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FIRST SESSION.

Pakur, January 3rd, 1901.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Bengal Woman's Conference met in the chapel at Pakur, January 3rd, 1901, at 2:30 P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Samson who led the ladies in repeating the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians, after which Mrs. Lee offered prayer.

The roll was called by the secretary of last year, Mrs. Robinson and the following ladies answered to their names: Miss Blair, Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Chew, Miss Craig, Mrs. Culshaw, Miss Knowles, Mrs. Lee, Miss Maxey, Miss McKinley, Mrs. Meik, Miss Moyer, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Samson.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Miss Knowles; Vice President, Mrs. Byers; Recording Secretary, Miss Blair; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Chew; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Maxey; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Culshaw.

On motion of Miss Maxey, the names of the ladies belonging to Burma were removed from the roll.

At this point Miss Ruth Robinson, Mrs. Lieden and Miss Flora Robinson were introduced to the Conference, and each spoke a few appropriate words.

The following names were added to the Conference roll: Mrs. Lieden, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Storrs and Dr. Mulford.

Committees were appointed by the chair as follows:
Publication Committee: Miss Blair, Mrs. Chew,
Examining Committee, Hindustani, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Lieden.
Nominating Committee: Miss Samson, Mrs. Lee, Miss Craig, Mrs. Byers, Miss Campbell.
Resolutions: Mrs. Culshaw, Miss Craig and Miss McKinley.

Mrs. Byers gave the report of the woman's work in Asansol; Miss Samson the report for the Calcutta Girls' School; the
report of the Deaconess Home having appeared in the report of the Presiding Elder in the morning, it was accepted without further reading. Miss Knowles reported the Arcadia Girls' School; and her report given by the Presiding Elder was accepted. Miss Soderstrom's report of Mozafarpur village and Zenana work was read by Miss Campbell, who also reported her own work in the Orphanage in that place. These reports were adopted and will appear in the proper place.

Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Culshaw, were made a committee to prepare a plan for a uniform method of reporting the number of women visited.

The President asked the privilege of substituting the name of Miss Moyer for that of Mrs. Hill on the Educational Board. The change was accepted.

Miss Campbell reported that Miss Soderstrom had passed a very creditable examination in the Second year in Hindustani.

The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to send letters to Mrs. Thoburn and Mrs. Parker expressing the deep sympathy of the Conference with them in their afflictions.

Conference adjourned with the singing of "Joy to the world," and prayer by Mrs. Culshaw.

SECOND SESSION.

*Pakur, January 4th 1901.*

The second session of the Woman's Conference convened at 2-30 P.M.

Mrs. Robinson led the devotional exercises, after which the Conference listened to the reading of the minutes. After corrections the minutes were approved.

Reports were then called for. Mrs. Lee gave a report of the Dennett Training School and the schools and Zenanas under her charge. The report of Kindergarten work was given by Miss Moyer. Mrs. Culshaw reported the school and Zenana work in Beg Bagan, and Mrs. Chew that in Dharamtala Street Bengali Church, Jhanjra and Kidderpore. Miss Craig gave a report of the Girls' Orphanage in Calcutta, Mrs. Robinson of the Woman's work in Bolpur, Miss Lamb of her work in Asansol, and Mrs. Meik of the Pakur work. The Hindustani work in Calcutta was reported by Miss Maxey and Mrs. Robinson. Report of Tamluk was given by Miss Blair. These reports were all accepted.
At this point the President called for reports of money raised by local auxiliaries. Rupees 73 were returned from Calcutta.

The Rev. Geo. E. Stokes was now introduced to the Conference, and responded with a short address.

The time being now expired Mrs. Lee moved an extension which being voted she read the following resolution.

Resolved: That we make it a rule of our Conference that all missionaries coming out from home be allowed at least six months for study. That each lady who joins our Vernacular work be expected to pass the first examination at the end of the first year, and should any fail to pass this examination, at the most, at the end of eighteen months, that we then advise them to take up work in English, or seek a field elsewhere, since not being able to pass such an examination in such a length of time is evidence of their unfitness for Native work. Resolved: That we insert in our minutes the course of study, and the time of examinations; also that a list of the names of missionaries be kept with the examinations passed each year. This resolution was adopted by the conference.

Mrs. Leiden, Miss Campbell and Mrs. Robinson were appointed a committee to revise the course of study in Hindustani.

THIRD SESSION.

Pakur, January 5th, 1901.

Devotional Exercises were led by Miss Knowles, after which followed the reading of the minutes by the Secretary. The minutes were adopted.

The election of the Finance Committee resulted as follows: Miss Samson, Miss Campbell, Miss Forster, Mrs. Lee.

The Committee on Resolutions gave their report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Hindustani Course of study was accepted.

The Committee to devise a better method for reporting the number of women visited, gave in their report which was adopted.

Miss Dey who had arrived by the morning train, reported her work in the Dennett Training School.
It was unanimously decided by the Conference that in the future we follow the Constitution and Rules of Order and Business as laid out in our W. M. S. Manual revised in 1898, and arrangements were made by which all who desire a copy of the Manual may be supplied.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was read and adopted.

The Conference closed with the doxology, and the benediction by Bishop F. W. Warne.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. Chew presented the following which was adopted:

The following resolution was passed in the Diamond Harbour Quarterly Conference which was held in Tamuluk Zenana Mission on the 15th of December, 1900:

RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation of Miss Blair's labour and her self-sacrificing life in a mud hut at Tamuluk, Second, that we earnestly request the Finance Committee of the Bengal Woman's Conference to petition the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to grant an amount of not less than Rs. 3,000 for their missionary's residence at Tamuluk.

Signed …

B. J. CHEW.
B. M. MOZUMDAR.
L. C. SIKCAR.
D. H. LEE.

Mrs. Lee offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED that we, the members of the Woman's Conference, are opposed to paying W. F. M. S. money to any missionary, Native or European, who does not allow such work to be visited by the ladies of the Conference or objects to evangelists we may appoint working within his field.

Whereas our friend and sister Mrs. F. W. Warne has decided to accompany her daughter Edith to America in order to promote the health and education of the latter, and

Whereas we have for many years enjoyed the friendship and helpful presence of Mrs. Warne, who has been untiring in her zeal for the promotion of Church interests, and whose home has ever been open to those who needed its sheltering influence,
RESOLVED, that we heartily express our appreciation of her work as a Christian worker, and commend her to the kind consideration of the ladies of the W. F. M. S. of America, praying that she may prove a blessing to the work of Him whose we are and whom we serve.

RESOLVED that we express our regret at Mrs. Mozumdar's illness and loneliness in her work. We ask that Mrs. Chew be requested to mother her work and bring its needs to the notice of the ladies at home.

