor's care. For several months her health had not been good and we realized that something must be done. Five long months of anxious care and still the fever raged and the sufferer grew worse. "A change to the sea-side is really the only thing that might benefit her," said the doctor. In our hour of extremity Dr. and Mrs. Rudisill came to our aid and arranged for the orphan child to be admitted as a free patient in the General Hospital in Madras. The journey of twenty-four hours was undertaken with no little anxiety, but we reached our destination in safety and were met by Dr. Rudisill in the early morning, who with Mrs. Rudisill lovingly cared for the lonely child through all her long stay in hospital. After seven months in Madras the medical experts who had pronounced her case "hopeless" were able to reverse their decision, and Nancy came back to us "cured." During all those long weary days of suffering in Lansdowne ward the radiant beauty of her sweet Christian life won all hearts, and doctors, nurses and patients, all felt the power of her silent testimony for Christ. Apart from an epidemic of measles in the spring the health of all the other girls has been excellent. The school work has been most satisfactory. The children are taught to think for themselves. They are growing in every way just as that other child of Nazareth grew, "in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man." There have been no runaways, no lapses in character, no distressing cases of discipline.

The English church has been most generous in its support; aside from this several ladies have given valuable presents in the way of new cloth and money. The Director of Instruction for Hyderabad State holds the school in such high regard that he wrote officially asking for trained teachers for Government schools. He has also asked if we would receive girls from zenana schools to train them for teachers' posts. Bishop Warren was much pleased with the children's exercise books in which they write
their daily lesson and do their work during study hours. He was not a little surprised to find Telugu children who could write English so well.

The Children's Day service was largely attended and much enjoyed. The collection amounted to twenty dollars, a part of which was given to the children by the gentleman who presided, for a special treat, because not one single child had forgotten or made a mistake during the entire programme.

Some of the older girls belong to the Memory Guild for learning hymns and Bishop Warren was much pleased to find Telugu, Hindustani and Eurasian girls who had earned the right to belong to this world-wide league by having committed the hymns to memory.

There have been four baptisms. One was Isalam, a little Hindu day scholar who lives with an English woman. When she was spoken to with reference to becoming a Christian, there was the glad response of childhood to the Master's invitation of old. The lady with whom she stays was heedless of eternal things but she said to me, "The child would give me no peace till I consented to her baptism." So Isalam's name which means a follower of Mahomet, was changed into Isabella, a worshipper of God.

Interhazabee, a little slave girl, was given by the sick Mohammadan who brought her to one of her servants who was an earnest Christian and who determined to give the little slave girl an education. But was she not shut in, too, and where could a Christian boarding school be found in that great Mohammadan city? A woman who had been the servant of a wealthy Parsee girl while she was attending our school met Miss Ross, one of our assistants, and asked if in her school they still received poor children. Receiving an answer in the affirmative she carried the good news to Interhazabee's protector and in due time the child was brought and became a boarder. One day about a year afterward the man who usually brought the small fee came and said that the child's foster mother was very ill and wanted to see her. I sent her to the house and on her return I learned that the woman had been taken to the hospital for a very serious operation. Putting aside all my regular work I went to the zenana ward to see the poor sufferer. Her story was a very sad one. "Ah! yes, I am a Christian; when I was a child I went to the Free Church school in Poona, and when I finished I went to Bombay to study nursing and then I got a place as nurse in a rich Nawab's household. I never went anywhere, the Begum's baby took a lot of my time and then some of the children were nearly always rich and I did not know any of the Christians here." To the question "Shall we not wait to have your little girl baptized till you
can come to church?” she replied quickly, “Oh, I no, do not wait, I may never be any better, have her baptized right away.” The next Sunday little Interhazab was baptized and given the name of Sarah, but on the same Sunday in the early morning watch the spirit of the lovely Christian woman winged its flight back to its Maker. Life’s road had been rugged and the weary pilgrim laid down her burdens of sorrow and care gladly. Few know their Bible as well as she. “The valley of the shadow” was all radiant with light to her, for “she feared no evil.”

Little Gaura’s mother was a Hindu who left her husband to become one of a number of wives of a Mohammedan man and her father went to another city; the parents, on the suggestion of a Christian gentleman, agreed to leave their little girl in our school where the child has since remained. During the Christmas holidays the mother came and wanted to take her away. I told her why it would not be right for me to let her go but her face was hard and her manner defiant, and she boldly went to the school. I was at a loss to know what to do. Although Gaura could not read I had given her a large illuminated case with the Lord’s prayer on it. This little Gaura took and began in Telugu to read slowly but well, “Our Father who art in heaven” and before she had finished the look of bitterness went out of the woman’s face and she quietly went away. Gaura was baptized by Bishop Warren and given the name of Martha Elizabeth Prather, so named in honor of her patron. Thus these children are gathered in “Out from the high ways and fields of sin.”

On profession of faith thirteen of our Telugu girls were publicly received into the church on probation, and also four Eurasian girls. Early in July we had a blessed revival. Bishop Warne’s words were especially blest to the girls. The Indian child, for the most part is gentle, obedient and teachable. The desire to please and the love of praise may so control the children that their conduct may be all that is desired, but something more is needed to keep our girls true on life’s battle-field. and our one aim is that the children may be truly converted. The Holy Spirit wonderfully owned and blessed His work. In some lives the change was, indeed, great. Yauzundrabai’s disposition was anything but meek and gentle; she was an exception to the rule. Her ability to get up a quarrel was only equalled by her stupidity and stubbornness in her classes. Although she had been in school for several years she was wholly indifferent to good influences. I was always at a loss to know what to say when I had to write her scholarship letter. But the great miracle was wrought—a soul born of the spirit of God, the darkness became light and I am greatly encouraged to put forth greater efforts for the wilful and ungrateful, in the Name of Him “Who while we were yet sinners
died for us," and I trust that auxiliaries and patrons at home will not grow discouraged if their scholarship girls are not saints from the beginning. Our probationers' classes meet every week, the one in Telugu and the other in English. The girls are getting hold of the Bible and the Bible is getting hold of them. In a few years these bright Telugu girls will be Bible-women and Christian home-builders. The question is frequently asked, "Will they go back to live in mud huts?" Yes, for the most part. But they will convert the mud hut into a Christian home from which will radiate the light which will dispel the darkness of the heathen villages in which many of them will live. During the eight years of the history of our school ten of our girls have gone out to this great work and it has been my privilege to visit some of their homes. On the mud walls there are pictures, often just little Sunday school cards which they had kept. Somewhere in a corner or a little recess in the same mud wall there are a few books. The floor is well swept and the cooking vessels are bright and shining. And then, too, a Christian woman always has her hair combed. Their care of their children is also marked. They never burn their babies with red hot irons when they cry with colic. They become the unconscious teachers of their heathen neighbors and they often teach a village school also. They do not work on Sunday but meet to worship God and these same little mud huts are converted into Bethels where prayer and praise ascend to the Father's throne on high. A Christian home is essentially the same whether it be found in palace or a hut, and the dominant factor in the redemption of India is the Christian home and Christian motherhood.

Jhangharbee, a bright young Mohammadan woman has come daily, in her little cart, for an English lesson and together we have read the Gospel in Urdu and English. To her the life of Christ was a revelation. "Why did they put Him to death, one so good; He never did any harm." The Gospel rule for getting rid of evil by using the heroic measure of cutting off right hands and plucking out eyes, she thought a very good one. "What a pity to have two hands if one wanted to do evil, far better to have only one, for then so much harm would not be done."

Just recently it would seem that she is to put her faith to the test. She teaches little girls in a rich Mohammadan household. Of late the man has become impertinent and she told me yesterday, "I have given up my place and I will never go back. I got good wages and I have no place now, but I will never go there again, the man is very bad." During the summer the mother died and she and her two sisters who are boarders are quite alone in the world. I was under the impression that the father was dead, too, when she said, "No, he is not dead, a long time ago he
went away. There were two wives and my mother was the one that was left. Such is the bliss of the women in this Christless land.

