South India Woman's Missionary Conference

1910

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In reviewing a year's work, there are but a few things which stand out pre-eminently and form the foreground for the complete picture of the daily life and routine of the whole year. In taking a retrospect of 1910, for this the Eighth Annual Report of the Baldwin Girls' High School, we must praise God that no deeply unpleasant events have a place in the perspective.

The scope of our school, in work and in attendance, maintains both its usual efficiency and its numbers. During the year we have had thirty-seven girls in the boarding department and one hundred and fifteen in the day school, with an average attendance of seventy-five.

It is a reason for sincere gratitude that we have had no serious illness. When the measles became an epidemic in Bangalore, we were exempt in the boarding department, and there were only four cases among the day scholars. The excellent health among the boarders is largely due to the vigilant care of Surgeon-Captain Mahoney, to the dormitory matron, who has had much experience in caring for the sick, and is alert to notice the first signs of indisposition among the girls, to the carefully prepared food under the supervision of a matron who gives all her time to this work, and to the splendidly ventilated dormitories as well as to the daily Physical Culture Exercises in the school-room and the walks to the parks. Then, too, the Recreation Club has played a very important part in school life since its organization. Those who attended our Annual Field Day had the pleasure of witnessing the interest taken by the girls in their games. The Badminton
and Tennis tournaments and the Basket Ball game were especially attractive, and elicited much praise from those present. The success of the Field Day is wholly due to the painstaking interest and enthusiasm of the teachers who enter into the sports of the girls with earnestness and zest. We extend our thanks to the patrons who so generously contributed funds for the prizes, or proved their support by their personal presence on the gala day. Another diversion which has given profit in health and in knowledge has been the cultivation of the school garden again this year. Each class has taken much pride in excelling in that department of Nature Study.

Health and happiness are closely allied in man’s experience; and the exercise and development of the religious and social instincts go a long way toward both. Here again the Baldwin Girls’ High School is well provided for in the Sunday School and Epworth League of the Church, and with five organized societies in the school. Three of these are of a religious nature, the other two being more strictly literary in object. On Sunday afternoon, the Student Volunteer Mission Band girls meet to study missions in the homeland as well as in foreign countries. Each member of the band has pledged herself willing to enter mission work if God calls her. The Student Branch of the Young Women’s Christian Association continues to meet fifteen minutes before school every morning for prayer and praise. They have been deprived of their bi-monthly meetings in Richmond Town, but they have not lost their zeal and interest in the work of the society. The Young Women’s Christian Temperance Union has met with the Women’s Christian Temperance Union several times during the year, and different members have taken an active part in the meetings. They have also taken part in public Temperance meetings, and a social was held on the anniversary of the organization of the society. The members regret the removal of Miss Raymond to Bombay, which has deprived them of a good chairman. The Asthesian and Philalethian Literary Societies meet on alternate Friday afternoons. Their programmes show originality and artistic taste in their printing and in their items. There is variety, too; sometimes the friends are entertained by recitations and music, and sometimes by a lively debate that would do credit to girls of a more mature age. Each of these
societies is organized, the officers being chosen from among the girls. This gives valuable training in executive ability, and helps to produce ease of manner and self-reliance, also a knowledge and appreciation of parliamentary law and order.

Aside from organized and more or less formal association, the girls have enjoyed social evenings and picnics through the year. One of the most recent and enjoyable "goodtimes" the girls have had was on Halloween, when the oldtime customs of the evening were revived. Another delightful outing was the Sunday School picnic in the Lal Bagh.

But with all these opportunities for pleasure together, the girls still find time for self-improvement not insisted upon in the curriculum. The library has been well patronised. The monthly book review insisted upon from each girl necessitates the reading of at least one good book a month. And the report of the Librarian shows that eight hundred and thirty-two volumes have been read during the year. Fiction is largely used by all the girls, but the High School girls have familiarised themselves with the history and general reference books. Dickens' and Scott's works are read a great deal by the senior girls. Our reading table is supplied with the leading papers and magazines. In addition to this, the girls are kept informed about the topics of the day, an excellent scheme introduced by Miss Hollister. The teachers in turn take charge of the opening exercises, and each morning the leaders give a short talk upon some current event, or about some person whose birthday falls within the month.

The school of to-day is much indebted to the friends and former pupils for the fine collection we have in the museum. Several new contributions have been received during the year, including some very interesting curios from British Central Africa, and others from nearer home. We hope to have a special room set apart for our museum as soon as Government sanctions the addition to our school building.

The real emphasis of the work done in the school is that of the class room and the study hours. A glimpse at the Honour Roll will show the result of the excellent work done during this year. It might be well for me to again explain the meaning of the Honour Roll. The clearest explanation I can give is to quote from Miss Benthien's report of 1908. She says, "This
last year we have not offered prizes as an incentive to exertion in the school-room. After twenty-five years' experience in school work, both with and without prizes, we feel that prizes offered in such a way that all may compete for them, and only one or two obtain them, is productive of evil consequences, far overbalancing any temporary or partial good that may arise from them. So we have not given prizes this year, and we can conscientiously say that the desire for knowledge and the spirit of study have very much increased.

Our passing mark is high—75 per cent—but it is not too high, and we can safely predict that in a few years we shall have no trepidation when we send pupils for public examinations and if they have reached this high standard every year previously, then they will not be in such great danger of 'slaughter!'"

This is the fourth year since the Honour Roll was introduced into the school and it has proved an incentive to more thorough work. Thirty-two girls have received honours. Four girls appeared for the High School examination, two for the Middle School, and three for the Trinity College of Music. I am happy to report the results of the Music examination; all the girls have passed and one has received Honours.

Each Standard has done faithful work in mastering the work of the curriculum. Object Lesson illustrations have been excellent in Standards IV and V; the average of daily work done in Standard VIII has not fallen below 74 per cent, and in addition the girls have just reason to be proud of their illustrated Composition work and Geographical charts. Standard IX has made instructive charts in Physiology and Physical Geography. Standard VII has excelled in needle work; in fact, sewing has been enjoyed by all the girls, and they have improved in their mastery of this art. A practical outcome of this work was a successful sale of Fancy articles, the results of the combined efforts of teachers and pupils, which was held in September. Domestic Economy is another branch which has been taught throughout the school. The classes have cooked many a tempting dish which has found its way to the Principal's office and has been much enjoyed.

Our most hearty thanks are due to the entire staff for their devotion and loyalty. As teachers in the class-room they earned
THE DORMITORY, BALDWIN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
high praise from the Inspector; but they have not confined their work to the class-room. Aside from the regular hours, they have ever been ready to assist the pupils or to use their own time to further the interests of the school. The majority of the staff are members of the Bangalore Teachers' Association, and all are keenly alert to new methods, and use every opportunity for self-advancement. To gain the inspiration of fellowship in their work, they have short meetings before school every morning, and a longer, more formal meeting every Monday afternoon. We are glad to welcome to our staff Miss Hulce, B. A., who has recently arrived from America. We regret that Miss Raymond had to leave during the year, being ordered by the doctor to give up teaching, altogether. The other members of the staff have been with us for from two to nine years. We wish to express our deep appreciation of the services of Miss Winifred Kaitt, and regret that we shall not have her with us next year as she has accepted a position in a school of two! We wish her every happiness in her new homelife, and assure her of our love.

When this splendid school building, with its dormitories upstairs, was built, the Principal thought she had all the room the school would need for years to come. But the growth of the school has evidently been greater than she anticipated, and for the past four years it has been too crowded for comfort. Plans for an addition to this school building, to give the needed class-rooms, have been submitted to Government and we are awaiting their final decision. We are grateful to Government for the Special Furniture Grant, which will give greater comfort and convenience in the class-rooms.

At the beginning of this year the Board of Governors sanctioned the erection of a new bungalow, to be used as the Principal's Residence and Parlour Boarders' Dormitory. The first turf was turned in June at the opening of the school term, and the foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble Mr. Stuart Fraser, C. I. E., I.C.S., on July 22nd. We had hoped to have the building opened by Bishop McDowell at this time, but the unusually heavy rains have greatly hindered the work, and the building is not yet completed. Our sincere thanks are due to J. H. Stephens, Esq., who has prepared the plans, and given us an
unlimited amount of his time, valuable because of his years of experience. He has always been a friend to the school, and we owe much to his devoted service.

To the other members of the board, Bishop Robinson, whose knowledge of, and interest in, English education in India is second to none, to the Revs. J. B. Buttrick, W. L. King, A. H. Baker, W. H. Hollister, C. F. Lipp, and to Miss Montgomery, the former Principal of this school, we tender our sincere thanks for all they have done to make the school the success it is. I wish to offer special thanks to the Revs. J. B. Buttrick and W. H. Hollister, who have always been staunch friends, as well as financial supporters of the school, and to the Rev. C. F. Lipp, who has supervised the work on the new building and has given us the benefit of his natural aptitude for mechanics.

We are deeply grateful to the Topeka and Cincinnati Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for their help, and solicit their continued support and co-operation.

We are grateful to the Kolar Missionaries for their Scholarship, and to the Educational Fund for the help it affords us. We have, through these funds, been able to grant a few scholarships.

We were highly honoured in having Bishop and Mrs. McDowell, and Mrs. Robinson, with us for our closing Concert and Distribution of Awards. It was a delight to be able to show Mrs. McDowell, the President of the Woman's Foreign Society, something of the work which their Society is doing here in Bangalore.

“Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” The founding and organizing of the Baldwin High Schools in 1880 was truly of the Lord, as was also the separation of the Girls' School in 1902, and the same loving Hand has been guiding us during the past year. We praise Him for His many mercies to us, and we pray that all mistakes we may have made may be rectified by our inspiration and zeal in the future, and that the Lord's blessing may ever rest upon The Baldwin Girls' High School.

Fannie Fenn Fisher,
Principal.
Bangalore Vernacular Work

Supplied by ........................................ Miss Clara E. Lipp.

**Village Work and Day Schools**

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At the close of the last session of the South India Conference when the Bishop read the appointments for the coming year the heart of the District Superintendent was made sad as he heard, “Bangalore Vernacular work to be supplied.” Here was a work begun. Should it be closed? Close evangelistic work in over thirty villages, cease to visit and tell of Jesus’ love in more than five hundred homes; sow no more seed of truth and righteousness in the hearts of the five hundred children in our Sunday Schools? “No,” said this good man, “we must try to keep this work going until we can get a missionary to take charge.” Hence in returning from Conference he stopped at Bangalore and called at the Parsonage. When I was asked to supply as missionary in charge of this work and thought of the limited time which I would be able to give to it owing to the numerous duties which fall to the pastor’s wife in English work in India and then thought of the real sacrifice of many of the dear women at home to send the money for the support of the work, I thought that I could not conscientiously take charge. But the Superintendent said, “I
cannot close the work and there is no one else to put in charge.” Our Master has said “Go: and lo I am with you always.” In His name I have done what I could. I have found the work very interesting and have enjoyed meeting with the workers once a week to talk over their work and pray with them. I have visited the school and gone out with the Bible-women when I could walk with them to their work. We sadly need another conveyance as our work is principally in the villages surrounding Bangalore. Since we are the only mission doing evangelistic work in the majority of these villages, we feel that the vernacular work in Bangalore should be developed along this line. Hence the need of a missionary to give her whole time to the work, and a second conveyance for getting to the villages.

Miss R. Davids has charge of the village work and Day Schools and reports as follows—

“...As I review the work of the past year there are moments when feelings of both joy and sorrow came over me. Joy and thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for the spread of His Kingdom and the victories gained; sorrow for the weakness and failures of His human instruments.

Village Work

With the aid of six Bible-women who have worked with me faithfully during the year we have been able to visit thirty-one villages around Richmond Town and St. John’s Hill. The village work is always found interesting. The scope for evangelistic work is unusually large.

The first visit to a village is often very unsatisfactory. One reason is that the people think we belong to a medical staff sent on plague inspection. As they become accustomed to our visits they gain more confidence, after which they are glad to welcome us and hear our message. In these villages we visit two hundred and seventy-two houses where we have many opportunities of having personal talks with the women who are brought up amidst the influence of heathenism.

There is so little love in their homes. To hear that there is a God who loves them is almost too wonderful for them to believe. As the story of the love of Jesus is given they are often heard to exclaim, ‘Oh how glad we are to know that your Jesus loves us too.’
They become so accustomed to our visits that they are very much disappointed when we are hindered from going.

In the village of Hebbal which is about five miles from St. John's Hill the low caste people had been pleading for a long time that we might open a school for their children. These children are not allowed to attend the Government School which is for high caste children only. For nearly six months we could not find a suitable teacher for this place. It was a great disappointment to us to have the people change their mind and refuse us a place to hold the school when we did at last find a teacher. We found afterwards that these poor people had been told that we would make Christians of their children and that would greatly displease their gods.

We have been promised a house, however, among the high caste people and we intend sending an evangelist and his wife to live in this village and work among its five hundred inhabitants and when we have been able to gain the confidence of the people, open a school.

We have had but one baptism during the year. There should have been eight. Five of these people, all of one family, through the influence of the Roman Catholic priest received baptism in his church. During the period of six months' instruction which we require before baptism, the priest, learning of their intention of becoming Christians, went to them and offered them financial help if they would be baptised in his church. The five were very poor; the grandmother an old woman and her daughter, a widow with three young children, composed the group. They accepted the offer and became Roman Catholics.

Three people are now under instruction and will be ready for baptism in a few weeks.

