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BOWRINGPET CIRCUIT

MRS. J. B. BUTTRICK ... Missionary.
DORCAS ... Bible-woman.
GILPHA ... Bible-woman.
HANNAH ... Bible-woman.
SWARNAMMA ... School Teacher.

Another year has passed and with grateful hearts we thank God for another year of service in His vineyard.

The three Bible-women have been steadily pursuing their work through the year, and though there is not much visible sign of fruit, still we feel certain that good seed has been sown which will bring forth fruit. One low caste woman has been baptized and there are others near the kingdom, whom we trust will soon have courage to come on the Lord’s side.

About two years ago we opened up women’s work in Betmangal, a small town about 10 miles from Bowringpet, and Hannah, our Bible-woman there, has now gained access to homes in 13 different castes of people living in the town, amongst which are 8 Brahmin homes. She also visits in 12 Mahommedan houses and altogether about 250 different women have now the Gospel teaching taken to them in their homes. Here five months ago plague broke out and greatly hindered our Christian work, some in our two workers’ families have suffered from it. But we are thankful that God has spared their lives and that now the plague is decreasing.

At the beginning of this year, owing to the removal of our native christian brethren, one of our Bible-women last year at Bowringpet had to leave the station, and Gilpha, another Bible-woman, with her husband who had been working some years in Yellahunka, a station on the circuit 50 miles away, were transferred to Bowringpet and thus this year there has been no Bible-women’s work done at the Yellahunka. We hope, however, to be able to continue the work there next year.
In Bowringpet and in 13 different parishes around, Dorcas and Gilpah have been visiting during the year and they have been gladly received in the homes and been attentively listened to. They have access to 98 different houses in these parishes and about 258 women in these homes listen to their teaching. They visit in 6 Brahmin homes as well as having access to many other Hindu castes. The number of Mahomedan homes which they visit has increased this year and they have taken the Word of God into 45 different homes. Three of these homes were closed to us a few months ago at the time of the closing of the Mahomedan work in Kolar, but we trust soon to gain admission to them again.

We have now a Tamil day school for girls held regularly in the native railway quarters of the station, the railway department having placed a house at our disposal to hold the school in. We have 18 names on the roll, mostly children of the railway people, but have some from the places around where there are no schools. The attendance has been satisfactory and the progress of some of the girls has been marked. They are taught beside the rudiments a little bead kindergarten work and sewing and are making fair progress. They are learning to sing our Christian lyrics and are being grounded in Christian knowledge. These children are also gathered together in a Sunday School on Sabbath morning. The Bible-women also each conduct a Sunday School each Sabbath, one Tamil and one Canarese, and they are held under a tree or shady spot near the small villages or parishes where the children live. We have also an English Sunday School held in our little Canarese church on Sunday morning, mostly attended by the children of the railway employees, and we visit amongst these families. Plague in our midst for some months has greatly affected this work as well as our Bible-women’s work. This seeming hindrance to the work we cannot understand but our prayer is that this sickness among us may prove one of the “all things” that will work out for good in the hearts of these families, many of whom have been so sadly bereaved, and that they may be led to realize the folly of worshipping their idols and may turn to the One true God as their God of comfort and consolation.

BALDWIN GIRLS’ SCHOOL.

MISS ARY J. HOLLAND ... Superintendent.

The Lord has been very gracious to us as a school in giving us good health and an increased number of bright active girls, whom we are anxious to claim and put to work for our Master. India will never be evangelized by foreign agencies alone. The work is
too large, money too scarce, and climate too wearing. God has placed these Anglo-Indians here for a purpose. They know one or more of the vernaculars and the customs, habits, and superstitions of the people, so that they can go in the homes and tell the Gospel story in a way that we can never learn to do.

They are accustomed to the climate and will not always have to be running home on furlough. They are naturally very sympathetic and easily touched, and if God could touch our hard hearts and send us away out here to work for Him, how much more easily can He touch these tender-hearted people and put them to work here in their own beautiful India. They only need the claims of the Gospel presented to them and the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to inspire them with a great love for Him and they will go out to do a mighty work.

In view of this, we have had a mission-study class which meets once a week, in which we study the needs of India and plans and methods of mission work here and elsewhere. This year we especially studied "Over-Weights of Joy" by Miss Carnichael and "From the Cross to the Crown," a book on Catholicism. I feel that our girls ought to be as well informed as possible and should know not only what they believe but what others believe. Then I tell them all I know of the various mission stations in our own conference and elsewhere and lead them to pray for mission work. I also get just as many different missionaries as possible to come into the class and tell them about their work and their call to the mission field (they are always deeply interested in the latter) and it is wonderful to see how they never forget to pray for all those who have asked them so to do.

I have sometimes been put to shame to hear them remember in prayer a need that had been presented so long ago to them that I had forgotten and for which I had ceased to pray.

Through Miss Montgomery's faithful and efficient services during the past four years, the school was put on a firm financial basis and we were able to open school with a full staff of capable teachers, who, under Miss Benthien's wise supervision, have brought the school up to a much higher intellectual plane. Every phase of the work has received careful attention and the girls are learning to think more independently.

As a result of aid received from Government and interest of friends in the homeland, we were able to make a payment of Rs. 15,000 on property this year.

We are closing this year with an increase of 50 per cent in our boarding department and the prospects of many more in the near future.

May God lay His hand upon many of the Baldwin School girls and cause them to undertake service for Him.
Miss E. Benthiem ... Headmistress.

My work has been in the day-school. We began with 57 on the roll and closed with 88, having had 48 new admissions and some withdrawals on account of removal from the station or ill-health. We have a good class of girls who have endeavoured to do meritorious work. The “passing mark” of the middle and primary schools has been raised to 75 per cent., and this, with the introduction of the new code, has made promotion difficult, but a fair number of girls have attained it.

We have had an excellent corps of teachers, who have dealt lovingly and conscientiously with the girls under their care and have lightened my own labours by their loyalty and trustworthiness.

Our aim has been to develope strong, noble characters, and we thank God for evidences of growth along this line.

My Sundays have been restful, happy days. After breakfast I had the privilege of having the boarders for an hour’s religious meeting, and during the year we studied “Pilgrim’s Progress,” and the girls have readily taken part in prayer and testimony. The Michaelmas meetings in our church were of special help and blessing to all. At mid-day each Sabbath had charge of a Canarese Sunday School which has been regularly attended. Good progress has been made in Biblical knowledge and in map-drawing. During the last few months I have had charge also of the primary department of the English Sunday School, and the little people are truly a delight and an inspiration.

At the beginning of the year, I failed to read “His appointment in my disappointment, but God has been good. His love, tenderness, and blessing have shamed me into a more humble acquiescence to His will, whatever it may be. My Father knoweth best where He can use me. I am deeply thankful to him for the privilege of again working in this dear land.

Baldwin Boys’ School.

Mrs. Eliza M. Roberts ... Missionary.

The year under review has been the busiest one in the history of the school. Before I proceed further, however, let me strike a note of praise and thanksgiving to God for all His mercies unto us. I was not able to be present last Conference, owing to ill-health. During the earlier part of this year my health was very uncertain and the cause of some anxiety, but I rejoice that I have regained my normal health and strength and feel able, by God’s help, to do the work committed to my charge.

Our family numbered 120 this year and its wants many and
varied. In class room, boarding house, and sick room, I have tried to be a mother to the lads for Jesus' sake. There have been many conversions among them and the tone of the school is decidedly good. Full of mischief, life and spirits, they are, but they are good.

We closed school on the 9th and sent the boys away on the 10th instant. Everything is cheerful and encouraging and we rejoice to have a share in the great work of the Lord.

ZENANA AND VILLAGE WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS.

Miss Urdell Montgomery ... Missionary.

VILLAGE WORK AND DAY SCHOOL.

Miss R. Davids ... Assistant.
Elizabeth ... Bible-woman.
Esther ... Bible-woman.
Annal ... Bible-woman.
Shanti ... Bible-woman.
Daniel ... Teacher.
Grace ... Teacher.
Aburnam ... Teacher.
Samuel ... Teacher.

ZENANA WORK.

Miss P. Davids ... Assistant.
Susan ... Bible-woman.
Gnanasundram ... Bible-woman.
Naomi ... Bible-woman.

It is with satisfaction that I undertake to report a year's work that has been delightful throughout; the first year of my service in India in which I have been able to devote my whole time and attention to the evangelization of the people of this land. My love for them "has grown" with the constant association. Our effort this year has been not so much to broaden as to deepen our sphere of influence. We have endeavoured by frequently gathering together and by praying for each other to strengthen and make more real our consecration to the Master and our fellowship with each other. So every Friday afternoon, our Bible-readers, teachers, evangelists, and assistants have met with me; and in these gatherings we have one by one told of the people that we had met in the previous week, and our successes and failures. Each worker has then been prayed for by name and his needs and those of his work presented to the Father, and help implored that we might be kept from sinning. So, at the end of the year we are rejoiced to recall the real fellowship we have had together.
There have been no quarrels nor hard feelings among us during the year; and other sins in the lives of the workers have been conquered and the sinning ones restored.

We have had work this year in a number of villages which we had not visited before. But we have steadily refused to open up work in a larger number of villages than we could visit once a week. We find the village people so ignorant and so incapable of taking in the high ideals of the Gospel message that we have deemed it better to visit twenty-five villages once every week, than to visit fifty villages once in two weeks. For the same reason we have not taken advantage of the opportunities we might have had to double the number of our zenanas.

But now, that we have put ourselves on what we feel is easily a solid foundation of personal experience and established ourselves in these villages and homes, we are planning for much more extensive work next year. For this reason we have asked for the increased number of Bible-women.

Our work has been much hindered by sickness, both among our workers and those we have wanted to visit. One of our zenana Bible-women has been unable to work since the middle of May. She is much better now and may be able to begin work again in January. Another, one of our most efficient village workers, was absent for two and a half months, and for a time we feared she would never be able to return. However, she, too, is much improved in health and has resumed her duties. Others have had to be absent for a few days or weeks at a time. Then in September and October the plague broke out in many of the villages. One of our motives in wanting our work entirely separated from that of the Baldwin Girls' School was that there might be no danger of our carrying infection from the places we visit to the girls staying "at" the school; and that we might be free to visit people while they were ill. We have learned that when sickness comes to a village or community, the people there listen to our preaching with more real interest; and if we fail to visit them then they wonder if we really believe that our God is as great as we say He is. So we avoided all unnecessary exposure and paid attention as well as we could to the rules of sanitation, then put our trust in God and continued our visits. None of us has been stricken nor have we heard of any to whom we have carried the disease. But though we have continued to visit the places, our work has been greatly hindered, for the people have become wiser than before, and when plague enters a village they leave and dwell in little huts which they erect easily out in their fields. These are widely scattered and difficult to find, so we have lost trace of many who were interested in our message.

In the village of Jivinihalli, one old woman had listened to the
Gospel this year for the first time, and it had a great attraction for her. She grew to love it, and would follow us around to the different huts as we told the story over and over. One day in October, as the Bible-woman Shanti was speaking to her and a number to others, I was praying silently for God’s power to help them so believe. And then there came such a realization of His Presence as I have never felt before nor since; and this old woman seemed to be drinking in the words and the meaning. The next week she was dead. I have no doubt she is waiting for us to come over home.

Miss Rachel and Miss Phoebe Davids are still with us and are enjoying the privilege that God has given them of working for Him in their own land. Their knowledge of the language is of very great help; the people are always so glad when they hear one speaking in their own tongue.

Miss Rachel Davids writes concerning the villages and the Blackpulley school:

There are nearly twenty-five villages in the list. Some of these are around Richmond Town and some about St. John’s Hill and we visit them every week with the help of the Bible-readers. Some of these are three or four miles away from the town. Sometimes when we have been hindered for two or three weeks from visiting in any village, on our next visit we are greeted with the words; “Oh, how long you have been in coming!” They are ready to tell us of their troubles, sorrows and sicknesses. Many of them believe and it is beautiful to hear their testimonies. They say their only hope is in Christ; and that they have no belief in their gods which are not able to save them. On the other hand, we have had many rebuffs, but under all circumstances the Word of God has prevailed. We have had the joy of seeing seven of these women take Christian baptism. Of these, three are in the poor house, which here is a place of comfort. They attend our Tamil services very regularly, and take the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Out of the meagre alms given them of a few cents a month they try to put in a little for the church collection. They look quite bright and cheerful and are very grateful for the little attention we give them.

One of the village women who was baptised last year died of plague a short time ago. Her life had been such a manifestation of what the power of God can do for a poor, ignorant woman that her heathen and Mohammedan neighbours have remarked about it, and she was certainly an inspiration to us who are looking for such living testimonies.

The caste girls’ school in Blackpulley has been steadily growing since the beginning of the year, and has now sixty pupils on the rolls. This school does not offer instruction higher than the fourth
standard, for when girls reach that standard they are above
the age at which parents like them to go out from home.
And the school has fulfilled its object when it opens up the
doors of the zenanas from which the little girls come.
When they are withdrawn to get married, we are usually allowed
to send our Bible-readers to them for regular instruction in their
homes.

Wherever we can get the children together we organize a sim-
ple Sunday school; and have now fourteen that are conducted
every week. The children are eager to learn, but do not attend
very regularly; so we have to get down to foundation facts at the
very beginning, and the first thing that is taught is that there is
such a thing as sin and that Jesus can take it away. Our work
among the children is always a great pleasure.

Miss Phoebe Davids says of the zenana work:—

"I am glad to say that our zenana work has been greatly
blessed. Notwithstanding the unrest all over Southern India,
our work among the high-caste Hindu women has been un-
disturbed. We began the year with three Bible-women visiting
125 homes. Now, I am sorry to say we have only 100 homes,
owing to the fact that one of our Bible-women, Naomi, became
ill and could not continue her work; and we could not get an-
other efficient woman as a substitute; but we trust she will be
able to return to her duties at the beginning of the year.

We visit mostly among the poorer classes of the caste women,
for we feel that they listen to the Word of God with more interest
than the richer ones, who like us to come for the sake of the sec-
ular teaching we give and the needle-work. We thank God there
have not been many deaths in our homes this year. Plague has
been very bad but none from among our listeners has been taken
by it.