During the year there have been seventy-five girls belonging to the school, of these five were day scholars and the remainder boarders. Forty-six were supported by the Des Moines Branch, five by the Philadelphia, and four each by the New England and Baltimore Branches, and the remainder were extras, save one who has been supported by a lady within the bounds of the Northwest Branch, with ten extras.

*Buildings.*—The home workers will be glad to know that the walls of the Stanley Girls' School building are rapidly going up and that the Mary S. Huston Home is to be completed by July.

Bishop Warren heartily approved of the plans saying of the material for the foundation, "No better could be found in the world," and of the buildings that they would be "most imposing when completed."

I have received much help from many sources: from the building committee, the pastor of the English church and his wife, the Superintendent of Public Works, the Municipality, the Hindu architect who gave his services, and from Mr. Allen, the contractor, an honest Irishman who some thirty odd years ago held the key to the first Methodist meeting house, which was an old cowbarn in this great Native State.

I can say with the Psalmist, "He crowneth the year with His goodness." The work is supported by the Des Moines, New England, Philadelphia, and Baltimore Branches.
SECUNDERABAD.

Bowenpulli School.

Miss Wood  ...  ...  ...  Missionary.
Bismilla Bi  ...  ...  ...  Teacher.

This school has during the past year maintained its usual attendance. Year by year some of the older girls go away but younger ones take their places so that the number enrolled remains about the same.

In our distribution of Bibles and Testaments, ten Testaments were given in the homes of young women who have belonged to this village and attended this school. One of these young women has been married and now lives in another village some distance from this one. The last time we saw her in her mother's house she told us that she was teaching some of the girls and women in the village where her home now is and that she is reading her Testament to them also.

Ten zenanas have been regularly visited again this year near this school. There are others that we might visit if we had time. This work is supported by the New York Branch.
THE MISSIONARY'S CONVEYANCE.

PRESENT MISSION QUARTERS.

MISS WELLS.

GIRLS GRINDING GRAIN.

GIRLS POUNDING RICE.
Vikarabad.

Elizabeth J. Wells ... ... ... Missionary.
A. Paul (seven months) ... ... ... Teachers.
Sathyya Ma Benjamin (six months) ... ... ... Teachers.
Lucy Ambiah ... ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
Nagomi Chinappa ... ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
Annamaah Kondiah ... ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
Mabel Paul ... ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
Rutna Ma David ... ... ... ... ... Bible-women.
Karunamma Paul (four months) ... ... ... Bible-women.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"—these are the words of promise given when I felt overwhelmed by my appointment to Vikarabad, when I realized the magnitude of the work before me, when I surveyed the field, saw its needs, contrasted them with our resources and was brought face to face with my own utter weakness.

Now at the close of the year as I look back, I deeply realize that whatever has been accomplished has been only through His strength, and the failures have been because of its absence.

Personally the experiences of the past twelve months, although sometimes hard to bear, although sometimes severe and almost bitter, have nevertheless been rich in blessings. Greater faith in the power of prayer has been one of the gains made. The times are not seldom when in answer to supplication the Master has constrained a wandering one to return to the fold, has impressed the truths of the Gospel on minds until they could no longer resist its claims, or has supplied some urgent financial need. To His name be the praise!

Boarding School and Orphanage.

The little girls' school held here for many years under the supervision of Mrs. Garden had been having a vacation lasting through several months when reorganization was begun in February.

We began school with three boarders and one day scholar. A school room was a problem until a front veranda was finally utilized for that purpose. As the finances at our disposal were very limited the girls have been kept all the year in the bungalow, occupying two of the four rooms. For some time a teacher was lacking but in May this need was supplied. Until that time I had been obliged to teach all day in addition to going to the evangelistic work morning and evening and doing the many routine duties.

Although we opened school with such a small number of pupils it was not many days until another girl had entered, then another and so on until the year closes with eighteen boarders and three day scholars. Of the latter two are adult women who
have a thirst for knowledge and are learning to read by the side of the little girls. One deserves especial mention, because of the sacrifice she is willing to make in order to attend school. She had been with me as a servant for some time and had put her little daughter into school, when one day she said, she herself wanted to study; that if I would only allow it she would take half pay for her work and go to school half of the time. They are very poor, her husband earning less than two dollars a month so the loss of even a little pay means a great deal to them in the maintenance of their entire family. She is learning nicely, wading patiently through the intricacies of the Telugu alphabet.

Two girls were brought to school from a village thirty miles away. The elder is an orphan. When but a babe seven days old her mother died leaving the girl to the care of her grandparents. The grandmother wishing to appease the gods and to gain merit for herself, dedicated that innocent little baby girl to lead the life of a jogi—a life of service to the gods, in reality a life of deepest sin and shame and utter misery. She had grown up in the home until she was thirteen years old. Then the Heavenly Father suddenly and wonderfully led her to school. Here she has learned to read some, but better than all has been the spiritual teaching she has imbibed. Christian songs were entirely new to her, but she liked them and determined to learn to sing. Well did she fulfill her determination. After five months of school life she sings many of our hymns, repeats several Psalms and other passages of Scripture and has learned something of the meaning and privilege of prayer. When she had been here but six weeks she attended the meetings held by Bishop Warne and on the Sunday when he baptized a number of converts she plead with me to allow her also to receive that rite. It was one of the hardest things I have ever done—to refuse her request. However, the school girls made the matter a subject of prayer with the result that after a few more weeks all the people of both the girls from that village were baptized and consented readily to the baptism of these two girls in school. It was a happy day for them—the day they became Christians.

The other girl, a distant cousin, is much younger, but before her baptism a similar fate awaited her. Her aunt is a priestess of renown in that section of the country. Though of the pariah class her skill in casting out devils, rebuking evil diseases etc., is reputed to be so great that her services are sought by high castes and low castes alike, even Brahmans patronizing her. When this little girl came into the world the priestess claimed her as her very own, to succeed her in her office. Great was her grief when she saw the family baptized and knew that her plans were to be thwarted. However, to the ignorant people of India a jogi's life is a meritorious one and vows once made in that time
are broken only with the greatest temerity; so if these two girls are finally rescued from that awful fate it will only be because the Gospel has greatly illuminated the minds of their relatives. I bespeak your prayers in their behalf.

The progress most of the girls have made in their studies has been very satisfactory and would gratify their patrons if they could but hear them recite. Girls who came not knowing a Telugu letter are able to read their Bibles quite intelligently at this the close of the year. Those in the highest class received special commendation from the Inspector for their ability to translate readily from English to Telugu and vice versa. The needle-work has consisted chiefly of the clothes the girls have needed although some finer work has been done.

They have been very zealous in committing to memory choice Psalms, chapters and other Scripture. When new girls have come into school the others have voluntarily taught them to pray. One of the most interesting sights has been the little ones going off into some corner where they hold a regular prayer-meeting. One day the Government Inspector of schools was here and asked the little tots to sing for him. They had sung two or three hymns when I went out to call the older girls. On returning I found all these little children devoutly kneeling and praying for that official's benefit.

A nine-year old girl has the true missionary spirit. When people come for medicine she is the one who preaches the Gospel to them. When workmen are here she is sure to have some conversation with them regarding their soul's welfare. So we trust that our Vikarabad girls' school, small though it is as yet, is sending forth a little ray of light into the heathen darkness around us.

The support received this year has been from the Cincinnati and Des Moines Branches.

**Evangelistic Work.**

The Vikarabad-Tandur Circuit includes a territory of two thousand five hundred square miles and contains at least half a million souls. In this large area there are fifteen hundred villages and to all of these our mission alone, though insufficiently equipped with workers, is taking the news of salvation. The people will compare very favourably with those of any other part of India. The most of them speak the Telugu language. But in each village there are a few Mahommedans whose mother tongue is Urdu.