Blackpully Caste Girls' School

During the year the school has increased in attendance from forty to sixty. We hope by the end of the year to have sixty-five enrolled. Our school-room will not accommodate more. We have not been able to raise the standard of the school beyond the Primary Grade. When girls of the third standard are promoted to the fourth they are withdrawn from school, because of their needed help in the home. This gives the Bible-women an opportunity however of visiting them there, and giving them
regular lessons in the Bible. Some of our girls have married at the early age of eleven and twelve. In their new homes the Bible-women are most cordially welcomed.

Village Sunday Schools

The attendance in the Sunday Schools has been very satisfactory during the year. We have twelve Sunday Schools in different villages. About three hundred and seventy boys and girls attend these Sunday Schools regularly. After the lessons are taught each child is given a coloured leaflet. These leaflets are a great attraction to the children.

We praise God for the Sabbath. For the blessed opportunity it affords of gathering the boys and girls and very often the men and women too, into the Sunday Schools and of teaching them precious truths.

We sow the seed in faith and leave the rest to His working."

Zenana Work

Miss P. Davids writes of the Zenana work—

"I thank God for his continued goodness during the year.

At the beginning of the year one of my Bible-women left. This reduced the number from three to two. We have one hundred and ten houses which I visit with the Bible-women regularly.

It is indeed a great pleasure to us to go among these dear heathen sisters. They look forward with eagerness to our visits. Gladly and attentively they listen to our Gospel stories. Many of these dear women respond in their hearts to the loving words of Jesus and say to us, 'We believe; our gods do not show us the way of salvation.' I am glad to notice the increasing interest shown by many in the careful study of the Gospels. We have seventy-six pupils who are given regular lessons twice a week. Some are taught Telugu also up to the third Reader. They like the hymns and lyrics which we teach them as they are very fond of singing. Some are taught to sew, knit and crochet.

The visits paid to the homes during the year have been four thousand four hundred. It gives me great joy to mention that the women who have stopped temple visits are true and steadfast in their renunciation, and in their hearts believe and trust in Jesus."
A young widow, Gungabai, is one of our believing pupils. She is a Rajput belonging to one of the warrior tribes of North India. She has been very ill for a long time; she has been treated by both native and English doctors but has not been much helped. We have been praying for her and since then she has felt much better. She tells us, Your prayers alone have made me better. I am just trusting in your Jesus.

In closing I would like to mention a far reaching influence, namely, the distribution of tracts. Not long ago, a tract, entitled 'The true God contrasted with the false god,' made its way into a heathen home. The men of the house read it. One man especially was so interested that for days he invited others to come to his house and read it aloud to them. Finally he enclosed it in a letter and sent it to some relatives. He then asked our pupil from whom he got the tract to get him more.”

The Summer School at Kolar to which all of our workers went was a source of great blessing to them. We pray, and ask you who read this report to join with us, that we may have (1) Truly converted and Spirit-filled Bible-women, (2) God’s blessing upon this work.

Mrs. Toussaint, our voluntary worker in Richmond Town, has visited in one hundred and fifteen Mahommedan homes during the year.

The Bangalore Vernacular work is supported by the Topeka and Cincinnati Branches.

KOLAR

Orphanage and Boarding School

MISS URDELL MONTGOMERY ... ... ... Missionary
Miss Grace Peters ... ... ... Assistant
Mrs. A. Ross ... ... ... Matron
Mr. Gopal Krishniah, B.A. ... ... ... Class Master
Mr. Narayah Swami Rao, B.A. ... ... ... Class Master
Mr. Venkatesa Iyer ... ... ... Class Master
Mr. Hanamantha ... ... ... Class Master
Mr. Rama Sastri ... ... ... Class Master
Mr. Rama Chandra Iyer (Tamil) ... ... ... Class Master
Mr. Venkata Soobiah ... ... ... Veena Master
Sarah Siromony ... ... ... ... Teacher
N. Lucy ... ... ... ... Teacher
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With gladness we report another year of God’s presence and power in our Girls’ School and Orphanage. There has been no great soul-stirring revival, but by countless tokens He is manifest to us, and the change that has come about in the lives of many of our girls shows the deep working of the Spirit. All of our girls are either the children of Christian parents or else are orphans entirely under the control of the missionaries, and therefore they stand as Christian before the world. But each one must be born again just as truly as those who are in Hindu homes. How anxiously we watch at each class meeting and at each communion service for the sign of victories that have been gained silently and surely during the weeks as they pass. And with throbbing hearts we see others and yet others witnessing to their loyalty to Christ.

We have had the usual perplexities regarding the health and the safety of our family. Just after my arrival, the last of April, several cases of cholera broke out in Kolar; and one of our little girls was among the victims. With scarcely time to feel our sorrow we had to make hurried preparations to have the whole number of girls removed from the dormitories; there being no suitable place available for them we did the best we could with the school-rooms, letting them do all their cooking and other household work out in the open compound, while we toiled in the mid-summer sun to get everything thoroughly disinfected. The measles and their attendant evils, we are thankful to report, did not touch us this year, though there were cases in some of the Christian homes. Typhoid fever and tuberculosis
each took one from among our number, so that three of our girls have gone on before to await us in the higher kingdom. For two months past the reports of plague in the nearby villages and towns have been alarming us, but God has mercifully spared us and there has been no case of plague in Kolar.

It has been such a comfort and help to us that Dr. Lewis has been with us with prompt aid in every case of illness and advice as to preventing sicknesses among the girls. In taking the precautions which she suggested during the rainy season we have reduced the malaria and other fever cases to a very small number. For weeks at a time our sick room has been entirely empty of patients.

When in March it became certain that Mrs. Hall, who had been our faithful Matron for thirteen years, would have to give up the work on account of ill-health, there was great consternation among those in authority. It seemed very unlikely that another so efficient a matron would be found. But praying and trusting, Miss Holland began the effort to find some one, and in selecting Mrs. Ross for the post she had the assurance that the choice was of God. Mrs. Ross' ability and tact in caring for the girls and in controlling them is proving that this was not a mistake.

We have not had our usual number of young lady assistants this year. One very efficient one who came to us in June, left three months later to devote herself to the making of a home. Our faithful Miss Grace Peters has been our standby through all the emergencies, capable and sympathetic in every emergency.

The Government Inspector who has just finished examining our school has expressed himself as very well pleased with the results and the methods. Several times he expressed the wish that the Government Girls' School could be as well managed. In his written report he says: "On the whole the results of the examination show that the school has made very good progress during the year under report. All the girls look healthy and tidy, and their conduct is excellent."

We do not feel that the credit for this is in any way due to us. Before Miss Holland left the school she took great care that every need should be supplied and no perplexing problems left for the new principal. Because of this and her faithful and able
planning of the past four years, the school stands well in the favour of the Mysore Educational authorities. We pray that we may be able to keep up the high standard that it has attained.

We have twelve girls whom we expect to send up for the Government Lower Secondary Examination. Last year all four of those sent up passed. This year the examination class has twice had a change of teachers, due to the fact that the munshis were transferred in their Government positions. However, the date of the examinations has been put three months later than usual; and we hope that this extra time will compensate for the loss caused by these changes.

The new addition to our school building continues to be a joy to us and a benefit to the girls, in giving them sufficient accommodation for their class work.

The number in our orphanage and boarding school decreases a little every year. Our famine orphans are growing up and going into homes of their own; and we are thankful for the absence of the conditions that brought them to us. We thank God that India’s famines are rapidly becoming a thing of the past. Many of the daughters of our Christian people who have been boarders in our school are of marriageable age and are being much sought after. Last December seven were married; in April three more, and this month at the time of the Annual Conference six more will become wives. Little girls are not coming in fast enough to fill up all these vacancies. Famine is not causing the orphans; and the people of our Christian community are becoming more self-reliant and capable year by year, so that many are beginning to feel that they can care for their little girls in their homes. We rejoice in this proof of God's power in developing their characters. We feel that our call to Kolar is not for the girls in the school alone, but for those in the homes from which they come as well, and for the entire Christian community here. And God is using the school in this way to spread His kingdom.

The Northwestern, New York, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Topeka, Minneapolis and Pacific Branches are supporting this work.

URDIELL MONTGOMERY.
**Woman’s Missionary Conference**

**Kolar Zenana, Village Work and Day Schools**

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

**Zenana Work**

**Miss B. Smith** (for a part of the year) ... Assistant

Acting Assistant for a part of the year

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That men may know that Thou alone, whose name is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth."

Prayerfully and faithfully have the workers gone out through the length and breadth of this town and sixty-nine of the surrounding villages proclaiming Jesus to the people and teaching "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," and God has honoured the message and turned hearts to Himself.

We have tried to impress upon the workers that they must keep right with God to be used as channels for His Holy Spirit to work through, that their lives must agree with their teaching, and we praise God that they are realizing more fully what an honour it is to be a co-worker with Him, and that the privilege entails a deep responsibility.

The model Bible lesson given by each Bible-woman in turn once a week continues to be a great help, for it leads the members of the class to search the Scriptures, and the kindly criticisms, ever taken in good part, lead to the message being given in a clearer, more forceful, and winning manner in the zenanas and villages.

We have had forty-four baptisms this year, which is a larger number than any previous year, and which, in this stronghold of Hinduism, we are indeed thankful for. We praise God, too, with full hearts, for the yet greater number who have given up idolatry and believe in Jesus Christ, though they have not yet come forward to receive the rite of baptism. We have been much encouraged by some of those who have been baptized bringing their relatives to the Lord.

The villages have been more systematically visited since we have had a village assistant. Miss White relates the following incidents: As she and the Bible-woman went from place to place in a village, a woman followed them, listening eagerly to the message and then asked for a Bible so that her husband might read it to her. We hope it will not be long before she decides for Christ. A mother, sorrowing over the loss of a daughter said, "She used to listen so eagerly to what you said and tell me all about it when I returned home." One who had been baptized died recently and the neighbours spoke very feelingly of his beautiful life and death.
We have been to three great Hindu religious festivals this year and had a blessed time giving the Gospel to those who attended. A young woman at one of these festivals who had listened with the deepest attention to what we had to say followed us to our tent and told us that she had given her heart to the Lord and wished to become a Christian. She returned with us to Kolar, was baptized after a few months and has been leading a consistent Christian life. We named her Ruth, and she, like the Moabitess of old, whose name she bears, has won the regard of a farmer to whom she is now betrothed.

Our day schools not only exercise an influence for good over the pupils who attend but also over the neighbourhood where they are held. Miss Curties and Miss Linda Lewis, who have done excellent work through the year, report as follows:—A Brahmin said in speaking of his daughter, "Do what you like with her. I have noticed a great change in her character, and I know she is a better child since coming to you." Another Brahmin was pleased at his daughter's learning Bible verses and spoke of how she told him and his wife things from the Gospels that they had never heard before. One of the Brahmins, a few hours before he died, said that through us their children were doing well. Some of the girls of the Brahmin school of their own accord asked their teacher to teach them how to ask a blessing before partaking of food, and also to teach them a prayer to say before going to bed at night. Many of the pupils become much attached to the school they attend. A little girl the day she died asked to be carried to the school. One belonging to another school, when seriously, ill, begged to be taken to school if but for a little while. The parents of a little girl tried to get her to quit coming to our school, but she felt leaving so much that the father relented and let her attend. A tiny girl about four years of age, belonging to our Baligarapet school said to her father and mother when they were going through their religious ceremonies, "Why do you worship these false gods? If you believe in the true God, He will give you a clean heart."

The children of the schools are making good progress in their studies; there is a marked improvement in their behaviour and we are thankful to know that they are learning about the true God and His only begotten Son. A father hesitated for a long time to
send his girl to our school. She is a bright child and in two or three months could read and was able to recite many Bible verses. He was quite satisfied with her progress.

The daughter of the headman of the village where one of our schools is held attended it for years, and then married and went away. This year she returned home seriously ill. A few of her relatives and friends tried hard to get her to call on false gods for help, but Ellie remained true to our Lord and testified beautifully for Him in her last hours on earth. The Kanarese pastor of our church said it was worth all the gold that had been expended on the schools here to see the triumphant death of that one girl.

Another of our girls married and went away to a place forty miles distant. She became very ill and sent for her mother who told us on her return how her daughter had been sustained by her faith in Jesus Christ. The girl became well and sent many loving messages to us, and the mother has ever since attended our meeting for the Hindu women of the town.

We were sorry to lose Miss Smith, the assistant for Mohammedan work, but her place has been supplied by an acting assistant kindly loaned us by Dr. Lewis, and we hope to have a permanent worker by the beginning of next year.

We are still praising God for having permitted us to re-open our school for Mohammedan girls. These girls are so high-spirited and full of life that they require a very firm loving hand over them. We wonder as we study their character that they submit to being shut up in zenanas. They much enjoy singing, a fact which rather surprised us, for when we first visited the zenanas here the Mohammedan women did not like to have us sing, telling us it was not proper for women to do so. Forty-five girls attend this school. God grant to so use us that we may be the means of training them to be upright, God-fearing women. We have a Sunday School in connection with this school and the girls are taught hymns and verses from the Gospels and a portion of Scripture is explained to them every Sunday.

We are indeed thankful for a beautiful box received from Clinton, Ia., to which many of the dear sisters of Davenport District contributed. The contents of this box will bring much happiness to many hearts at the Christmas season.
Circumstances were such that we were able to have our Summer School for only two weeks, but the workers of the District who attended testified to being helped and strengthened in their spiritual life, and felt themselves better fitted for their work.

During Summer School and afterwards our hearts were much saddened by the serious illness of our dear Miss Montgomery's mother, who, though she had been with us less than a year, had won a place in all hearts by her kindness, sweetness and gentleness. God took her to Himself on November 25th and our hearts and home feel lonely without her.

The South India Conference is to be held at Kolar this year. We consider it a great privilege to have Bishop and Mrs. McDowell with us, especially as Mrs. McDowell is President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We are so glad, too, to have Bishop and Mrs. Robinson with us and are hoping for great spiritual blessings for ourselves and our Kanarese people.

