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- Mrs. Denning
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### Officers and Committees

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Finance:

Mrs. Byers
Miss Knowles.

Mrs. Shaw.

Miss Blair.

Publication:

Miss Henkle.

Examining:

Miss Stumpf.

Resolutions:

Miss Eddy.
Miss Peters.

Mrs. Lowe.

Revision of the Manual:

Mrs. Lee.
Miss Knowles.

Mrs. Culshaw.

Programme:

Mrs. Barkley.
Mrs. Lowe.

Miss Eddy.

Auxiliaries:

Mrs. Smith.
Miss Eddy.

Mrs. Beal.

Education and Examinations:

Mrs. Shaw.
Miss Peters.

Mrs. Culshaw.

Miss Henkle.

Temperance:

Mrs. Shaw.
Mrs. Byork.

Mrs. Barkley.

Jubilee:

Mrs. Byers.

Mrs. Lowe.

Miss Peters.
Miss Blair.

Statistical Forms:

Mrs. Lee.

Miss Peters.

Mrs. Byers.
Miss Stumpf.

Building:

Mrs. Culshaw.

Miss Blair.
FIRST SESSION.

Asansol, December 28th, 1904.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Bengal Woman's Conference met at the Parsonage, at 2-30 p. m., Miss Blair in the chair.

The session opened with the singing of a hymn, "More love to thee, O Christ" followed by scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Lee.

At the Roll Call the following ladies responded to their names:—Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Culshaw, Miss Eddy, Miss Henkle, Miss Knowles, Mrs. Lee, Miss Peters, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Smith, Miss Stumpf, Miss Blair.

The election of the officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Byers; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Lee, Miss Knowles; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Beal; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Byers; Recording Secretary, Miss Blair; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss Henkle.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:—

Publication committee, Miss Blair, Miss Henkle.
Exchanging committee, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Stumpf, who are to arrange for the examination of the candidate for Hindustani.

On motion of Mrs. Culshaw it was voted that the Hindustani Course of Study be left as at present until some arrangement can be made for having the candidates examined, if possible, by the Calcutta Conference Examining Committee.

The Chair appointed the following committee on Resolutions: Miss Eddy, Miss Peters, Mrs. Lowe.

On motion it was voted to ballot for the members of the Finance Committee.

While the tellers were distributing the ballots, the President added the name of Mrs. Culshaw to the committee on Revision of the manual.

At this point the new members were introduced to the conference. They are, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Barkley, Mrs. Byork, Miss Peters and Miss Cooper.

The ballot for the Finance Committee resulted as follows: Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Lee, Miss Knowles, Miss Blair.
On motion of Mrs. Smith the meeting voted to approve the appointment of Mrs. Culshaw as Treasurer.

The President appointed the following as Programme Committee:—Mrs. Barkley, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Eddy.

Mrs. Culshaw brought up the question of how the expenses of the members of District Conference to and from the meeting are to be met. A discussion followed which resulted in appointing a committee to consult about the matter and formulate a resolution to bring before the meeting for discussion and approval. Mrs. Culshaw, Miss Peters, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Lee were appointed.

Mrs. Culshaw moved that reports of auxiliaries be called for, and that a committee be appointed to help in organizing such auxiliaries, who may prepare programmes, and in every way possible assist in aiding such societies. They are also to report at the next conference. The following committee was appointed:—Mrs. Smith, Miss Eddy, Mrs. Beal.

Mrs. Smith as President of the Calcutta Auxiliary was asked for a report, and gave a very interesting one, telling of the plan of the year by which each station and different department of work in the conference was presented in a report by the lady in charge, the object being to bring the ladies of the auxiliary into close touch with our work, and to acquaint them better concerning it. In their turn they presented to each station thus represented a sum of money to be used in the work. Not the least result had been an increased interest among the ladies. The Thankoffering near the end of the year resulted in the handsome sum of Rs. 108 which was given to the Girls' Orphanage. The entire receipts of the year have been Rs. 200.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

SECOND SESSION.

December 29th, 1904.