Our evangelistic work has been carried on in two centers by the Bible-women. In Vikarabad we have had more workers to care for the work. Yet though there have been but two laboring among these heathen sisters in Tandur they have not been without some definite results of their efforts.
For some time previous to this year the Bible-women here had only been able to work in Vikarabad and three other villages nearby. When we branched out and took in more work the villages were as new to these workers as to myself. In one where there is a number of Christian women they told us that the preachers and colporteurs had been there many times, but we were the first Christian women who had come to visit and to teach them. We have been able to reach all the eleven villages almost every week. At first the women to whom we were strange regarded us with suspicion and fear, but as soon as they realized that we were their friends they welcomed us and learned to expect us on a certain day of each week. If we were detained at home they seemed disappointed and unsatisfied. Poor women of India! They are so utterly ignorant, so bound down by fear of the wrath of their gods and by the chains of caste, that one is sometimes led to marvel that any of them ever do get courage to break away and come out on the side of Christ. Yet sufficient grace is given for even such a hard task as this. There have been several baptisms this year among the women whom we have been teaching. And without doubt the greater part of the work done has yet to yield its fruit. That it will do so there is no fear in my mind.

While visiting among the high caste people of a village the Bible-women passed a door where sat a woman gray and bent with age. When they wanted to stop and give her their message she demurred and seemed very unwilling to listen. However, when they had told her of God’s love for all His people and of the great sacrifice He had made to save them, and were about to take leave she begged them to stay and let her prepare food for them; or to take rice as a present. “For” she said, “you have given me such wonderful joy and peace in my heart; you have fed me with streams of ambrosia. To think that I came so near missing all these glad tidings!” Since then regular visits have been made, the people have received us most cordially and have emphatically declared their faith in the Christian religion. The grandson, now a grown young man, seems to have an unusually clear understanding regarding caste and idolatry. To prove his disbelief in the latter he wanted to show the workers the household gods which he had thrown out at the back door. The family is but a step outside the kingdom and we are all praying that they may receive grace and courage to leave their all to follow Christ. In Tandur a large number of villages have been reached but, perhaps, not quite so regularly as here. One of the persons baptized there was an old woman who had been under instruction for some time. When a child she had been given over by her parents to serve the gods; she had led her daughter into the same shameful way and was thinking of dedicating her grand-daughter to that life when mightily arrested by the Holy Spirit. After her conversion and
baptism her abhorrence of idols and all connected with the worship thereof was good to see. We heard that one day she had cleaned her daughter's house and was told to go on and clean the part set aside for the household god. This she refused to do. When they tried to force her trouble ensued, the idol became dislocated and all his furniture demolished.

Rutmamma, one of the Bible-women there, has doubtless suffered more for the Name than any one on the circuit. She has been instant in season and out of season. Although an old woman, she has gone walking twenty and twenty-five miles out into the districts, much of the road lying through jungles which are the dens of wild beasts. During the rainy season she and her husband had some fearful experiences wading through miry roads and swollen streams. She has always been successful in constraining people, especially those of her own connection, to accept the call of Christ.

Nor are the rest unwilling to undergo sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel. It means no small amount of work for each of them to care for her own household and do all the work of the house. But in addition they go twice a day to preach in the villages. In order to be ready in the mornings they often get up at half-past three or four o'clock. My heart was strangely touched when one of them came bringing a thank-offering for the Lord's work. In answer to prayer He had spared the lives of all her six children in their recent illness and she felt that she must return to Him her thanks in a substantial way. The amount brought was a fourth of the entire family income for a month.

Nor has the preaching all been done by word of mouth. We have also been obliged to take a share in healing the sick. The people have almost no one to whom they can turn when disease attacks them. They seem to think that because we know the cure for soul sickness we must surely be able to give remedies for bodily ailments. So they have come by ones and twos and even threes. Some cases have been beyond our power and have had to go away sad and unaided. Others have come and stayed on the premises for weeks in order to receive daily attention. We claim no skill in that line of work having had no training or practice hitherto but the Lord has wonderfully blessed the few simple remedies at hand, in the alleviation of the afflicted. A hospital located here would be the means of helping many women and girls and of showing forth the practical side of Christianity.

Giving God praise for the blessings of the year, for His guidance and for His sustaining power, we press forward to accomplish, through His strength, greater things for Him in the coming year.

The Cincinnati Branch has helped to support this work this year.
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| Jayalutchmee        | ... |     |     |                |
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|                     |     |     |     | Village Schools. |
EBENEZER! Hitherto the Lord hath helped us.

The year closes with advancement in all the departments of work. It greatly rejoices our hearts to find that besides our regular pupils we have had per month over 800 listeners to God's Word in the zenanas; 10,428 visits were made; 4,111 lessons were given.

The average number preached to and taught in the villages per month has been 10,560.

In our city and village schools we have had over 1,000 pupils.

How beautiful and blessed have been the feet of those who in the zenanas, villages and schools, have taken the tidings of great joy to the people.

Besides figures, in order that God's Name be glorified it is now our privilege to give briefly some instances of the remarkable conversions during the year in our work.

PARVATHY—A devout worshipper of Siva.

Parvathy is a Malayalee Brahmin, named after the second wife of Siva. She is about nineteen years of age. Her father was a priest in the temple, and his particular duty was to give the sacred ashes to mark the bodies of the worshippers at the temple. Parvathy was married when she was nine years old to a priest attached to the same temple. She lived in a little house next to the temple. While her husband was busy with his work in the temple her duties were to make the flower garlands to be placed every day on the idol Siva in the temple. The flowers were most carefully entwined one within another, and large garlands were made. From 3 o'clock in the morning, till late at night she was devoted to this work, and made thousands of garlands. Her surroundings were very wicked. Her husband was very much under the influence of the temple dancing girls, and poor Parvathy was the neglected wife. Her only consolation was in the additional worship of Siva, and the lovely garlands she made for him. She has large holes in her ears because it is the belief of the Malayalees that the larger the holes in the ears of the women the more beautiful and respectable they are! She was first met and visited in a zenana. Her health was in such a state that she was taken to the hospital. From there this ardent worshipper of Siva having heard the Gospel from us was brought to us, and is here a bright happy student learning more of the Saviour of the world. Parvathy tells of the many vows she made to the god. One was to walk around the temple one hundred times, and feed every day one hundred beggars. She kept this up for a long time. After adorning her god with garlands of flowers she
set out on her walk at 4-30 A.M., while quite exhausted she cooked without any assistance thirty measures of rice in cocoanut milk, and fed the beggars. Another vow was to supply the worshippers at the temple with flowers all her life! Alas! poor girl! she did not know that Jesus, through the work of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, would change her heart and her life! She was baptized, and is now a sweet Christian.

Gopaul—A Goldsmith.

Gopaul was a worshipper of the goddess Kali. The goldsmiths as a caste offered human sacrifices to the goddess Kali. The English Government prevents this, so their chief offering now is cattle. They are very independent, and scorn other castes. It is because they make the images for the people to worship, and so they say to the people, “We are your gods, where would you be if we did not make you your idols?” Gopaul in telling us of his former life said that times without number he made his offerings to Kali for the forgiveness of his sins, and he himself made ever so many gods and idols for the people to worship. How glad we are that he was met and talked to in his little jewelry shop. From what we are told he is the only converted goldsmith in Madras. When baptized by our presiding elder, Dr. A. W. Rudisill, in token of his new belief he removed from his person the sacred string he had worn for years, and he testified to the teachings he received from our workers. Later on he was married as a Christian, and he who had made so many false gods made his own wedding thalee, (which in significance is like the wedding ring). On the thalee he had the sign of the Cross. Have we not cause to thank God for His Word?

Munneeamal—A Devil Dancer.