Whereas it has been laid on the heart of our sister, Miss Alma Jacobson, to visit America with a view to increasing the interest of the Swedish women of America in missionary work, and

Whereas we have heard with much pleasure of the encouragement given to Miss Jacobson by Mrs. Bishop Joyce, Mrs. Achard and the editor of the Swedish paper,

at Chicago, therefore

RESOLVED, that we heartily commend Miss Jacobson to the leaders of the W. F. M. S. in America and pray that God may abundantly use our sister among her Swedish sisters in America in kindling missionary enthusiasm and securing their co-operation.

Whereas we, as a Conference, have enjoyed the hospitality of our brother and sister Meik,

RESOLVED that we express our heartfelt gratitude and that we will gladly accept another invitation to Pakur when the opportunity presents itself.

Signed ...  
R. CULSHAW.  
M. B. MCKINLEY.  
F. CRAIG.
Appointments, 1901.

Asansol District.

Asansol, Woman's Work ... ... ... Mrs. Byers.
" Girls' School ... ... ... Miss Forster.
On leave to America, Miss Lamb.

Calcutta District.

Bolpur and Rampur Haut, Woman's Work ... Mrs. Lieden.
Calcutta, English Work ... ... Mrs. Stokes.
" Hindustani Mission Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Dowring.
" Supdt. Deaconess Home & Pastor's Assistant, Miss Maxey.
" Anglo-Indian Orphanages ... ... Miss Craig.
" Girls' School ... ... Miss Samscn.
Darjeeling, Arcadia Girls' School, Miss Knowles, Miss McKinley.
Pakur, Woman's Work ... Mrs. Meik, Miss Wittenbaker.
On leave to America, Miss Jacobson.
On leave to America, Miss Stahl, Miss Boggs; Mrs. Warne, in America.

Calcutta Bengali District.

Beg Bagan and South Village Circuit, Schools and Zenana Work, Mrs. Culshaw.
Calcutta, Baliaghata and Kamardanga Schools ... Mrs. Lee.
" Dharamtala and Kidderpore Circuit, Woman's Work Mrs. Chew.
" Dennett Training School and Girls' Day School, Mrs. Lee, Miss Dey; Miss Bews, Asst.
" City Missions and Baliaghata, Zenana Work ... Mrs. Lee.
" Jaun Bazar School ... ... Mrs. Culshaw.
Champahtti, Nihat and Kulpi Woman's Work, Mrs. Mozumdar.
Tumluk, Zenana Work ... ... ... Miss Blair.
" School Work ... ... ... Miss Moyer.

Tirhoot District.

Mozafarpur.—District Work ... ... ... Mrs. Jackson.
" Zenana Work & Village Schools... Miss Soderstrom.
" Girls' Orphanage ... ... Miss Campbell.
COURSES OF STUDY

HINDUSTANI.

First Year—
Forbes' Hindustani Grammar to Prosody.
First and second Urdu or Hindi books.
Four Gospels in Roman.
Written translation of English First book (Roman Urdu.)
Writing in character from first Urdu or Hindi book (Last four pages).
To be read: Hunter's "Brief History of the Indian People."
Conversation.

Second Year—
Mirat-ul-urus, Dharamtula.
Written translation of English Second book and dictation.
To be read: "Wilkins's Hindu Mythology."
Texts of Scripture from memory.
Conversation.

Third Year—
Banaat-un-nash.
Mumuksh Britant.
Four Gospels—Urdu or Hindi.
Reading of hand-writing
To be read: Robson's "Hinduism and its relation to Christianity."
Conversation.

Fourth Year—
Gutka, Part II.
Poetry, optional.
Psalms in Urdu or Hindi.
Essay in Hindustani.
Translation at sight.
To be read: — Sell's Islam; 
Foreman's Arya Somaj.
Religious Reforms (Four Parts).
Popular Hinduism.
Philosophic "
Vedic "
Modern Elective Systems.
Bengali Course of Study for Missionaries.

Adopted by the

Annual and Ladies' Conferences.

The Calcutta Missionary Conference has formed an Examination Board and arranged a syllabus for a Junior and a Senior Examination in Bengali for Missionaries arriving in Bengal. The Board consists of representatives of the different Missions, and will appoint the Examiners from time to time and see that the rules are carried out, or make such modifications as experience shall suggest. It is hoped that this will prove to be a convenience and help to all concerned. If candidates offer themselves, there are to be two Examinations each year at intervals of about six months, for both the first and second year course. The following are the rules and syllabus as now constituted. Ample notice will be given if, in the future, any change in the Text Books or otherwise is made.

RULES.

1. The papers on the Text Books, Grammar and Composition shall be calculated for three hours, except the Second Year Translation, which shall be for one and a half hours.

2. In the papers on the Text Books, 60 per cent. of the marks shall be given for translation into English and 40 per cent. in each case for questions on Grammar or retranslation of phrases occurring in the Text. These questions shall be of a simpler kind in the First Year.

3. The written questions shall be framed in English.

4. The number of the Examiners shall not be less than three in each Year's course, one of whom must be a Bengali gentleman.

5. The Oral Examinations shall be conducted by a Bengali gentleman, assisted by one or more of the Examiners, who shall consult together in assigning the marks.

6. The Address or Exposition, in the Second Year Oral Examination, must be of not less than ten minutes length. The topic may be chosen beforehand by the candidate, but the address must not be read. In the case of gentlemen, it must be delivered before an audience unacquainted with English. In the case of ladies, the audience may be a class of Bengali girls.

7. The candidates shall be placed in three divisions according as they obtain 40, 50 or 60 per cent. at least of the marks assigned in the aggregate. They must also secure one-third of the marks in each of the papers and 50 marks at least in the Oral Examinations, or otherwise they fail to pass.

8. To help cover the working expenses, each candidate shall pay an entrance fee of five rupees.

9. Notice of the number of candidates likely to appear and of the alternative books chosen should be given by each Mission three months beforehand.
COURSES OF STUDIES.

JUNIOR OR FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

I. Written.

| a. Bododhoy and Naba Káhini omitting 'Kena and 'Jaminda | ... | ... | ... | 100 |
| b. Padya Páth I, or an equal portion of Hymns, and the Gospel of St. Mark (revised version) | ... | ... | ... | 100 |
| c. 1. Sisu Byákaran by K. P. Vidyáratna, or Bengali Grammar by Wenger or Beam es, omitting Samás, Taddhit and Kridanta, 50 marks | ... | ... | ... | 100 |
| 2. Translation into Bengali from C. L. S. Second Reader, | ... | 50 | " | ... |

II. Oral.

| a. Dictation from the Text Books | ... | ... | 50 |
| b. Reading and translation at sight from ditto | ... | ... | 50 |
| c. Conversation | ... | ... | 50 |

Total 450

SENIOR OR SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.