Three of our women, however, have been taken through other
illnesses; and all of these died believing in Christ as their
Saviour. During their illness we visited them often, telling the
"old, old story" that they had heard so often, and were never
tired of having repeated. One of these, Dhanabakyam, who had
heard the message years ago from our Bible-woman, Susan, and
had afterwards left the station, returned at the beginning of the
year, searched until she found Susan, and asked for baptism.
While we were waiting to see if she were truly in earnest, she
served as ayah in the Baldwin Girls’ school; then became ill and
went to the Church of England hospital. During her illness we
visited her often and found her faith unshaken in Christ. She
died unbaptized, for we thought she was improving, and did not
know the end was near. But we gave her a Christian burial,
believing firmly that she had gone to be with Jesus.
Another woman during her last conscious moments asked her daughters to sing to her the hymn we had taught them, "I am coming, blessed Jesus," and to read from the Gospel. We miss her very much. She was a good listener, and her husband also was glad to see us and hear the Word.

The third woman, mother to our dear pupil Saubakyam, had always given us such a hearty welcome, telling her daughter to leave everything and listen to us, while she herself gave such rapt attention to our words, asking many questions and agreeing to the truth of what we said. She would often tell her daughter, "Let us become Christians." Since her death her daughter and son-in-law are always talking of becoming baptized and have given up worshipping idols and visiting the Hindu temples, but as yet their people are hindering them.

Then, Papa, our last year's secret disciple, is still firm in her faith. Her brother is very watchful of her, but whenever we get an opportunity of speaking to her she tells us that she is trusting in Jesus. We speak a few encouraging words to her and come away. Rookamonie, a Brahman pupil, against much opposition at home, continues to take lessons from us. She reads the Bible with much interest, and has learned some of our Christian hymns. Her husband is a nice, quiet man who does not object to our teaching, but her brother is unqualifiedly opposed to us.

Mrs. Toussaint writes of Mohammedan work.

The number of visits paid this year is, I am sorry to say, much smaller than usual. This is partly owing to the prevalence of measles and plague in the localities I visit and partly to the fact that I was advised by the physician to rest my throat as much as possible. Ninety-nine visits have been paid, with 150 listeners. We tried to open work in three new homes in another section of the town. We went to the homes two or three times and the women seemed to appreciate it, but their husbands were fearful of our influence and asked us to discontinue coming. They are merchants and are very friendly and courteous when we go to their shops for trade, and we hope that some day they will have more confidence in us and let us have the opportunity of giving the message again.

Some of the ladies from the Ladies' Home Missionary Society here visited among the homes and sang English hymns. Our young girls were quite delighted. We have endeavoured to take advantage of all such occasions as marriages, recoveries from illness and sorrow and bereavement, to point to the Giver of all good.

One woman, in speaking of their wealth, said, "What is the good of it? If you cage a bird and feed it three times a day, will it be
satisfied? We will have our good things in the other world.” I told her Christ can save and satisfy here, but she could not understand it.

Another woman said, “Your religion must mean much to you, that you will tell it just from the love of it.” Our hope is in the young people; they listen more attentively. The ground is very hard in most places. We need much prayer for this work.

KOLAR.

ORPHANAGE, BOARDING SCHOOL, WIDOWS’ HOME, AND DEACONESS’ HOME.

MISS FANNIE FERN FISHER ... Missionary. (furlough.)
MISS JUDITH ERICSON ... Missionary.
MISS HARRIET A. HOLLAND ... Missionary.
MRS. HALL ... Matron.
MISS EDITH HARBEN ... Assistant.
MISS ELLEN MANN ... Assistant.
MISS GRACE PETERS ... Assistant.
MR. GOPALAKRISHNIAH ... Class Master.
MR. HANAMANTH RAO ... Class Master.
MR. VENKATARAMIAH ... Class Master.
MR. RAMACHANDRA IYER (Tamil) Class Master.
MR. VENKATA SOOBIAH ... Veena Master.
SARAH SIROMONY ... Teacher.
SOONDARI ... Teacher.
BHAGIA RUTHIA ... Teacher.
AMY ... Teacher.
C. BHAGIA ... Teacher.
LUCY ... Teacher.
JOTHIE ... Teacher.
MARY BENNETT ... Teacher.
JAYA ... Teacher.

As we look back upon the past year we cannot help but exclaim: The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble. He knoweth them that are His. What a blessing is ours to have a God who knows and is able to help in everything.

To our care during the past year God has entrusted 171 precious souls. Seventeen of these have been new girls. The largest number we have had at any one time has been 160. Seven of our girls have married during the year. Three of these are doing Bible-woman’s work, three are teaching—two in village schools and one in the orphanage.
Twenty-three of our girls belong to the Senior Epworth League, and the others to the Junior League. All contribute regularly to the support of the League and the Church. Seven of our girls have been baptized during the year, and we feel that all have been drawn closer to the Saviour, and especially recently have shown a sweet Christian spirit.

God has been wonderfully good to us during the entire year in keeping the girls from any serious or prolonged illness, especially during the last two months, when plague has been raging all about us. In September it became necessary on account of this dread disease to move the girls away from the Orphanage. About thirty of the smaller ones were sent home, so there were only 130 to care for.

Mr. Hollister very kindly came to our aid and in a short time transformed the remains of an old sheep shed into a dormitory and repaired some ruined huts so that they could be occupied. Here the girls were cared for and kept perfectly well for two months. Then one little girl was suddenly taken from us by plague, and all were immediately moved back to our compound. Mrs. Hall has been untiring in her work as matron, both while in segregation camp and in the orphanage.

In the widows' home we have had seven women and two children during the year, with the exception of five months when a Mohammedan widow with her baby were added to their number. The widows are all busy with some particular work. May God give them more of His spirit that their service may be acceptable in His sight.

To the already beautiful Deaconess Home has been added a large, airy dining room. "The pride of my heart," as Miss Fisher called it. It has been our blessed privilege to share our home with worn and tired sisters, who have found rest and comfort there for a few days or weeks, as the case might be. Mrs. E. B. Stephens and her daughter were with us for a few days and we can best realize her appreciation of the home by her words in our Visitors' Book: "The home is indeed a home: the atmosphere that of Heaven. See how these Christians love one another."

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"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, ... ... and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." There is strength and courage to be gotten from knowing the source of all good gifts, and that the battle is not yours but God's.

With the beginning of 1907 we were pleased to welcome our new assistants, Miss Harben for the upper standard and lower
secondary English work and Miss Mann for the kindergarten
department. Both came to us after completing their course in
the Presidency Training School in Madras and have taken hold
of the work nicely.

It has been a pleasure to watch the improvement made by the
girls in learning new drills and action songs and to realize that
the ability gained to control the body will have its reflex influence
in increased mental effort.

Tamil was introduced into the school the first of the year so as
to care for the children of Tamil-speaking parents who could not
send them to Madras because the climate there is so much hotter
than in the Mysore Province. The girls are making good pro-
gress.

The enrollment for the year has been one hundred and forty-seven
until plague in the town made it necessary to send some home.

Six girls appeared for their lower secondary examination in
the vernacular and one for the English, having already passed the
regular Kanaarese examination. This girl, Jemima by name, is
the daughter of a Mohammedan who was converted during Miss
Anstey's time and grew up in the mission school. She now holds
a Government position and is one of the most trusted workers
of the native church here. She is just a young girl and we have
great hopes for her.

The number of those taking lessons on the veena was increased
early in the year and all are doing well.

The last of August we were favoured by a visit from His High-
ness, The Maharajah, who asked especially to see the work of
the kindergarten department and was much interested in the
geography as taught from the sand-board, the mat-weaving and in
the story of the three bears as it was told and acted out by the
children. He presented the mission with rupees one hundred to
be used for a treat for the girls.

We have been very fortunate in being able to add a number of
Kanaarese story and science pamphlets to our library. Among the
treasures of an American box were three fine geographies with
pictures and items of interest concerning different places which,
we hope, will be a great help to our native teachers in making
geography more real and truly interesting.

The papers and magazines of the reading table have been well
used in the first to the fifth standards. The literary society, com-
posed of the girls of the two highest classes, has furnished an
opportunity of fixing the facts learned in the memories of the girls.

The sewing classes have done good work in plain and fancy
needle-work as well as in knitting.

The prevalence of plague in Kolar and the removal of the girls
to camp made a short single daily session of the school necessary.
We are grateful to our three assistants who camped, even with discomfort to themselves, at the same village with the girls and helped in carrying on the work. The class masters also have been very faithful in their attendance and have taken great interest in working for the best good of their classes.

The success of the lower standards in the recent examinations speaks well for the careful instruction given daily by their teachers.

At the close of the year we are glad for what has been done, but would ask the Heavenly Father for greater victories next year.—Harriet A. Holland.

ZENANA AND VILLAGE WORK.

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

ZENANA WORK.

MISS BRIDGET SMITH ... ... Assistant.
MARY ... ... Bible Woman.
RACHEL ... ... Bible Woman.
CATHERINE ... ... Bible Woman.
RUBY ... ... Bible Woman.
VENKATI ... ... Bible Woman.
SATHIA ... ... Bible Woman.
MELITA ... ... Bible Woman.
PURAN JOTHIE ... ... Bible Woman.
PHOEBE ... ... Bible Woman.
SANTHISA ... ... Bible Woman.
H. BHAGYA ... ... Bible Woman.
SARASPATHBE ... ... Bible Woman.

DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS LINDA LEWIS ... ... Assistant.
MISS GLADYS CURTIES ... ... Assistant.
J. CHARLOTTE ... ... Teacher.
N. CHARLOTTE ... ... Teacher.
CATHERINE ... ... Teacher.
REBECCA ... ... Teacher.
MARY ... ... Teacher.
ANNIE ... ... Teacher.
ROSA ... ... Teacher.
BESSIE COOK ... ... Teacher.
CAROLINE ... ... Teacher.
CRUPE ... ... Teacher.
LOUISA ... ... Teacher.
BHAGIE ... ... Teacher.
LILLIE ... ... Teacher.
SHANTIE ... ... Teacher.
VIVACA ... ... Teacher.
It was with heartfelt gratitude to God that I resumed my work in Kolar on March 14th, and I was much cheered and encouraged by the warm welcome back to India I received, both from co-laborers and those among whom it has been my privilege to work for so many years. My nine months' visit to America not only strengthened me physically and helped me spiritually but has served to bind my heart with firmer cords to the dear ladies over there who by their love and sympathy did so much to make my stay among them a happy one. The Lord can use the weakest instrument if it be but a willing one, and I render praise unto Him that though I was physically weak and tired He condescended to use me in the States to further His work in this country.

During my stay in her home in Cincinnati, Mrs. Gamble, to whom the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is indebted for so many handsome gifts, decided to give the lady missionaries of the South India Conference a rest home, for which purpose she most generously granted the sum of five thousand dollars. Just at that time the property named "Eckford," situated in the delightful hill station of Ootacamund, was for sale and was purchased with the approval of Bishop Robinson, Rev. J. B. Buttrick, P. E., and Rev. W. H. Hollister, Chairman of the Building Committee. The sum paid for it was four thousand dollars, and the remaining thousand dollars will be utilized after the ladies go to Ootacamund for their mid-summer vacation and decide how they wish the house enlarged. The grounds being exceedingly beautiful, the whole property, after the house has been enlarged, will make an ideal rest home, and is to be called the "Francesca Nast Gamble Rest Home," after the generous donor. The lady missionaries of the South India Conference are very grateful to Mrs. Gamble for her munificent gift, which will prove a great blessing to them by affording them a handsome, comfortable and easily accessible home in which to rest and recuperate, and many a grateful thought will be wafted across the seas to the kind giver, and many a prayer will rise to heaven on her behalf.

The young lady assistants, Bible women, teachers and myself are very thankful to those ladies of the Des Moines Branch who have supplied a great and longfelt need in providing us with a piano, thus helping us to sing the Gospel into the hearts and homes of those among whom we work.

Before proceeding further I desire to place on record my appreciation of the kind help rendered by Mrs. Buttrick and Misses Fisher, Benthien and Ericson, who in turn superintended my work during my absence on furlough.

Since my return the history of the work has indeed been a checkered one, but through it all we have had the most gracious manifestations of our Father's love and care. Our work among
FLORENCE W. MASKELL AND FIVE OF HER BIBLE WOMEN.
the Mahomedans, which had been steadily growing for the past fourteen years, until we were visiting a hundred and ninety-one homes, had a flourishing day school, and two Sunday schools, and several baptisms had taken place, was suddenly overshadowed last June by a cloud which was at first no bigger than a man's hand, but which rapidly spread until it assumed vast dimensions. The uneasiness prevailing in other parts of India, caused by the fear that the Mahomedans were becoming Christians, was communicated to Kolar, both by letters and visits from their head priests, till the Mahomedan men refused to send their children to our day school and Sunday schools and closed the doors of their homes to us. Through it all the Mohomedan women were most loyal to us, and I realized then as never before how deeply the Holy Spirit had worked on their hearts through us. Some of them wept and entreated us not to give them up, and all bore witness to the fact of what a joy and comfort our teaching and visits had been to them. When the trouble was at its height I went to one of the Mahomedan homes and was very kindly received by the women who sent out and purchased a jasmine garland and placed it round my neck, and so I left the house and walked down the street, wearing this token of love and respect. While I was in another Mahomedan home a young man relative came in and said, "You know you ought not to receive her teaching; she will take you away with her." The elderly woman of the house turned to me with a smile and said, "Will you really take me? I promise not to eat much." It saddened us much to have some of the women say, "We are never allowed to go out, and your visits have brightened our lives and helped us, and now we are to be deprived even of that pleasure." Miss Smith, who is my assistant in the Mahomedan work, has done her part faithfully and so has Mary, the Bible-woman, who was a Mahomedan in childhood. A Mahomedan man said to Mary, "If you come to our homes, your life will be in danger." Mary answered, "If you take my life the Government will take yours, so it will be a life for a life." While things were in this state the plague broke out and both Hindus and Mahomedans left the town and scattered in different directions. God reigns and this work is His. It may come suddenly or it may come gradually, but I believe we shall in the future have a yet greater work among the Mahomedans here than we have had in the past.