From the age of five Munneeamal was taken annually to the great Periapalayam heathen festival. Her earliest recollection is that she was made to walk seven times round the temple with a pot of saffron water on her head. As she grew older she excelled in offerings and vows. She says that every year she left her home in the month of August (the time for the Periapalayam feast) and went through some very degrading ceremonies. Every day she unloosed her hair, and with no other clothing on her person but margosa leaves (considered sacred) round her waist, she almost incessantly danced before the gods and goddesses at Periapalayam. Beside being a regular worshipper and dancer she believed in the worship of spirits. She performed ceremonies to the departed relatives. It is terrifying to hear her say how many cocoanuts she
broke, how much camphor she offered in the places where she thought the spirits would come and accept the offering. She seldom wore a new cloth before placing it where the spirits would come and wear it! Her prayers at such times were, "Keep me safe, don't be angry with me, don't destroy me, don't destroy me when I am on a journey. If you will keep the cholera from me I will break two cocoanuts, I will kill two goats, I will boil two pots of rice." Poor woman! She was possessed with many devils. She abused in vilest language all who spoke to her of Christ. At last the seed took root and grew upwards, and in the month of August, she who always went that month to Periapalayam, was baptized in our church. She is now clothed and in her right mind.

**Rungasawmy—The Temple Keeper.**

From his earliest boyhood Rungasawmy was in the Thatchanamurthi Madam, a very important temple in Madras. It is set aside for all castes and kinds of people. All Hindu worshippers can worship their own god there. It is said that there are some people in the temple who are lying prostrate before the gods from one year's end to another. Over three hundred priests and mendicants live in the temple, all having their sacred duties. Rungasawmy's special care was looking after some parts of the temple, and then as a mendicant going around the town for the rice offerings from the people, for the sacred food of the priests. Rungasawmy always wore his yellow cloth, and had his face and arms disfigured with the swamy marks. God did not leave him alone. His old comrade, John, made many attempts to save him from his heathenism. Some secret meetings were held near the temple. The Man of Calvary conquered. We had the happiness of seeing the temple keeper leave all and follow Christ. He was baptized on the 24th of May. When the people at the temple knew that he was baptized they chased him about the town, took his clothes from him, and stoned him. We sheltered him for a few days, but as he knew it was not safe for him to remain in Madras, he of his own accord left for Burma. We trust he lives a happy Christian life.

**Lingamma—"After many years."**

Over eight years ago, Lingamma, at the age of ten was a pupil in one of our little village schools. She was a bright scholar and learned her lessons quickly. The school was next to a temple where Lingamma's people were devout worshippers. Her father had the care of the idol. Lingamma was brought up in all the heathen rites and ceremonies. But God's Word was given to her in the school. One day she took off the sacred prayer
bead that was put on her neck by the priests and gave it to us to show that she did not believe in it. Some months after, not wanting her people to worship the false god (Ganapathi) she with two other schoolmates stole him away from the temple and brought him to us secretly. With great triumph she said that there would be no more false god in the village for her people to worship. Her action was soon discovered. She was beaten and otherwise punished, and for fear she would run away to us they had her married to her own uncle, and she was sent away from the village. For eight years we knew nothing of her and with the exception of the idol we had entirely forgotten her. A few months ago at a distance listening to the street preaching was Lingamma. The workers did not know her, but she quietly made herself known. Almost her first words were “You have forgotten me, but I never forgot.” The seed sown in the village school was in her heart. All those years surrounded by heathenism, and idolatrous worship, and new family ties, she never forgot. We thank God for this. That seed ripened into fruit soon after she saw the workers. She was determined to confess Christ by baptism, so she set to work to leave her home. The struggle was hard. She loved her people, and was adored by them. She was queen of the village. Her words are, “At 3 o’clock in the morning when all were asleep I looked at the faces of each one. I loved them. I loved my home, but I must love Jesus better than them, I must be a Christian.” So this brave woman found her way to us. We gladly welcomed her, but trouble and persecution followed. She is the first one in her caste (the cobbler caste) who has embraced Christianity in Madras. Her relatives and all this class of people (a large community in Madras) were very angry. They did all they could to induce her to return, but she has been very steadfast. They threatened vengeance on her and upon us. In writing to the Commissioner of Police for protection we said, “Threats of violence are made to a degree we have not witnessed in our missionary experience.” However, in due time she was baptized by our presiding elder, Dr. A. W Rudisill, who was one with us in all our trouble. Later on the very powers of darkness through some incantations by her people, were used to drag her away from us. But the Name of Jesus prevailed, and she is a happy girl with us in the Converts’ Home. Besides attending the orphanage school, she is much under the care of Sooboonagam, and is being trained for future work.

Koonatha—A little girl!

Koonatha was only thirteen years old, and came away to us one night to be a Christian. But that same night in spite
INDUSTRIAL WORK.
Pillow Lace and Gold Lace, Girls' Orphanage, Madras.
JOHN, THE CONVERTED PRIEST.
"The man with the Yellow Robe."
of her entreaties, she had to be given back to her people, because she was a minor, or as they said, "Under age." Oh! how hard it was for her and for us! Christian girls who read this report be thankful for your privileges.

**Rungamah—Where is she?**

The conflict, the struggle, the throttling, and carrying away by a mob of between two and three hundred angry, frantic people, are all too painful to report. Carried away by force from our own Home, in spite of Dr. Rudisill, the police, and our resistance! How did we live through such a time! Where is she? God knows. Pray for her.

**Transplanted.**

As we write about conversions we look "beyond the veil" and think of those who during the year have gone from us to Heaven. Lydia saved from heathenism and faithful unto death. Devadasan the once heathen sorcerer and fortune teller, but who after his conversion for years told of a "Better Fortune" in Christ Jesus, and was the village school-master. For months he failed in health and waited to see Jesus face to face. Our beloved John—the converted priest—the man with the yellow robe, beholds the King in His beauty. Oh! what triumph in Heaven when he went to be for ever with the Lord. Dr. A. W. Rudisill who baptised him buried his body. All these rest, with some of our orphanage girls, in our cemetery, and we give thanks to God for them.

**Zenana High Caste Girls’ School Building.**

The building for our High Caste Girls' school is under construction. God willing, in a few months we hope to occupy it. We are very thankful for the way in which we have been led to get some of the money and the site. The building is much needed. We prayed. God put it into the heart of the now sainted Mrs. Roberts of the New England Branch to give us 1,000 dollars. This was followed with the promise of another 1,000 dollars from the Malden ladies of New England. We are hoping the Lord's people will soon send us more funds to complete the structure. To secure a suitable site was very perplexing. An old pupil of our High Caste Girls' school saw our difficulty. Her father's home, right in the midst of the people, and so near our present rented place, would be what we required. With much faith and prayer she begged her father to sell his property to us. The Lord answered her prayers and honour...
her faith. The Hindu father’s heart was touched. He consulted with his numerous Hindu relatives. All obstacles were removed, and the property was transferred. May this building in the midst of so much heathenism be as a great light set on a hill, and may it be said of many of our caste girls; “She was born there.”

THE HANDMAIDENS OF THE LORD.

The work is great, but glorious. We are often faint, but pursuing. The workers, as “God’s Handmaidens” and “Chosen Vessels,” have toiled faithfully, bravely and well. To them many heathen souls will be a “CROWN OF REJOICING.”

“Lord, if we may, we will serve another year.”

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Grace Stephens.
GROUP OF RAICHUR BIBLE-WOMEN.

RAICHUR SCHOOL GROUP.
RAICHUR GIRLS AT PLAY.

RAICHUR GIRLS GRINDING.
Raichur District

Raichur.

Mrs. Margaret Carver Ernsberger ... ... Missionary.
Miss Helen Dickson ... ... ... Assistant.

Boarding School.

T. Amritaya ... ... ... ... ... Teachers.
P. J. Paul ... ... ... ... ... Teachers.
Rebecca Paul (part of year) ... ... Teachers.
Dharmaputri ... ... ... ... ...
Mary Jane ... ... ... ... ...

Village Work.