I. Written.

| a. The Conference Selection | ... | ... | 100 |
| b. Chárupáth II, and Padyapáth II | ... | ... | 100 |
| c. A Bengali letter on a given subject, A Bengali written address on a religious topic given at the time, | 40 marks | ... | ... | 100 |
| d. Translation into Bengali from the first 100 pages of new C. L. S. Fourth Reader | ... | ... | ... | 50 |

II. Oral.

| a. Conversation | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| b. Reading aloud from the Bengali Bible | ... | ... | 25 |
| c. An exposition or address | ... | ... | 75 |

Total 500
Reports.

ASANSOL DISTRICT.

Asansol, Woman’s Work ... ... Mrs. Byers.
" Girls’ School ... ... Miss Forster.
" Teachers ... ... Koshilla Shaw.
" ... ... Mary.
" Medical work ... ... Lilly Dowring.
" Asst. ... ... Miss E. Vernieux.
" Village work ... ... Miss Thorley.
" Leper Women ... ... Mary Mullick.
Banali, Mohalla work ... ... Proshanna Dass.
Santal, Mohalla work ... ... Basanta Biswas.
Asansol, Bakery ... ... Dina Tudu.
WOMAN’S WORK IN ASANSOL, 1900.

Our woman’s work has gone forward this year, though under some difficulties, and we cannot but thank God for what has been done though we had hoped and planned for more.

Our girls’ school, under Miss Forster’s care, has now eighty-five boarders and about twenty-five day scholars. During the last few months we had the addition of a number of famine waifs to care for, and only those who have gone through the same experience can understand what it is to have this extra work of nursing these sick and suffering ones night and day and getting them settled into the routine of school work. But we already feel repaid for all our care as we see these little ones who came so sick and ignorant, now strong and well and learning of the Saviour whose love has made their salvation possible. All have work to do, five are in the bakery with Ellen, and one in the care of the sick under Miss Vernieux and each girl takes her turn in cooking the rice and in other work. I was amused the other day to hear a girl who had been very lazy and careless, when she first came, saying to another girl—“You can have nothing to eat this morning. Only those who work may eat in this school.” Bijli is now one of the brightest and most affectionate girls in the school, and I love to watch her in the mornings marshalling her girls to work. They have had regular religious instruction every day and it is touching to see how they are learning to pray for themselves. One little girl came to Miss Forster one evening and said she wished she had a quiet place to go and
pray as the girls made such a noise, in the school. Now almost all the girls pray quietly to themselves before going to sleep. Miss Dowring has come to take charge of the older girls and women to teach them in Hindustani. All the younger girls study Bengali and English.

We are pleased to report that our European congregation has furnished us with another assistant. Miss Thorley has come to us to learn mission work and is studying Bengali and teaches a class of small children in the school. Koshila, our head teacher, is a helpful and energetic girl and of the right spirit. Two of our girls tried the Government Examination this year for the Lower Primary. We were able to arrange to have them examined in Asansol, instead of having to take them to Raniganj. Next year a good many more expect to try. We are thankful that this advance has been made and that we have at last been able to arrange for proper examination of our girls.

We feel thankful for the improvement we see in our girls and pray that we may have workers and teachers from amongst them.

Our mission Bakery under Ellen’s care continues to prosper. She cleared Rs 600 this year which is the most we have made yet in one year. Next month we expect to begin a bread bakery, on very simple lines—using leaves for bread tins and going as little expense as possible. The Asansol friends have been begging of us for a long time to have bread made for them so we are going to try.

Our Evangelistic work is far behind this year and we shall never cease to miss our loving and energetic Miss Dey. We pray for another like her to visit regularly amongst our Christian women and also to visit the heathen families in the villages to instruct and help them. Miss Lamb tried to do what she could, but of course not being able to speak in Bengali she could accomplish but little.

Our women at the Leper Asylum are happy and seem to be learning. Shushari one of our oldest inmates died during the year and Jesus was never more present with a dying saint than He was with this poor leper woman. Her face shone with joy and she went triumphantly into the life beyond.

We enter hopefully upon this new year and its precious work. We pray that we may all live near to the Master, loving Him and trusting Him with all our hearts, that He may find in us no obstacle to the accomplishing of His will in this place.

Mrs. W. P. Byers.

During the past year I have tried to plant the gospel truth in a number of villages in the vicinity of Asansol, and I believe my efforts have not been in vain. Some of the villages were visited once a week, others every fortnight, and some once a month. In the homes of the Christians prayer meetings were held and we had good times in them.
In the heathen towns we sat under a tree or sat on the shady side of a hut and the people, men, women and children would gather around and often acknowledge the truth.

Once they drove me out of the village, but we hope that in time these people may turn to Christ.

I had two Sunday Schools for a time, in which were taught the Catechism, the Commandments, hymns and verses from the Bible.

The school for high caste children was held in a temple in which the idols' heads and limbs were broken, and it was a special pleasure to tell these bright children of a God who can save and keep, on the very ground where so many had knelt and plead in vain for help.

As I went among the people and saw the little children helping prepare the sacrifices and being taught from infancy to worship idols, I more and more saw that India's redemption must begin with the children.

After looking to God for guidance, He laid it on my heart to take in famine children, and I was given the promise that if I brought them up to love and serve the Lord they would not depart from Him.

In September I started a home for widows, and thirty-one women and children were gathered in, and soon the numbers increased to over fifty. Some of them are learning to love the Saviour and I fully believe that in time all the little ones will both love and serve Him.

Emma L. Lamb.

CALCUTTA DISTRICT.

Bolpur, Woman's Work ... ... MRS. ROBINSON.
" Bible Woman... ... REBEKAH MONDUL

BOLPUR WOMAN'S WORK.

The work at Bolpur is small at present but the field is promising. The drawbacks have been great, owing to the fact that there has been no lady missionary in Bolpur for some years.

Rebekah the Bible Woman has done good and faithful work, visiting in Bolpur and the villages round about. There are six villages that she visits regularly. She is well received by all classes. Some of the high caste women have learned our Christian Hymns and are very pleased when Rebekah comes to read and sing with them. She taught the little daughter of the sub-inspector some of our hymns and the child went to visit her relatives and taught them the hymns also. They often ask Rebekah where her Mem Sahib is and it is with great joy that we are able to say to-day the Mem Sahib of Bolpur is among us. Now we have good hopes of the work there. The bullock cart for which money was given last year will enable Mrs. Leiden and her helpers to do much more in the way of village work than has hitherto been done. Another Bible Woman is much
needed, for the work will necessarily grow rapidly now. There are
fifteen girls in the day school and the teaching is still kept up in the
village schools.