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

Kolar Medical Work

MARGARET D. LEWIS, M. D. ... ... Missionary

Mercy ... ... ... Hindustani Bible-woman
M. Sundari ... ... ... Kanarese Bible-woman
N. Sundari ... ... ... Compounder
Louisa, Miriam, Gugoodie, Lali... ... Nurses' Training Class

The medical work of 1910 opened with great expectations and, in spite of disappointments, has been a year of progress, although not such as we had anticipated, because up to September 1st we had to continue the work in the native building where it was begun last year, instead of having the use of the fine new hospital, as had been planned. Unavoidable delay in getting
material and inability to procure sufficient workmen, combined with delays due to the unusual rainy season (when occasionally much of the outside work of the day fell during the torrents of rain of the night), account for the delay, but hope looks forward now to the completion of the work in the very near future.

It is planned to have the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital dedicated by Bishop McDowell on December 10th, during our coming Annual Conference. The presence of the beloved President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at the dedication of this, our first hospital in Southern India, will, we are sure, be an inspiration and a blessing.

Our new hospital, of which we are glad to be able to give a view on the second page of this report, is a beautiful building with a convenient dispensary section, large airy rooms to accommodate about forty patients, a fine surgical section, equipped with modern furniture and essential surgical instruments and apparatus, laboratory, linen room and nurses' study, with the various necessary bath, cook and store rooms and nurses' quarters. To Mr. Hollister, our efficient Board of Foreign Mission's representative in Kolar, who planned and worked out the architectural details of the building and gave continual, vigilant supervision day by day, we give our most sincere thanks and recognize that the successful completion of the enterprise within our appropriation is due chiefly to his efficient and faithful help, given much of the time in great physical weakness.

Miss Patten, a Madras Medical College graduate, has come to assist in the work and will, we trust, be the means of great help and blessing.

The girls of the Nurses' Class have been faithful in their work in the dispensary, and have also attended to the one hundred sixty-four cases in the sick room whom we have classed as "In-Patients," as well as giving the daily medicines prescribed for the girls requiring it. The work of training them has naturally been very unsatisfactory, as we have been obliged to do our work in such a primitive way throughout the year, but we hope to now begin systematic training. Nurse Laura, a Tamil girl from our Madras school, trained in the Zenana Mission Hospital in Bangalore, has come for this work and will also act as head nurse
until a European or American nurse is procured for this important work. Nurse Laura is well trained and faithful, but Western energy and force of character will be needed to develop these very necessary qualities in girls naturally so devoid of them. Two of my Kanaarese girls are to be married at Conference time, leaving but two girls in the Training Class, but both are very reliable girls and give promise of becoming efficient nurses as the "first-fruits" of the Training School for Nurses. Four Tamil girls from our Madras school are ready to enter the class as soon as the nurses' quarters are ready.

Among those classed as "in-patients" are three little girl babies. One precious little one, after being a joy and blessing for about five months, the Lord took to be with Himself; one, almost dying when she came to us five months ago, is to-day a happy, healthy little girl; the third, but fourteen days' old when she came, is prospering nicely. All these have been cared for in my room with the help of the girls who have been in training.

The work of the Bible-women has gone on regularly, the Hindustani Bible-woman having been present at her post every working day. The Kanaarese Bible-woman, after having a good deal of sickness, during which time one of the Training Class girls substituted for her, is now regularly at her work, and we believe she is capable of doing very good work in this important position. Many people have seemed very interested in the Gospel message and most of the patients have listened respectfully, many of them hearing it for the first time, but we will not be satisfied until we have the joy of seeing our patients making definite decisions for Christ. With the opening of the hospital and the opportunities for systematic teaching day after day, we hope and believe that we shall see some definite results, but this is very difficult among the women who have fathers and husbands, as they are not free to choose for themselves. We ask for the earnest prayers of our co-workers in the home field, that many may be brought to Christ through this branch of the Kolar work.

My absence on vacation, no assistant being available, made it necessary to close the dispensary for some time, and the new hospital being not very centrally located, the attendance during the last few months is much less than it would otherwise
have been. The record, as far as results can be shown by figures, is as follows:

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The work has been supported by Northwestern, Cincinnati, Des Moines and Pacific Branches, while Baltimore and Topeka Branches have assisted by giving conveyance and support. A very generous gift for running expenses for the first year was contributed by that friend of missions, Mrs. Wm. A. Gamble, of Cincinnati, and for this, for the co-operation of the various Branches, for prayers and loving remembrances, we tender our sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET D. LEWIS.
Belgaum District

Belgaum Girls’ Boarding and Day Schools

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| Rukmabai Ashtikar             | Teacher                |
| Chenveravva                   | Teacher                |
| Yemnabai                      | Teacher                |
| Kanarese School, Belgaum, Founded 1898
| P. S. Tatpati                 | Teacher                |
| Mercy Tatpati                 | Teacher                |
| Marathi School, Shawpur, Founded 1842
| S. S. Tatpati                 | Teacher                |
| Muktabai Tatpati              | Teacher                |
| Kanarese School, BailHongal, Founded 1868
| Gangaya                       | Teacher                |
| Gurbassappa                   | Teacher                |

At this the close of another year it is with deeper gratitude than ever before that we lift hearts of thanksgiving and praise to our loving Heavenly Father for the privilege of service. We are thankful for victories won, prayers answered, and mercies innumerable.
In our growing family, Esther, our largest girl, has married and gone with her husband into a distant village, where she will do Bible-woman's work. Our baby Custooie came at the beginning of the year and is a little tot of only four years. Her mother sold her when she was two years old, and later when the owners found they did not care to keep the little mite they tried to sell her to us; but when we told them that we do not buy children they gave her to us.

The enrollment during the year has been sixty-four, while the largest number at one time has been fifty-two. You can imagine how crowded they have been for sleeping room, and how unhealthy it has been in the poorly ventilated room in the old rented quarters in the fort. The Civil Surgeon said once, when a large number of our girls were suffering from colds and fever, "You must be living in a very unhealthy place." When plague broke out in Belgaum a few months ago, and one by one our day schools had to be closed, and a number of our dear school children fell victims to the dread disease, I thought, "What shall we do if we must move our Boarding School girls out!" I remembered the old roofless sheep-sheds that had to answer such a purpose once before, and then I thought of the beautiful new dormitories and school house which were nearing completion. The rats soon began to die, which is a real danger signal and warns inhabitants to leave, and we moved our girls at once into their almost finished, delightful, large, airy apartment. We do feel so grateful for our new home. First of all, we are thankful to God, the Giver of all good gifts, and then to kind friends who have made it possible for us to have them. It seems as though our girls are looking better already for the change, although they have only been here a short time. The section of country where our new place is situated is noted for being very healthful. The only drawback is the lack of water in these parts. We want the prayers of all who read these lines, that our God who is able to do all things, shall quicken the springs where we dig and send abundance of water, which is so absolutely necessary.

In the school the work has gone on very much the same as in former years. The All India Sunday School examination has been taken and passed by a large number of our girls. The Educational Inspector examined the school and expressed grati-
fication. We felt somewhat crippled during the first part of the year when we did not have the necessary assistant, but Miss Ellen Mann, who is a trained teacher, came to us as a direct answer to prayer, and has done faithful and conscientious work ever since. Let us hear what she says about her work:

"I teach Kindergarten and English in the girls' boarding school. I have not been here very long, but the few months I have, I have enjoyed my work in the school. I like teaching and find it a pleasure to instruct others. The children are especially interested in the kindergarten occupations. They like to turn out objects by themselves, and look with pride at the result of their labour. They are also ever ready to take part in any physical exercises and singing, and they do it as a pleasure, so it is very interesting and encouraging for the teacher when the girls themselves help her so much by doing their best and taking a general interest in everything that is done in school.

"Our new school building is such a delightful place in which to work, and the girls are so happy in their new home and school. We are so thankful to the kind friends who helped in giving us this lovely home.

"I am glad to say that I am thoroughly enjoying the work I do. I like the girls, and I am glad to help them in every way I can. I am giving myself to God to qualify me for higher and greater service for Him."

The special meetings held by Rev. Stanley Jones in our Kanarese church recently were a great spiritual uplift. It was touching to see our girls come forward and claim by faith what God has for them. We want them to really know Him, and know how to talk to Him. We believe that the hope of India's future lies in the children, and if they grow up established in the Christian faith and in Him the battle will be won.

In our day schools the work has gone forward. I am glad to report an increased Government grant in our Marathi Girls' School. Miss Graham will tell of these schools:

"We have four day schools, which I visit. Two are in Belgaum, one in Shahapur, a small village about two miles out, and the other one is in Bail Hongal, which is a large town twenty-seven miles from here."
The work done in these schools is according to the Government code. In addition to the regular studies, they are taught kindergarten, drill, singing, needle work, drawing, clay modelling, object lessons, and Scripture. The teachers of these schools carry on the regular instruction according to the code. It is my duty to see that the teachers keep up to the standard of work required, and I pay special attention to the kindergarten and the scripture lessons.

Our Marathi Girls' School in Belgaum heads the list. We have over a hundred children who attend this school. They are high caste and so neat and clean. We have four teachers who instruct them as far as the fourth standard.

The other school in Belgaum, and the one out in Bail Hongal are Kanarese, and the children of these schools come from a good caste also, but they belong to a poorer class, the weavers, and hence they do not remain in school until an advanced age.

The school in Shahapur is a Marathi school, and the attendance here numbers about sixty children. These also come from a good, but poor caste. The parents of these children take the larger girls out with them into the fields, to help them in cutting the grain, while the younger ones are sent to school.

We receive money from America and also by Government grants for the support of these schools, and in addition we have a local monthly subscription which helps us considerably. We also received a goodly sum of money towards the distribution of prizes for these schools, during the past year. The distribution of prizes for the Marathi school was held in the Mission High School, and Mrs. Gibb, the wife of the highest English official in the District, gave away the prizes. The girls sang many action songs in their vernacular, and the upper standards gave a drill, with wooden rings. Each child was given a prize and a bundle of Indian sweets, as is the custom. The other schools held their distributions in their respective places and were delighted with their gifts, and encouraged to continue in school, under Christian influence.

We are grateful to the New York, North-West, Topeka, Cincinnati, Baltimore and Philadelphia Branches for the support of this work.
THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY BUNGALOW, BELGAUM
The past year has been one of sustained faith in God's large plans for His work. We began the year by praying for 2,000 baptisms in this district and we record with thanksgiving 1,946 baptisms—an increase of more than one hundred per cent.

Belgaum Circuit.—The first Monday of the month had been set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the work and workers. Eight such days have been observed, when the women, including the missionaries, assistants, Christian teachers and the six Bible-women in Belgaum, have met together at noon at the mission Bangalow, for special prayer. The good effects of these meetings, as well as the regular weekly meetings, have been apparent throughout the year.

Mrs. Beal has directed the work of one Marathi Bible-woman in Belgaum city and the other five Bible-women of the circuit have also lived in Belgaum and worked from this centre. Miss Graham, in addition to her work in the day schools, has assisted in the evangelistic work with a most cheerful spirit and is fast acquiring a knowledge of the language and methods of work.

We praise God for a decided advance movement in the Belgaum city work. Besides the regular work in six hundred and one homes, two new Christian communities have been opened up in the city. For more than four years Esther Thumblie has been working in the Mochi street in the Cantonment, aided from time to time by other workers. Many years ago the London Missionary Society worked in the same locality, and though no definite results then appeared, their work has doubtless helped us; and in September Rev. S. Maigur was enabled to baptize forty-two people and to open a school which is attended by twenty children in the day and ten young men at night. The children have already made fine progress in memorizing the Lord's Prayer, catechism and in singing lyrics.

For more than six months, Sarahamrna Grove and Danavva Nesargi have been working in another section in the cantonment, called Kangrul Galli, and here we have recently baptized one
hundred and five, and we expect more converts soon. Several of the young men have studied in the Municipal schools, and one boy attends our Mission High School. Of those baptized here sixty-seven are women and girls and we very much need a girls' school in this place. The boys are provided for by the Municipality, and we soon expect to number the schoolmaster among our Christians. Some in his house have already been baptized.

In addition to this work among the lower castes in the city the high caste people are regularly visited. I would like to mention especially in this connection the great value of medical knowledge in Mission work. A Hindu conversing with a certain missionary was asked, "Which of our methods do you fear the most?" He said, "We do not greatly fear your schools, for we need not send our children; we do not fear your books, for we need not read them; we do not fear your preaching, for we need not hear it; but we dread your women and your doctors, for your doctors are winning our hearts and your women are winning our homes, and when our hearts and our homes are won, what is there left for us?" A case in point is our Bible-woman, Sarahamma Grove, who is a trained nurse. She gives medical aid in many high caste homes, and her loving care for the sick has led many to Christ. Within the last three years she has herself baptized no less than fourteen dying women who were secret believers in Jesus. Recently she was called to a village to aid the wife of a Brahmin who, two years ago, refused to give her water from his well, or to allow her to speak in front of his house. But on this occasion, after ministering to the sick, she was allowed to expound the word to twenty listeners. Yemanabai and Danavva are Sarahamma's faithful co-workers.

Venubai Maigur, in spite of family cares and ill-health, has been of great help in the work. On one occasion, in the village work she helped her husband in securing twenty-three baptisms. Her sweet spirit and readiness in teaching the Scriptures are worthy of commendation and imitation.