Rebeccamma Derai ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Esther Paul ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Esther Thumbu ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Abagailamma ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Timakka ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Nagami ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Ruth ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Mercy ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.
Chandamma ... ... ... ... ... Bible-Women.

We have had a good year. Praise be to God who has so wonderfully guided and sustained us, and crowned the year with His goodness.

Boarding School.

This has been the best year in the history of the school, the total enrolment for the year having been sixty-eight. The year closes with fifty boarders and four day-scholars.

At the beginning of the year one girl was studying for college entrance and four were preparing for Middle School Examination. As no suitable teacher could be obtained, with the funds available, to aid in teaching the higher classes, we were obliged after a time to relieve the situation by sending Rebecca Paul to finish her course in the London Mission High School in Madras. On her return to us Rebecca will be a valuable teacher; she, together with
two of this year's Middle School girls who are to become full
teachers, will greatly strengthen our staff for the coming year,
and that too, at a very small expense. For this we have laboured
for three years.

Events have followed one another very rapidly. In February,
the Government Inspector visited the school and expressed
himself as exceedingly gratified with its condition. He said that
he had not deemed it possible for the school to make so much
progress since his former visit. We have repeatedly been highly
recommended for a grant-in-aid.

March 4th was a notable day in our school. Five of our
girls were married to young Christian workers who had been
sent out from the Gulbarga Boys' School. Later in the year two
more girls were married, thus adding six women to the numbers
in our District and one in Hyderabad. Our schools are the hope
of our work, and we do praise God for these, the first fruits of our
schools. All the girls are doing well; four are already rendering
faithful service as Bible-women, and we hope to get the others
to work as soon as we have time to superintend them.

We have been greatly pleased to note the increasing con-
fidence of our workers in the school. Without exception they are
sending us their daughters as soon as they are old enough to come.
We have had no famine in the District, and all our girls, except
eight, are boarders, not orphans. For this reason our numbers
have not increased so rapidly as in some other places. But we are
anticipating an increase this year from our new converts. Who
will give us twelve more scholarships?

The religious tone of the school is good. Three times during
the year we have had special revival services with the girls, and
each time every girl in school has re-consecrated herself to God,
testifying to the saving and keeping power of God. The girls have
for almost six months carried on among themselves an early
morning prayer meeting, rising a half hour earlier for this
purpose. Attendance on this meeting, though purely voluntary,
has been well sustained.

Our Epworth League devotional meetings are most helpful
in developing and training Christian character.

Our Sunday school this year attained distinction in the
"All India Sunday School Examination" held in July, on Paul's
journeys. Twenty-one of our girls appeared and seventeen passed.
These examinations were taken in the vernacular, and two of our
girls won first prizes in their respective divisions, leading the
whole of the Canarese country. The enthusiasm with which the
girls entered into this work was delightful, and the accuracy with
which the older girls recited the journeys was most satisfactory.
The missionary spirit is strong in the school. Our girls look forward to being religious workers among their own people. As a special privilege the older girls are sometimes allowed to go out with the Bible-women.

The girls have almost five dollars for missions again this year. The fame of our annual entertainment is going abroad. It was held on August 19th, and we were favoured with about thirty visitors from a distance. The girls are increasing in accuracy in their drills and they can now perform difficult exercises in a very pleasing manner.

I wish to make special mention of our Christmas box and to express our gratitude to the ladies of Stamford, Connecticut, who so kindly sent it. Could the ladies who helped to fill the box have been present at our Christmas tree to read the children's delight in their faces, and to see the loving care with which they received their dolls and other presents, I am sure they would have been amply repaid for all their trouble and sacrifice. We told the children where the presents came from and they were more pleased than ever.

I wish to put on record my appreciation of the faithful assistance Miss Dickson has rendered in the work. Being my only European assistant in the school, she has been all things to me, working in season and out of season to fill any gap, showing the most beautiful spirit of devotion to the work.

Our buildings are still "castles in the air," but we hope to soon get them down on terra firma. Owing to the unusually hard rains this year our mud walls tumbled down at an alarming rate, causing much trouble and expense in making repairs. On one occasion the corner of the dormitory fell in, heavy stones falling just beside the children sleeping within. The land question is, we think, almost settled, and we hope to get our buildings well under way in 1904. We are exceedingly grateful to the Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia Branches for their gifts towards lands and property. Who will give us $2,000 still urgently needed for our buildings?

Evangelistic Work.

In the early part of the year we lost, by transfer, one of our best Bible-women, but the vacancy has been filled by new recruits from the Boarding School. The year closes with nine Bible-women at work, five of whom receive no salary. For the devotion and loyal service of these chosen ones of God, we are truly thankful. Five of these women have passed the first year in the Bible-readers' course and already thirteen women in the District have applied for the books for next year. We have now twenty competent women in the District who can be set to work if they can be superintended.
During the past year our women have been visiting in twenty villages, and have preached the Gospel to over five thousand. One hundred and four girls and women have been baptised in the District and no small share of the credit is due to the women who have worked side by side with their husbands. The greatest ingathering has been around Shorapur where Rebecca Desai continues to labor. For twelve years her husband and she have been sowing the seed and during the past few months God has rewarded them with two hundred and sixty souls, while hundreds are awaiting baptism. Who wishes to share in the ingathering by supporting a Bible-woman in this field?

Twice since writing the last report I have visited this field. The round trip requires a journey of nearly ninety miles by rail and sixty miles across the country by tonga. The special occasion of the last visit was the session of District Conference held at Shorapur. Though the journey was long, the weather cold, eight nights had to be spent in tents, and we were attacked by thieves, nevertheless the Conference was the most enjoyable in the history of the District. The new Christians led by music, came in groups from their different villages, and we had a time of general rejoicing. Special meetings were held each evening for Mohammedans, most unusual interest being manifested. Systematic daily work has been done in and around Raichur. Ten mohullas and villages are regularly visited and many are the tokens of God's blessing on this work. On every hand people are professing faith in Jesus Christ and His teachings and are asking for baptism and schools.

With what joy have we welcomed our new missionary, Miss Fenderich, to this most needy department of our work! Sent out by the Philadelphia Branch, she arrived just at the close of the Conference year. We will hear more of her zenana and village work in and around Raichur next year. We hope for another Woman's Foreign Missionary Society lady to take charge of the school, leaving me free to superintend the Bible-women out in the District.

We are most grateful to the New York, Cincinnati, Baltimore, and Philadelphia Branches for the support of this work during the past year,
OFFICIAL MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH INDIA

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

OF THE

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HELD AT

Bangalore, January 27th to February 1st, 1904.

ALICE A. EVANS, Secretary.
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Statistical Secretary ... ... ... Miss Rudisill.
Editor, "Tamil Woman's Friend" ... ... Miss Stephens.

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Mrs. Rudisill    |    Mrs. Ernsberger.
Conference Secretary.

Reference and Finance Committee.
Miss Fisher, Official Correspondent. Miss Stephen.
Miss Wood, Treasurer. Miss Maskell.
Miss Harvey. Miss Fenderich.
Alternates:—Miss Evans, Mrs. Ernsberger.

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Telugu ... ... Miss Evans, Mrs. Garden, Miss Wells.
Tamil ... ... Miss Stephens, Miss D'Jordan, Mrs. Tindale.
Canarese ... ... Miss Maskell, Miss Woods, Mrs. Ernsberger.

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,, Baldwin Boys' School ... ... Mrs. P. V. Roberts.
,, Deaconess Work ... ... Mrs. A. M. Walker.
,, Girls' High School ... ... Miss Montgomery.
,, Zemana Work, Village Work and Schools ... ... Miss Montgomery.
Bowringpet... ... ... Mrs. Buttrick.
Kolar—Deaconess Home, Boarding Schools, and Widows' Home ... ... Miss Fisher.
,, Zemana Work, Village Work and Day Schools ... ... Miss Maskell.
,, Woman's Work ... ... Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Hollister, on leave to America.