Our work among the Hindus was steadily progressing until the plague broke out and we had perforce to close our eight day schools, our zanana work and our village work. We have had this year forty-one baptisms, one being a Brahman woman and the other forty being from the various castes. Our great sorrow at the work being thus put a stop to by the plague just as we
were having so many baptisms may be better imagined than described. The young lady assistants, Misses Lewis, Smith and Curties, the Bible-women and the teachers, who have all proved faithful and interested in their work, were much cast down when the work was stopped, but “It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth Him good, for we know that He is too wise to err, too good to be unkind.”

A subject for deep thankfulness to God is that, with the exception of one of the orphanage girls and a girl who was recently baptized from Hinduism, the whole Christian community has been preserved from this dire pestilence. This is remarkable when the high death-rate among the Hindus and Mahomedans is taken into consideration. Surely, the Lord has been gracious to us. Oh, that the Mahomedans and the Hindus should forsake their sins and turn unto the Saviour of the world.

On October 14th my three young lady assistants, three Bible-women and myself went to a little Christian village called Rawlingspor, which is eighteen miles from here across country and twenty-two miles by the high road. We camped there for five weeks working in thirty-one of the surrounding villages. Deadly snakes were numerous. We had some very wet days and nights as it was the rainy season, and there were many inconveniences to put up with, but our tent which was kindly given to us by some of the ladies of the Des Moines Branch, was waterproof and very comfortable, and while we were there the Lord preserved us from all harm and granted to us the great privilege of giving the Gospel to many who had never heard it before. At one of the villages a beautifully-dressed high caste woman called us to her veranda, listened eagerly to the Gospel message, and entreated us to come to her once every two or three days, so that she might learn more from us. At another village a high caste woman followed us about from place to place eagerly drinking in the words of life, and as we told of Christ’s sufferings and death her eyes filled with tears and she called out to her friends, “Oh, come and hear, come and hear, come and hear, for they are telling how we can obtain forgiveness of our sins.” At yet another village when our workers were speaking there, a Hindu priest came along and with harsh words drove away the Hindu women who were listening. Our workers waited until the priest left the village, when the Hindu women clustered around them and listened with rapt attention to what they had to say.

On our return to Kolar our hearts were gladdened by visits from some women and messages from others, all telling how they were trusting in the Lord who was proving Himself their strength and stay. A man who had been recently baptized, when dying of cancer left this message for me, “I am trusting fully in Jesus
Christ. In life I have laid hold of Him and now I am going to where He is."

We have followed our great Leader this year.

"Sometimes amid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bower blooms,
but always with the full consciousness of His Presence and help,
knowing that our work is not in vain because He is faithful
who has promised. And so we are ready to follow Him
through the coming year if our life be spared with a hope brighter
than ever and a richer, deeper faith because the trials we have
passed through have shown us as a band of workers that God will
never fail or forsake us.

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**BIDAR CIRCUIT—VILLAGE SCHOOLS.**

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It is often remarked, and is certainly the opinion of the writer
that the quickest, most effectual, and thorough way of evangeliz-
ing India is found in the children, hence the need of village
schools. In this department of our work for the Master the
difficulties in our way are numerous and by no means easy to
overcome, but because of the vast importance of such a work
the necessity of overcoming them is evident.

In Bidar for the last four years efforts have been made to reach
the children in this way and win them for Christ. This is the
only definite work among children being done in Bidar, and the
Lord has been pleased to bless and prosper the few schools we
have, neither schools nor children are numerous, and we earnestly
hope that this day is not distant when instead of four schools we
shall have forty and instead of from forty to fifty children we shall
number them by the hundred.

Through the medium of these schools about forty children have
been rescued from the influences of heathenism, and instead of
growing up in ignorance and superstition are, we fully believe,
growing up to be intelligent, earnest Christian men and women,
who, in their homes, their villages, and on their farms will tell to their children and their comrades the "old, old story," which they are now, in these schools, being thoroughly taught. We teach these children reading, writing and arithmetic—the catechism of the M. E. Church, the ten commandments, and of course the Lord's Prayer as well as Scripture. They sing many hymns which are good to hear and are a great help in our Sunday services. The children love to come to church on Sundays, and it is the duty of the teacher and ammah of those schools which are near enough to bring the children to service on Sunday afternoon and to Sunday School in the morning.

A few months ago our Mirzapur School grew too large for the very small building we use for a school-house, and the children were too crowded to do their work properly. As there were several boys among them whom we were anxious to keep hold of and have them continue their education, we withdrew five of the biggest and most advanced of these and had them form a nucleus for our Boys' Boarding School.

Open air entertainments are occasionally provided for our village schools, in which the children take great interest and keen enjoyment. The parents also come to see their children have a good time. Sweets are given on the last Saturday of each month, and this is a treat the children look forward to and is a great attraction to them.

At present we have four schools only, but there is a great demand for more in the surrounding villages of Bidar. As an illustration of how these schools are appreciated not only by our Christians but by others, two instances may be mentioned.

In one place thirty people came forward and asked for a school for their children in their village, and expressed a great desire to learn about christianity so that they and their children might become Christians. Another similar request came from eleven people from another village. We expect to open at least one more school soon, and trust the time will soon come when we shall have these village schools scattered all over the country at least within a radius of twenty-five miles.

The schools that are too far away from Bidar to come to the Bidar Sunday School meet in their own villages every Sunday morning, and are taught the International Sunday school lesson.

Two girls from the village schools have recently been baptised. These have been won for Christ through the instruction they have received in school, and this is a source of great comfort and encouragement to us all. We sorely need school-houses for the children to meet in. Out of doors they are exposed to the rain in the monsoon and the sun in the hot weather—and the numerous distractions incident to open-air school work are a great hindrance.
Where we have been able to secure some sort of covered-in place we find the children attend school better and make far better progress in their studies than where they have to assemble under trees. It is our earnest hope that this need of school houses will be supplied soon, and thus one of our greatest difficulties in this valuable and fruitful department of mission work will be overcome. We appeal on behalf of the children that this need may be supplied speedily, and thus the cause of village schools in Bidar greatly helped.

This work is supported by the Topeka and Cincinnati branches

A. S. Batstone.
BIDAR.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Miss Norma H. Fenderich ... Missionary.
Miss Millicent Hudson ... Assistant.
Juliamma ... ... ... Bible Woman.
S. Margaretamma ... ... Bible Woman.
C. Numbikayamma (8 months) ... Bible Woman.
R. Ruthama (4 months) ... Bible Woman.
I. Siddhama ... ... Bible Woman.
S. Siddhama ... ... Bible Woman.
A. Siddhama ... ... Bible Woman.
S. Susannamma (9 months) ... Bible Woman.
Monikyamma (8 months) ... Bible Woman.
Byama ... ... Bible Woman.
Gangama (4 months) ... Bible Woman.
Gundama (6 months) ... Bible Woman.
Khassamma (10 months) ... Bible Woman.
Lashmiamma ... ... Bible Woman.
Gangama (2 months) ... Bible Woman.
Sundrabai (5 months) ... Bible Woman.
Peaceamma ... ... Bible Woman.
Handrama ... ... Bible Woman.

We come to the close of another Conference year with hearts filled with praise and thanksgiving, for the Lord has been with us. Although we have had no special season of revival, there has been a steady growth in the deepening of the work. Our workers have been more fully equipped with power for service. From the three centres of Bidar, Nerankaird, and Hominabad, an out-station thirty miles from Bidar where we opened work in April, seventy-five villages and forty mohallas have been regularly visited. We rejoice that our Bible-women have been made channels of blessing unto many. They have gone to our Christian women and girls with words of counsel, comfort, and encouragement, and have sought to teach them more fully of the Christian life and obligations. To the Mohammedans and Hindus of both high and low castes the Gospel messages have been given in the Kanarese, Telugu, Hindustani and Maratha languages. Among the listeners have been those who have heard the blessed Gospel story of Calvary for the first time. The Word has been received with greater eagerness and interest than ever before.

In Miss Hudson the Mohammedan women of Bidar and the Hindustani speaking Hindus of the villages have found a friend
who sympathizes with them in their sorrows and earnestly seeks to lead them to the great Burden Bearer.

We rejoice that the ingathering of the year has been twice that of the previous year. Of the one hundred and two baptized this year there have been fifty-two women and girls who have represented seventeen different villages, in seven of which those baptized have been the first converts. Although persecution has followed the baptism of many of our converts they and those of our older Christians have borne such faithful witness that a large proportion of our converts have been from among the relatives and neighbours of our village Christians. We consider it a great victory that now the converts are coming out by families. At the time of Bishop Robinson's visit to our station he baptized a family representing three generations.

Among the converts of this year is Sashmiamma, an old woman who for months had been a secret believer. She wished to become a professed follower of Christ, but as she was a nurse and was expected and required to perform poojah (worship) to the gods before undertaking any case, she was unwilling to come out as a Christian, for she feared the people would no longer engage her services. But special prayer was made for her and she was given courage and enabled to come out from among her people and be baptized. The missionary upon visiting her the day after her baptism found her rejoicing in the assurance of her reconciliation and acceptance with God and the great joy which had come to her upon her confessing her faith in Christ. To this woman, who from early childhood had been a devotee of many gods, had been given a dream the previous night. In telling of her dream she said, "I had a vision of God last night after I fell asleep. He was clothed all in white and sat in the clouds of heaven. He looked at me so kindly, and said, 'I am the great and only true God; from now on worship me only, for I am your God.'" When He spoke these words I awoke and found that a great peace had come to my soul. Then with face alight with joy she turned to her relatives and the neighbors who had gathered in and said, "For years I have worshiped idols and offered many sacrifices to them but never found pardon or peace. My parents, husband, and children died one by one. I turned to my gods for help but sought comfort in vain, but now I have found the true God and He has forgiven my sins."

Another of this year's converts was Gangama, a woman whom the people believed possessed the spirit of divination. To this one, who was consulted as an oracle as well as a priestess, came Brahmans and those of lower castes from villages near and far and sought her help, for it was she who chose their gods for them and advised them as to what sacrifices should be offered
to the different deities, and what vows should be performed to appease the god’s anger and avert trouble. People came daily to her house with offerings of grain and money and worshipped at the shrine of her household gods. But the time came when she was brought under deep conviction and she turned to God and was later baptized. Now this woman who so recently came out from heathenism, daily accompanies the Bible woman who was largely instrumental in leading her to Christ, and goes from village to village telling the people of what the Lord has done for her and pleading with them to give up the gods which she once advised them to worship and turn unto the true and living God. She speaks with the power of the Holy Spirit and conviction comes to many of her listeners. In order to be able to read the Bible this woman although fifty years old has become a member of our Woman’s Training Class and is learning to read and write the difficult Kanarese characters as well as the Bible stories and Christian lyrics.

Six of the women who have been in training the past year have been taken on as Bible-women. We give thanks to God for the souls who have been saved as a result of the work of these humble village women, as well as through the efforts put forth by the Bible-women who have been trained in Mission boarding schools.

With the growth of our Christian community, which now numbers three hundred and forty-four, comes new and added responsibilities. How can we with a comparatively small force of workers care for our Christians who are scattered in many villages? How are we to protect and provide for our Christian girls and train them for our future workers? What provision can be made for the child widow of twelve whose husband died a month previous to her parents’ baptism? How are we to prevent a contemplated marriage for two of our little girls (sisters, the younger of whom is a cripple) to a middle aged man? What can we do to keep one of our weak, feeble Christians from yielding to the persuasions of a Mohammedan who wishes to add L’s two little daughters to his harem? Are we to refuse the little jogi girl whose mother wishes to become a Christian and who wishes to reclaim her little girl from the awful life to which she was dedicated and give her to us to train up for Christ’s service? How can we provide for the orphans of our Christians? If we do not provide for them who will? How are we to prevent the daughters of our Christians from being married to heathen, and how can we teach the little heathen girls whom some of our Christian men have married? What is the solution to these and to similar problems? We feel that all of these questions will be solved by providing at once a boarding school for the girls of our Christian community.
The future as well as the present needs demand a boarding school where we can train our girls for Christian service.

We rejoice that the Standard Bearers of Pittsburg Conference, Philadelphia Branch, have by a thank offering of one thousand dollars made it possible for us to purchase a fine building site and erect thereon a small stone building with thatched roof and with a high wall surrounding the compound. We have erected this building with the expectation that it will provide accommodations for the twenty or twenty-five girls for whom we are seeking scholarships. We feel that unless the boarding school is opened before the coming wedding season (from March to June) the history of past years will be repeated, and others of our dearest and brightest Christian girls will be given in marriage to heathen men. The needs of the work are multiplying. Women's quarters are needed for our workers and widows, a bungalow for the missionary and her assistant, more workers that we may better teach and train our Christians, and also extend our work to many a closed zenana in the town and to the villages beyond, where as yet the Gospel has never been proclaimed. But greater than the need of scholarships, buildings or laborers do we realize that we need a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit upon us in revival power.

We are grateful to the Philadelphia and Topeka Branches for the support of this work.
HYDERABAD DISTRICT

HYDERABAD.

ELIZABETH K. STANLEY GIRLS’ BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

MISS ALICE A. EVANS ... Missionary.
MISS L. M. ROSS ... Missionary.
MISS E. V. BIRT ... Assistant.
MISS Z. STANLEY MURRAY ... Assistant.
MR. M. KRISHNIAH, F.A. ... Mathematics and Telugu Teacher.
SYED AMANOOLAH ... Urdu Teacher.
MRS. H. LUCK, six months ... Matron.
NANCY D’LIMA ... Matron.
LILLIAN WOODBRIDGE ... Matron.
ESTHER JOSEPH ... Matron.
MONABAI ANORAO ... Matron.
SONOBAI ANORAO ... Pupil Teacher.
ESTHER JOSEPH ... Pupil Teacher.
CROOPAMA JACOB ... Pupil Teacher.

"More than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave himself for us." The year 1907, to the Elizabeth K. Stanley Girls’ School opened with the usual difficulties and a sufficient number of extra ones to make us realize that we walk by faith and not by sight. The Captain of our salvation has graciously led and His kingdom triumphs.