The second session of the conference met in the parlour of the Parsonage at 1 o'clock P. M.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Lowe who read a few selections from the Bible and then called upon the ladies to lead in sentence prayers. Afterward another passage of scripture was read, and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Byers led in prayer.
The minutes were read and approved. At this point the work on the Manual was taken up.

It was settled by vote that the work of the committee on the Revision of the Manual should be voted on by sections.

After the first section had been read and discussed, Mrs. Lowe moved that we accept the First Section as corrected by the committee. The motion was carried. After the reading and discussion of section II it was voted to change the phrase "reports of districts" to read "reports of work."

Mrs. Culshaw moved that the Second Section be adopted. The motion was carried.

The Third Section as far as to "Rules relating to assistants" having been read and discussed, Miss Eddy moved it be accepted. It was so voted.

With the singing of the Doxology the meeting adjourned to meet at 8-30 A. M. on Friday.

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THIRD SESSION.

30th December, 1904.

The Third Session of the Women's Conference convened at 8-30 A. M.

Mrs. Shaw led the devotional exercise. After the hymn "He leadeth me" we were led in prayer by Mrs. Byers, and at the close Mrs. Shaw read a passage from Rev. 3. She then called for voluntary prayers, and a number of ladies responded. The minutes were read and approved.

Miss Peters moved that the work on the Manual be resumed at this point. It was voted to do so.

The section on "Rules relating to assistants," having been read and discussed at length, Miss Blair moved that it be accepted as read. It was so ordered.

Mrs. Lee moved that a Board of Education and Examination be appointed. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Culshaw moved that the President appoint this Board at the next session. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Beal moved that the section relating to the Board of Education and Examination be passed. It was so voted.

Mrs. Lowe moved that the section relating to Deaconesses be accepted without reading. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Culshaw moved that 300 copies of the minutes be printed. The motion prevailed.
The motion also was carried that the minutes be illustrated. Miss Blair moved that the members be furnished copies of the minutes at two annas a copy, and that the deficit be made up by the Treasurer. The motion was carried. At this point reports were called for, and Miss Henkle read the report for the Calcutta Girls' High School.

Mrs. Lowe read the report of English work in Calcutta.

Miss Stumpf read Miss Moyer's report of school work in Tamulk. All these reports were accepted.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 12:30 P. M. with the singing of the Doxology.

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FOURTH SESSION.

12-30 p. m. Friday.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Peters, who read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and led in prayer.

The minutes were read and accepted.

After the minutes, the reading of the reports was resumed.

Mrs. Culshaw reported the work in Pakur and in Bolpur.

Miss Eddy read the report of the Dennett Training School, Calcutta.

Mrs. Shaw read the report of the Kidderpore Mission.

Miss Peters read the report of the work in Muzafferpur.

Miss Stumpf read the report of her Hindustani work in Calcutta. All these reports were accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report, which was accepted.

At this point the President appointed the following ladies as a Committee on Education and Examination: Mrs. Shaw Miss Knowles, Miss Peters, Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Culshaw, Mrs. Lee, Miss Henkle.

The President appointed the following Committee on Temperance work:—Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Byork Mrs. Barkley.

The motion to adjourn to meet at 8:30 Saturday morning was carried, and with the singing of the Doxology the meeting closed.

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FIFTH SESSION.

8-30 a. m. Saturday.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Smith, who read the 121st Psalm and led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.
On motion of Miss Henkle the conference resumed the work on the Manual.

Mrs. Culshaw moved that the report of the Education and Examination Committee be read. The motion prevailed and the report was read and approved.

Mrs. Beal moved that the three paragraphs relating to the wives of preachers, be left to the committee, to be referred to the ladies of the conference by letter for their vote. Carried.

Mrs. Culshaw moved that the section relating to Bible women be passed as read. It was accepted.

Miss Peters moved that the section relating to Orphanages and Boarding schools be passed as read. It was so voted.

Mrs. Lowe moved that the section relating to rules concerning the Muttra Training School, and Medical Schools as adopted by the last Central Conference, be accepted. The motion prevailed.

On motion by Miss. Eddy, the work on the manual was suspended until after the joint meeting with the men's conference to which this conference had been called. It was so ordered.

At this point the President appointed a committee of one lady from each district in the conference to be added to the Jubilee Committee. The ladies appointed are: Mrs. Byers, Miss Peters, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Blair.