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Sironcha—Girls' Orphanage, Schools and Widows' Home ... ... Miss E. L. Harvey.
Yellandu ... ... ... ... Mrs. Ward.

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Bidar ... ... ... ... Mrs. Batstone.
Hyderabad—City Schools and Zemana Work ... Miss Wood.
,, Boarding School ... ... Miss Evans.
,, English and Hindustani Work ... ... Mrs. Grose.
Secunderabad—Vernacular Work ... ... Miss Wood.
Vikarabad—School and Village Work ... ... Miss Wells.
,, Woman's Work ... ... Mrs. Garden.

Mrs. King, on leave to America.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

Madras—Boys' Orphanage, Vernacular Work and Training School ... ... Mrs. Rudisill.
,, Deaconess Home, Zemana Work, Girls' Orphanage, Schools and Evangelistic Work
,, Royapuram ... ... ... ... Mrs. Tindale.
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Hominabad ... ... ... ... Mrs. Cook.
Raichur—Boarding School ... ... Miss Woods.
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FIRST DAY.

Bangalore,
Wednesday, January 27th, 1904.

The nineteenth annual session of the South India Woman's Conference convened on Wednesday afternoon, January 27th, 1904, at 2 o'clock.

Devotional.—Miss Evans led the devotional meeting. The hymn, "Zion stands with hills surrounded" was sung. A selection from the 5th chapter of 1st Peter was read and prayer offered.

Roll.—The Secretary called the roll. The following ladies were present: Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Wood, Miss Wells, Miss Maskell, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Garden, Mrs. Ward, Miss Montgomery, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Grose, Miss Fenderich, Miss Evans, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Rudisill.

Organization.—The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Miss Harvey; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ernsberger and Mrs. Anderson; Secretary, Miss Evans; Assistant Secretary, Miss Fenderich.

Hours of Session.—On motion of Miss Maskell the hours of session were fixed from 2 to 4 P.M.

Introductions.—Mrs. Butcher of Naini Tal, North India Conference, was introduced, and also Mrs. Anderson, and Miss Fenderich, reinforcements from America, were joyfully welcomed and their names added to the roll of members.

Temporary Committees.—The President appointed the following Committees:

Resolutions.—Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Wood and Miss Woods.

Temperance.—Mrs. Anderson was appointed to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. Shaw's transfer to the Bengal Conference.

Reports of Work.—Miss Maskell moved that Bishop Warren, Bishop Thoburn and Bishop Warne be invited to be present at the session of the Conference on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Rudisill moved that the session on Thursday be given to the reports of work and that the reports be verbal and not to exceed ten minutes each.
Vernacular Studies.—Miss Maskell moved that vernacular examinations be held each year only during the last few weeks preceding Conference.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Wells, the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung.

SECOND DAY.

The Parsonage, Bangalore,
28th January, 1904.

Opening.—Bishop H. W Warren led the devotional meeting.

Introductions.—The Conference enjoyed the rare privilege of meeting Bishop Warren who spoke most appreciatively of woman’s work in all ages, illustrating his remarks by the beautiful life of Madame Guyon, who from her prison cell sent out through her faithful servant her personal experience in that sublime hymn,

“My Lord, how full of sweet content
I pass my years of banishment”

His appreciative words of the work of the representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society will abide and be an inspiration in many a trying hour. Bishop Thoburn’s presence was a benediction to the Conference. He spoke of beginnings as only he can, and emphasized the importance of work amongst servants and the low castes.

Bishop Warne, with his usual good cheer, spoke most kindly of the work and workers and said that it was a matter of congratulation that there were so many of India’s own who were faithful in that which was least and courageous in that which was difficult and perplexing.

Doctor West of Penang, Straits Settlement, brought good news of victories won in Taiping; and Rev. Mr. Cherry told of the splendid beginning and substantial growth in Singapore, that open door to every people and every tongue. The brethren, Rev. Buchanan of Singapore, Mr. Reade of Manchester, England, recently come to Madras, and Mr. Bovard of Hyderabad were also introduced.

Reports of Work.—Misses Fisher, Maskell, Woods, Wood, Evans, Mrs. Grose, and Mrs. Garden reported their work.

Communications.—A communication was received from the Secretary of the Cabinet asking that a committee be appointed by the Conference to confer with the Cabinet in reference to the work in Sironcha.
On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger the following committee was appointed: Miss Harvey, Miss Wood and Miss Wells.

Hours of Session.—On motion of Miss Wells the hours of session were fixed from 9 A.M. to continue to 10-30 if necessary.

Election of Delegates.—The election of delegates to Central Conference and also of all standing committees was made the business of the morning session on Friday.

Adjournment.—Miss Maskell moved to adjourn and Mrs. Butcher led in prayer.

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THIRD DAY.

The Parsonage, Bangalore,
January 30th, 1904.

Opening.—Conference assembled at 9 A.M. After singing “Rock of Ages,” Mrs. Rudisill gave a most helpful lesson, taking as the basis of her remarks the 6th chapter of Ephesians, after which prayer was offered.

Journal.—The minutes of the first and second days were read and approved as corrected.

Election of Delegates.—Miss Harvey and Miss Fisher were elected delegates to Central Conference with Mrs. Ernsberger and Mrs. Garden as alternates.

Standing Committees.—As previously ordered the election of officers and standing committees was the business of the hour.

Reference and Finance Committee.—Miss Fisher was elected official correspondent. The following ladies were elected members of the Reference and Finance Committee: Miss Harvey, Miss Stephens, Miss Maskell, Miss Wells, Miss Fenderich with Miss Evans and Mrs. Ernsberger as alternates. Mrs. Rudisill was elected statistical secretary.

Woman’s Missionary Friend Committee.—Mrs. Rudisill, Mrs. Ernsberger and Mrs. Gilder.

Temperance Committee.—Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Grose and Miss Harvey.

Examination Committees.—Mrs. Hollister being on furlough Miss Woods was elected in her place on the Canarese Committee. There were no other changes. The Committees for the ensuing year are as follows:

Hindi and Hindustani.—Mrs. Gilder, Miss Wood, Miss Harvey.
Telugu.—Miss Evans, Miss Wells, Mrs. Garden.
Tamil.—Miss Stephens, Miss D'Jordan, Mrs. Tindale.
Kanaree.—Miss Maskell, Miss Woods, Mrs. Ernsberger.

Communications.—A letter from Mrs. E. B. Stevens, official correspondent for South India, telling of increased appropriations and also expressing the love and sympathy of the home workers, was read by Miss Fisher and much appreciated by the Conference.

Mrs. C. H. Hanford sent through Mrs. Baker greetings from the ladies of Lynn and Malden Districts, Massachusetts, which made all hearts glow and recalled to the memory of the President beautiful days of joyous service together in the past.

The Secretary was asked to reply to these letters.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. Mrs. Ernsberger led in prayer.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—After singing a hymn, Mrs. Ernsberger offered prayer.

Visitors.—Mrs. Atkins, Rev. Mr. Gusé, and Rev. Mr. Parker were introduced.

Examinations.—Miss Wood reported the Hindustani Examinations, which report was adopted. (See Report II.)

Publication Committee.—On motion of Miss Wells the report of the Publishing Committee was adopted.

Statistical Forms.—Miss Maskell moved that all who desired changes in the statistical forms, be requested to give in writing such changes to the Secretary of the Reference and Finance Committee, and that our delegates be requested to memorialize the Central Conference that such changes be made.

Annual Reports.—On motion of Miss Wells it was decided to illustrate the Annual Reports on the same conditions as last year.

On motion of Miss Wood it was decided that all reports be handed to the Editing and Publishing Committee by February 1st.

Time for Reports.—On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger it was decided that in the future all reports of work must be handed to the Editing and Publishing Committee by December 15th of each year and that the said committee be instructed to proceed with the work of publication.

Editing Minutes.—On motion of Mrs. Rudisill the Secretary was given the privilege of editing the minutes.
Number of Reports.—On motion of Miss Evans one thousand reports were ordered to be published.