Nearly four years ago a Hindu father brought his three daughters to the school. For a few months all went well and then the eldest girl, being slightly ill, was taken to her home and after two months succumbed to native treatment. While in school she had learned the "way of life" and almost with her last breath prayed in her mother tongue, "Our Father who art in Heaven." The child had never been baptized, but the father wanted a Christian burial, though he greatly feared his heathen relatives. We assured the family of the moral support of our personal presence and arranged with the sexton to dig the grave. They belonged to the servant class and it was about ten at night before their friends began to come. The wail of the hired mourners, the never ceasing din of the drums, the drinking of the men made up a night never to be forgotten. About midnight we were told that
we need not stay any longer, but we felt that we could hold on at least as long as the heathen and their gods, so quietly seated apart we waited till the relatives had decided to let the father have the privilege of burying his child in the grave which had been prepared, instead of according to heathen rites. After the funeral, the mother seemed inconsolable and removed the other two girls from the school. The family passed through deep waters. The father lost his place and other sore afflictions befell them. All seemed lost, but not so. "Ye can not toil in vain." More than a year ago the children were sent back to school and last month, during special services at the church, the father and one daughter gained courage sufficient to take a firm stand for Christ and were baptized. The other day a little European girl of only four summers was brought to us under peculiarly sad circumstances. Her mother had died in July, the father in October, but before the end came he made a will, leaving his little daughter, his only child, to the care of the school. Out of his meager earnings he was able to leave about Rs. 500 for her support.

In January we increased the expenditure of the school about Rs. 140 per mensem above the amount asked for from the Society at home. This was made necessary by taking on as pupil teacher assistants five of the six girls, who had done so well at the Government Examinations. Also a conveyance was hired for the accommodation of non-resident pupils. Our application for an increase in the grant-in-aid from Government was of long standing and like the "importunate widow" our cause was constantly before the Educational Department. Our first advance was made when the school took such high rank in the Government Examinations. This was a matter of such general interest that the native papers in the city took it up and made most favourable comments. The celebration of Longfellow's birthday by giving a purdah party helped the cause along as many wealthy Mohammedan, Hindu, and Parsee ladies came and they were much pleased with what they saw and heard. The school has won the sympathetic help of prominent officials and some of them took great trouble to aid our cause. The work of the pastor of the English church, the Rev. W. D. Schermerhorn, in bringing the Government to immediate action, was beyond praise. The climax was reached when Rs. 750 were received at one time, thus God honoured our faith, as the Government began to pay from the beginning of the year. We are now in receipt of a Grant of Rs. 100 per mensem.

A conveyance has been purchased, thus meeting the needs of the day scholars. Nancy DeLima, Lillian Woodbridge and Esther Joseph have been supported, as they have right royally done the work of assistants, and two non-resident pupil-teachers have been
paid a small salary. Next year we are planning to help ten of our girls who are ambitious to study for their higher examinations by giving them work as primary teachers while they take their advanced studies. Our girls are most satisfactory helpers. They know two languages, while some of them can teach in three. They need no “munshi hire” as they acquired the vernaculars while they were children in school.

The requirements of Government made it necessary to make some radical changes in our teaching staff. Miss Birt has promised to go to Sironcha for evangelistic work; and Miss Ross, after twelve years of faithful service, left the school on the first of November to be married, and Miss Murray resigned. We have eight orphan girls of the same scholastic attainments to take the places of these teachers and for whom we have to provide. Miss Marrett, matriculate, who was formerly employed as a teacher, will take charge of the middle school class, the burden of which has always fallen on the superintendent. Arrangements have been made with an Indian lady, a B.A., to take charge of the high school work. The Government Inspector’s report gave 98 per cent. of passes for the entire school. Last year, in the hands of the printer, the school lost just a round hundred, so that in the Annual Report the enrollment read fifteen instead of one hundred and fifteen. We hope the friends of the institution, who must have wondered what had happened, will see this correction.

The prize distribution, which was held in September, was a great success. H. E. the Prime Minister, Sir Kishen Pershad Maha Raja Bahadur, K.C.I.E., presided and everybody came. We have not room to report all the fine things which were said on that occasion. The Prime Minister, on leaving, gave to the school eleven gold mohurs which translated simply means 100 dollars in cash.

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EVANGELISTIC WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS CATHERINE WOOD ... Missionary.

ZENANA WORK.

MISS SMITH ... Assistant.
MISS M. ELIAS ... Assistant.
GULBI NATH ... Bible Woman.

DAY SCHOOLS (HINDUSTANI).

MISS CHARLOTTE SMITH ... Assistant.
NISSA BEGUM ... Teacher.
SHAZADI BI ... Teacher.
SIDAR KHATUN ... Teacher.
RAHIM NISSA BEGUM ... Teacher.
BISMILLA BI ... Teacher.

TELUGU WORK.

MISS MURRAY ... Assistant.
KOTOMAH LUKE ... Bible Woman.
ANAMA JACOB ... Bible Woman.
JESSIAMA APPOSWAMY ... Bible Woman.
ADAMA CLIMAYYA ... Bible Woman.
LYDIAMA ... Bible Woman.

DAY SCHOOLS (TELUGU).

MARTHA DANIEL ... Teacher.
SARAH DAVID ... Teacher.
RATHNABAI ... Teacher.

EVANGELISTIC SCHOOLS (TELUGU.)

PADMAKSHI DEVANANDAM ... Teacher.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

MISS HITCHENS (4 months) ... Assistant.
MISS ELIAS (5½ months)... ... Assistant.

This year has been one of changes. We have had more changes in our force of workers than in any one previous year. At the beginning of the year Mrs. Somerville went on a year’s leave after eleven years of continuous service. The zenana work had developed from her service, and we felt that we could hardly carry it on a whole year without her help, and how much heavier the burden seemed when after a month’s absence she wrote that she felt that she must take up service elsewhere to be near her mother, who had come to need her help. But we took up the work, doing as
much of it as possible and praying that the Lord would send some one to fill this place. For this new helper we had to wait some months. In May, however, correspondence was begun with an Indian young woman who had taken special training for this work, and she came to begin her work in July. She speaks Hindustani in the way the women like to hear it spoken, and this at once brought her into favour among the women, and they listen with much interest to the Gospel message given through her.

Miss Murray, never very vigorous in health but always so willing and helpful and consecrated to her work among the Telugu women and girls, was obliged to lay it down in March and go to the hills to recruit her strength. Her absence from the work on sick leave drew the hearts of her women and girls even more toward her. The little ones prayed for her restoration and all longed for her return. How glad we all were when she came in June, again ready for work among them, for she knows how to share their joys and sorrows and to point them to the One who can bear even the Hindu woman's burden.

Miss Hitchens married in March and went to live in her new home. She continued her work in the industrial school until May and then that department of the work was without its head teacher for some months. Miss Elias came in July and once more we had the full staff of helpers. The industrial school has done well this year. About twenty women have been given regular employment and some two hundred dollars has been realized from sales of work. If we can get sales for all products this department will become self-supporting.

Miss Smith gave over her work in the Hindustani day schools last year to her sister and began to visit the women in their homes and teach them. She was welcomed by the mothers whose little ones had learned to love her in the day schools. Her ability to speak Hindustani well gained new friends, and her spirit of love and interest makes her everywhere a welcome visitor, while her sister has found her way to the hearts of the little ones in the schools and is doing excellent work there.

Changes have not all been confined to the assistants. For the changes among the Bible-women in many cases the missionary of the General Board is responsible because he transferred the husbands. Kumlabai has had to discontinue work this year because of one of these transfers, but will probably be able to work again soon as we are expecting some new workers with whom she can go.

The day schools have done well again this year. This attendance has been good and progress has been made by all the schools. The village or evangelistic schools have been difficult to
maintain because the children are so early put to work by their parents and are off to the fields early in the morning and stay late in the evening, so there is little time for them to attend school. But an effort has been made, and as we learn better how to do this work we will doubtless have better success.

About one hundred and fifty-two women and girls have been baptized in the village work this year. The great problem in this work now is the instruction of these poor, down-trodden heavy-burdened people who must labour all day from early dawn until late at night to earn sufficient to live and toil another day. What hope and light the Gospel brings to these lives! While we may not be able to lift the heavy burden of toil from them their faith in Christ and their hope for the life to come open visions of life beyond this, where there is no longer Madiga or Mala, Brahmin or any other caste, but all will be one in Christ Jesus.

We have scattered tracts and sold scripture portions everywhere, about 50,000 tracts having been received and in most cases eagerly read. Hungry souls have inquired the way of life and sinful souls have been warned to flee the wrath to come. In twenty-four Sunday schools little ones and big ones have been taught, and we believe that seeds of truth have thus been sown in many hearts.

In one place we were asked to sing songs for gramophone records. We sang and then heard them repeated by that wonderful instrument. As we sat and listened our hearts were encouraged, for the human heart with God's word written upon it will some day respond, and we believe that somewhere in eternity we shall hear many of these souls singing praises to our Lord and our Christ.

This work has been supported by Des Moines, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, and New England Branches.
VIKARABAD.

Elizabeth J. Wells ... Missionary.
Mildred Simonds ... Missionary.
Ruth A. Partridge ... Assistant.
J. Swamidas Abraham ... Teacher.
A. Sundershanam Neal ... Teacher.
Mariama Josiah ... Teacher.
Sathyabama Benjamin ... Teacher.
Sonthoshap Boyama ... Teacher.
Nagami Chinnappa ... Bible Woman.
Annama Kandayya ... Bible Woman.
Lucy Abatya ... Bible Woman.
Rutnama David ... Bible Woman.
Malama Subayya ... Bible Woman.
Luchmakkka Khishlayya ... Bible Woman.
Chendrama Chenatya ... Bible Woman.
Martha Venkatayya ... Bible Woman.
Esther Gourappa ... Bible Woman.
Lenathabai ... Bible Woman.
Sarah Samuel ... Bible Woman.
Sathavva John ... Bible Woman.
Ramanjama Thomas ... Bible Woman.
Kollia Bai ... Bible Woman.
Preethama Smith ... Bible Woman.
Jothama Abraham ... Bible Woman.
Maniam Smith ... Bible Woman.
Mariama Mark (Four months) ... Bible Woman.
Nagama Sianna ("","",") ... Bible Woman.
Sunderama Abraham (","",") ... Bible Woman.

Twelve months ago the returns came from General Executive Board and we saw in the estimates that money for buildings in Vikarabad had not been allowed. When we looked around at our building, full to overflowing, sixty people living in four rooms with no prospect of anything better, with a growing work on our hands, the outlook was certainly dark, and our hearts sank within us. But “What can’t be cured must be endured” and “There is no use crying over spilled milk.” So we settled down to plod along in the same old way making the best of what we had.

It was early in the morning, just as the stars began to fade and a gray light came creeping up in the east that to weary missionaries in a touring cart drawn by two no less weary oxen, rattled into our Vikarabad compound after an eighteen hour journey through the jungles. How inviting the beds looked, and yet
CORNERSTONE LAYING OF THE MARY A. KNOTTS' MEMORIAL, VIKARABAD.
these returned wanderers passed their days out in the office desk. Home mail day had come and gone and there were hopes of finding many letters from dear ones in the homeland waiting to be read. What was the disappointment to see only one letter lying where there at least should have been a dozen. But at a second glance it was seen that it was from our own Branch President and hastily tearing it open read "My God shall supply all your need," and further on, that God had moved the heart of one of His own and she had promised to give the money for our much needed buildings to be known as the "Mary A. Knott's School and Home." All weariness was forgotten, all disappointment vanished, and that early morning hour is one whose memory will live long with those who were present.

At once the working out and drawing of the plans was begun, applications for permission to build were made to the Government and the compound began to be thronged with stone-cutters bargaining for and delivering their wares.

The old bungalow is situated on one of the highest pieces of land in Vikarabad and can be seen for miles around. Many times we had tried to purchase the property but with the characteristic deliberation of the oriental, the owner at first refused to sell and then put the price beyond the reach of any mission. Suddenly she decided to go on a pilgrimage to Mecca and, needing money, offered the place for a very reasonable sum. It was accepted and the deal closed before any one hardly had time to catch his breath.

In June the Mohammedan gentleman, under whose jurisdiction we live, came to Vikarabad for a week or ten days and while here not only very kindly granted permission to put up our buildings but gave us a good sized tract of land at the back and side of our present property. Now there is a place for the Bible women's quarters, houses for the servants, and a nice playground for the children.

On the first day of July, the first stone was laid in the foundation. Masons were called in from the surrounding villages and brought from Hyderabad, and coolies came in hordes from near and far and on the nineteenth day of July with great rejoicing the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Robinson. Many of our missionary friends were present, also a number of high Indian officials and the Indian Christians. Since that time the work has progressed rapidly and the buildings have been promised to us complete by the end of January.

We certainly feel that we owe a debt of gratitude, not only to Mrs. Knott and to the friends at home who have worked so hard and given so liberally for the Vikarabad work, but to the high Government officials for so readily granting us all necessary
permission and helping us in so many other ways by their sympathy and interest.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Better work has been done this year than ever before. In the early part of the year revival meetings were held daily for over a week, when the Christian workers received great blessing and since then have felt a greater responsibility for the salvation of souls. We have been surprised by the change wrought in some of the Bible women; where they were once afraid of opposition and showed impatience with those who continued to worship idols, now they can tell the story of Christ's love with new courage and can sympathize with their heathen sisters who heretofore were in darkness. The nineteen Bible women have worked faithfully, and notwithstanding the cares of their households, they have visited about 70 villages and travelled over 10,500 miles, excluding railway travel, tours and jathras. The touring cart has been used more this year, and thus the work in outstations has been better supervised. Many of the people in the distant villages who hitherto heard only through their relatives about the religion that gives peace and salvation, have had the opportunity of hearing the Gospel for themselves. Many questions have been asked about the way of salvation, and pressing invitations have been received to come again or requests made to send a worker who would live in their midst and teach them more.

Many have given up their idols saying "these are false, we have found the true way." When a woman wept for the years she had wasted in worshipping idols our hearts condemned us that we had not in some way managed to tell her before. Many have come out boldly and have been baptized, and many more are pondering over this "new religion" as they call it.