R. L. Robinson.

CALCUTTA DEACONESS HOME.

Superintendent—Miss Maxey.

As we come to the end of the year, we can truly say, Thus far
the Lord has led us on. Not one of His promises has failed. Our
hearts are filled with thanksgiving for all His goodness to us.

There have been many special blessings, but the one that stands
above the others is His approval of the Home in its continual pros-
perity. He has inclined many friends to help us in sympathy, kind
words and in bounties. We take this opportunity to thank these
friends.

Dr. Mulford, who has worked with Mrs. Lee, has been in our
home during the year. She has been a help, a comfort and an in-
spiration. Her prayers and Christian counsel have made many a
burden lighter. The home has been made richer in good cheer
because we have had Miss Craig with us for her meals.

Miss Scallan came to us in the early part of the year and has
been a helper in many ways. We owe much to her for her faithfulness
in doing the work of the Lookout Committee for the Young Ladies'
Society. We are asking that she may take the success of the past
year as a call for more definite work for the Master.

We have been glad to have Miss Blair with us for her vacations
and visits to the city. Our Father has kept sickness from us during
the year, when so many of our people have been ill and not a few
have been called home. Our visits among the people of our church
have been times of blessing and encouragement. To have a cordial
welcome to a home means much and we wish to thank our friends
for the kind welcome always given.

God has sent us many a blessing in permitting us to entertain
strangers who have become friends. Our Father has made us rich
in friends this year. Through the Home some of our most valued
friendships have been formed and we count them among the good
things that our Father has permitted to come in our line. The usual
work of the Home has been done during the year in the hospitals,
grogshops, etc. One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four visits
have been made in the homes of our people and strangers. A larger
number than usual have "broken bread with us."

It has been a great pleasure to have Mrs. Warne and Edith with
us for a few weeks and we shall miss them greatly when they leave us
for the home land. Bishop and Mrs. Warne have always had a warm
place in their hearts for the Home which they helped by sharing their
own home with us when we first came to the city. To have Bishop Warne with us at Christmas time has been a great pleasure. We count it no small blessing to have been associated for a year in the work with one whom God has owned and blessed as He has brother Wrotten. We welcome to our circle and home brother and sister Stokes and their little daughters.

As we look out into the future we are not afraid to trust Him, who has called us to this land. “How great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, which thou hast wrought out for them that trust in thee.”

CALCUTTA GIRLS’ ORPHANAGE.

The work of the past year in the girls’ orphanage has been more satisfactory in some respects than the preceding year. Early in the year I was able to arrange to live in the same house with the girls, and by this means to give the work more careful oversight than before. We have had from forty to forty-four children in this home during the year. The girls have as usual done the work of the home except the cooking and sweeping. This may seem a simple matter, and the perfectly right and natural thing for them to do, but only those who have had experience in training the European children of this country along these lines can appreciate just what it means. Sometimes it seems to be just about as economical and vastly easier to have this work done by servants, but when we consider the future of these girls, and the places they will probably fill in life, we must regard this kind of training the most essential for their future good. Not all of these girls will be teachers or mission workers. The majority of them will go out into homes of their own, and what is more necessary for the family life in this country than well-kept homes.

The art of “how to make and keep a room tidy” is ours by inheritance. We would feel ashamed to be found living in a constant state of disorder, but not so with these girls. Many of them have come from homes where there has been little else, and to suggest that they were responsible for it is a revelation to them. In this home for girls we are trying to cultivate habits of neatness and order, and to teach them if possible that we can make drudgery divine.

The girls mend their own clothes, and some of the older girls have fashioned new ones. One girl, who is very skilful with her needle, and has shown a decided talent for dress-making is going to take that line of work up permanently. Fifteen scholarships at Rs. 10 per month has been given us the past year by the W. F. M. S. This has lightened our financial burden wonderfully, for our rent is a heavy drain upon our limited income. We are very thankful for the sympathy and support we have received from friends in the city. Over and over again we have substantial evidences of this, assuring us without doubt that Christ lives in his people. The girls who were in the Orphanage
on Christmas day enjoyed a very substantial Christmas dinner with the girls of the school, which was provided by a friend. This, with the little gifts provided by Mrs. Warne and others made a very happy day for the little ones. We believe there has been spiritual growth in the lives of these girls during the past year. They are far from being perfect yet, but there has been genuine sorrow for sin, and a desire for a better life that has been encouraging. Our prayer is, that out of this home may come "kings’ daughters," who shall be "all glorious within."

Frances Craig.

Calcutta Girls’ High School
Principal—Miss Samson.

The year 1900 has come and gone much the same as preceding years. Former good management and faithful teaching have given the school a reputation from which it is now reaping the benefit. The strength of the foundation of a school is commensurate with the length of its history and the success of its previous efforts. The future of this school becomes more hopeful with each succeeding year. We are happy to report that the current year has given an added impetus to the cause of Christian education in Calcutta.

The registers of the school show an enrollment of 322 which maintains the previous good record. The highest number belonging to the school at any one time was 280 and the largest number of boarders ninety-five.

The staff of teachers remained much the same as in former years. Some of the teachers have been connected with the school for four and five years, and some even longer. For the coming year, however, a few will go and new ones be employed. While all have been comparatively faithful, some could be named who have been exceedingly zealous for the highest standards of teaching.

In the Kindergarten there are seventy-four pupils who occupy the attention of five teachers. In November the little people gave a very pleasing entertainment which was a credit to those who trained them and a pleasure to those who witnessed it. This department is sadly in need of a thoroughly qualified director, and we hope the year will not pass without securing one.

Advance has been made in the department of music. A teacher has been added to meet increased demands for a musical education. This addition to the teaching staff took place before the demand made it absolutely necessary, but results have justified the venture. In vocal as well as in instrumental music the progress has been good. In June six girls took the Trinity College Examination in Theory of Music; two for the Senior Pass, one for Intermediate, and three for Junior Pass, and five of these girls were successful.
The public has had more than one opportunity to see the character of work done. Early in the year a recital was given in the school to which visitors were invited and in September a concert was given at Dalhousie Institute which was largely attended and which was a financial success for the school.

The Scripture is not neglected in the education of the girls. A course of study is outlined by the Protestant clergy of the city, represented by a committee. Members of the committee conduct an annual examination, partly written and partly oral. Personal work is also done for the spiritual welfare of the girls, both in season and out of season, and a good number of them have been brought to Christ during the year. It was especially gratifying that two of our girls who were just passing out of school were converted only a few weeks before the close of the school year.