Estherbai Tatpati has had a great deal of illness in her family. One child had interic, another small-pox and two others were threatened with plague and consumption, and she has been quite ill herself. But they are all well again and she has, in spite
BIBLE WOMAN AT WORK, BELGAUM
of all obstacles, put in a splendid year's work in Sabhapur and its vicinity. We are expecting results in the Marathi village work very soon.

One important phase of our work during the past year has been the work in the outlying villages. We have worked side by side with the workers of the General Society in baptizing 274 converts in seven localities in this circuit, of which number 164 were women and girls.

During the year the workers in this circuit have made 3,939 visits and had 21,143 listeners; they have visited 601 different homes and have regularly instructed about 1,775 non-Christian women. The work has increased greatly in extent, intensity and effectiveness. May God give us such a baptism of His spirit that this may be a mere beginning.

Bail Hongal Circuit.—This circuit is fortunate in having a fine staff of seven workers.

Tabitha Aralakatti has had a few months illness, but is now at work again.

Mary Paul, in spite of her ripe years has been a regular and faithful worker. At the close of the year she successfully underwent an operation and we expect her to soon be at her post again. She has lived and worked in Bail Hongal for fifty years and yields a remarkable influence in this place.

Nijagunavva Lagoli has been enthusiastic in her work. In March, April and May she and Tejavva Kushal helped in the evangelistic campaign in Sampgaum, Kittur and the vicinity, visiting seventeen villages and helping Rev. S. Aralakatti in securing 187 of his baptisms. He speaks very highly of their help in the work and says that in some villages the women led the way in the preaching.

Siddavva Gashi and Prakashavva Kademeni have during the latter half of the year worked together in Bagewadi; but they have been poorly housed and have suffered much from sickness in their families. Each has been called upon to suffer the loss of a child. But conditions are hopeful, and we are confidently expecting results from their labours among the women.

Ratnavva Kushal, wife of our Home Missionary, took up evangelistic work in Kittur in May. Though an experienced teacher, she was new to evangelistic work, but she has already
gained access to thirty-two houses in an entirely new field, and has seventy-five regular listeners. She teaches in Sunday School and has finished one and a half years of the Bible-readers' course in six months.

In this circuit 2,390 visits have been made, and 10,183 listeners have heard the Word; 187 women have been baptized. The women have been on two tours and 23 villages have been visited; 454 non-Christian houses are regularly visited and about 1,195 different women are regularly taught.

Almost all the Bible-women were enabled to attend the revival meetings, conducted by Rev. Stanley Jones and the District Conference which were held simultaneously in Belgaum in November and all were refreshed and encouraged for the work of another year.

For what has been accomplished we are thankful to Him who has inspired and safeguarded the whole.

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In reviewing the work of the past year I notice that there has been a marked increase in the number of women and girls who have been baptized.

Our small staff of workers is not able to keep pace with the work. Although we have nearly doubled our staff, the number
of women to be cared for has increased four-fold and so our work-
ers are insufficient for the task. Last year we had six villages, five Bible-women and seventy-four Christian women. This year we have fourteen villages, eight Bible-women and three hundred and thirty-four Christian women. With this rapid increase and the number of inquirers in other villages, we need a number of new Bible-women at once to care for this work.

Our Bible-women have worked diligently and faithfully during the past year, realizing that the work was God’s and He has re-
warded them.

We are thankful that there have been no deaths and very little sickness among the workers.

Five of our Bible-women were able to come in from their far off villages to attend our District Conference in Belgaum. Their reports given in District Conference were a great blessing to all. It is wonderful how these women can be used of God to teach their poor ignorant country-women about Jesus and His power to save.

We praise God for the victories won during the past year.

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Hyderabad District

BIDAR

Village Work, Day Schools and Boarding School

MISS MILLCENT HUDSON ... ... Assistant in charge
MISS MARY WELDON ... ... Assistant

Bidar Evangelistic Work

Juliama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Gojrabai ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Lakshmiama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Graceama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
T. Siddhama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
A. Siddhama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
A. Mariama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Bayama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Gundama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman

Hominabad and Chudguppah Sub-circuits

Sundrabai Singh ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Ruthama Jacob ... ... ... ... Bible-woman

Janwarda Sub-circuit

Margaretama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
A. Gangama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman

Narainkhaid Sub-circuit

Susanama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman

Yekkeli Sub-circuit (Headquarters Ranjoli)

Manikyamama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman
Peaceama ... ... ... ... Bible-woman

Day Schools

T. C. Veerasawmy ... ... ... ... Teacher
Robert ... ... ... ... Teacher
Marthama ... ... ... ... Teacher
Margaretama ... ... ... ... Teacher

Boarding School and Orphanage

Ruthama Robert ... ... ... ... Teacher
Sarama ... ... ... ... Teacher
"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Looking back on the past year one realizes as never before that our God will never fail us, and that truly our sufficiency is of Him.

During the year the villages have been visited regularly by the Bible-women. Seventy-two villages have been regularly visited, and occasional visits have been paid to others as time and opportunity afforded, for during the heavy rains when rivers are in flood it is impossible to get to the out-stations and the villages on the other side of the river.

It has been a great encouragement this year to see in the Bible-women a more earnest spirit in God's service. Some have gone away after work hours to speak to the women patients in the Mission hospital; some have voluntarily walked long distances to keep in touch with inquirers; and sometimes when we have heard of some of our Christians being sick the women have suggested visiting that village.

Thirty-six women and girls were baptized this year in Bidar and the sub-circuits.

We are glad to be able to report the first baptisms at Hominabad. Three women were baptized this year and others are still waiting for friends and relatives to come out and be baptized with them. In August two of our Bible-women, Manikyamma and Peaceama, went out with their husbands to work at Yekkeli, our fourth sub-circuit. Yekkeli is twenty miles from Bidar. Because of not being able to get a hired house at Yekkeli, our workers have made Ranjoli which is two miles from Yekkeli, their headquarters. When the workers first went to Ranjoli it looked as if there was going to be a good deal of trouble. They were only able to hire two small houses by the roadside. The houses leaked badly and were damp and uncomfortable. They were not allowed to draw water from the wells and with great difficulty secured the services of a woman to bring them water. The Mahomedans threatened that they would not be long allowed to remain and work at Ranjoli, for they doubted the motive which had brought them there. Our workers told us that they prayed much for the people. They went day after day among the people explaining the reasons which had brought them to Ranjoli and preaching God's word to all who would listen.
When I visited Ranjoli six weeks later our workers had gained admission to several Hindu homes—both high caste and low caste—and also to some Mahomedan homes, and many spoke well of them. Some said to me "When your people first came here we thought they were our enemies and we were afraid, but now we know they are our friends and we hope they will always stay at Ranjoli. We heard strange things about Christians, but now we know they are very good people."

We have now fourteen Sunday Schools in Bidar and the sub-circuits, one more than we had last year. The Sunday School attendances have been fair and we hope will soon increase. We hope soon to begin Sunday School work at Ranjoli. In November four women were baptized at a village one mile from Ranjoli. During the evangelistic campaign in October and November some new villages were visited. During the year five short tours have been made.

At Narainkhaid there has been no progress in the work this year because of our Bible-woman being obliged to work alone.

In Janwarda sub-circuit, which is a difficult field, we have had encouragement, and some women who for many years have been holding back have been baptized.

Day Schools

Attendances in the day schools have been fair this year. At Janwarda school, besides our Christian children, some belonging to the Parish caste have been attending and have begun to take an interest in their work.

Vasalganj school has had a good record throughout the year and the children have made a good deal of progress. In Nawedgiri and Narainkhaid day schools progress has not been so marked.

A few weeks ago we came across a former day school pupil. She said she was having a hard time in her husband's home. The poor little girl was worked hard and had no time to remember what she had been taught, but she said she always remembered morning and night to pray to God.

Boarding School and Orphanage

We began the year with fourteen girls and we now have nineteen, two of whom are babies. In June one of our girls, little Rathnama, was called home.
We have twenty-two girls attending the day school. An English Government Inspector from Madras visited the school in October. He expressed himself pleased with the work done in the school, and especially praised the quickness and accuracy with which the bigger girls did a difficult sum set them. We hope to do much better next year.

Though God has called away one of our little ones, we feel that in this department of our work we have much for which we would give thanks to God.

During my absence from Bidar in the hot season Miss Weldon remained alone and did what she could for the school and for the work. My thanks are due to her and to the Bible-women and teachers, who have laboured so faithfully in the work of God.

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HYDERABAD

Hindustani Evangelistic Work and Day Schools

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Time again to take a glance backward over another year’s work! Conference was held the latter part of January so that this year has been a short one. The appointments read “Evangelistic Work and Day Schools, Telugu—Miss Dosch,” but over it hung uncertainty as to whether she would really take it up, for another appointment read “On leave—Miss Toll,” and the place she had been filling was left “to be supplied” and we knew that probably meant for some months at least “Stanley Girls’ School—Miss Dosch,” and that the Telugu work must wait for its Superintendent a while longer. This report of that work is for eight months.

From a few houses visited by one Bible-woman in the beginning, the Telugu work has grown until now there are 24 Bible-women and day school teachers at work in about 28 villages and the suburbs of the city. There were 32 more women and girls baptized during the past year. Others might have been baptized but the efforts of the workers have been directed to teaching the 700 Christian women scattered through the above mentioned villages. It has not been possible to be with these women much or to go out with them in the work, but as we have met with them in their monthly meetings it has been a privilege to pray with them and talk with them about their work, and as well as possible under the limitations of having to speak with them through an interpreter and not being able to go with them to their villages, we have sought to encourage, strengthen and direct them. Away from friends and relatives and alone in a heathen village; sometimes despised and often persecuted for their Saviour’s sake, these Bible-women carry on their work month after month. Sickness comes to the little homes and tests the faith. Trials and temptations come to them as to other Christian workers. They have not the uplift of soul that comes from the weekly prayer meeting and the Sunday service with fellow Christians. What wonder if some of them stumble and fail or get discouraged! We realize more than ever how much they need some one who can come in closer touch with them; sympathize with and help and direct them; meet them in their villages, and face the problems of the work with them. The first of October the one appointed to this work was set free by the return of Miss Evans to take up her appointment.
At the beginning of the year we were much encouraged by receiving some additional workers from North India and, as we review the work of the year, we see God's directing hand in the workers sent. Faithfully have both new and old helpers gone forth to sow the precious seed which, though long in its development, will none the less surely bear fruit. The work has both broadened and deepened during the past year. Four assistants, three Bible-women, and three Christian teachers have worked in 482 houses, six day schools and one industrial school.

How often in unexpected corners we find the results of the working of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the people. As we knocked at the door of a house one day where we have often visited, a person whom we had never seen there before rudely drove us away. Turning away regretful of losing the opportunity of visiting our friends within, we saw another door by which we entered and found them and also two young men, one of whom possessed copies of the Bible and who had been reading them. He brought them out and read and searched interestedly and earnestly to see if those things be true which we spoke to them about.

From another door where we had been received and where we had found interested listeners, we had been turned away from time to time for some months and were unable to discover the reason. Just as we were being refused admission another day, our friend whom we found out afterwards had been sick for some time learned that we were there and requested that we be admitted. She was not far from the "valley of the shadow" and as we told her that Jesus would go with her there and that the heavenly door stood open for her through the atoning blood of Jesus, she seemed to take hold and earnestly said that all that she had heard she believed and then requested us to pray with her. We committed her case to Jesus and expect to find her among that blood washed throng that, at the great day, will come up out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues saying, "Salvation unto our God who sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." Again this year 127 women have been learning to read in their houses—quite a good sized school if all were gathered in one place. By one lesson a week we have been trying to teach them to read.
Four Sunday Schools with an attendance of 30 to 35 in each, school have met regularly and studied the little catechism on the Bible and the International Sunday School lessons and committed the Golden Texts and hymns to memory. A fifth Sunday School has just been organised.

In the industrial school there has been an average enrolment of 22 or 23 again this year. We might have two or three times that number if we had the room and were sure of sales. The amount received from sales this year has covered all expenses of material and cost of making up and we are grateful to kind friends who have made these sales possible.

In August or September a young woman was brought to the Bible-women's meeting one evening. What to do to help her was the question. She was too old and her character too uncertain to ask for her admission to the boarding school, so we were glad that we had a place in the industrial school to offer her. Many who come asking for help do not appreciate this opportunity to work, but this was not the case this time. The appointed time found her at her post and on December 3rd we had the privilege of seeing her happily married. She with her husband will be trained in the Bible Institute for Christian workers. This is one of the many lives that we have been permitted to touch and help during the past year through our industrial work.

The day schools have again prospered and the attendance has been about the same as in other years. One had to be closed for a few months on account of the teacher being married and removing to a different neighbourhood, but another teacher has been secured and the school is again open. One new school has been opened this year, which we hope to be able to support in connection with the industrial school.

It is not ours to record great deeds but more than these we desire to be faithful in the little things that every day is made up of, so we pray that the Lord may give us the seeing eye, the hearing ear and the understanding heart, that we may serve those whom He sends to us and to whom He may send us.

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E. K. Stanley Girls’ High School and Orphanage

Miss K. Evelyn Toll (3½ months) ... ... Missionary
Miss Laura Dosch (5½ months) ... ... Missionary
Miss Alice A. Evans (3 months) ... ... Missionary

Miss Elizabeth Moore ... ... ... Assistant
Miss May Otley (9 months) ... ... ... Assistant
Miss Victoria Tenducey ... ... ... Assistant
Miss Edith D’Lima ... ... ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Mary Shuchentella ... ... ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Krupama Abraham ... ... ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Gnanama Abraham ... ... ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Sophie McDonald (8 months) (deceased) ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Hannah Samuells (6 months) ... ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Beryl Chamarette (9 months) ... ... Pupil Assistant
Miss Olga O’Leary (3 months) ... ... Pupil Assistant
Science Master (two hours daily) ... ... Pupil Assistant
Telugu Pandit (two hours daily) ... ... Pupil Assistant
Mr. Syed Amamoolah ... ... ... Urdu teacher

The Angel of His Presence has been with us always, everywhere to open fountains in the deserts of life; to make crooked places straight; the rough places smooth and to break in sunder the bars of iron. I can truly say I am both debtor to the missionaries on the field and the ladies at home for timely help and for such loving sympathetic ministry. It is with gratitude that we record our appreciation of the work of Miss Toll who had charge of the school for a year and of Miss Dosch who superintended the work for five and-a-half months.