The people show greater confidence in us. Many who formerly shut their doors to us now invite us to their homes, and often ask advice about some wayward child or about a sick one. In sickness instead of going to a sorcerer or a native physician who generally demands much money and kills the patient, they come to us from great distances for medicine. Though we do not claim to have any medical skill, we do what we can to help them and in this way we meet people from villages we have never yet visited and are able to give them the Gospel message. We could do more along this line, if we could set apart a Bible woman especially for this work.

The need for a mission hospital and doctor here is very great. Not only do we need medical aid many times in our schools and among our native Christians, but the condition
of the poor people, ignorant of even the simplest sanitary rules and means of relief can be somewhat imagined when one remembers that there is no hospital or qualified doctor of any kind within a radius of fifty miles from here. Many a young doctor would envy us our present practice. To us it is a means of preaching Christ by word and by act and this we gladly welcome.

Much work has been done at jathras, i. e., sacred festivals. We have met those who have come there year after year to find peace, and they say they have not found it yet. There were hungry souls who asked the question like Nicodemus of old “What must I do to be saved?” One man said he had learned about the Christ religion through his Christian relatives and he wanted to send his son to the boarding school so that he might be brought up as a Christian. Another asked admission for his two daughters into the boarding school. Many confessed that they knew idol worship and pilgrimages were vain and eagerly asked if we knew a better way. How gladly we answered that we did and pointed them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. One man listened earnestly and then said “How can we understand it all at once? Send some one to our village to teach us the way and we will walk therein.”

Thus the leaven is spreading and as the work grows, greater is the need for strong willing hands to do the Master’s bidding.

BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

In our school we find many special reasons for thankfulness as we review the year’s work. While we have had more illness in our midst than ever before and much of that of a severe type, the lives of all have been spared and their strength restored, for which we praise our Heavenly Father.

The increase in attendance this year has embarrassed us when it came to providing sleeping room for all of the girls in these our crowded quarters. But we have a fine set of pupils and would not willingly part with any of them. They have done good work in their studies; they can show a great deal of excellent needle work, but the chief advance which merits most mention has been along spiritual lines. Early in the year they were greatly blessed in the revival services held during Easter week and the effects thereof still remain. Bible study is the most popular branch taught here. Several Scripture classes have been organized in addition to the regular morning Bible class and over and over again the older girls have come to us and thanked us for providing these classes. The burden of souls has been laid upon their hearts and they are praying for the salvation of individuals with
a faith that cannot be refused. We have learned many lessons from these little ones who take their every need to their Heavenly Father and count it as nothing astonishing to have it supplied by Him.

A women’s class has been organized to teach a number of young village women to read and to instruct them in God’s word. One member of this class is a young married woman who was baptized with her husband some months ago. He had a great longing to learn to read so that he could teach his people the way of salvation and so they left their native place and came here. Another is a young woman, who came to us in an unexpected and strange way about the same time. She is very bright and eager to learn. Since coming she has been baptized and is working her way through school.

Among the notable incidents of the year is the victory over the hosts of Satan in rescuing a girl from being dedicated to the temple service. When we look back over the way the Lord led, during those months of anxiety and fear we can truly say that the victory was not by might nor by strength but by His Spirit. Promised at birth to temple service, virtually adopted by a noted jogi or temple woman, named after the goddess she was to serve, raised with the one thought that she was to follow that life and reap great gain thereby, it was not easy for the idea to be given up. In fact, there was no thought of giving it up and the meshes were being woven so tightly about her that escape seemed impossible from a human standpoint. But God heard the cry of His little distressed child and undertook the battle for her. It waged hot and fierce. He used many strange means and we looked on in wonder. Before any one realized it the case had received the attention of the highest officials and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude for the stand they took and the courage they showed in forbidding the ceremony.

As we look back over the record of this past year, we see failures; we see disappointments; and yet in them all we see the hand of God. The joys and the blessings far outweigh the sorrows and hardships, and we can truly say “My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Saviour.”
SHANKARPALLY CIRCUIT

ELIZABETH J. WELLS ... ... Missionary.
RUTH A. PARTRIDGE ... ... Assistant.
MIRIAM ABRABAM ... ... Bible Woman.
NURSAMA MARK ... ... Bible Woman.
SUSAN ABUNNAH ... ... Bible Woman.
RUTNAMA PHILLIP ... ... Bible Woman.
SIVAMA VEERASAWMY ... ... Bible Woman.
SUNDERAMA ABRAHAM (6 months). Bible Woman.

Work on this circuit has been carried on faithfully during the past year, by our Indian sisters, with what assistance we could give them from time to time. The results have been most encouraging and gratifying. One hundred and seventeen women and girls have been baptized and many others are under instruction. They are eager for the Bread of Life. On a recent touring trip the people in each village visited, crowded around the workers, and listened earnestly to the Gospel message as long as they had strength and voice to tell it to them. Even then the people were not satisfied and begged them to stay over night, so that those of their relatives at work in the fields might have a chance to hear when they should come home. One woman was so impressed that she went to her house and brought a nice fat chicken which she had been feeding for weeks with the expectation of sacrificing it to some idol, but, upon hearing the Gospel and learning that idol worship is wrong, she insisted upon the workers accepting it from her. The villages are numerous and the Bible women so few, that many, many villages are not being reached with the Gospel. Our hearts yearn over those ready to begin a new life but have no one to guide them. Truly, there is whitened harvests in this circuit, with almost no laborers. We have not been able to provide a conveyance of any sort for these workers but they cheerfully walk to the villages, often travelling more than ten miles a day in order to reach those who most need them.

In a village where there are a number of converts a day school has been maintained amid difficulties, and has proved itself a means of giving the children both secular knowledge and Scriptural truth. The pupils sing many of our Telugu lyrics and are learning the catechism, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and passages from the Bible.
MADRAS DISTRICT

MADRAS

MISS GRACE STEPHENS ... ... Superintendent.

Almost as varied as the land itself has been the work in this part of God's vineyard. Here and there and everywhere went forth His Handmaidens sowing the seed and teaching the people. As I look over and superintend this great work, I think of all the workers engaged in it, and it seems to me that it will be the best to hear from them.

MISS EVELINE D'JORDON.—For many years it has been my blessed privilege to visit and teach the high caste women in Madras. I am thankful to say that year by year there has been progress in the work. The deep appreciation and interest shown by them is most gratifying, and I have had much encouragement everywhere, and many glorious opportunities to make known the One who is able to save to the utmost. The zenana women have been more cordial than ever, and have extended to me in a greater degree their respect and confidence, and the manner in which they receive me shows the estimation in which our Saviour is held. There are many incidents to show that the work is not in vain. Many of the zenana women visited daily by me in the several districts have given up idol worship, and are serving the Lord in the privacy of their homes. Their testimonies are always bright and clear. Some of them visit one another in times of trouble and sickness, and are letting their light shine for Jesus in many a home. Special attention is always given to Scripture teaching, and in memorising and singing hymns and lyrics which they seem fond of. Even those who cannot read are taught to repeat portions from the Word of God or to sing hymns and lyrics. May God help us still to be faithful and do our very best to win souls, thought often it is very hard to reach them. It is only as we have a luminous faith and an unfaltering courage that we can accomplish anything for Christ and His Kingdom.

MISS FANNIE YOUNG.—It is a great pleasure to me to help Miss Stephens in all her work on the premises, such as the Home, Zenana Cottage, Orphanage, Nursery, and the Colony. In all these different places there is much to be done. The results in the orphanage school inspection, and the Scripture examination
MISS GRACE STEPHENS AND HER YOUNG LADIES.
have been very good and satisfactory. I have been much encouraged by the unselfish lives many of the girls, students, and workers live. Many times during the year we rejoiced to see the friends and relatives of our orphanage girls give themselves to God and receive baptism. Little Christina who only came to us last year has been impressing her heathen mother so much by her life and talk, that she came to me and said she wishes to be taught more about Jesus. A girl who was saved from her own wicked mother said the other day that she is quite sure that God will help her to teach her mother, and to get her to follow Him. During the year it was twice my sacred duty to stand beside two of our much loved girls, and to hear their words, and to see them triumphantly pass into Heaven. One little girl when dying and her heathen people were calling out to her and asking her why she trusted in our religion, she said in all her pain “Jesus is very sweet to me, you don’t know how sweet He is.”

Miss Nesta Doyle.—It is with deep gratitude I thank God for another year heavily freighted with His goodness, love and kindness. It is true we have had some cares and troubles, especially in the high caste girls’ school. But we thank the Lord that many of these girls have accepted him as their own Saviour and friend. One little girl in this high caste school, was such a bright Christian and truly learned to love Jesus. She lived very far away from the school, but she was in her class regularly every morning to hear the Scripture lesson taught. Many a day she came crying to school, and when we asked her the reason she said her grand-mother beat her because she was found learning her catechism. The little girl was not with us long for she died, but we rejoice that she heard the name of Jesus and learned to love him. In the village school and in the evangelistic work I have had much to encourage me this year. In the village at Elekenchary about four miles from Madras, a devil-dancer and his whole family were baptised, and through their influence six other families were brought to Christ. On a great festival occasion in the village when all the people had to worship the mud god that was taken round, two of the girls in the school boldly withstood the entreaties of the people to worship the god, and confessed that they believed in Jesus. One little heathen boy in the village when dying exclaimed “Jesus, Jesus!”

Miss Lydia Lewis.—For several months during the year I have worked with the teachers in the villages. But since August I have had zenana work in two districts, and I also help in the evening school in one of the villages. Many of the zenana women have heard the truth and are trying to walk in God’s light. One very high caste woman and family are ready for baptism.
But as usual the relatives threaten to give her and the Mission much trouble, and they declare that they will cast her out from them. She believes in prayer, so surrounded with all her heathen ceremonies and heathen worship, she and her husband live as Christians in their home, and are quietly influencing other people to be Christians. The evening school in the village is very encouraging. Grown-up people attend this school. They are hard at work during the whole day, and in the evening they are ready to memorise portions of Scripture and catechism, and are also learning to read and write. Many of these people with also many of our zenana women are true followers of the Lord Jesus in their homes.

Miss Clare Betreen.—I find in orphanage work one has to deal with each girl individually. All have different natures, some are better than others, and some are so hard to work with It is with God’s help alone one can deal with the character of each girl. It is comforting to know that He has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches and glory. The different lives after they have come under Christian influence and teaching always strikes me forcibly. Some of them have never heard anything of God when they come to us. After a while it is inspiring and encouraging to hear their faith in God and in prayer. The industrial work is an important feature in this school. Girls who are not fond of learning, find that their talents lie in the direction of gold and lace work, and they are used in this department greatly. Two little girls were not at all fond of study, so, as an experiment, they were put into the lace class. At first it was distasteful to them, but now they are in their element and are doing good needle-work.

Miss Hilda Marston.—I am doing Hindustani work, and I find the work very interesting. In some of the homes the women are listening with greater interest to our songs and Bible stories, and are asking questions about our religion. This makes me feel that the Holy Spirit is working in their hearts. In one of the homes where we had a talk about the sonship of Jesus, they are now reading the Bible to find out the truth for themselves. The conditions of the women are very sad, and they are always very reserved, but when we win their affections, they put their whole trust and confidence in us, and our visits brighten and cheer their sad lives and surroundings. At times I meet with a great deal of opposition. I was once teaching three young girls, and we had some very happy times together, but when the parents knew how much the girls were learning of Jesus, they asked me to discontinue my visits. I am trying my best to give God’s word in all the homes I visit.
MISS DAISY LAYBOURNE.—My work during the early part of the year was in the orphanage where I was in charge of the industrial class. At present I am engaged in village school work. It is a very encouraging sight to see the children with their teachers learning the hymns and stories about Jesus. We also preach in these villages. The people that gather around us are very eager to hear what we say about our Saviour, they often ask us many questions, and we are always ready to help them in every way we can. As I study the language I pray that God may further use me in this work among these people who have not heard about Him, and are willing for us to teach them.

MISS QUEENIE LAYBOURNE.—I am glad to give a short account of my work. I was helping the girls in the orphanage for several months. But now I am engaged in zenana work. I do not know how to speak the language very well, so Miss Stephens has arranged for me to teach fancy work and music in some of the homes. I am very fond of the women, and I am doing my best to tell them about Jesus. I am studying the language and I hope with the help of God to do more work for Him.

MISS IRIS VARDEN.—I am engaged in teaching English in the City Schools. It is very encouraging to see how anxious the children are to learn the English language. A little Brahmin girl has learned to repeat in English the 23rd Psalm, the Lord’s Prayer, and other little recitations. This gives her much pleasure. She repeats all her lessons to her people in her strict Brahmin home. The little girl is in poor health, and we may not have her long with us, but we are so glad that she knows about the Saviour, and she tells us that she believes in Him. I am studying the language, and I pray that God may use me more in the work among all these people who do not know and love Him.

MISS GLADYS STEPHENS.—For the last few months I have been teaching English in the girls’ orphanage. I am glad to say that I am thoroughly enjoying the work that I do. I love the girls, and I am glad to help them in every way I can. Besides teaching English, I play the piano for their calisthenics and drills. I am learning the language, and I am giving myself to God to qualify me for higher and greater service for Him.

SOOBOONAGAM AMMAL.—I am indeed an unworthy servant of Jesus, yet He has with His great love chosen me to be His servant. My mother, Miss Stephens, sends me out with one of her young ladies to help in the villages. I preach and sing to these village people who do not know the Saviour. God is blessing me and my work. One high caste woman was greatly touched.
by my singing and used to follow me all over the village. I spoke to her about the Prodigal Son, and she became greatly interested. She was very surprised to hear that Jesus loves her just as much as He loves me. When I last saw her she was going to another country, but she said she will never forget Jesus, and she hopes to tell many other people about Him. I love my work, and I am telling many people of the love of my Saviour.

Isabella Benjamin.—I am doing Biblewoman's work in the zenanas. All my women are learning the Scripture from me. In one of the homes the aged grandmother objected to her granddaughter learning the Bible Memoriter. But when I told her that all the other women are learning the Bible Memoriter from me she consented, and she had her daughter ready for the Scripture examination. When the examination was held she was very pleased, and she gathered many of her friends to witness the examination.