Practical needs are not overlooked. Systematic effort is given to mending and sewing of various kinds. We are indebted to a committee of ladies for examining this work and awarding merited prizes.

The outlook for the new year is encouraging. The library is continually growing through the patronage of liberal friends; physical culture is an established fact; the Kindergarten is flourishing. Many elements which have been in the experimental stage have won their right to permanence. Those who have been educated in the school become its life-long friends and patrons and the number increases with every year. No effort will be withheld, and no pains spared to make the school even more worthy in the future than it has been in the past. The European community needs this school and must appreciate what it is doing more and more.

Looking backward and judging in the light of present circumstances we are confident for the future.

CARRIE J. SAMSON,
Superintendent.

Calcutta, Dec., 1900.

HINDUSTANI MISSION.

Woman's Work ... ... ... MRS. ROBINSON.

" ... ... ... MRS. DOWRING.

Bible Women ... ... ... ALICE MAHABEER.

" ... ... ... ELLEN MICHEL.

Teacher ... ... ... KREEPA PETERS.

It is with thanksgiving that we record the goodness of God in our Hindustani work in Calcutta. In January the work was made over to me, without any money to carry it on, as the appropriation from home had been cut off. The expenses had been over forty rupees a month, but we could not see our way clear to become responsible for so much. After much prayer we decided to reduce the expenses. One school
was closed, and one district of zenana houses. Two schools were combined. The Lord put it into the heart of Mrs. Dowring to give up her allowance, so that, our expenses came within the Rs. 25. We had counted on Rs. 10 a month in payment of a debt, but after two months we were informed this obligation could not be met, but He who "will ever be mindful of His covenant" did not fail us and each month the money has come for the work. In all Rs. 90 were paid on the debt so that we were able to hand over to Mrs. Robinson Rs. 105, when she took over the work after the District Conference in October. The little school has been well attended.

12 Christian houses—58 women have been regularly visited.
35 Hindu houses—118 women. 44 Mahomedan houses.—140 women have been visited.

The workers passed well in their examination and have taken up more active work in the S. S. So that we can truly say "Thus far the Lord has led us."

E. MAXEY.

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ARCADIA GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Principal ... ... ... MISS KNOWLES.
Missionary ... ... ... MISS MCKINLEY.

MISS KNOWLES REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:—

Arcadia Girls' School, Darjeeling, has had a prosperous year—when the great calamity is taken into account which befell our School in 1899. The inspiration which comes with large numbers was lacking—but we did steady work with twenty-two boarders and a part of the time ten and fifteen day-pupils. Out of this number four were sent for the Primary Scholarship Examination, one for the Middle, and one for the High School. The results are yet to appear. The feeling in regard to our School is, that it is on a good basis for strength in the future, or, in other words we enjoy the public confidence and try to remember the words of the wise man—"the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong." 1 SAM. 4.

In March we shall begin the seventh year of our Darjeeling school, with a good staff of teachers. Miss McKinley, who came to us last January, has proved her adaptation and efficiency in Indian school work, and has besides created much interest at home in behalf of the school. Miss Lawrence, on her way out from England to re-join us, is well known in the department of music, and will bring with her the freshness of regained health, and European inspiration. So we are quite hopeful of regaining our former numbers, when it is well known that we are established in so safe and pleasant a spot as Queen's Hill and the Repose, which two houses have been taken for the coming year.

The religious condition of the school has been more satisfactory than in any former year. We have had from time to time the advan-
tage of missionary friends with us, and there has grown up a quiet steady influence among the girls, which is born of the Spirit.

Trusting that we shall receive the encouragement and patronage of our Protestant people in the interest of Christian education, we begin a new year with faith in Him who has commanded us "to trust and not be afraid." The need of our school in Darjeeling is more and more apparent. We look to our brethren and sisters of this Conference that they will, so far as they can, influence Europeans in their stations who intend sending to hill schools, and influence them for Darjeeling.

W F. M. S. WORK, PAKUR.

PAKUR, Woman’s Work and School ... MRS. MEIK.

" Village Work and School ... MISS JACOBSON.

" Bible Women ... ... PRISCILLA BISWAS.

" Teachers ... ... RAJHOSHARI MULICK.

" " ... ... KРIРАMOVl MONDOL.

" " ... ... NIROPAMA KHAN.

" " ... ... RAMI DAS.

" " ... ... NOSHIRON.

Matron to be supplied.

Asst. ... ... ... PHOOLI.

Village Teacher ... ... ... DILJAN.

The Girls’ Orphanage is passing through another year of prosperity. Steady progress has been made by the pupils in their secular and Scriptural studies and all can sew and take part in the house work. At evening prayers they take it in turn to read the Bible aloud and lead in prayer, many take part voluntarily in the weekly prayer meeting. Four of our girls are teaching in the school; they are of course young as yet, and this is the only form of work in which they can participate at present. One of them will probably be a good Bible-woman when she is older.

When meeting with the Christian women of the villages we are much struck with the apparent improvement in them. Those who used to look so dull and blank, will now meet you with a smile of recognition, and word of greeting which before they did not think necessary. They know something now of their soul’s needs and of God’s Way of Salvation for man, and we recognise with all humility that under God these changes have been brought about in great measure through the visits of the Bible-woman and Miss Jacobson, as also by the influence of some of the girls from the Orphanage who have married and settled in the villages.

The few widows are with us still and are busy useful women, they continue to attend the daily class held for their instruction. We are sorry however not to be able to extend this work. To make it a suc-
cess they must have their own dwelling house, for they have to be housed and managed in quite a different way to the school girls, and under existing arrangements things are very inconvenient and no extension or development of the idea can be looked for.

The dispensary continues its good work and is a means of blessing to many.

There are ups and downs in the work, and disappointments meet us at many a turn, but encouragements are not lacking, and it may be that the discouragements are allowed that we may pause and consider our position and cling closer to the Lord and learn better what is His will.

The school here is doing well; the Bible-woman’s work, (what little we can do in helping the poor ignorant ones in the villages;) and the widows’ Home supplies a need, but, we feel strongly that more ought to be done, and that quickly, to which end we would urge very earnestly that—the staff of workers be increased; that a building is needed for the lady missionary so that she may be with the girls at all times, and so be better able to watch over them and influence them in the little every-day acts, be more familiar with their peculiarities and faults, and help and encourage them to overcome the evil one when they are tempted; at present we can only do this in a small measure. Then we need a missionary with at least two Bible women to be set apart for regular evangelistic work with the necessary means of conveyance, for several months of the year it is impossible to get to certain villages because of the little river being in flood, the natives wade, swim or cross in boat, this difficulty would have to be met by purchasing a small boat.