Mrs. Beal, invited the Finance Committee to meet at Muzaffarpur this year. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Culshaw read the report of the Finance Committee. It was accepted.

Miss Stumpf read Miss Pritchard's report of the Calcutta Deaconess Home. It was accepted.

The meeting took a recess in order to meet with the other Conference to confer with them upon the Jubilee.

At twelve o'clock the conference resumed its work, and Mrs. Lee, in the absence of the President, called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

The following motion was offered by Miss Blair: That the Programme Committee be asked to arrange for three papers on practical subjects and representing different phases of the work, to be read at the next Conference; and that these papers be given a place on the programme at such a time as to allow of questions and discussion to follow them. The motion prevailed.

Miss Blair presented the nomination of Mrs. Culshaw as Treasurer for 1906. The nomination was carried.
Mrs. Beal brought up the question of a map of the conference, to contain all our stations clearly marked, for use in our annual reports; the expense to be shared equally between the two Conferences. The Woman's Conference moved to assume half the expense, and to authorize the Treasurer to pay for it out of the fund accruing from difference by exchange.

Miss Eddy moved that we insert in our Manual the By-laws revised according to the report of the Executive Committee of 1904. The motion prevailed.

Miss Peters moved that the section on Temperance and Evangelistic work, as revised by the last central conference, be inserted in the Manual.

Mrs. Shaw moved that the section headed "Miscellaneous work" be passed as read. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Lee moved that a committee be appointed to assist the Statistical Secretary in revising the latest statistical forms, in order to present them at the next Central Conference.

Mrs. Lee also moved that the latest statistical forms be inserted in the Manual. The motion prevailed.

Another motion that the Committee on the Manual be requested to confer with the Publishing Committee in order to have the Manual printed at as early a date as possible, and sent V.P.P., to each member of the conference. The motion prevailed.

The President appointed as a Committee to assist the Statistical Secretary in preparing the forms referred to above, the following ladies:—Mrs. Lee, Miss Peters, Miss Stumpf.

Mrs. Lowe presented a resolution thanking the Committee on Revision of the Manual for their faithful work.

It was voted that one hundred copies of the Manual shall be printed.

Mrs. Lee read a report of her work in Calcutta. The report was accepted.

A request being sent from the men's conference that two ladies be elected to be added to the Building Committee, to confer with the men when any building for the ladies is contemplated, Mrs. Lee moved that the Chair appoint these ladies, and suggested that they be members of the Finance Committee. The Chair appointed Mrs. Culshaw and Miss Blair.

Mrs. Byers gave a verbal report of her work. The report was accepted.

Miss Stumpf read a report of the Calcutta Girls' Orphanage. It was accepted.

The question concerning the continuing of the Orphanage
was brought up by Mrs. Lee, at the request of the Bishop. After long discussion Mrs. Lee moved that we appoint a Committee to confer with the Bishop. Mrs. Lowe amended to authorize Mrs. Lee to be a Committee of one. The amendment and motion prevailed.

The conference adjourned with a closing prayer by Mrs. Lee.

**REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.**

Miss Stumpf has passed the first and second year in Hindi, except the translation of the Second English book into Hindi character. Miss Peters has passed the first year in Hindi.

**MRS. SHAW,**

*Reporting for the Committee.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The Finance Committee met July 28th, 1904, at the Parsonage, Calcutta. The following members were present:—Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Byers, Miss Blair. Mrs. Culshaw.

The following motion was carried:—That all plans and estimates for building be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval before starting any work.

All estimates, with a few exceptions, were passed by the Committee.

**RUTH CULSHAW,**

*Treasurer.*

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. **RESOLVED.—** That we give expression to our deep sorrow in losing our young sister, Miss Ruth Ward, and that we extend to her parents our heartfelt sympathy, and assure them of our prayers.

2. **RESOLVED.—** That we express our regret that our sister Mrs. Denning has been compelled by the illness of her son, to go to the homeland, that we assure her of our sympathy and prayers. We hope that her loved one may soon be restored to health, and our sister return to her work in this land.