Elizabeth (Evangelist).—I thank God that he has been with me all this year. Not only did I preach the Gospel to many hundreds of souls, but I teach in the village school daily. One of these schools is near the heathen burning ground, and when I first went there the people did not want to know about God. But I gave them His word faithfully and now they are worshipping our God. I take plenty of tracts and papers with me, and I give them to all the people I meet. Many times the people do not like me to speak to them, but I make them stand and listen to my words, and I tell them about Jesus' love and what He does for me, poor Elizabeth.

Thenum Isaiah.—I am working as the Head Mistress of the Orphanage School. Miss Arnold, the Government Inspectress, inspected the school in April. She said that she was pleased to find the girls happy and bright and efficient in their lessons. In orphanage work one is very apt to get discouraged at the seeming want of results, but more and more I realise that when our dear girls leave us for other homes, or in times of trouble, how fervently they believe in prayer, and how faithful they are to the Lord Jesus. One of our girls married last year and went to Penang. We heard of her death the other day. It is very comforting and encouraging to everyone of us in the orphanage work to get a letter through Miss Stephens from Mrs. Pykett telling us how fully prepared our girl was for death, and what a good life she lived in Penang.

Rebecca.—I am grateful to my dear Heavenly Father for all the blessings I have had in my Biblewoman's work. I have many
dear women in my work who are in their Hindu homes, but who really love Jesus, and will not worship idols. Though their relations give them much trouble and want them to join in their idol worship, yet they will refuse, and they want us to tell them more about Jesus. There is one woman whose name is Rookmoney, she is truly believing in Jesus. One day she told me that her parents and other relations were very angry with her for not worshipping the family god, and they said that she was reading the Bible all the time. So they took away her Bible and Catechism, but she said that Jesus is in her heart and she can worship Him without the books. She says she has no faith in her idols, so she took her idols and gave them away to Miss Stephens.

ROOKMONEY RAJAGOPAUL.—For many years I have been the Head Mistress of the Caste Girls' School. I have had many difficulties all along the way. But God be praised, many of the girls in the school have been faithful and true to Him. One girl was even sent out of her home by her parents in great anger, because she was learning all our Bible lessons. But the girl said she did not care when she was punished and beaten, because she knows Jesus loves her. Many of the girls give their testimony for Jesus. I am having much trouble in the school now, and the girls are much persecuted, and are being forced away from the school. I know God will answer our prayers and will open the way for them to return to us.

JEEVARATHNUM.—I have the privilege of teaching the little ones in the orphanage kindergarten class. One of my girls about 8 years old gave this sweet testimony to me of her own accord. "I was a heathen when I was in my house. After I came to this school I learned about Jesus, and I am a Christian now. I feel very badly that all my poor people are heathens. I am praying to God for them, and to make them to love Jesus." Whenever I ask my class the question "Who is your best friend," they all say "Jesus."

SARAH (MITCHELL) PHILLIPS.—I am the Head Mistress of the Girls' School at Pudupet. Quite a number of the older girls in my school are worshipping and loving our God. They are anxious to be baptised, but are hindered by their parents. We have special meetings frequently in which these girls pray earnestly for God to change the hearts of their people. One girl who is truly converted told her heathen uncle while he was on his dying bed about Jesus. He accepted Jesus, and his dying words were "Jesus Christ, I am a great sinner. Save me."

SARAH STOKES.—The Lord is leading me into many caste Hindu homes to tell of His love, and to teach the women the way
of salvation. They find comfort in prayer, and they often ask me to pray for them. A zenana lady in one strict house learned to know about the true God, and she told her little son about Him, and the son told the father. The mother thought that the father would be very angry, but he listened attentively, and he was pleased to hear the Gospel from his wife and little son. Many of the women are true and faithful to Jesus and are witnessing for Him in their homes.

CHINAMMAL.—For many years I am a Biblewoman in this Mission. I work amongst all the Brahmīn women in Triplicane. They are all very strict heathen people, and they have many rites and ceremonies. But knowing that God is mightier than Satan, and that He can strengthen and use me, I have every day gone forth in His service. Two of my zenana women were possessed with evil spirits and were under its bad influence. I prayed for them, and I made them listen to the words of Jesus. They are quite well now and are regularly taking the Scripture lessons from me.

SELVAM.—I am teaching in two village schools, and I am teaching many of the people in the villages. The people like to hear me sing, and I sing in Telugu and in Tamil. I like to use the voice that God has given me for all these heathen people. One of my pupils learned to know about Jesus and went and taught her grandmother about the true God, and now both of them are being prepared for baptism. I have one high caste family who are true Christians and they want to leave all and follow Jesus. But they will have to give up their land and their house and will become beggars. They say they are not afraid, and they are praying to God to open the way for them to leave everything for Him.

MARY PETERS.—I am carrying on Biblewoman's work in a district where there is a great deal of opposition, and the women are very strict in their religion. But I am glad to say that I distribute a very interesting paper called 'The Mathar Mithiri' (Tamil Woman's Friend). This paper is read by the women and many of them tell me in what way they are helped by reading it. One of my women was very sick and she asked me to tell her more about Jesus, and to pray for her. After she got well she was on the Lord's side, and says she will not worship idols any more.

MEENAMBAI.—I am grateful to my God for bringing me from my dark heathen home, and He has made me to love Him. My mother, Miss Stephens, has given me education after I came to her. She specially trained me for the industrial work, and I am helping her in the industrial department by working gold lace.
MISS GRACE STEPHENS AND HER NATIVE WORKERS.
love Jesus and I am trying to do my work for Him, and He is blessing me greatly.

I must stop now and write no more reports from all these dear workers. Emma would like to tell of a girl who persistently refused to worship the false god. All the colony girls who are teachers and pupil workers would like to tell of their individual work. Davasumuthum would like to tell of his school-room, which up to the time of our work was used as the village temple in which a great deal of heathen worship was performed, but the people have themselves given it to us for the use of our work. Miss Goodsr would like to give some details of the girls in the orphanage. Timothy would like to tell about his two schools. One is held in the verandah of a heathen temple now in use. Christina would like to tell about her work among the Mahomedan women. Joseph longs to tell about the villages in which he works, and the school he has in a place which was once a cow-shed, but the owner who is now a Christian has given us the land and the place for our work, and for the worship of our Lord. The Telugu teacher, Mercy Daniel, would like to report on her Telugu high caste girls. So would Arputhum, Stella Lazarus, Susan Mary, Jagathambal, and Thyamony. All these are working in different ways, and are doing the best they can.

It was our privilege and pleasure to have our Presiding Elders Rev. R.C. Grose, examine our schools in Scripture. All the schools enjoyed having him. It is very gratifying to have the following report from him:—It is our great privilege to be in close connection with this great and varied work. Last month I visited and examined in the Conference course of Scripture studies, thirteen schools. We spent the greater part of four days in the work and conducted most thoroughly the examination. I was most highly gratified to note the high efficiency attained by all, from the little ones scarcely old enough to articulate, to the mature men in the night-school. Many of the people knew the whole Catechism, question and answer, and we found it impossible to puzzle them. Many chapters from Psalms, the Prophets, stories from the Old and New Testament, were most familiar to these students. Their singing of hymns and lyrics was also very good—the best I have heard in village schools."

As I look over and superintend all this work, I wish to give thanks to my Heavenly Father for the way in which He has led me and helped me. May He seal all this work as His and give His blessing to the far away ones who support it, and to the ones who are their servants here for Jesus’ sake.

Grace Stephens.
Raichur District

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Mrs. Margaret Carver Ernsberger ... Missionary.
Mary Paul ... Bail Hongal Circuit Bible Woman.
Tejavva Shushala ... Bail Hongal Circuit Bible Woman.
Nijaganavva Lagali ... Bail Hongal Circuit Bible Woman.
Tabitha Aralikatti ... Bail Hongal Circuit Bible Woman.
Elizamma Karodi ... Jevargi Circuit Bible Woman.
Paravva Rebeccamma (6 months) Kopral Circuit Bible Woman.
Venubai Maigur ... Shaupur Circuit Bible Woman.
Mary Jessie ... Shaupur Circuit Bible Woman.
Rebeccamma Desai ... Shorapur Circuit Bible Woman.
Adiamma ... Shorapur Circuit Bible Woman.
Hannamma ... Shorapur Circuit Bible Woman.
Mercyamma Tatpati ... Shorapur Circuit Bible Woman.
Mary Jane ... Yadgiri Circuit Bible Woman.

BELGAUM.

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

Mrs. Ernsberger ... Missionary.
Mrs. Scharer ... Missionary.
Mrs. S. Paul ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.
Muttava Hulamane ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.
Esther T. Sathyanaadam ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.
Estherbail Tatpati ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.
Mercina Kanakikoppa ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.
Leahamma Siddalingappa ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.
Balavva Anagi (Voluntary Worker) ... Belgaum Circuit Bible Woman.

TEACHERS IN DAY SCHOOLS

Marathi School, Belgaum (Founded in 1868).

Jessiebai Daniels ... ... Head Mistress.
Yamunabai Anagi ... ... ...
Muktibai Lad ... ... ...
Rookabai Ashtikar ... ... ...

Kanarese School, Belgaum (Founded in 1898).

Mrs. Moses ... ... Head Mistress.
Shantavva Hanikara ... ...


MARATHI SCHOOL, SHAWPUR (Founded in 1842).

MUKTIBAI TATPATI ... ... ... Head Mistress.
BALAVVA MAGAVI ... ... ... 

KANARESE SCHOOL BAIL HONGAL (Founded in 1886).

JOHN CHITTOOR ... ... ... Head Master.
GURUBASAPPA SAVITRAYVA ... Needle Woman.

DAY SCHOOLS.

In Belgaum and Bail Hongal Circuits we have four girls' day schools, the oldest of which has been established sixty-five years and the youngest nine years. These schools are attended by about two hundred and eighty-five girls. During the past year the attendance has increased in each of the four schools and the staff has had to be increased in two schools. Three of these schools are regularly inspected by Government and receive a grant in-aid. The fourth being in a petty native state is not inspected and receives no grant.

All of these schools are attended by high caste girls. The course of study pursued is that prescribed by the Government, the classes ranging as high as the community demands. One school provides classes through the sixth standard, one through the fourth, and two only through the third. Excellent needlework is done in all the schools. Action songs, drills and object lessons are taught.

During the past year we have visited the schools fifty-two times and have taught drills, songs, sanitary primer, and object lessons. An assistant is needed for this work, also kindergarten materials.

A course of Scripture study is pursued regularly in each school and an annual examination is held. The Sunday School lesson is studied every week, usually on Saturday after two hours of secular work. This arrangement insures a large attendance.

Of the ten teachers in these four schools eight are women, who are Christians, and one of these was baptized during the year. We are unusually fortunate in securing so many Christian women capable of teaching. Very often day schools are under non-Christian influence entirely, except for the short time that a Christian comes in to teach the Scripture. We are glad to say that this is not the case in our schools. In every case we have a Christian at the head of the school, the school opens and closes with prayer, and the predominating influence is Christian.

Plague has hindered the work to some extent, but so far we have not been obliged to close the schools. The great drawback in the work of these schools is the lack of funds. Two schools
are entirely without support from the W. F. M. S. We thought seriously of closing them but have continued them on the advice of the Finance Committee. We are praying for the funds needed to continue the work.

**ENGLISH WORK.**

We have assisted in the work of the English church in Belgaum by calling upon the members as often as possible and teaching the Bible class in the Sunday school. This class is attended chiefly by English soldiers, more than fifty having been enrolled during the year. Nine members of the class passed the All India Sunday School examination and one is to receive a prize.

During the past year the evangelistic work in our charge has been carried on by twenty Biblewomen in seven circuits. From the beginning of the year special and definite prayer was made for the deepening of the spiritual life of the workers and for five hundred souls in the district during the Conference year. God has been pleased to more than answer our prayers and we are rejoicing in six hundred baptisms and a band of workers strengthened in faith and zeal.

Bail Hongal Circuit has been the seat of the most successful work of the year. In this one circuit four hundred and fifty have been baptized. This is a very gratifying break in a field hitherto barren. Our force of Biblewomen has been increased from two to four, and they are doing effective work among the inquirers and converts. Early in the year we had a very pleasant tour in this circuit. Our Mission property in Bail Hongal was once the fort of a petty rajah. Within the fort, the walls of which still stand, are our Mission buildings in which most of the workers live.

The Biblewomen cannot meet all the demands of the work. As we went through the town friends of the Biblewomen called us to their houses, but we had not time for all. Everywhere all castes welcome us into their homes and the amount of work that can be done is limited only by the number, time, and strength of the workers. The most fruitful work has been in the villages near Bail Hongal. Schools are established as soon as a sufficiently large number of people are baptized in a village. The night schools are attended by men and the day schools by boys and girls. Sewing is being taught to the girls by a Biblewoman and all are learning the Scriptures.

In Jewargi Circuit the work was begun only this year, but has resulted in forty-one baptisms.

Our work in Kopbal Circuit is very weak. It is a hard field and only one Biblewoman has worked there during half of the year.
In June she was transferred to Mrs. Cook in Raichur. Pray that this field may also develop as have others.

In Shawpur Circuit also we are handicapped for lack of workers. There have been baptisms, but with more workers a much larger harvest might be gathered in.

In Shorapur circuit we have a Christian community of about six hundred. For these and for their Hindu and Mahomedan neighbours our four Biblewomen have done all they could. In Anandapur we have a boys’ school, and attached to this village are some two hundred and twenty jungle people whom the Government has put in charge of the Mission. They are a rude, wild people, much given to stealing and quarrelling. Our Biblewomen have been teaching these people and they show great improvement. We hope that they may be ready for baptism next year.

Yadgiri Circuit is the seat of the Home Missionary Society of the District. The Home Missionary working here receives his salary from the native Christians of the District. His wife was formerly one of the Raichur school girls. She bravely goes to her work alone.

In Belgaum Circuit seven Biblewomen are at work, chiefly in the city of Belgaum and its suburbs.