Much has been done in this place but hitherto it has been pioneering and foundation laying, now things are ready to develop faster and we ought to be ready to advance.

Mrs. J. P. Meik.
CALCUTTA BENGALI DISTRICT.

BEG BAGAN.

| Woman’s Work | ... | ... | Mrs. Culshaw. |
| Teachers     | ... | ... | Chinta Moni Das. |
|             | ... | ... | Keroda. |
| Bible Woman  | ... | ... | Lizzie Mullick. |

The Girls’ Day School at Beg Bagan closes the year with fifth names on the register; the attendance, however, like most schools of this class, throughout the year has been irregular which is very discouraging to the teachers and a great hindrance to progress in study.

The school for the first time in its history earned a Government grant of Rs. 159 for the year.

We were very pleased to have Mrs. Wheeler, Inspectress of schools in Bengal visit and inspect the school. She insisted on a change of school rooms, the one then occupied being too small, and the school is now held in a large airy room in the same neighbourhood for which we pay Rs. 5 per month as rent.

Four little girls studied for the Government fourth standard examination during the year but for various reasons none could appear for the examination in December. Two were married, one left the city after the floods in September, and the fourth whom we counted on to the last. during the examination lay with burning fever. The head teacher has done faithful work, spared neither pains nor time in looking after the pupils, and visiting their homes.

The little girls of this school attend the Sunday School also, though with two or three exceptions, they all belong to Hindu homes. Religious instruction is a part of every day’s work and it is our prayer that the Bible verses and hymns committed to memory by these children may be seed sown in good ground, which will in the darkness and seclusion of their shut-in lives be the means of leading them to our Saviour and theirs.

In Beg Bagan twenty Zenana homes are visited regularly once a week. One of the women, whom we dearly loved to visit, went home, we believe to Jesus, two weeks ago. She owned a Bible and hymn book which she purchased from the Bible women some months ago—these two books she learnt to love, and used to read out of the former every day. We believe that she like many other similarly placed, loved the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

Since our District Conference in October, the Christian homes in Beg Bagan have come on my visiting list. These number fifteen. The women need much teaching and help and they do need our prayers. Most of them are very poor and have a hard struggle for existence. They are visited regularly and Prayer and Bible reading form a part of the visit. They need as much teaching as the women in the Zenana though of a different kind.

Ruth Culshaw.
DENNETT. TRAINING SCHOOL.

Principal ... ... ... MRS. LEE.
... ... ... MISS MOYER.
... ... ... MISS DEY.
... ... ... MISS BEWS.

Teachers ... ... ... PROMILA BALA BISWAS.
" ... ... ... KREPAMOY MUNDOL.
" ... ... ... KUSHUM MUNDOL (1)
" ... ... ... KUSHUM MUNDOL (2)
" ... ... ... SHERAJ MUNDOL.
" ... ... ... CHUMAT KARNI BISWAS.
 ... ... ... KADAMBINEE BISWAS.

Medical Work ... ... ... DR. H. B. MULFORD.
Assistant ... ... ... HIRONMONY BISWAS.

The past year has been marked with many evidences of God's presence with us and continued blessing in the work for which we are thankful.

In our Training School we have kept about one hundred girls during the year. Some months a few under, at other times more. One of our best girls has been married to one of our young men educated in Mr. Chew's school and they are both working in our New Mission in Balighata. She teaches in the girls' school and he teaches the boys. Four of our girls who have been in training for four or five years go into the work this year, three as teachers and one in Bible Woman's Work. We have had disappointments during the year, but we thank God for the changes we have witnessed in the lives of many of the girls. And when we remember from what kind of homes and surroundings they have come, we have much to be thankful for in the progress they are making. There has been a new departure in our work this year in our taking famine women and children from the famine district. This we were led into in the following way—we heard that there was great suffering and mortality among the Marwarse people of RAIPUTANAN. And as we thought of the thousands of Marwarse people without the Gospel in Calcutta we wondered if it might not be God's will for us to save women from starving who would afterwards become Bible Women—and we could open up a work among the Marwarse women of Calcutta. This led to our taking several, and finally to Miss Dey gathering a large number of starving children and women, and bringing them that long journey alone—a work worthy of the bravest heart. We have had about one hundred famine people in all. Ten or twelve have died, being too near gone to save. We now find ourselves with the beginning of a widows' home with about eighteen women, some of whom have been converted and so changed. We already see that the Lord intends to call some of these women to the very work we had in mind at first. One woman especially is so eager to learn that in spite of sickness and many interruptions has finished
her first book in Hindi and is now reading her second. She has from the first sought to know Jesus and we believe she has found Him in the pardon of her sins.

She is already doing a good work. She teaches the younger girls and in Miss Dey's absence gives the Bible lesson, has them sing a bhajun, and has prayers each day. When we remember her condition when she came with her dying-skeleton of a baby in her arms, her filth and ignorance—and see her now—we praise God for the miracle he has wrought before our eyes. Twelve have professed faith in Jesus and have been baptized and we have a number who are now preparing for baptism among both the older boys and women.

We have about twenty-two little girls, all but five or six are entire orphans. We also have between thirty-five and forty splendid boys. We hope that among them are those whom God will call to preach the Gospel to their own people. One thing that has caused us to stand in awe has been the way the Lord has so wonderfully supplied the means to take care of these people—and continues to increase our building fund. We do praise Him for this and do re-dedicate ourselves to Him to take as many more of the poor and suffering ones as He sees fit to send to us—and we are in His hands for Him to work His own will and pleasure through us.

The outside work during the year has been kept up as usual with a little increase may be in the attendance in some of the day schools. The Lord has given us more help in the internal working of the Home and Training School in sending to us Miss Bews So we hope now to give more time to the outside and evangelistic part of the work, both in the schools and the zenanas. We see wonderful doors opening before us,—great fields white for the harvest—that with God's help we hope to enter during this coming year. In preparation for this I do yearn for and must have a fresh and continuous anointing of the Spirit upon myself, and join all our missionaries and co-workers in seeking for the same outpouring of His Spirit upon our native workers, both men and women.

I do also wish this year to be marked by a special growth in spiritual life among our young girls and young men still in training for this work.

I am expecting great things of God during this coming year. May He make us ready for our part, and equal to every emergency and help us to grow more like our Lord.

Ada Lee.

KINDERGARTEN REPORTS.

In July the Kindergarten in the Dennett Training School was opened with seventy children. Most of them came in for the day from heathen homes. Four of the larger girls of the school entered the training class and were interested, and the children, of course,
enjoyed their part of the programme but owing to some interruptions we cannot report as much work accomplished as we would like to be able to do. Beside the Kindergarten work I have had an English class and have had charge of the Primary classes.