Leaving New York the last of August we reached Hyderabad at the close of the rainy season when all the wealth of tropical bloom is most gorgeous. How pretty it all was! The garden had poured out its beauty and filled the school-room. The happy faces of the children, as they expressed their welcome by song and words and well executed drills with garlands and flowers, made a picture long to be remembered. But India, with all its brightness, is the land of disease. Microbes and germs of all kinds simply thrive. This time it was enteric fever. Before our boxes were unpacked, indeed we had not been in the
house twenty-four hours, till one little girl came down with typhoid. She was soon followed by two others—Amy Rachel and Miriam. How sick they were! Amy Rachel was unconscious from the very beginning, tearing her clothes and so restless. All medicine and nourishment had to be forced through clinched teeth. Would she recover? What about our duty to her parents, many miles away in the jungle? The father is a native Christian and her mother a poor ignorant woman. What mischief might she not do by trying to "feed the child up!" The work of the school must go on. The resignation of the middle school class teacher threw the burden of class work on the missionary in addition to the care of the sick. Was the burden greater than His grace? It was Sunday morning. The Sunday School which always meets in the school-room was just over. More than 100 girls had been singing the songs of Zion in Urdu and Telugu, languages of heathenism in this heathen land. The treasurer of the Sunday School stepped to the door saying that the girls who were not able to be present wanted to give their collection. Then little Lydia Joy, hardly able to raise her head, gave her two dubs, the copper coin of this Native State. A few days before one of her poor relatives had given them to her and her first thought was of her King and His Kingdom. Such a vision of the possibilities for this great people, when "all shall know the Lord," so thrilled the heart of the missionary that she turned to minister to the two little sufferers with new hope. No one can remain long discouraged whose high privilege it is to work with the little ones of India. We rejoice to say that all the children recovered and that there has been no serious illness since.

The work of the school has gone on. The four students who have had for their goal college entrance, will appear for their University Examination in March 1911. Teaching and studying, how faithful these orphan girls have been to their high ideal! They have given five years to the struggle, fully paying their way by their faithful work in the primary class-rooms. Cupid and other agencies have made havoc with the numbers of the Normal Training class, but those who with singleness of heart pursued the course were rewarded with success in their examinations.
There have been some changes in the staff. Miss Ottley secured a Government Scholarship in the Isabella Thoburn College and went there for further study. Miss O'Leary, one of our own Methodist girls from the Baldwin School, has taken the place of Beryl Chamarette in the II and III Standards. Miss Tenducey has continued her excellent work in the V and VI Standards. Miss Moore who was loaned to us from the Isabella Thoburn College has served faithfully throughout the year. On the arrival of Miss Morgan from America she will return to her former post. All of our primary teachers are our own girls who have passed their Government examinations in this Native State. Their work is most satisfactory. Every year some of our girls are married and go out into the larger world-field as home builders, Bible readers and village teachers.

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

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For the blessings which have come to me during the past year, I wish to give praises to my Master. When one is sent out as a missionary she has no idea of the number of things which she will be called upon to do, that she thinks she cannot possibly do. But knowing that we “can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us,” we set out to do whatever task we are given.
For two months after Conference I was wondering whether I would be able to take full charge of the Evangelistic work after the hot season. But when Miss Toll informed me that she was going home and no word had come saying that Miss Evans would be here, I knew that I had a big task before me. So one day in April, a blistering hot day, I took my place as Acting Principal of the Stanley Girls' School. My heart was heavy, not because it was a cross to do school work when I was appointed to Evangelistic work and was so anxious to be doing it, but because it looked like a stupendous task to one who had never done school work.

Taking charge of a school with more than one hundred boarders and classes ranging from Kindergarten to Matriculation, also a Normal Class on which a hundred rupees grant hung, seemed a work almost impossible for me to carry on, but the Lord helped me even more than I could think to ask for. I was expecting Miss Evans to return by every mail steamer and at last she came the latter part of September. I was both sorry and glad to leave the girls. I had learned to love them and was just getting to understand the ins and outs of running an aided school. I was glad because I could take up the Telugu work which was a burden upon Miss Wood. The teachers were most helpful and I wish to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which I owe to Lalbagh for the loan of Miss Elizabeth Moore, who so capably carried on the work of the higher classes.

I thank God for the privilege of being in the school those few months, and pray that many of the girls may come to work with me as teachers and Bible women, for we must have every girl, if possible, to help in the great work of bringing India to Christ.

I am happy because I can at last supervise the Evangelistic work. We have faithful Bible-women and they are so glad when I can go with them in their visiting. They tell the people that I am the new Dorasonie who will come instead of Miss Wood, and I can see that they are sorry of the change, but I hope to win their love also. I have been delighted that there are so many inquirers, and I believe there are many women who would gladly accept baptism but have not the courage to break off from Hinduism. We have few Christians in Hyderabad. It seems so difficult to have them take the step although they have been taught for years. It is not so in the villages. They
accept the Gospel gladly. I am amazed how well the Bible-women can hold their listeners. Old and young listen to the story most eagerly. Certainly the Lord can use his children if they will only let him.

The Sunday Schools have been held every Sunday and the children have learned much. The other Sunday I visited a Sunday School which is quite promising. Under the shade of a large tree we were sitting with the children gathered around us in a semi-circle. With their arms folded they were repeating the commandments and verses. They prayed the Lord's Prayer with bowed heads and when they had finished, a little boy told the teacher that one little girl had not bowed her head. The teacher asked how he knew and he said he had peeped. You see children are pretty much the same the world over. Seed is being sowed which will bring abundant harvest some day.

We have three day schools near the Mission house. They are doing fairly well and we are hopeful. The caste school has moved into new rooms which will help make our school better. We do not keep married women out of this profession. Our teacher has two children, one little girl four years old who is learning as well as others. The baby girl only six months old lies on the floor as happy as a princess. Some of the older girls have been married during the year so they are missed from our roll. When these girls go to their husbands' house they will be glad to welcome our Bible-women, and we will gain a firmer hold on them.

The other schools are for the low caste children. They are so bright and eager to learn! The day is past when only high caste Hindus are educated, for a hunger for learning has come over India.

The village schools are a problem. The children must work if they can earn but one pice, so these schools are not what we would wish them to be. We are not discouraged, because we are expecting to make the coming year a better one than last, since the Telugu people will have a missionary who will devote herself entirely to them.

There was very little time for language study when in the school, but I did what I could, and was able to take an examination. I have found that Telugu can't be learned in a day or a year either, but feel thankful that I know as much as I do. The
Indian people are most kind. They are delighted when we try to speak their language no matter how badly we do it. I am afraid we are not so charitable.

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VIKARABAD

Mary A. Knotts Girls' Boarding School and Orphanage

MISS ELIZABETH J. WELLS ... ... Missionary

Kathleen O'Leary (four months) ... ... Assistant
J. Swamidas Abraham ... ... ... Teacher
J. R. Neal ... ... ... Teacher
Selvama Neal ... ... ... Teacher
Sarah Jeremiah ... ... ... Teacher
Divinama Kondayya ... ... ... Teacher
J. B. Ashervadham ... ... ... Teacher

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits."

The year has been one laden with blessings, with His benefits, and for these our hearts are filled with gratitude; moreover, it is of these we would write. There have been trials and discouragements and sorrows; the financial problem has been a grave one; the work has been unusually heavy; anxiety has been almost constantly upon us; loved ones have been taken from us, and yet through it all 'the Lord's hand has been upon us for good.'

We rejoice in the increase in numbers in the school so that we close the year with 73 on the roll. The additions have come largely from the villages, and in ways which have shown clearly that the Lord is working in the midst of the people. To one unacquainted with the life and thought of the Orient, it may seem strange that the people of India, so oppressed and poverty-
stricken as they often are, hesitate to send their children to school where they may get an education and may have many advantages unobtainable in their homes. But so great is the power of superstition and such is the influence of the evil reports circulated by the opponents of Christ’s cause, that it may be counted a real victory when the untutored village people overcome these feelings and put their daughters in school. We have had the pleasure of witnessing many such victories this year and also of receiving some girls whom the parents did not bring, but who came practically alone.

Among these girls we now have three child-wives, all of whom have come to us during the year. The first came early in the year. Although a heathen herself, she has Christian relatives and she travelled 50 miles to reach them and the school. Married as a little child, she was allowed to stay in her parents’ home for some years. Then came the realization that her place had been usurped by another and she was one of the host of unclaimed girl-wives. Her presence in her home brought constant ridicule upon the parents and exposed her to untold dangers, so that her only happiness and safety lay in coming to us. She is a splendid girl, very happy to be in school and to be safe from the temptations of the village.

The next one who came is the wife of a youth now preparing for a high Government examination. Some years ago when once the missionary was away, the heathen relatives arranged and carried out this wedding, the boy and girl being little more than infants. Since then he has had educational advantages and has improved them. But, despite all efforts, she was left in total ignorance. Finally she came to school. She has made rapid progress in her studies but it will be a long hard struggle for her to reach the place she will be expected to fill.

Class was just over one day, and with mind bent on accomplishing as much as possible during the interval, we started out of the school room, when the usual “Ammah, Ammah,” arrested us and there stood an old woman who lives in our midst, and with her was a girl of 10 or 11 years. The girl had just arrived from a 20 mile walk, coming with entire strangers to entire strangers, in order to escape the cruelty of her husband: for, although so young, she was expected to do all his
QUARTETTE OF THE MARY A. KNOTTS GIRLS' SCHOOL, VIKARABAD

OUR NURSERY FLOCK, VIKARABAD
cooking, keep his house and by working in the fields to help in earning the living. Her physical condition or the sufferings she had endured cannot be described here. She rejoices in the refuge she has found and is a sweet attractive child.

During September we had very heavy rains. After a day of downpour, at dusk, with spirits somewhat depressed we came to the desk where a great pile of work awaited us. Soon, greatly to our surprise, a group of people were standing in the room. Instantly in our mind rose the vision of the 15 miles they had travelled that cold, rainy day and of the dangers of the road. We could but question in wonder why they had come. "To bring this girl to school," was the reply. A pitiful story was told about the pitiable existence this orphan had led, until finally to escape poverty and misery, she had consented to go with a strange woman to the city where "all would be luxurious for her." Fortunately for the child, after they had gone a part of the way the woman left her for a day and she was warned about her danger. Gladly she came with this village Christian woman to school and recently she was baptized. For the first time in her life, she is experiencing real kindness; for she had been abandoned as a babe, neglected as a child, overworked and abused as a girl, until her nature was warped and dwarfed thereby. But she has already begun to respond to the influences of Christianity and to take on a new nature.

Others, too, have come in wonderful ways, but the greatest joy was felt over the return of the temple-girl, for whom so many prayers have been offered, for whom so much effort has been put forth and so much suffering endured—only to be seemingly defeated soon after the victory had been gained. When she returned, there was joy in our hearts and faith took a firmer hold on prayer as our mightiest weapon in the Christian warfare.

We made our first attempt and gained our first victory in the Middle School Examination last year. The standard of teaching has been good. The teachers have been faithful, loyal and efficient and we are truly grateful to them for such ready service.

Again this year we are sending out one of our best girls into the evangelistic work. As she goes as a Bible-woman into a fruitful yet needy part of the field, will you not pray that she
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may be a consecrated, faithful worker, and that through her many hungry souls may be fed, with the Bread of Life?

To those who have felt an interest in this work; to those who have helped to support it; and to those who, throughout the changing scenes of the year, have upheld us by their prayers; to all we acknowledge our obligation and express our sincerest gratitude, asking for a continuance of the same during the coming year. "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

Vikarabad and Shankerapalli Evangelistic Work and Day Schools.

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Ashervadam ... ... ... Bible-woman
Miriam Chinthiah ... ... ... Bible-woman
Sathama Benjamin ... ... ... Bible-woman
Chittama ... ... ... Nurse
Leuchmi ... ... ... In training.
Yellama ... ... ... In training

"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them."

The Lord has certainly been fulfilling this promise on the Vikarabad and Shankerpalli Circuits this past year. In the year 1909 and 1910 you heard of the great multitudes who were baptized. The workers' hands were more than full caring for those who were so new in the Kingdom, so the early part of this year, as there were a limited number of workers, it was thought best not to open up new fields of work. And much as it grieved the hearts of the missionaries; much as it grieved the hearts of the workers; to those who were living in villages distant from the missionary or worker and to those who were pleading for baptism and teachers, the answer had to be given, "Not yet. When God sends us more money; when God sends us more workers, then we will come to you." And the gold and the silver belong to Him and He owns the cattle upon a thousand hills
and He loves the people of India. Oh that the day will speedily come when those to whom He has entrusted the riches of this world will be brought to realize that they are His stewards and that all that they have is His. When that day comes, 'The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.'

This has been a short Conference year. Conference came in February and again in December, so really we have had about ten months. Then the rains lasted later than usual, even into November. But notwithstanding this, besides the trips to villages seven and eight miles distant and besides the work from the stations on the railway, there have been seven tours made to the remote villages. The women in the out-stations have been faithful in their work. This could be readily seen by the manner in which we were received by the village people and by the replies brought out while questioning them as to their knowledge of the Bible.