Every Tuesday we hold a workers’ meeting which all Biblewomen and Christians attend. The first Tuesday of the month is observed as a day of fasting and prayer. The schools are closed for half a day and all workers meet together at twelve o’clock and continue together in prayer until five o’clock. These meetings have been times of great blessing. Often Hindu inquirers are present and lead in prayer. Our workers have been encouraged by six baptisms from the weaver class as the result of their work.

For many years past there had not been a conversion from Hinduism in Belgaum. The Biblewomen and also the preachers in three other circuits have joined us in observing this day of fasting and prayer and we hope that it may spread over the whole district.

The needs of the work are great. We need a missionary to devote herself to work in the Marathi language. We are able to do but a limited amount of work among these intelligent and influential people as we have at present only two Biblewomen who can speak Marathi. We also need a widows’ home to provide some industrial work. During the year we have sent to Pandita Ramabai three widows with their four children, and often have to turn away women whom we cannot persuade to go so far. On the whole we are greatly encouraged in our work, and we enter upon the new year confidently praying the Lord of the harvest to give us one thousand baptisms next year in our district.

We are grateful to the Cincinnati, New York, Topeka, Pacific and Northwest Branches for the support (in part) of this work.
**BELGAUM.**

**BOARDING SCHOOL.**

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After returning from the Jubilee Celebration at Bareilly, we faced the Methodist preacher's problem—that of moving; for, although land had finally been secured in Raichur, it was deemed best to concentrate the educational work of the district in Belgaum, where the Boys' School had recently been moved from Gulbarga; and to have only a small primary school in Raichur which would answer for those whose parents would not consent to their being taken so far away. This plan was welcomed by the Indian members of Conference who, regretting at any time to send their children from home, rejoiced that brothers and sisters would now be in the same station, and from time to time be able to see each other.

And what shall we say of our new home? We are charmed with the station and the surroundings and the possibilities for us for building up the school for which there is already a demand. Scarcely a week has passed during the year that we have not had applications for entrance, until our numbers have far exceeded the number of scholarships, but we could not turn them away.

Children from Christians, and non-Christians, from the highest in position to the humblest servant, all recognizing the need of education for their little ones, have sent them to us, and many of them request that English be taught.

Geree, who is twelve years of age, came with her sister to us early in the year. She wore around her neck the thali, or little gold badge which is the sign of marriage. She was so timid that it made our hearts ache for her. Her parents had died when she was four years of age, and left her in the care of a friend who, soon after, married her to her son who was about six years older. The two children have grown up together, but the young man is leading a most profligate life, while the mother has been converted and baptized, which of course meant the breaking of old heathen ties. For some months she laboured with her son, delaying her own baptism hoping that he too, would break caste and come out with her. But Hindus also worked and prevailed against the
mother; so that finally she took her stand, declared her faith, and was baptized with her husband and girls. For some months we paid no attention to the thali, but not long ago I asked that Gerée take it off and give it to me, and with a frank childish manner she quickly unclasped the chain and put it into my hands. She has made rapid progress in school and is so contented that she says she does not care to go home and live as she formerly did.

Again have we seen our girls go out into homes of their own; and more than once during the year have our hearts been cheered because of the reports which we have had concerning them and their work. Three, Rachel, Sangeamma and Timakka, became wives of exhorters employed in various parts of our immense district. Alice is the wife of a teacher in the London Mission and ere another Christmas comes our Honama (meaning gold) will have been married to a station-master in Penang, a man held in good repute and occupying a good worldly position.

And who can measure the influence of these Christian homes? For our consecrated Indian women are to be the chief human agencies in reaching the womanhood of this great empire.

Our numbers this year have increased from 21 to 55; but while we rejoice in this increase, it is not our chief consideration. We long to be the means of building up Christian character, which will fit the girls for leadership among their own people.

We have been recognized by the Government and have had our first annual inspection, which was fair in its results, special commendation being laid upon the needle-work, drill and singing.

In the All-India Sunday School examinations twenty-six passed, while examinations in other portions of Scripture, conducted by Reverends Ellis Roberts and C. W Scharer have been very favourable.

We rejoice in being able to report that a most beautiful site of forty-three acres has just been secured for the Mission on which is a large bungalow with necessary out-buildings, and another building which is now being used as the Commissioner's office. It has not yet been decided just what part will be occupied by the W F. M. S., but we know that there is now a place for us and our work can begin to build up and prosper.

We are indebted to the New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Northwestern Branches for the support which we have had for this work.

We praise our loving Father for His kindness to us throughout the year.
RAICHUR CIRCUIT.

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I am indeed glad I attended the Jubilee. Those meetings were a spiritual uplift and preparation for my year's work. Although I have had more work and responsibility this year than last, along with it has come more joy.

Our school may be compared to a young healthy growing child. It is in the primary department. It requires feeding, clothing, correcting and instructing, but when we can see the child making progress in every way, we feel rewarded for our efforts and inspired to try and bring forth greater results the coming year.

Rhudramma, a high caste dancing girl, came to beg. We showed her the school and asked her if she would not like to stay with us. She said, "How can I break my caste?" The next day she came again and said, "I came from a village thirty miles away. I have no friends left. All are gone. I will stay with you." One night she became hysterical, afterwards she told us her mother had said that she had a devil. They had hired an expert to drive the devil away and he cut her hair off. We have found that a good dose of liver medicine proves more effectual. She has been baptized and is learning to read.

In August a woman brought us her two girls. She has been often to see them. The school pleased her so well that in November she brought her boy for the boys' school in Shorapur.

This year we have had our first converts in Gobur. Twenty-three have been baptized. One little girl has come to the school. I was twenty-one days extracting a guinea-worm from her leg. Another one had to be cut out and a third has appeared. The poor people get these by using dirty water. Other girls have come and will continue to come.

During the year eight and one half acres of land have been bought, and the contractor has commenced work. We are raising
money for a school house and dormitories, a part of which has been promised.

My Biblewomen have been greatly encouraged since Miss Guy come to work with them. We have had eighty baptisms this year and five were due to the efforts of Miss Guy and the women. They have visited in thirty-two different villages, making five thousand and sixty-nine visits.

Last year there were thirteen baptisms in Yerageri. In November the wife of one Huligappa died. On inquiry as to whether she was baptized Joseph wrote us, "No; she was not, but she said that one night the Lord appeared to her in a dream and said, 'Go out, go out. You did not repent of your sins and you did not listen to Joseph's words,' and she said, 'Lord, I believe now.' On the same night she called her husband and said, 'Go and call Joseph or the Missionary and I will take baptism in the name of the Lord.' In the morning I went to see her. At once she asked me to baptize her in the name of the Lord and told me that she now believed. I talked with her for a long time and tried to comfort and encourage her and finally told her I would write for the Missionary and came home. Soon after I reached home word came that she had died."

Christ can bring conviction to these poor ignorant souls. He longs to save them. He is here to save them now.

Miss Guy is a willing worker in every way. She helped rescue a Mohammedan woman. One day I received a note from the railway station. It was signed by Miss Fox, an English Missionary. She was in trouble and wanted help. Mr. Cook went to see her. She said, "I am afraid of my life. I have here a Mohammedan woman whom I am trying to rescue. Her husband nearly killed her. She was brought to my hospital, became well, and went home. He nearly killed her the second time. She came back and begged me not to make her return. I have taught her about Christ and I believe she has faith in him. We had a law-suit over the case, but lost as her witnesses were afraid to appear. Then I thought to take her away secretly, but her husband and five other men are following us. The woman is afraid to go on. They searched the train once but we escaped. I know not what to do. Can you help me?" That evening Miss Guy took my woman Mary and went to the station. The Mohammedan woman having exchanged dresses with Mary came to my house with Miss Guy. To throw the pursuers off the track Miss Fox left with Mary (disguised as the Mohammedan woman) on the first train out. The next day Mr. Cook sent Miss Guy and the real Mohammedan woman off from another station to Pundita Ramabi's rescue home. The pursuers, confused and scattered, were searching all trains and happened to be on Miss Guy's train
but did not discover them. Mr. Cook had explained everything to the conductor and he assisted her to reach the rescue home safely. All the way the woman was crying, as she knew that if caught she would be killed. It was a nervous strain on Miss Guy, but she carried out the plan bravely and well. The husband has another wife but would rather kill this poor woman than have her "disgrace him" by becoming a Christian. I believe the woman has since been sent to England. Surely God overrules to His glory and honor.

I gratefully acknowledge the support of the New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Northwestern, and Topeka branches.
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FIRST DAY.

VEPERY, M. E. CHURCH,

Thursday, December 12, 1907.

The Twenty-third Annual Session of the South India Woman's Conference convened on Thursday, December 12, at 12 noon, Bishop Robinson being in the chair.

Devotional—After singing the hymn "O for a heart to praise my God" Bishop Robinson spoke from Col. III—following which Mrs. Buttrick and Miss Holland led in prayer. After singing another hymn we were favoured with a solo from Mrs. Dunhill.

Roll—The Secretary of the last Session called the roll and the following ladies responded—Mrs. Batstone, Mrs. Buttrick, Miss Bentheim, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Fenderich, Mrs. Garden, Mrs. R. C. Grose, Mrs. Hollister, Miss Holland, Miss A. Holland, Mrs. King, Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Stephens, Miss Simonds, Mrs. Tindale, Miss Wells, Miss Wood, and Miss Woods.

Introductions—The following new Missionaries were introduced, Mrs. Lipp and Mrs. Ogg.

Organization—The officers elected for the ensuing year were—President, Mrs. King; Vice-President, Mrs. Ernsberger and Mrs. Buttrick; Secretary, Miss Wood; Assistant Secretary, Miss Fenderich; Statistical Secretary. Miss Montgomery.

Hours of Meeting—The time fixed by the Programme Committee was adopted for Conference Sessions.

Temporary Committees—It was moved and carried that the chair appoint three to constitute a Committee for Resolutions.

Miss Ernsberger, Mrs. Simonds and Miss H. Holland were appointed.

Miss Evans was elected to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Rudisill on the Editing and Publishing Committee.

Reports—Miss Wood reported for the Hindustani Committee on Examinations (See Report No. 1).
Absent Members—It was moved and seconded that the Secretary send letters of greeting to Miss Fisher, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Schermerhorn, Miss Ericson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. DeSouza, Mrs. Rudisill and Mrs. Scharer.

Communications—The Secretary read a letter from Miss Fisher giving suggestion as to how estimates should be made, as gleaned from the ladies at General Executive. Miss Wood read the communication from the Official Correspondent regarding appropriations.

Examinations—It was moved and carried that mid-year examinations be allowed.

Reports—Moved that verbal reports be given of our work and that the time be limited to five minutes each. Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Cook, Miss Woods, Mrs. Grose, Mrs. Garden, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Tindale, Miss Simonds, Miss Wells, Miss Wood, Mrs. Batstone, Miss Fenderich and Mrs. King. Upon motion, the Reports were closed and other business taken up.

Standing Committees—It was moved and seconded that the election of Standing Committees be made the order of business on Saturday. Moved and seconded that a discussion on “How to care for and train our converts,” also “Methods of Conducting Day Schools,” should be the second order of business on Saturday.

Adjournment—On motion of Miss Maskell, the meeting adjourned, prayer being offered by Mrs. Ernsberger.

SECOND DAY.

Vecpy, M. E. Church,

Friday, December 13, 1907

Opening—Conference assembled at 12 o’clock.

Devotional—“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide” was sung, after which Miss Fenderich read the 46th Psalm and led in prayer.

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

F. N. M. S. Rest Home—Moved and seconded that $100 be asked for the repairs and up-keep of the Francesca Nast Gamble Rest Home.

Communication—The Annual Report of the Muttra Training School was read and filed.

Central Conference Delegates—Moved and seconded that the election of the delegates to Central Conference be made the third item of business on Saturday.
Reports—Mrs. Hollister, Miss Maskell, Miss Holland, Mrs. Buttrick, Miss Montgomery, Miss Benthein and Mrs. Roberts, gave verbal reports of their work.

Adjournment—On motion, the Conference adjourned, Miss-Maskell making the closing prayer.

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THIRD DAY

VE Persy, M. E. Church,
Saturday, December 14, 1907

Opening—Conference assembled at 12.05.
Devotional—"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought," was sung, after which Miss Stephens read a few verses from the fourth chapter of Philippians.

We were then favoured with a solo from Mrs. Grose.

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

Election of Standing Committees—The business of the hour, the Election of Standing Committees, was taken up and the following were elected—

Editing and Publishing Committee.
Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Ogg, and Conference Secretary.

Reference and Finance Committee—Miss Evans was elected as Official Correspondent and the following ladies were elected on the Reference and Finance Committee—Miss Stephens, Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Garden, and Miss Fenderich, with Miss Simonds and Miss Harriet Holland as alternates.

Examination Committees.

Hindustani—Miss Wood, Miss Benthein, Mrs. King. Telugu—Miss Evans, Miss Wells, Miss Simonds, and Mrs. Garden. Tamil—Miss Stephens, Miss D'Jordan, Mrs. Tindale. Kanarese—Miss Maskell, Miss Fenderich, Miss Montgomery, and Mrs. Hollister.

Woman's Friend Committee—Miss Wells, Mrs. Ernsberger, and Miss Benthein.

Temperance Committee—Miss Wood, Miss Stephens, Miss Woods, Miss Wells.

Change of Business—Moved and seconded that the election of the delegates to Central Conference be taken up as the next in the order of business. Miss Wood and Miss Maskell were elected, with Miss Benthein and Miss D'Jordan as alternates.
Discussion—According to previous decision the Conference discussed the following question:—"How to care for and train our Converts," and "Methods of Conducting Day Schools."

Roll—Miss D'Jordan, Miss Doyle, Miss Young, and Miss Evan's names were added to the list of those present.

Adjournment—It was moved and seconded that the Conference adjourn. Prayer was offered by Miss Evans.

FOURTH DAY

MORNING SESSION.

VEPERY, M. E. CHURCH,

December 17, 1907.

Opening—Conference assembled at 9 A.M.