On motion of Miss Evans the general form and style of reports was left to the Publishing Committee.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Fisher the Conference adjourned to meet at 9 A.M.

Rev. E. Parker offered prayer.

FOURTH DAY

Bangalore, Baldwin Girls' School,
January 30th, 1904.

Opening.—After singing a hymn, Mrs. Butcher of the North India Conference read the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians after which prayer was offered.

Journal.—The minutes of the third day were read and approved.

Visitors.—Miss Henkle, Miss Abbott and Miss Williams were introduced.

Temperance Committee.—Mrs. Grose read the report of the Temperance Committee which was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger the Temperance Committee was instructed to arrange for a Union Mass Meeting in the interests of the temperance cause during the next session of the Annual Conference.

Vernacular Studies.—Miss Stephens read the report of the Tamil examination committee which was adopted. (See report I.)

Miss Maskell read the report of the Kanarese examination committee which was adopted. (See report III.)

Miss Maskell gave the report of the revision committee of the Kanarese course of study which was adopted.

Miss Harvey submitted a new course of study in Hindi for Bible readers which was adopted.

Miss Wood moved that the course of study in Hindustani for missionaries and assistants be revised which was adopted. The report as submitted by the committee of Revision was also adopted.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Fisher, the Conference adjourned. Miss Maskell offered prayer.
AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—"To the work" was sung, and prayer offered.

Reference and Finance Committee.—Miss Wood read the report of the Reference and Finance Committee, which was adopted.

Communications.—Miss Fisher read a communication from the Superintendent of the Training School at Muttra. The Conference desired to put on record its high appreciation of the work done in that institution and pledged itself to give its hearty support to the school in every way possible.

Visitors.—Miss Anderson of Malaysia and Miss Organ of Shahjahanpore were introduced.

Correspondents.—On motion of Miss Wood the chair was asked to appoint two ladies to report to the "Friend" during the year. Miss Wood and Mrs. Ernsberger were appointed; Miss Maskell was asked to make the report.

Papers.—A paper on *How to Open Work in New Centers* was read by Miss Stephens and much appreciated by the Conference, which desired to put on record its thanks for the same.

On motion of Miss Fisher the chair was asked to appoint a committee to arrange for papers for the next annual Conference. Miss Woods, Miss Montgomery and Miss Fenderich were appointed.

Reports of Work.—Miss Stephens and Miss Wells reported their work.

Adjournment.—On motion of Miss Maskell the Conference adjourned to meet at 9 A.M., Monday. Miss Harvey led in prayer.

FIFTH DAY

Baldwin Girls’ School,
Bangalore,
1st February, 1904.

Opening.—Miss Anderson of Malaysia led the devotional meeting. After singing "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide," a selection from the 4th chapter of Luke was read and prayer offered.

Journal.—The minutes of the fourth day were read and approved.

Visitors.—Mrs. Bishop Parker, Mordabad; Miss Stump, Calcutta; Miss English, Bareilly; Miss McKinley, Darjeeling; Miss Turner, Miss Williams, Dr. Tuttle, and Mrs. Ayers of Baroda; Mrs. Stephens, M.D., of Poona; and Rev. and Mrs. Rutledge of Singapore, were introduced.
Correspondents.—On motion of Miss Evans correspondents for home papers were appointed by the Conference as follows:

Woman’s Friend, Miss Maskell.
World Wide Missions, Mrs. Ernsberger.
Epworth Herald, Miss Evans.
Central Christian Advocate, Miss C. Wood.
North-Western Advocate, Miss Woods.
Christian Advocate, Miss G. Stephens.
Indian Witness, Miss Wells.
Zion’s Herald, Mrs. Baker.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Ernsberger read the report of the Resolution Committee which was adopted.

Greetings.—Mrs. Stephens of the Bombay Conference and Rev. and Mrs. Rutledge of Singapore, spoke words of encouragement and good cheer, and brought greetings from their respective Conferences.

On motion of Miss Maskell our visitors were asked to convey the greetings of the South India Woman’s Conference to our sister conferences.

Adjournment.—The Conference was highly favored by the rare privilege of having Mrs. Bishop Parker present who spoke of the “early days,” and the beginnings, and how the work of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society had taken root in the virgin soil of India, and grown till the “ends of the earth” were blest by its labor of love.

The nineteenth annual session of the South India Woman’s Conference adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Parker.

Alice A. Evans,  
Secretary.  

Emily L. Harvey,  
President.
REPORTS.

I.
REPORTS OF TAMIL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.
Miss Lydia Lewis passed her second year's course in Tamil.

Grace Stephens.
Evelyn D'Jordan.

II.
REPORT OF HINDUSTANI EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.
Miss Smith passed the third year's course.
Miss Reilly passed in Mirat-ul-arms and Hebrews.

Catherine Wood.

III.
REPORT OF KANARESE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.
Miss Lewis and Miss Linda Lewis passed in First Reader and Vocabulary, of first year's course.
Miss Fisher and Miss Woods completed their first year's course and Miss Woods passed in practical key of the second year.
Mrs. Ernsberger and Miss Dickson completed their second year's course and both passed in Hodson's Grammar, Graduated Translation Exercises, and Katha Sangraha, of the third year's course.

Florence W. Maskell.
M. C. Ernsberger.
G. M. Woods.

IV.
REPORT OF REFERENCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.
The Reference and Finance Committee of the South India Woman's Conference met at Hyderabad, July 22nd and 23rd, 1903. The following members were present:—Miss Wood, Treasurer; Miss Fisher, Official Correspondent, Miss Stephens, Miss Maskell, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Harvey, Miss Wells.
The estimates for 1904 were presented and passed, after careful consideration, by the Woman's Finance Committee and finally passed by the Joint Committee.

The Reference and Finance Committee of the Woman's Conference met in called session at Bangalore, January 27th, 1904. Estimates were passed granting Miss Maskell $220, for a Hindustani-speaking assistant, and $140 for two village schools opened in Kolar since the last Finance Committee meeting.

Miss Evans was granted permission to use her balance to buy school furniture.

A committee was appointed by the chair, to consult the Bishops, regarding the advisability of continuing the Building Committee for the present year.

January 30th, 1904.

The Reference and Finance Committee met in called session with Miss Wood in the chair.

The Committee appointed to consult the Bishops regarding the Building Committee, reported that Bishop Warne approved a permanent Building Committee for both Conferences.

Bidar.—The Official Correspondent was instructed to write to the Topeka Branch regarding the omission of estimate for work in Bidar. Other items of business were transacted.

F. F. Fisher,  
Secretary.

Catherine Wood,  
President.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Thanking God for the good work already being done by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, also by instruction given in our schools, and in various other ways:

Resolved, that whereas the drink and tobacco habit, even among the children, is so rapidly increasing in India, we, as missionaries, do our utmost to interest our workers in the cause of temperance and to push the good work among all classes, so that those who do not realize the evils of these pernicious habits may be enlightened in this matter, and the young and innocent be saved.

Mrs. Grose,  
Secretary.
RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has been our blessed privilege to have with us during this Conference session, our beloved Bishops Warren, Thoburn and Warne,

Resolved, That we extend to them this expression of our warm appreciation of their deep interest, wise counsel and kind sympathy, in all departments of woman's work, and trust that in the Providence of God they may be permitted to guide us for many years to come.

Whereas, Mrs. Bishop Warren and daughter, Miss Iliff, have been unable to attend this session of our Conference.

Resolved, That we tender to them this expression of our deep regret that we have not been privileged thus to meet, and that we extend to them our warmest greetings, and the assurance of the great pleasure it gives us that they have been permitted to visit our work in India.

Resolved, That we express to Mrs. Butcher of North India, who has been with us throughout our Conference sessions, and to all the other visitors who from time to time have been with us, our warmest welcome, with the assurance that we still be doubly interested in the work of the various fields which they represent.