Vikarabad is surrounded by many villages within a radius of five miles and the Bible women stationed in Vikarabad have gone to them regularly. In one of these villages, a place five miles from here, there were in one day in November, one hundred and nineteen baptized.

In July and November on Anunthagari hill, a beautiful spot five miles from here, is held a large Hindu festival. People come from miles away, from villages where the gospel has never been heard and they listen eagerly to the message that we give them. Many come to this festival for worship, to satisfy the longing in their hearts for the peace that is not there, and then they go away unsatisfied. Some come, as one man said, just to see their relatives. He said, "We know there is nothing in all this. These gods are only stones that cannot help or harm us, but we came to see our friends who have come here." A Christian hymn is sung and a crowd gathers to listen. Some just from idle curiosity and some with a real desire to know the way of truth. Often in our work throughout the villages, we meet people who have first heard the message at this festival.

In a village twenty miles out in the district, the work has been recently opened and we visited it for the first time during this past year. Of course everyone was consumed with curiosity to see a white woman and crowds came to the house where we
were staying. When the worker first went to this station he met with great opposition. They tried to turn him out of his house and refused to let him have water. They suffered very much during the first few weeks. Then the child of one of the village officials who had been a leader in this persecution was smitten with leprosy and the man was at once repentant. He looked upon it as a punishment from God because of his sins. He begged of us to give him some medicine that would heal the child, but all we could do was to point him to the great Physician. Many among both the high and low castes invited us to their homes and along toward evening the children and grown people gathered together for a service. They sang for us many of the Christian hymns that the Bible-woman had taught them and answered our questions concerning the life of Christ, repeated the ten commandments and listened eagerly to what we had to say to them.

In another village the people came together for evening service and we stayed with them until late into the night. When we suggested that it was time for them to go as we must get some rest they begged us to tell them more—to tell them more. One young man was especially anxious. He had been coming to the worker's house, learning to read and listening to the gospel for many weeks. The officials had ordered him to stay away and had beaten him many times and yet he came. The night we were there the very official who had beaten this boy came and sat in the crowd and listened to the gospel.

In one village the people were so anxious to have their own church and school that they from their poverty had given sixty rupees for material and were putting up the building with their own hands. This from men whose wages are four annas (eight cents) per day! In another place where there are sixty Christians they have given land and one hundred rupees for a building in which to worship. Who says that the Christian people are not learning to give?

We went into a school which is being held in a little straw hut twenty by ten feet. During the day all these people have to work in the fields but at night they come together to study. In this little hut there were as many as thirty or thirty-five people, listening to the gospel and learning to read, both little children and grown men. To one who has been a school teacher in
America, accustomed to all the comforts and conveniences of an American school room, it is a wonder how pupils in such a place could learn anything at all. But they do. Young people who had been in the school only two months were reading in the First Reader and their knowledge of the Bible would put many an American school boy to shame. And when they sang—well, so much music in such close quarters is rather hard on one’s ears—those hymns of praise went straight to the Father’s throne and we believe that some day these same boys and girls, these same young men and women, will join again in singing these songs around the throne of Him who gave His only Son that they might be saved.

Throughout all the villages the people are very friendly. In many places they brought us grass for our cattle and more pumpkins than we could use, besides milk and eggs. In two different houses of high caste Hindus they invited us to eat.

The people are begging for workers. In one place people came from a distant village to see us and to beg us to come to their village. The following morning we arose early and went. They showed us a house that they would give where a worker might live. They said, “You come now and then to see us but we want a teacher to come and live among us, to teach our children.” The call is everywhere, “Send us teachers, send us teachers.” Surely the field is white unto the harvest. During a special tour of fifteen days there were over a thousand baptisms. The people are ready and waiting. The cry is, “What shall we do? Show us the way and we will walk in it.” “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His Harvest.”

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Another twelve months have rolled swiftly away, the record of another year is closed and our hearts rejoice in the certain knowledge that God has been caring for us and His work through the year, and at times when our perplexities have been greatest, when our disappointments have been almost heart-breaking, when our hopes have been deferred, His care has been most clearly shown and we praise Him for it.

Miss Stephens was with us until April 25th, and then soon afterwards came the hot weather vacation of six weeks, so that it was not until July that the somewhat young "step-mother" entered upon her duties in the large family with its varied interests and responsibilities.

In the first place the senior zenana worker, Miss D’Jordon, was granted a six months' leave of absence because of ill-health in her family. We wondered what could be done to fill this vacancy and to the query came the answer from the Biblewomen, "We'll stand by you amma. We'll all help." A nobler set of women would be hard to find, and to crown their efforts God has opened new homes and changed some lives from darkness to light.

Then came another sorrow, our Miss Clare Betreen, whose quiet life breathed forth its sweet influence in the Orphanage, among the sick, in the English classes and in the Industrial classes, was stricken with a fearful disease and taken from our midst to the hospital where she has spent weary months in trying to get strong. God has been using her even there, but to-day she is a frail body not able to leave her bed.

The Hindustani worker came with a doctor's certificate advising a leave of absence and thus another experienced worker has been gone for five months, but God whose we are and whom we serve, had another worker ready to step in and help share the labours. Mrs. Rajaruthnam, a cultured Indian lady, has lovingly entered the 27 Mohammedan Zenanas and instructed the 32 women. She says that in some of the homes where Bible lessons have not been given the women have asked to learn. It was such a pleasure when we examined them in Scripture last month to hear them sing such songs as "Jesus Loves Me," and "What Can Wash Away My Sins."
Miss Lewis, who will report her own work, has been a great comfort during the year, being willing to do anything, at any time just as the occasion might demand.

Miss Moyer has been with us ever since April and has been willing to help in any little corner which needed to be filled, sometimes in the office, sometimes in the school, in the home, and now in the zenanas. Many and many a weary climb up and down stairs she has saved me. I render unto the ladies of the Quincy District, Illinois, my sincere thanks for having sent her and know that her life is to be greatly used for Him.

I cannot conclude without putting on record the fact that Sooboonagum Ammal has been of invaluable assistance in the home during the latter half of the year. It was she who, when physicians ordered me away from India, prepared nourishment, and at intervals appeared to tempt the appetite, not only with the dainty dishes which she made but with pleadings that could not be resisted. It was she who took the details of the house-keeping, which are many, thus relieving me of many a care, and as I look back I wonder how we could have managed without her. We have not mentioned the routine work which has been accomplished, for you will see it in the statistical report.

God has been with us and we can now praise Him for the hard places.

Miss Young, who has had charge of the Orphanage for several years, reports as follows:

"I find in Orphanage work that one has to deal with each girl individually and it is only by carefully watching them, and with God's help that I have been able to deal with them. Some of the girls lead such unselfish Christian lives that I often feel blessed in my own soul because of my contact with them. Again, others are so hard to deal with that it is comforting to know that He has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. The girls are very fond of having prayer meetings among themselves every night. One little girl, Inthanee, eight years of age, was crying and praying very earnestly, all by herself in the compound, for a sick girl. When asked, she said, 'I love to talk to Jesus and tell Him all that happens to each one in this school. He loves us all so much that I am just telling Him about my sick friend Ponnee.'"
Several of our older girls in the Revival meetings, held by Mr. Stanley Jones, have been led into deeper knowledge of Christ and I feel sure that they will be made a great blessing to all of the younger girls in the school.

The results in the annual inspection of schools have been very satisfactory, while the Industrial work is quite a feature in the daily routine. This year three of the lace workers have been sent to the Scotch Mission for their training in order that they may appear for the Government Examination and secure certificates which will cause them to become qualified teachers in our own school. Our dear Kitty David who came to us a baby and is now quite a nice young woman, has gone to the United Free Church Mission Hospital to take her training as a nurse. When Dr. Lewis, of Kolar, was looking for a trained nurse to help supervise the work in the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital, which is soon to be opened, she asked that Nurse Laura might come, so that another has gone from our midst to become a leader among those who care for the sick. Two more of our girls are taking their training in the Government Training School for Mistresses and as each of these girls go from our school I thank God that He has enabled us to help them. Two of our family married very nice Christian men and have gone forth to make Christian homes. Death has visited our Orphanage five times during the year and the only thing that comforts us is to know that we have the assurance that our dear girls have gone to be with Jesus.”

Miss Doyle writes, “Since our last report we have admitted sixty new girls into our Caste School at Choolai. There are several girls in this school who are trying to walk in the light, in their dark heathen homes. Many of them are child-wives from the ages of six to twelve. It is very sad to see these little girls who will never know the delights of childhood, but instead are spoken to about their husbands. What will it be for these little women should any of their husbands die before they do? What will their lives be but full of misery and torment? God grant that when dark days come they will know of the only True One who is ever ready to help and save.

In the Pudupet Poor School the numbers have also increased and the Lord has been very gracious in permitting us to see the
ORPHANAGE GIRLS OF 1910, MADRAS
fruits of our labours. Several tracts on drink were given to the
girls for distribution among their fathers and relatives and we
have heard from one child that her father is very much changed
since the reading of that little tract."

Miss Lewis writes, "I have had many changes in my work
during the year. The first half term I had supervision of two
districts in the zenanas and a village night school but on the
opening of the second term I was given the entire charge of the
village work and a month later helped a little in the zenana
department. In all this work I have found the Lord's leading
and guiding hand directing me all along the way. Often times I
have had discouragements in my zenana work, when some of the
women refused to hear and learn the Scriptures, for fear of being
persecuted by their relatives, who are very superstitious regard-
ing the Christian religion. I made this a matter of prayer and
after some time it was wonderful how these same women
received the Word of God and are now very earnest and
attentive listeners to the Gospel. Some of them have given up
living with their people just to study the Bible. One woman of
the Lala caste was very much persecuted when her people
heard that she was learning the Catechism and listening to
Bible Stories, so she begged of her husband to leave the home in
which they were and to go to another place where we may con-
tinue to visit her. Her husband is not in sympathy with her
committing the Scriptures but when he is away the Bible woman
makes her visit and tells her about Jesus who loves her and died
to save her. There are many women who are in the same posi-
tion who secretly study their Scripture lessons and who are
secret believers on the Lord Jesus Christ.

If some homes close their doors against us others are opened,
thus the Lord is using us and blessing His work in the zenanas.

The Tamil Woman's Friend and other tracts are freely distri-
buted and gladly received. The women are taught the Bible in
English and Tamil besides secular lessons and fancy work of
various kinds.

May the Word preached and the seed sown be greatly blessed
and may many of these dear women give their hearts to Jesus
and take Him as their personal Saviour.
I am glad to say that the village work is very encouraging. We have fifty villages, ten of which have schools and the others are purely evangelistic. Some are quite a distance away and one has to stay a whole day to examine the work done. Each teacher has two schools and a few evangelistic villages. The Catechism and secular lessons are taught daily and it is marvellous how these village children who do not know how to read and write flock into these schools and so eagerly and earnestly learn what is taught them. Many of these little ones love Jesus and are witnesses for Him in their homes and through them their parents have been brought to a knowledge of the Saviour.

The village night school is comprised chiefly of young men, of the lowest caste, called Sweepers, and a few boys and girls of the same class. These men work in the cotton mills during the day and when they come to their huts at night, weary as they may be, their eagerness to learn draws them to the school. Besides secular lessons they memorize portions of Scripture and Catechism as well as Hymns and Lyrics. We have had nineteen baptisms from some of our villages during the second half of the year. In this way God is blessing our work in the zenanas and villages and we believe that many are soon to be brought into the Kingdom.”

Soo boonagum Ammal writes: “I always feel that I am unworthy to be in the Lord’s work, yet He in His great love for sinners has chosen me to do His blessed work. During the first half of the year I had the privilege of preaching and supervising the work in forty-four villages and since July I have been helping Miss Woods in the Home and I feel that this too belongs to the Master and that even here He expects much from me.

A certain woman named Samathal who belonged to the thieving caste, but who had been under instruction for some months, was converted last March and now her chief desire is to see her husband converted. She was very ill in the beginning of March and her husband called many native doctors to see her but she declared that she would not get well unless the Christian workers who visited her village came and prayed for her. Of course the husband did not like to hear this and as long as he could he prevented us from seeing her. One morning when we were having street preaching we missed her from the crowd, so went to her home and found her in bed, and as soon as she saw us she said:
Please amma pray for me and pray with me. I have been watching for you all these days and last night I prayed to Jesus to send you to this village and now that you have come I feel that I will get well soon. We were surprised for she had not told us that she had been trusting in Jesus. She made us promise that we would come often and pray with her until she was entirely well. The next time we went she was better and now she is a true Christian in her heart but she will not be baptized until her husband too joins her Faith."

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Madras English Work

Mrs. Baker ... ... ... ... Missionary

"For the Lion of Juda shall break every chain and give us the victory again and again." This I have found to be true during the past year. It has been a year of victory. The opposition has been great, not with sticks and stones, but oft-times concealed by a smiling face and with words of praise. Were it not that God was with us we should have certainly been defeated. That we are able to report souls won for God is due to the fact that in spite of all our failures God has worked in our midst. A number have sought and found Jesus and are having no easy time in taking their stand for Christ among their old associates. The devil is working hard to win them back to the world. Oh, how we need your prayers. We feel that our Church is like a city set on a hill. The heathen see us and take note of how we live, and our lives are helping or retarding the work among the non-Christian people in proportion as those lives are or are not Christ-like. A Hindu gentleman lately said to one of us, "You Methodist people are like us, for your ladies do not dance." The Hindu finds it very hard to separate dancing and immorality in his thought, and so this was a higher compliment than at first might appear.