Each Sunday it has been my privilege to go to one of the Balla-ghatta Sunday Schools. At present there are seventy-two names on the register and the children are very regular in attendance. They are taught by the native pastor, the day school and two teachers who go with me from the school.

After the flood in September the building we were occupying became unfit for use so a much better room has been secured. The work in this Sunday School is encouraging.

Jennie Moyer.

I have been with Mrs. Lee for about fifteen months now. Before our summer vacation I used to visit the four city schools three days in the week and the other two days were spent in reviewing the different standards of our Dennett Training School. Twice I went to Brother Mozumdar’s district with two of our Bible-women and worked in five different villages ; we had a very blessed time.

Since the summer vacation my work has been among the famine people. I have a nice class of fifteen widows and ten girls, all of whom are learning to read the Hindi character. One of the famine widows named Sundre has nearly finished her second book and will soon begin to read the Hindi Gospel. I believe the Lord has great work for her in the future: she is a true Christian woman and we see it in her daily life. If I am absent any day she of her own accord has prayer and teaches them what the Lord has taught her. They have learnt the ten commandments, the Lord’s prayer, the catechism, and a number of Hindi and Udhu bhajans which they love to sing. It rejoices my heart to see these dear heathen children learning day by day to love and serve Jesus and I pray that the good word begun among them may continue and bring forth much fruit for His glory and honour.

Miss Dey.

Dharamtala Bengali Church and Kidderpur.

Woman’s Work ... ... ... Mrs. Chew.
Bible Woman ... ... ... Umula Biswas.

The Woman’s Work of the South Villages came to me in Feb. 1900 and was passed into other hands in Oct., of the same year so that my time was short but will ever be a pleasure to look back upon. It is a great field for labour, but up to this time very little has been done,
I believe I have the pleasure of being the first woman to have charge of this work and it has been a great source of regret that I could not do more in these months. It was found that last year the ladies at home had transferred the small sum they had previously granted to this work, to Tamlook, certainly a needy field, but not more so than the South Village district. But through the kindness of Miss Blair and Mrs. Lee they refused to transfer the support and we have been able to go on hoping to keep that which we have, and to receive a generous increase from the ladies at home next year. The sum given is ten rupees per month which enables us to keep one school open, but no Bible Woman. We have had an average of eighteen in the school which is held in the Pastor's house. The Pastor's wife, who was the only available person, has had charge of the school and her health was so uncertain that a second teacher was necessary. In September the floods closed the school and it has not been advisable to re-open as the Pastor's wife is at present very ill and has been for weeks. The last Saturday of the old year I went with Mrs. Culshaw (who has charge of the work this year) to Jhanjra and we had a distribution of prizes. When we remember that most of these children must be brought to school in boats we feel that our number is good.

A great field is open here for Bible Women, but no support. We can only pray the Lord of the harvest.

The new work opened early in the year in Kidderpur has also had to be closed since September. Through the kindness of Mrs. Lee we were able to put a Bible Woman here and while she had not the push and energy we could wish, yet some fifteen houses were opened and each week as it was my privilege to visit with her from house to house. I felt the great need of a school as well as another Bible Woman. Since October the work of the Dharamtala Street Bengali Church has come to my hands. I have on my list seventy-nine Christian homes, twelve Zenana homes, and Campbell Hospital. The Sunday School work in Beg Hagan has been a pleasure as we have gone Sunday after Sunday. We have an average of seventy every Sunday—all Hindus, except perhaps three or four who are from Christian homes.

Our needs are many, but God has promised to supply all. May our faith increase.

Flora M. Chew.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S WORK IN TAMLUK.

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... Miss Blair.

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... Gira Bala Siswas.
Our first year of work in Tamluk is passed. We began there about the rst of Octoter, 1899. At that time two Bible women went down, and as soon as the house was ready, I followed. This was toward the latter part of November. Then in December a teacher came and the school was transferred to my house where it has remained ever since. In January, I got another teacher and the work went on nicely until the May vacation, when the head teacher left me. Since then we have done the best we could, supplying with one of the Bible women, except during the time that one of the teachers from the Dennett Training School, in Tamluk for her health, took the higher class for a few weeks. Our school has numbered from forty-five to sixty girls throughout the year. With the numerous pujas and interruptions of summer, the number fell off but as the cold season comes on the school again fills up. The children are most bright and interesting, but we have to regret that here as elsewhere in native girls' schools, so little importance is attached to the education of girls, and almost any trifle will keep a girl at home for a day, or remove her altogether.

We had our Distribution in February, at which time we were most happy at having Mrs. Lee and Dr. Mulford with us. In December two of the girls and one teacher went for their examination. The first two took the Fourth Standard examination, and the other the Sixth. Taking into consideration the disadvantages under which they studied, I think they did very well, judging from what I saw of their work, and am hopeful that some will pass.

In connection with the school we have a Sunday-school; some of the parents object to letting their children come to this, and one day there was a discussion over it. The girls from one of our best families, three fine little maidens, said they didn't come because folks laughed at them and said we would make Christians of them if they did. "But," another girl said, "I come, and I have not become a Christian," with which rather doubtful reassurance she persuaded the others. The lesson is carefully prepared by the teachers under my instruction, and we make everything as attractive as we can with cards, picture papers, etc. For some time I did not venture upon any collection, but when the famine was at its height I thought that a good chance to make an appeal, and we began. The children have responded very well, and every Sunday we have rice, and nearly always pice and a few cowries in the collection. We covet these little ones for Christ, and are praying that among them may be those who will be truly taught of Him. A little woman whom I often visit is one of the mothers, and she tells me, as we sit together in her mat, how Subala sings "Joi Probbhu Jesu" and how her father jokingly chides her with becoming a Christian, and little Subala answers "Your thakur is not good, our Jesus is best."

Our Bible work has suffered perhaps more than the School work. Although I had two Bible women up to the Durga Pujas one of them
was ill a great deal of the time, and part of that time the other was obliged to be in the school. I have done a little of the work, going alone to the homes, and I trust that the coming year will see us so situated that it may go steadily on. We have visited some thirty houses, as far as possible, keeping in touch with the mothers whose little ones are in school. In a few cases, after a welcome and a hearing for a time, some mysterious influence has seemed to be at work, and we have been made to feel that we are no longer wanted. In other cases families have moved away. As many are in government employ it often happens that they are removed to another station, and we lose them. We have some very interesting women among those we visit. Many of them can read, and for a time we sold books quite freely, selling the *Mohila Bandhub*, also, instead of giving it away. But latterly there has seemed to be a good deal of difficulty in disposing of our books. I have not been able to find the reason for this falling off as yet. As we have made it a point to give away none, except the picture papers in Sunday-School, which have not been counted, our showing is not so large as it would otherwise be, nor yet so large as we trust it may be.