Resolved, That we extend greetings to our sisters on furlough,—Mrs. King, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hollister, Mrs. Buttrick, and Mrs. Gilder, and pray that the way may soon be opened for their return to our midst.

Resolved, That we assure the other absent members of our Conference of our regret at their absence and pray that God may be with them in their work during the coming year.

Resolved, That we take this opportunity of welcoming into our Missionary Conference Mrs. Anderson and Miss Fenderich, and also the return of Mrs. Baker.

Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be given to Miss Harvey for so pleasantly and efficiently presiding over our Conference.

Resolved, That we hereby record our very hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Walker, and the people of Bangalore, for so kindly receiving us into their homes and providing for us during our stay among them.

MARGARET CARVER ERNSBERGER.
CATHERINE WOOD.
GRACE M. WOODS.
COURSES OF STUDY

CANARESE.

First Year.
4. First Royal Reader. Written translation into Kanarese.

Second Year.
1. Seventy Stories.

Third Year.

Fourth Year.

HINDUSTANI.

First Year.
1. Forbes' Hindustani Grammar to Syntax.
2. First and Second Urdu Readers with dictation.
3. The Gospel of Matthew with dictation, in Roman Urdu or Lithograph.
4. Written and oral translation of Nesfield's First Reader, English into Hindustani, Part I.
5. Simple Rules in Arithmetic (in Urdu) or its equivalent.

Second Year.
2. Intikhabi Sabaq (in Lithograph).
4. Written and Oral translation of Nesfield's First Reader, English into Hindustani, Part II, excluding poetry.
5. Compound Rules in Arithmetic, Tables for Indian and Sterling Money, and Time Measure, in Urdu.

Third Year.

1. Mirat ul-Arus.
2. Idiom.
3. Fractions, Common.
4. Written and oral translation of Nesfield's Second Reader.
5. Hebrews, Roman, Urdu or Lithograph.

Fourth Year.

2. Idiom (continued).
3. Reading Script.
4. Psalms, Roman Urdu or Lithograph.
5. An essay in Hindustani, not less than 500 words.

MARATHI.

First Year

1. Grammar:—Etymology.
2. First and Second Government Marathi Readers.
3. Translation series, First Book, Part I.
5. Catechism, Part I.
6. Royal Reader, English into Marathi, No. 1, Part I.
7. Writing from dictation, Balbhod character.

Second Year.

1. Grammar:—Syntax and Prosody
2. Third Marathi Reader.
3. Translation series, First Book, Part II.
5. Balmitra.
6. Royal Reader, English into Marathi, No. 1, Parts II & III.
7. The First Book Modi may be taken by school workers in which case any two items, in No. 2, may be omitted.

Third Year.

1. Reading:—Fourth Marathi Reader.
2. Psalms.
4. First 70 pages of Second Royal Reader, to be translated into Marathi.
Fourth Year.

2. The Epistles.
3. Translation:—Complete the Second Royal Reader.

Tamil.

First Year.

1. First book of the C. V. E. S. with dictation.
2. Pope's Handbook (Grammar), 40 lessons with Vocabulary.
3. Gospel of Matthew, to read and translate into English.

Second Year.

3. Gospel of John, to read and translate into English.
4. Old Testament Stories, to read and translate.

Third Year.

1. One-half of Pope's First Catechism of Tamil Grammar.
2. Romans (English), to read and translate into Tamil.
3. Ritual of the M. E. Church, to read in Tamil.
4. Conversation with Examiner on religious topics.
5. Memoriter—53rd Chapter of Isaiah.

Fourth Year.

1. Finish Pope's First Catechism of Tamil Grammar.
2. Questions in the Catechism of the M. E. Church, Part I.
3. 50 Psalms (English), to read and translate into Tamil.
4. Second Part of Panchatantra, to read.
5. Memoriter—13th Chapter 1st Corinthians.
6. To write a letter in Tamil on any given subject.

Telugu.

First Year.

1. Arden's Telugu Grammar, Chapters I—XVI.
2. Arden's Telugu Reader.
Second Year.
1. Second Reader, C. V. E. S.
3. Arden's Telugu Reader from English to Telugu.

Third Year.
1. Vikeramaka Tales.
2. 60 Psalms and Romans.
3. Nesfield's Second Reader, from English to Telugu.

Fourth Year.
1. Panchatantrum.
2. Nesfield's Third Reader, from English to Telugu.
3. II Corinthians, from English to Telugu.
4. General Knowledge.

BIBLE READER'S COURSE.

CANARESE.

First Year.
1. Outlines of Christian Doctrine, Questions, Reading, and Dictation.

Second Year.
1. Reading Book for Zenanas.
2. First Catechism.
3. Arithmetic, Multiplication and Division.

Third Year.
1. Yamanabai.
3. First half of Catechism, No. 2.

Fourth Year.
1. Wesley's Christian Perfection.
3. Second half of Catechism, No. 2.
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

HINDI.

First Year.

Mudge's Catechism.
Gospel of Matthew.
Arunadaya (Peep of Day).
Talim-dar-Talim.
Counting and writing figures to 100.

Second Year.

Genesis, 25 chapters.
First half of Acts to be read.
Dharam Tula.
Barth's Bible Stories.
Addition and Subtraction.

Third Year.

Complete Genesis.
Baibal Ra Prashnuttar, first half.
Exodus, 20 chapters.
Catechism No. 2, 28 pages.
Yisu Vi Varan (3rd Reader).
Multiplication.

Fourth Year.

Deuteronomy or 2nd half of Baibal Ra Prashnuttar.
Catechism No. 2, Pages 29 to 60.
Short History of Christian Church.
Pilgrim's Progress.
Division.

Fifth Year.

I Corinthians (read and questioned on).
Isaiah (read)
Life of Luther in Hindi.
Hunter's History of India.
Rules and Ritual of the M. E. Church.

HINDUSTANI.

First Year.

Dharm Tula, Reading and Dictation.
Arithmetic, Addition and Subtraction.
Old and New Testament Stories, Reading and Questions.
Second Year.

Stories for Zenanas.
First Catechism.
Arithmetic, Multiplication and Division.

Third Year.

Indian Pilgrim.
Bible Geography.

MARATHI.

First Year.

26 Lessons on the Life of Christ. By Mary E. Carroll.
Catechism of the M. E. Church, No. 1
Secular—(1) Marathi First Reader.
(2) Writing—Simple Dictation.
(3) Arithmetic—Addition and Subtraction of numbers not exceeding 100, ten Multiplication tables.

Second Year.

Matthew’s Gospel.
Genesis, 25 Chapters.
First Half of Catechism, No. 2.
Marathi Second Reader.
Government Arithmetic—through Multiplication.

Third Year.

Mark’s Gospel.
Finish Genesis.
Exodus, 20 Chapters.
Last half of Catechism, No. 2.
Third and Fourth Marathi Readers.
Arithmetic—through Division.

Fourth Year.

Acts.
Church History.
Hunter’s Marathi History of India (to be read).
Garland of Christian Doctrines.

TAMIL.

First Year.

Scripture Lessons, C. V. E. S. Part I.
Catechism of the M. E. Church, Part I.
Discipline of the M. E. Church, Chapter I.
Second Year.

Scripture Lessons, C. V  E. S., Part II.
Catechism of M. E. Church, Part II.
Discipline of M. E. Church, Chapters II and III.
Romans and Corinthians.

TELUGU.

First Year

Old Testament Stories.
Arithmetic, Addition and Subtraction.
Catechism, Parts I and II.

Second Year.

Arithmetic, Multiplication and Division.

Third Year.

Companion to the Bible in Telugu.
Discipline of the M. E. Church, Parts I and II.
Rise and Progress of Methodism in India.
### I.—General Statistics of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the South India Conference for the Year Ending November 30, 1908.

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‡ One was a man. § Eight (8) were men and boys.
### II. SCHOOL STATISTICS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1908.

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