A native gentleman some time ago offered Mr. Baker a cigar. On Mr. Baker saying to him, "Thank you, I do not smoke," he
was much surprised and said, "Why, I thought that all Christians both smoke and drink." His trouble was he knew the wrong kind of Christians. Mr. Baker explained to him our Church rules and the man exclaimed, "If all Christians lived according to those rules it would not belong before this land would become Christian."

I think it is much easier to serve God in a Christian land than in a heathen one. There is no Christian public sentiment here to help one and there are many heathen sentiments that have gained a hold on the nominal Christian that pull worldward. The temptations here are peculiar to a heathen land and many yield and are swept away from their Christian moorings, but this need not be, grace is sufficient even here as the consistent Christian lives of many to go to prove.

In spite of opposition, in spite of back slidings, the work goes on and as we review the year's work our hearts are filled with gratitude for what God has wrought among us. A bright, beautiful girl was converted at special services held in the Vepery Church a short time before Conference.

A short time before her conversion she drew a prize of a gold watch from a convent school lottery. Last week she returned the watch with a letter explaining that since her conversion she had been feeling it was not right for her to keep a watch got in that way. She has had to bear much persecution in consequence of doing this, but bravely maintains the stand she has taken, and rejoices to bear reproach for Jesus. Another, because she has given up dancing since her conversion has to face ridicule, but is unmoved in her determination to live for Jesus and not for the world.

These and other young converts are working for the salvation of their friends and all with whom they have to do. One girl reads the Bible regularly to a poor old Roman Catholic woman. Another is striving diligently to win one for Jesus who is very far from the Kingdom. These young converts know that they have met with a change of heart and their old friends see the change in their lives and speak of it. I find great delight in the Sunday School. Especially it is a pleasure to note the interest of the pupils in the school. One little girl of twelve has brought lately five others to the school, and sees to it that they come every
Sunday. At our last Children’s Day Service we took up a collection of flowers for the sick in hospitals and in homes of the city. Notes of thanks tell of the work for God done by the lovely flowers thus distributed. Members of our Junior League visited the hospitals several times during the year and distributed small bouquets of flowers with a Scripture text attached to each. On one occasion a mother sat by the bedside of her dying child. The little one had been badly burned. A little girl named Dorous handed the mother one of these nosegays. The mother took it in a very mechanical way. Little Dorous’ heart was touched by this dear mother’s sorrow and she wanted very much to comfort the sorrowing mother, but knew of no other way to do it than hand her another nosegay. The mother received this very much as she did the other. Then Dorous handed her a text card. This time the woman read the Scripture text, her face brightened and she thanked little Dorous. The text was the message she needed and she was helped to bear her sorrow.

In the house-to-house work among the people I have been greatly blessed. Some of the homes to which I go are comfortable and there are ample evidences of culture and refinement, and others are wretched places of abode, not much better than an ordinary cattle shed in the home land, but whether it be in the home of affluence or poverty the one need is Jesus. Often it is a very keenly felt need and sometimes the need is not realized; they are unhappy, but they know not why. Other homes are Christian, and we have them of all social grades. The work is a delight to me and I am confident that more for the Master is being accomplished than any of us are able to estimate.
Raichur District

Raichur Circuit

Mrs. A. E. Cook ... ... ... Missionary

Mary Timothy ... ... ... Bible-woman
Mrs. Paul ... ... ... Bible-woman
Abigail ... ... ... Bible-woman
Lenamma ... ... ... Bible-woman
Esther ... ... ... Matron
Mary Yesudas... ... ... Teacher
Rutnamma ... ... ... Teacher
Mary Shontappa ... ... ... Teacher

All through the year we have been asking God to lead us and we praise Him for His loving kindness.

The Bible-women have been working most of the time but Lena’s work was interrupted for a month or more by small-pox. The women have explained many Bible stories, have sung hymns, told of the love of Christ and prayed with the women. They have made 2,396 visits. Mrs. Paul has taught the children Bible verses and to sing in Sunday School. One woman whom Lena has been teaching has finished her First Reader. During the year 23 women and girls have been baptized and now we have 175 Christian women and girls in a Christian community of 560. All of the Bible-women came and enjoyed the District Conference and were refreshed and strengthened for another year’s work.

But to understand the difficulties and the importance of the work it is necessary first to understand the condition of the women and girls.

One of the greatest hindrances to the spread of the Gospel in India is the ignorance and superstition of the women. There are whole castes where no women are able to read. Out of 99,700,000 women and girls directly under British rule 99,500,000 are returned as unable to read or write. The remaining 200,000 can hardly be reckoned as educated, for the school-going age of a girl is generally between seven and nine years of age.
Again most of our converts are from the lowest castes, where the illiteracy is most appalling. How to convert and teach these women is one of the greatest problems the church faces in India. Most of our Christians are men. The women hold back. It is difficult to get at them. They are always so busy. They work all day in the fields and when they come home they must cook for the family and by the time their housework is done it is late at night and they need all the time there is left for sleep and rest. When we can find them at leisure the difficulty is their apathy towards learning anything. Many are timid and others are fearfully stupid. They seem ashamed to repeat any lesson or parable taught to them. When pressed they say, “We can’t learn anything.” Then they are poor and the great question of their lives is how to fill their stomachs. They cannot see how this is going to help them, and besides it is so much more work and trouble. Again the few who show a mind to learn are often frightened out of it by the difficulties and by the jeers of other women or men.

How are we to teach the mothers of India the Word of God and how to pray? Our greatest hope is in the girls. But if the girls remain in their homes ninety-nine out of a hundred will have to herd cattle and goats, bring water and fuel and help with the house work and there is no time to study. If one tries, the elders in the house will say, “Leave off this nonsense and attend to your work.” What are we to do? We must look to our Girls’ Boarding School for the best and most permanent results.

I am glad to report that our Raichur Girls’ Boarding School is now in new and better quarters. The health of the children is better, the number steadily increases and in spite of several losses we now have thirty-seven girls in school.

We have two teachers in the school and the advanced class is finishing the fifth standard this year. The work of Mary the head teacher is very thorough and she governs the school well.

A nice class of little ones have learned the words and can sing fourteen songs. They sang several action songs at the District Conference and were loudly cheered.

Eight of the older girls passed the All-India Sunday School Union Examination.
Lakshmi our oldest girl has been married and this coming year she will be added to the list of Bible-women.

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

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**Raichur District Work**

**Mrs. Margaret C. Ernsberger** ... ... Missionary

During the past year I have had charge of the work of sixteen Bible-women, working in five of the circuits of the Raichur District.

**Gulbarga Circuit.**—Owing to Mrs. Garden's absence on health leave, in 1909 I helped some in the work of this circuit, and on Mr. Garden's departure last March I took over charge of the women's work, and have spent six weeks in the circuit this year. There are six Bible-women working from five centres. Of these, two cannot read—Madyavva and Mallavva—but they are effective workers. Madyavva has worked with Chandamma in Kirini and her honest life has been a lump of leaven in that wicked place. Chandamma has had a few years' education in our Girls' Boarding School, and her training combines well with Madyavva's experience and commonsense. Mallavva I call, "Evangelist at large" as she ranges over so wide a territory. In times past she has been very successful among her own kindred and during this year she has maintained her record.

K. Annamma in Siddigi, owing to the moral lapses of her husband, has had a hard year and has worked against great odds.

Chandrabai in Gulbarga and Ramakka in Dudhni are both from Pandita Ramabai's School, where they learned Marathi. Ramakka, however speaks the Kanarese and Chandrabai is learning it. Ramakka has a very bright, winning way and works among both high and low caste people. Since August Chandrabai has been working chiefly among the low caste people in Gulbarga, and she is assisted by another woman who is studying in our embryo Theological Seminary, along with her husband. I am glad to report that another girl from Gulbarga is preparing for Bible-woman's work in Mrs. Cook's School in Raichur.
While I was in Gulbarga in August and September, I held weekly meetings with the women, and found them sympathetic and responsive. About 5,000 listeners have heard the Gospel through these Bible-women.

Kopbal Circuit.—The only Bible-woman we had in this circuit was the late Grace Chinnayya, wife of S. N. Chinnayya of Kopbal. She was working chiefly among our converts, the Korachas, taking great pains to teach them the Bible, and she was very much beloved by them. Besides, she worked among the caste women of the town and ministered to both Hindus and Christians from her own means; she was regularly teaching a hundred women. During the year thirty women and girls were baptized in Kopbal, whom she had helped to prepare for baptism.

In the month of June she became ill, and after much suffering passed away in the Bellary Hospital, September 6th. She left behind, her husband and three little children. Her memory is a precious legacy, and her works do follow her.

Shahapur Circuit.—Four Bible-women have been at work in the Shahapur circuit. Elizamma Karodi, wife of the preacher in charge, has suffered many afflictions. Living in Shahapur, Managanal and Gulbarga, with no settled abiding place, she has cared for her large family and had the sad experience of seeing two lovely children slowly fade away and leave her just as they were nearly grown and educated. God alone has fathomed the parents' grief, and He alone can adequately comfort them. Under these circumstances Elizamma could not possibly prosecute her work with her accustomed zeal, but she has always improved her opportunities and has made—many, where a less active person would have deemed it impossible.

Maryamma Jesse has had an unusually good year. She has repeatedly visited the surrounding villages with her husband, teaching the women and children the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer and Sunday School lessons from the Scripture rolls, and has thus been a great help in the growth of the Christians and the winning of converts. Too much emphasis cannot be put upon the importance of our Bible-women visiting systematically in the villages where our new Christians live. It is the most important work they can do, to move among them, instructing,
reproving and encouraging, and showing them by example what an intelligent Christian woman can be and do.

Simakka in Managanal has just completed her first year of service as a Bible-woman. In April and May she and her little baby were both attacked by small-pox, but by God's favour both recovered. Considering her difficulties and inexperience she has put in a good year's work. She has reported 214 visits and 3,721 listeners and has taught in Sunday School 41 times with 1,116 present.

Juliet Buchamma has been working in a new field in Sadabidi and several neighbouring villages. Several times she has joined with Maryamma in the work in the villages. She regularly visits both Christians and non-Christians and teaches in Sunday School.

In this circuit the Bible-women have spoken with 8,654 listeners, besides 2,784 Sunday School scholars, and visited 22 villages. The number of women and girls baptized this year is 77.

Shorapur Circuit.—In this circuit there are three Bible-women. Rebeccamma Desai, wife of the preacher in charge, lives in Shorapur, and often goes to Anandapur and sometimes to the villages. Last year at Christmas time when the Christian Jathra (or fair) was held in Anandapur, there were sixty Christian women present for three days, and Rebeccamma reported five hundred women reached that month. The women from the villages come in large numbers to visit her in Shorapur, where she instructs and advises them. Rebeccamma and her daughter Kamala (educated in our Boarding Schools) also visit their non-Christian neighbours every day, and are teaching a Sunday School class of about seventeen caste girls. These girls greatly enjoy the Scripture rolls and know many Bible stories. Through their influence the women in several prominent families have become very favourable to Christianity, and will doubtless soon be baptized. The zenana ladies of the young Shorapur Rajah come to visit Rebeccamma under the cover of the evening shadows, ask her advice and show themselves very friendly. Rebeccamma has also had months of sickness in her home this year, but by God's grace all are improved and the work is going on.

Adivamma and Hannamma are working in Anandapur and Yemenur. During the year Adivamma was in Raichur three
months on sick leave, and this has somewhat broken up her year’s work; she is teaching one woman to read—a kind of work we intend to emphasize next year. Hannamma reports seventy-five different women under instruction.

In this circuit twenty-one women and girls have been baptized this year.

Yadagiri Circuit.—There are two Bible-women working in this circuit. Priscillamma Lewis, wife of the preacher in charge, is working in Yadagiri, and has also made several tours in the villages—to my great satisfaction.

In Yadagiri many Lingayat families receive her most kindly, and attend Sunday School. She has been most zealous and faithful in her work and there are good prospects for fruit in this circuit.

Rachel, wife of the Home Missionary, has been working since February in Yellari. In March they had fifteen baptisms, and of these three were women.

In this comparatively new circuit, real progress has been made. We are grateful for the awakened interest and faithful preaching of our women to more than 4,000 listeners, and for the ten women and girls baptized.

In these five circuits our sixteen Bible-women have spoken in the homes, streets and Sunday Schools to more than 24,000 listeners, and have helped in preparing 98 persons for baptism.

The District Conference held in Raichur November 24—28th was a time of profit and inspiration, and our women from Gulbarga and Yadagiri circuits were present.

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  - Raichur, Girls' Boarding School and Woman's Work

  Mrs. Garden  
  Mrs. Cook
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FIRST DAY

Deaconess Home, Kolar,
Thursday, 8th December, 1910.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the South India Woman's Conference convened on Thursday, December 8th, 1910, at 1 p.m., Mrs. Ernsberger presiding.

Roll Call—The Secretary called the roll. The following ladies responded:—Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Coates, Miss Dosch, Miss Ericson, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Evans, Miss Fisher, Miss Hollister, Mrs. King, Mrs. Lipp, Dr. Lewis, Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Miss Simonds, Miss Wood, Miss Woods.

Devotional—Scripture verses of praise and promise were given by members of the Conference after which “He leadeth me,” was sung. Mrs. McDowell led in prayer. The girls of the Kolar Boarding School sang “The Kingdom is coming.”

Organization—The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. McDowell; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Fisher; Secretary, Miss Dosch; Assistant Secretary, Miss Simonds.

Hours of Session—The hours fixed for Conference Session were from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Introductions—Mrs. Robinson was welcomed, and addressed the Conference briefly. Two new members were introduced to the Conference, Mrs. Linn and Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Hulse and Miss Rate, of the Baldwin Girls' School, also Miss Walker and Miss Murry, delegates to the Epworth League Rally were introduced. Miss Evans, who has returned from furlough, was welcomed into our midst once more.