Among ourselves we have organized an Epworth League, which meets every week, and I believe it has been a help and a blessing to us all.

Our great need at present, aside from workers, is more room and better quarters, and we are longingly, but hopefully looking forward to the time when we shall have all this. For we believe that the “Silver and the gold are His,” and that for us is the promise, “My God shall supply all your need.”

**KATE A. BLAIR.**

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**TIRHUT DISTRICT.**

**REPORT OF GIRLS’ SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE,**

**MUZAFFARPUR.**

Missionary ... ... ... ... Miss Campbell.
Teacher ... ... ... ... to be supplied
Student teacher ... ... ... Mary Gomes.

Another year has passed of joy and sorrow, of work and rest, of sickness and health, and of trust through all in a God and Father of never failing comfort and help. Death has often hovered over our dwelling, but once and again he has turned aside, and with deeply thankful hearts we praise our Father in heaven for sparing precious lives. Six of the orphans have gone we trust to a better home than we could give them. Thirty girls are in the School at present. The prospect for their provision in the beginning of the year looked very gloomy, but the God of the fatherless has watched over, cared for
and provided for His little flock. The health of the establishment has, on the whole, been far better than it was in 1899. There has been substantial improvement in the children's studies; and with the exception of one or two all who have given their hearts to the Lord have endeavoured to follow Him. They have also made marked improvement in being able to take an active part in the Junior Epworth League. One of the bigger girls, who is a student teacher, is at present President of the league. If the arrangement will answer we hope to teach at least some of our girls according to the Government Code this year.

Our house is extremely damp and the cause of a good deal of the sickness that has been experienced. It is also far too small, and we are much perplexed at times how to accommodate our workers in the compound, and the girls are very much crowded in the house. Our thanks are again due the doctor for his kind services during the year, and to the gentleman who has so generously paid for the medicines used by the children. To our Presiding Elder, Mr. Jackson, I owe a special debt of gratitude for so kindly seeing that the girls were properly cared for while I had to go away for a change on account of broken health caused by a long period of anxiety owing to the unhealthiness of the girls, and some hard sick-nursing which, of necessity fell to my share.

In connection with the Twentieth Century Forward Movement we had a heart searching meeting on the last day of the year. We came together in our dining room, as it was too cold and wet in the verandah the place where we usually meet. The keynote of our devotions was "I will arise and go to my Father," and a very blessed time we had, ten of the girls and two of the school workers came forward for consecration, and ten of the girls came out as seekers, and I trust many of them found the Saviour they were seeking. At the close of this blessed service we sang "Sound ye the battle cry" and with hearts and voices full of hope and thankfulness we made the house ring as the chorus was taken up and repeated again and again. Here I would like to say that my thanks are due to Miss Soderstrom who has kindly spared a little of her time now and again to teach the girls singing and that they are apt pupils was testified to by Bishop Warne who was much pleased with their singing when he was up here for District Conference. As music is one of the most elevating and refining things for the character, I consider it a great advantage to have some one who can teach them how to sing. On New Year's day the house resounded with their happy voices as they gathered themselves together in little groups and kept singing hymn after hymn to give expression to the joy in their hearts. While it was rainy and very cloudy and cold outside, all was love and brightness within. And so we go forward putting our whole trust in God who is all sufficient for the coming year.

LOUSIE CAMPBELL.
VILLAGE AND ZENANA EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Missionary ... ... Miss Soderstrom.
Bible Woman ... ... Ruth.
" ... ... Eliza.
" ... ... Agnes.
" ... ... Umda Bibl.

We have come to the close of another year of our work, which has increased still more in the past twelve months. We have at present on our list, 88 Mohallas, 10 Villages and 17 wayside places. In the last two months we have opened up City Zenanas where we have been very well received, indeed: going one day to visit a Mahommemedan family we found a fakir there; as we sang our bhajans and explained the word of God he was very much touched by it and said this must be the true God of whom you speak. Poor man he followed us to six places to listen to what we had to say, and at last when we sung the translation of the hymn, “Art thou weary; art thou languid, art thou sore distressed;” he fell down on his knees, lifted his hands toward heaven and said, “truly this is God.”

Now for the Village work. We have much to be thankful for in that work; the people listen gladly to the word of God, and are continually inquiring into the truth; several of these women would by very little encouragement come out on our side, but as we have not one inch of room to put them, I can’t advise them to do so. We have on our list the number we reach every month of 1,285 women, but there are many more who listen to us by the wayside places which we cannot count, besides there are hundreds of men who listen by the wayside, but we cannot follow them up. We have also two day schools; there were on the list when we closed for Christmas holidays, 93 names; we cannot teach them very much religion yet, but we are teaching them to sing hymns by which the truth is conveyed to their minds; they also learn to read and write. Some of the children are very bright and intelligent and in the future I trust we shall see some good results from this work. We also organized our first Woman’s District Conference on the 27th of October, 1900. The Conference was opened with prayer and singing. The roll was then called and ten responded to their names. This seems a very small number but when we remember the work here is young (two years) we cannot be discouraged. The reports were called for and my Bible women gave very interesting reports of their visits in the homes of the people and of their day schools. Then followed the report of the teacher and student teacher of the orphanage telling of faithful efforts being made in teaching the children and praying for them. After all the reports were read another hymn was sung and three of our native sisters lead in prayer, and thus closed our first meeting of this description and we are looking forward to much bigger meetings in the future and times of great inspiration and waiting upon God. In a special service which we
held the last day of the year my Bible women came forward for consecration, and I trust they will realize the importance of such a step, and that they may be able in the year to come, to bring some souls into the kingdom of God. Beside my own work I have a class in the Sunday School, and when time allows me I have a singing class in the orphanage. One of our great needs is a lady doctor. We also need money for a larger and better dwelling house, as we are so short of room. There is only one room in the house really fit to live in, we are praying that we may get means for a better and larger one.

Our hands are full of work, and our hearts of praise to Him who has called us to be co-workers with Him; so in His Name we go on sowing the seed by the highways and hedges believing He will prosper His own work among this benighted people for He has said: “Surely ye shall reap if ye faint not.”

Yours in Christ’s glad service for India’s Women,

A. E. Soderstrom.
I.—FORMS FOR GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE W. F. M. SOCIETY FOR SOUTHERN ASIA.

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* Including deaconesses sent out from the United States, or formally elected by the Home Secretaries.
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