Devotional—"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung, after which Mrs. Parker read from II Peter 1, and we were led in prayer by Miss Montgomery and Miss Wells. We were then favoured with a solo by Miss Betreen.

Introductions—Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Ewing were introduced to the Conference.

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

Reports of Examination Committees—Miss Maskell read the Report of the Kanarese Committee and it was adopted. (See Report No. II.)

Miss D'Jordan gave the report of the Tamil Committee and it was adopted. (See Report No. III.)

Miss Wells gave the report of the Telugu Committee and it was adopted. (See Report No. IV.)

Correspondents—On motion of Miss Fenderich the following correspondents were elected for the Church papers—

Woman's Friend ... ... ... ... Miss Woods.
World Wide Missions ... ... ... ... Mrs. King.
Indian Witness ... ... ... ... Mrs. Batstone.
Central Christian Advocate ... ... ... ... Miss A. Holland.
**Woman's Missionary Conference.**

**Woman's Friend Correspondents**—The following volunteered to supply items to the Woman's Friend—

January—Mrs. Ernsberger, February—Miss Fenderich, March—Miss Benthein, April—Miss Simonds, May—Miss Wood, June—Mrs. Cook, July—Mrs. Batstone, August—Miss Maskell, September—Miss Stephens, October—Miss H. Holland, November—Miss A. Holland, December—Mrs. Parker.

**Translation Committee**—Miss Wood reported that the Committee had translated into Kanarese the Junior Catechism. The Report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Translation Committee be composed of Miss Wood, Miss Wells, Miss Maskell, and Miss Stephens.

**Bible Readers' Course**—On motion of Miss Evans the following ladies were appointed as the Committee for the Bible Readers' Course: Telugu—Miss Wells, Miss Simonds. Kanarese—Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery. Tamil—Miss Stephens, Miss D'Jordan. Marathi—Mrs. Batstone, Mrs. Scharer. Hindustani—Miss Woods, Mrs. Batstone.

**Programme Committee**—On motion, the Report of the Programme Committee was adopted and the following ladies were elected for the coming year—Mrs. Batstone, Miss Simonds, and Miss A. Holland.

**Editing and Publishing Committee**—On motion of Miss Montgomery, the report of the Editing and Publishing Committee was adopted.

**Publishing of Minutes**—On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger, it was decided that all illustrations for Reports must be in the hands of the Editing and Publishing Committee by December 31st.

**Number of Minutes**—On motion of Miss Wells, 1,500 copies of the Minutes were to be ordered and the Courses of Study for Missionaries, Biblewomen, and Boarding Schools be incorporated in the Minutes for 1908.

**Revision Committee**—It was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed to revise the Telugu Course of Study for Missionaries. On motion, Miss Wells, Miss Simonds, and Miss Evans were appointed.

On motion of Miss Maskell the Kanarese Examination Committee was appointed to make any necessary changes in the Kanarese Course of Study.
Report of Finance Committee—Miss Montgomery read the Report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted. (See Report No. V).

Communications—On motion of Mrs. Ernsberger, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of greeting to Mrs. Oldham.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Gamble for her gift of the Francesca Nast Gamble Rest Home to the W.F.M.S. ladies of South India.

Greetings—Greetings were received from Miss Fisher.

Adjournment—It was moved and carried that the Conference adjourn.

Mrs. Hollister made the closing prayer.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Vepery, M. E. Church.

Opening—Conference assembled at 12-15.

Devotional—After singing hymn No. 545, Miss Bentheim read from I Chron. 21 and led in prayer. We were then favoured with a duet from Miss Young and Miss Betreen.

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

Belgaum Day Schools—On motion of Miss Wood, the Conference recommended that the two day schools on the Belgaum Circuit as yet unprovided for from the W F. M. S. funds be not closed, but that the lady in charge be requested to continue them, placing them in charge of Biblewomen until direct appropriations can be secured.

Mid-year Examinations—On motion of Miss Wells it was resolved that the Mid-year Examinations shall be held during the month of June, and that candidates wishing to appear must give two months' notice to the Chairman.

Communications—It was moved and carried that the communication from Hyderabad District Conference, regarding the uniform scale of W.F.M.S. Workers' salaries, be laid upon the table.

Instructions to Central Conference Delegates—It was moved and carried that the delegates to Central Conference be instructed to ask for a revision of Statistical Form No. 1, in which the statistics for village work may be more clearly defined.

Revision of Manual—It was moved and carried that a Committee on the Revision of the Manual be appointed. The Chair-appointed Mrs. Buttrick, Miss Stephens, and Miss Wood.
Resolutions—Mrs. Ernsberger read the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted. (See Report No. VII.)

Adjournment—It was moved and carried that the Conference stand adjourned sine die.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Garden and Miss A. Holland, after which "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung.

Journal—The minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

(Signed): Mrs. W. L. King, President.
Grace M. Woods, Secretary.
REPORTS

I.

HINDUSTANI EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Miss B. Smith passed in essay of 500 words and idioms.

Miss C. Smith passed in Forbes' Hindustani Grammar of the first and second years, Nesfield's First Reader, English into Hindustani, Parts I and II, Intikhabi Sabaq (in lithograph), and Acts of the Apostles (in lithograph).

Catherine Wood.

II.

THE KANARESE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Miss Harben passed the first year's course.

Miss Mann passed the first year's course.

Miss Harriet Holland passed in grammar, Luke, vocabulary, practical key and memoriter of the first year.

Miss Ericson passed in grammar, Luke, practical key and memoriter of the first year.

Miss Dale passed in Nesfield's Reader, practical key, vocabulary and memoriter of the first year.

Mrs. Scharer completed the first and second years' course and passed in translation exercises, grammar and memoriter of the third year.

Miss Woods completed the second year's course and passed in grammar, Acts and First and Second Corinthians, translation exercises, and memoriter of the third year.

Miss Davids completed the second year's course, and passed the third year's course.

Mrs. Batstone completed the second year's course, and passed in Acts and First and Second Corinthians and memoriter of the third year.

Miss Hudson completed the first year's course, and passed in practical key, grammar, Genesis and Exodus, and memoriter of the second year.

Miss Gladys Curties passed the third year's course.
Miss Linda Lewis completed the third year's course and passed in Psalms, translation exercises and memoriter of the fourth year.

Mrs. Hollister passed in grammar, Acts, and First and Second Corinthians and memoriter of the third year.

Miss Montgomery completed the first and second year's course, passed the third year's course and passed in Katha Sangraha of the fourth year.

Miss Fenderich completed the third year, and passed in Psalms and memoriter of the fourth year.

Florence W. Maskell.
M. C. Ernsberger.
N. H. Fenderich
E. M. Woods.

III.
TAMIL

Miss Clara Betreen has passed in the first year's course, with the exception of Pope's Handbook, grammar, and Matthew's Gospel.

Miss P. Davids has passed in the Ritual of the M. E. Church and conversation of the third year's course and the whole of the fourth year's course, with the exception of Pope's Handbook (second half) in the second year.

Grace Stephens.
Eveline D'Jordan.

IV

TELU GU EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Miss Simonds passed in the first year's course and in Arden's Grammar, Arden's Reader, and C.V.E.S. Reader of the second year's course.

Miss Guy passed in Arden's Reader and memoriter of the first year.

Alice A. Evans.
Elizabeth J. Wells.
F. E. Garden.

V.

REFERENCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Reference and Finance Committee of the South India Woman's Conference met in Hyderabad, July 17, 1907. The
following members were present—Miss Wood, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Stephens, Miss Maskell, Miss Woods, Miss Evans, Miss Montgomery.

The estimates for 1908 were carefully considered and passed.

Miss Maskell reported the purchase of property in Ootacamund as the Francesca Nast Gamble Rest Home. A vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered Mrs. Gamble for her kind gift.

The Committee met in called session in Madras, Dec. 13, 1907.

The Committee passed the following resolution—Inasmuch as the name of Miss Fisher was not included in the estimates for 1908, we as a Committee, wish to express our regret at the unintentional omission, and to state that we shall gladly welcome her back to India whenever the state of her health will permit.

A few estimates were passed to be presented to the May meeting of the General Executive.

Furlough expenses were estimated for Miss Wells and Miss Woods.

(Signed) M. C. ERNSBERGER, U. MONTGOMERY,
President. Secretary.

VI.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee note with interest the progress that the cause of temperance has been making during the past year in other lands. In the United States, great and important advances have been made. Whole States have declared in favour of temperance by legislation, and have banished the sale of intoxicants from their border, and thus many and telling victories have been gained.

The efforts to advance the cause of temperance by precept and systematic instruction, everywhere, cannot fail to have its results, and the final outcome between the force of good and evil in this cause must eventually result in universal victory for temperance.

But, while we rejoice at the successes attained, and the advances made in some places, we realize that the battle is still on. In the city of Madras, intemperance is on the increase, both among Europeans and Indians. About some centers half a dozen liquor shops can be seen grouped within about 20 or 30 yards, and the same conditions exist in many other places. Notwithstanding these discouraging conditions, during the last year the sale of liquor, opium or intoxicating drugs to persons of either sex under 14 years of age was prohibited by law in the Madras Presidency. The utmost vigilance should be exercised in teaching both young and old the
evil effects of intoxicants and every influence brought to bear to induce all to take a decided stand against this evil.

Catherine Wood.
Grace Stephens.
Florence W. Maskell.
G. M. Woods.

VII
RESOLUTIONS.

I. Resolved, That we express our deep regret at the absence of our Bishops' wives, Mrs. Warne, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Oldham and extend to them our loving greetings, and an assurance of our prayers that God's choicest blessings may rest upon them.

II. Resolved, That we tender to Mrs. Gamble our sincerest thanks for the beautiful rest home that she has given us on the Hills, and assure her that, in so doing, she has evidenced a lively interest in the health, comfort and efficiency of the W. F. M. S. Ladies of the South India Conference.

III. Resolved, That we put on record an expression of our regret at the absence of Miss Ericson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Scharer, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Schermerhorn, and Mrs. Ross deSouza, and our Indian sisters who were unavoidably prevented from attending this Session of Conference.

IV Resolved, That we welcome back from America Miss Maskell, to whom we are deeply grateful for her work for the W F M. S., while at home.

V Resolved, That we gladly welcome to the South India Woman's Conference our new missionaries, Mrs. Lipp and Mrs. Ogg, and wish for them many years of service on the mission field.

VI. Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. C. W. Scharer, and Mrs. Rebecca Desai, an expression of our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and assure them of our loving prayers that He who carries the lambs in His bosom may comfort them.

VII. Resolved, That we extend our most hearty thanks and express our deep appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Grose, to Miss Stephens and her assistants, to Rev. and Mrs. Tindale, to Rev. and Mrs. Ogg, to Rev. Kingham, and the members of the English church for their very hospitable entertainment and kind forethought in arranging for the comfort and pleasure of the Conference members and visiting friends.

M. C. Ernsberger.
Mildred Simonds.
Harriet A. Holland.
COURSES OF STUDY

CANARESE.

First Year

4. First Royal Reader. Written translation into Kanarese.

Second Year.

1. Seventy Stories.

Third Year


Fourth Year.

1. Katha Sangraha Parts II and III. Written.

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.

1 Complete Forbes' Hindustani Grammar including the Reading.
   Lessons in Urdu.
2 Intikhabi Sabaq (in lithograph).
3 Acts of the Apostles, in Roman Urdu or 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.

1 Banaat-ul-Nash.
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.
4 John's Gospel.
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 and 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.
3. Translation.—Translation Series, Second Book.
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.

1. Second Book of the C. V. E. S. with dictation.
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.
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.
4 Memoriter—Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

Second Year.

1 Second Reader, C. V. E. S.
2 Arden's Grammar completed.
3 Arden's Telugu Reader from English to Telugu.
4 Genesis and Acts.

Third Year.

1 Vikeramarka Tales.
2 60 Psalms and Romans.
3 Nesfield's Second Reader, from English to Telugu.
4 Memoriter—13th Chapter, 1st Corinthians.

Fourth Year.

1 Panchatantrum.
2 Nesfield's Third Reader, from English to Telugu.
3 II Corinthians, from English to Telugu.
4 General Knowledge.
COURSE OF STUDY FOR BOARDING SCHOOLS.

First Standard.

Simple Stories from Genesis: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham.
Memoriter: Lord's Prayer, Beatitudes, Psalm XXIII.

Second Standard.

Bible Stories of Moses, Joshua, Esther, and Ruth.
Simple Stories in the Miracles of Christ.
Story of John the Baptist.
Memoriter: Psalms XCI, CIII.

Third Standard.

Stories of Daniel, David, and Nehemiah.
Parables of Christ.
Reading of the first half of Matthew.
First two parts of the Methodist Episcopal Junior Catechism.
Memoriter: I Corinthians XIII, John XIV, Psalm XIX.

Fourth Standard.

Genesis, to study
Gospel of Matthew, to study.
Third and fourth parts of the Methodist Episcopal Junior Catechism.
Memoriter: I Corinthians VIII, Isaiah LIII, Psalm CXV.

Fifth Standard.

Exodus I—XX.
Elementary Geography of Palestine.
The whole of the Junior Catechism.
Memoriter: Ephesians VI, Romans XVI, Psalms III.

Sixth Standard.

Joshua and Judges to study.
Gospel of John to study.
Mitchell's Evidences of Christianity.
Three Sections in Standard Catechism.
Memoriter: Psalm XLVI, John XV, I Corinthians XV.
COURSE OF STUDY FOR BIBLE READERS.

TO BE USED IN THE VARIOUS VERNACULARS, IF THE BOOKS ARE PROCURABLE.

First Year.
1 Outlines of Christian Doctrine.
3 Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church, No. I.
4 Arithmetic, Addition and Subtraction.

Second Year.
1 Reading Book for Zenanas.
2 Old Testament Stories.
3 Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church, first half of No. II.
4 Arithmetic, Multiplication and Division.

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

Fourth Year.
1 Evidences of Christianity.
3 Rules and Ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fifth Year (First year of Reading Course).
1 Old Testament.
2 Chundra Lela and Yamanabai.

Sixth Year (Second year of Reading Course).
1 New Testament.
2 Church History.
3 Pilgrim's Progress.
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