Temporary Committees—On motion of Miss Wood, Miss Woods, Miss Simonds and Mrs. Ernsberger were appointed as Committee on Resolutions.

On motion of Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Beal and Miss Montgomery were appointed to fill the vacancies on the Temperance Committee caused by the home going of Mrs. Schermerhorn and Miss Holland.
Communications—Members of the Conference brought communications from absent members. Those absent were; Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Batstone, Mrs. Butterick, Miss Bentlien, Miss D’Jordon, Miss Doyle, Miss Fenderich, Mrs. Garden, Mrs. Hollister, Miss Holland, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Ogg, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Scharer, Mrs. Schermerhorn, Miss Toll, Miss Young, and all the Indian sisters.

Reports—Reports of work by Districts were called. The time limit was fixed at five minutes. The following gave their reports, Mrs. Lipp, Mrs. Coates, Miss Fisher, Miss Hollister, Miss Montgomery, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Ernsberger, Miss Ericson, Mrs. Beal and Mrs. King.

Mrs. McDowell gave a report of the General Executive Meeting.

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. Mrs. Robinson led in the closing prayer.

SECOND DAY

Deaconess Home, Kolar,
Friday, 9th December, 1910.

The second session of the Woman’s Conference met at 1 p.m. It was moved that the meeting adjourn in order to attend the Annual Conference where the District Superintendents’ reports were being given. It was moved that the Conference meet Saturday morning at 8 o’clock.

THIRD DAY

Deaconess Home, Kolar,
Saturday, 10th December, 1910.

Opening—Conference assembled at 8-30 a.m.

Devotional—Mrs. Ernsberger led the devotions. “A charge to keep I have,” was sung; Eph. 2: 12—16 was read and a short helpful talk was given. Mrs. Robinson, Miss Evans and Mrs. Ernsberger led in prayer.

Journal—The minutes of the previous meetings were read, corrected and approved.

Introduction—Ruth, a late convert with a very interesting story, was introduced, and a little one of four years sang, “Jesus Loves Me” very sweetly.
Discussion—It was moved by Miss Evans that the first hour of the session be given to a discussion of any phase of the work which Mrs. McDowell should choose.

The subject, Comity, was taken up.

Those stations which have a clear field for their work are Bidar, Belgaum, Kolar, Vikarabad and Raichur. The city work in Hyderabad, Madras and Bangalore are worked by Missionaries of other denominations than our own.

Miss Wood and Miss Evans of Hyderabad, Miss Lipp and Miss Fisher of Bangalore, and Miss Woods of Madras spoke of their work.

Reports—Miss Maskell and Miss Wood gave their reports.

Special Gifts—The topic, Special Gifts, was discussed.

Adjournment—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Mrs. McDowell repeated the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society benediction, which is found in the hymnal, No. 40.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Conference assembled at 1 p.m.

Devotional—“I need thee every hour” was sung, after which Mrs. King led in prayer.

Journal—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion—A discussion concerning “Deeds of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society property” was held.

Communications—It was moved that letters of greeting be sent to absent members. Several of the members volunteered to send greetings. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of greeting and sympathy to Mrs. Oldham.

Reports—Miss Dosch, Miss Evans, Miss Simonds, Miss Wells, Miss Woods, and Mrs. Cook gave their reports. Prayer was offered for blessings upon the work which the Conference represents.

Resolution—The following resolution concerning the Raichur work was adopted. It was presented by Miss Evans—“We the South India Woman’s Conference in session earnestly request the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, that they appropriate money for property, scholarships, ‘and send out a missionary for the work in Raichur.”
Reports of Examination Committees—The Report of the Kanarese Committee was given by Miss Maskell. The report was accepted. (see Report No 1) The report of the Telugu Committee was given by Miss Simonds. The report was accepted (see Report No. 2).

Editing and Publishing—The report of the Editing and Publishing Committee was given and accepted.

Course of Study—It was moved by Miss Wells that the courses of study be omitted from the minutes.

Number of Minutes.—It was moved by Miss Evans that 1,500 copies of the minutes be printed.

Election.—Miss Wood was elected Third Vice-President, since the President and Vice Presidents were to be absent on Monday.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned by expiration of time. "More love to thee" was sung, after which Mrs. McDowell led in prayer.

FOURTH DAY

Deaconess Home, Kolar,
December 12th, 1910.

Opening.—Conference assembled at 8-30 A.M.

Devotional.—"Jesus where e'er thy people meet" was sung. Mrs. McDowell read the "Marching Orders" for missionaries which was used in the commission service for out-going missionaries. Miss Ericson led in prayer.

Introductions.—Miss Peters, Miss Montgomery's helper, was introduced. Miss Maskell introduced Miss Lewis, Miss Curtis and Miss White, Evangelistic and Day School Workers. The Bible Women, teachers and some school girls were also presented.

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

Communications.—Miss Maskell brought greetings from Mrs. Butterick.

A report of the Muttra Training School was read and accepted.

An official letter from Mrs. Huntley and a communication from Miss Bender of the General Office were read by the Official Correspondent.

Discussion—Mrs. McDowell explained what was meant by "Local missionaries." It was moved by Mrs. King that a
committee be appointed to form a resolution concerning the mind of the Conference on this subject. Miss Wood, Miss Maskell and Miss Wells were appointed as a committee to draw up this resolution.

Temperance—The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Miss Ericson. It was accepted. (See Report No. 3)

Standing Committees—It was moved by Miss Wood that the order of the day at the next session be the election of Standing Committees.

Programme—The report of the Programme Committee was given by Miss Simonds.

Mrs. Ernsberger gave a talk on "Evangelistic work in villages," which was very interesting.

Resolutions—Two resolutions were presented by the Committee (See Resolutions 1 and 2).

Adjournment—It was moved that we adjourn in order to be present at the last session of the Annual Conference over which Bishop McDowell was to preside.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening.—The Conference opened at 4 p. m.

Devotional.—"Jesus, Lover of my Soul" was sung, after which Mrs. Campbell led in prayer.

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

Standing Committees.—Miss Wells was elected; Official Correspondent.

Reference and Finance Committee elected as follows: Miss Fisher, Miss Woods, Mrs. Ernsberger, Mrs. Cook and Miss Maskell.

Miss Hollister was elected as Statistical Secretary; Miss Wells, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Ogg, and the Conference Secretary were elected as Editing and Publishing Committee.

The Hindustani Examination Committee elected was Miss Wood, Mrs. Linn and Dr. Lewis. It was moved that no changes be made in the Telugu, Kanarese and Tamil Examination Committees.

Miss Montgomery, Miss Dosch, Miss Ericson, and Mrs. Ernsberger were elected as a Temperance Committee.
The Programme Committee elected was Miss Stephens, Miss Hollister and Mrs. Linn. Miss Fisher was elected as correspondent with the General Office.

Report of Official Correspondent.—Miss Wells gave the report of the Reference and Finance Committee. It was accepted. (See Report No. 4).

Communications.—Greetings were received from Mrs. Hotton.

Statistical Report.—It was moved that the report of the Statistical Secretary be accepted.

Adjournment.—It was moved that we adjourn to meet at 7:30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

Opening.—Miss Evans opened the session with prayer.

Delegates.—It was moved that Miss Wood and Dr. Lewis be appointed delegates to the World's Moslem Convention.

Correspondence.—It was moved and carried that the correspondence to publications take the nature of a general report and continue throughout the year.

Woman's Friend ... ... ... Miss Ericson
World Wide Missions ... ... ... Mrs. Ernsberger
Indian Witness ... ... ... Mrs. Beal
Central Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Simonds
Pittsburg Christian Advocate ... ... Mrs. Coates
Northwestern Christian Advocate ... ... Dr. Lewis
Western Christian Advocate ... ... Miss Dosch

Report.—A Report of the Committee concerning "Local Missionaries" was presented. The report was accepted. (See Report No. 5).

Resolutions.—The Report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted.

Official Record.—It was moved and carried that the minutes be the Official Record of the Conference, and that the Secretary be allowed to edit the minutes.

Adjournment.—On motion the Conference adjourned.

MRS. W. F. McDOWELL,
President.

LAURA DOSCH,
Secretary.
REPORTS

I

KANARESE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Miss Graham passed the first year’s course except the first reader.
Miss Ericson passed in Grammar and Memoriter of the third year.

Florence Maskell.
Margaret C. Ernsberger.
Urdell Montgomery.

II

TELUGU EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Miss Dosch passed in Arden’s Telugu Grammar, Marsden’s First Reader of the first year and Marsden’s Second Reader, Arden’s Telugu Reader from English to Telugu, Genesis and Acts, and Memoriter of the second year.
Miss DeLange passed in Luke of the first year and Memoriter of the second year.

Elizabeth J. Wells.
Mildred Simonds.
Laura Dosch.

III

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

It is with satisfaction that we report for the past year a steady continuance of previous work along temperance lines, and an increasing response to such efforts while no remarkable progress has been made, yet there have been signs that, “line upon line and precept upon precept” have not been in vain. We are saddened, however, to note that the drink habit is not uncommon among educated Christian adults in Christian communities throughout our Conference and other parts of India, and would emphasize again the importance of constant and definite instruction of the children both heathen and Christian.
From the Vikarabad Circuit we hear of one Indian worker whose consistent Christian life has had the effect of considerably lessening the sale of liquor in a village which has hitherto been known as a "toddy village."

Miss Woods reports of many temperance tracts distributed and tells of one little girl in a school who took home one of the tracts, and later reported to Miss Doyle that her father had read it and was a changed man, having abandoned the drink habit.

In Bangalore, Belgaum, Kolar and other places regular instruction is given through classes, Epworth Leagues, W C. T. Unions and books.

Miss Maskell tells of a brave little girl who, when her drunken mother ordered her to drink, refused saying, "I have learned in the school that it is a very bad thing and I will not drink." Such instances give us encouragement in working for the young.

We would suggest as an addition to the books recommended in last year's report—Heirs Book on Sanitation, which Miss Evans reports, has been placed on the Educational Code of the Nizam's Dominions as a compulsory study. Several chapters are devoted to pointing out the evils of the use of narcotics and drugs. The book is found in English and Telugu, possibly Hindustani also, and is worthy of circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET D. LEWIS.
JUDITH ERICSON.
URDELL MONTGOMERY.
BESSIE R. BEAL.

IV

REPORT OF THE REFERENCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Reference and Finance Committee of the South India Woman's Conference met in Hyderabad July 26, 1910, and after careful consideration, passed the estimates for work in 1911.

The following resolution was passed "Whereas, the needs of the work already organized and now carried on, viz., the Bangalore Evangelistic work, the Bidar Evangelistic and School work, the Belgaum Evangelistic work, the Kolar Girls' School, the Madras work, the Raichur Girls' School and Evangelistic work are so great
and whereas, the work is suffering for lack of supervision, there-
fore be it

Resolved, that we urge the General Executive Committee to
send out as speedily as possible all the new missionaries asked for.
The Committee also met in Kolar Dec. 10, 1910, in called session
and considered such matters as were presented to it.

ELIZABETH J. WELLS,  CATHARINE WOOD,
Secretary.            President.

V

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL MISSIONARIES

We as a committee having met and carefully considered the
proposition of the General Executive regarding the creation of a
class of workers to be known as Local Missionaries, would respect-
fully point out

1. The danger of emphasizing educational qualifications above
those of efficiency as proved by years of faithful service and
experience.

2. The temptation to ambition and dissatisfaction if a scale of
salary allowing promotion be adopted.

3. The difficulty of removal from work, if required.

4. The necessity in our judgment of the creation in each
conference, of a governing body or Board.

5. The need of regulations regarding the form of application,
health requirements and age limits.

6. The necessity of the definition of their exact status in their
station in the Conference and in regard to the Woman's Foreign
Missionary Society in the homeland.

We would respectfully recommend that final definite action on
our part as a Conference be deferred until we have had sufficient
time to carefully consider the question in all its aspects and form
an opinion thereon.

Respectfully submitted.  CATHARINE WOOD.
FLORENCE W. MASKELL.
ELIZABETH J. WELLS.
RESOLUTIONS

1. Whereas, in the providence of God it has been our privilege and joy to have in our midst Mrs. W. F. McDowell, the gracious and beloved President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, who has with such keen discernment presided over this session of the Woman's Conference,

Resolved, that we extend to her our heartfelt gratitude for her loving sympathy and kindly counsel, and through her convey to the ladies at home our greetings and appreciation of their unfailing devotion to the work of the South India Conference.

2. Whereas, it has been our privilege to welcome back into our midst, after a long period of separation, one of our charter members, our own Mrs. J. E. Robinson,

Resolved, that we put on record our gratitude for her return and for the inspiration of her cheerful presence and pray that we may have many years of blessed fellowship in His service.

3. Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call unto Himself, Mrs. Montgomery, the dearly beloved mother of one of our co-workers,

Resolved, that we extend to Miss Montgomery in her bereavement our loving sympathy, and the assurance of our prayers, that she may be sustained by Him who is "too wise to err, and too good to be unkind."

4. Resolved, that we tender to Mrs. J. Karodi our heartfelt sympathy with her, in the loss of her son and daughter and assure her of our prayers.

5. Resolved, that we extend our sincere thanks and hearty appreciation to Miss Maskell, Miss Montgomery, Dr. Lewis and the other ladies of the Bangalore District, for their generous hospitality and untiring efforts in providing for our comfort and entertainment.

Grace M. Woods.
Margaret C. Ernsberger.
Mildred Simonds.
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Submitted by ALICE E. HOLLISTER.

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