3. **RESOLVED.—** That we express our regret that our collaborator, Miss Matie B. McKinley, who has done efficient service in the Girls' School at Darjeeling, is leaving for the homeland, and that we wish further to assure her that she is followed by our prayers and kind wishes.
4. RESOLVED.—That we record our regret at the departure of Miss M. Campbell Smith who so efficiently superintended the Girls’ Orphanage in Calcutta for three years. Her work has been thorough and the results will be lasting. She has our best wishes and prayers for her success in the W. C. T. U. work which she has taken up in Rangoon.

5. RESOLVED.—That we extend to Mrs. Byork, Mrs. Barkley, Mrs. Beal and Miss Cooper who have come during the past year to labour amongst us, our most hearty welcome. May God richly bless them in this new field of labour, and may they prove a benediction to those among whom they work.

RESOLVED.—That we assure her of our gratitude. We especially appreciate the personal work which she is doing among the older girls.

7. RESOLVED.—That we thank Mrs. Shaw for her aggressive work in the temperance cause, especially for the organisation of Loyal Temperance Legion Bands.

8. RESOLVED.—That we express our gratitude to Mrs. Byork for so freely opening her home to the Conference.

9. RESOLVED.—That we most heartily thank Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Byork, the teachers and Mrs. Nunn for their kind hospitality and thoughtfulness in entertaining the Conference.

Whereas we recognise the necessity of all native workers being present at the Annual District Conference and whereas we see too that the expenses connected therewith are often beyond their means: Resolved that in future all workers who receive less than Rs. 8 per month have their railway expenses paid from the W. F. M. S. itinerating allowance and that all workers who receive their appointments at the District Conference should attend unless they have a legitimate excuse.

Mrs. Bishop Warne, having been one of the first members of our Bengal Women’s Conference, and in years past having worked side by side with us, resolved, that we extend to her a hearty welcome back to India and pray that she may have many years of happy service in this land.

MISS EDDY.
MRS. LOWE.
MISS PETERS.
APPOINTMENTS, 1905.

ASANSOL DISTRICT.

ASANSOL WOMAN'S WORK ... ... Mrs. Byers.
" ENGLISH WORK ... ... Mrs. Byork.
" GIRLS' SCHOOL ... ... Miss Forster.
" BENGALI EVANGELISTIC WORK ... Miss Hosking.
" WIDOWS' HOME ... ... Miss E. Reecos, Mrs. Mullick.
" ZENANA WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS ... Miss A. Swinnerton.
DHANBAID WOMAN'S WORK ... ... Mrs. Byork.
MANGALBARI SANTALI EVANGELISTIC WORK ... Miss M. Swinnerton.

CALCUTTA DISTRICT.

CALCUTTA AND SUBURBS, WOMAN'S WORK ... ... Mrs. Lee.
" BIG BAGAN SCHOOL WORK ... ... Mrs. Barkley.
" DENNETT TRAINING SCHOOL ... ... Miss Eddy, Principal.
" KINDERGARTEN WORK ... ... Miss Cooper.
" GIRLS' ORPHANAGE AND GHAT WORK ... ... To be supplied.
" DAY SCHOOLS ... ... Miss Canham, Miss Angell Smith.
" EVANGELISTIC WORK ... ... To be supplied.
" ENGLISH CHURCH ... ... Mrs. Lowe.
" ANGLO-INDIAN GIRLS' ORPHANAGE ... ... Miss Stampf.
" DEACONNESS' HOME ... ... Miss Pritchard.
" HINDUSTANI WORK ... ... Miss Stampf.
" KIDDERPUR WOMAN'S WORK ... ... Mrs. Shaw.
" GIRL'S SCHOOL ... ... Miss Henkle, Principal.
" BOYS' ORPHANAGE ... ... Mrs. Smith.
DAHJEELING QUEEN'S HILL SCHOOL ... ... Miss Knowles, Principal, Miss Wisnor.

PAKUR, GIRLS' SCHOOL ... ... Mrs. Culshaw.
" EVANGELISTIC WORK ... ... Miss Swan, Miss Granstrand
" BOLPUR WOMAN'S WORK ... ... Mrs. Culshaw.
Miss Maxey and Miss McKinley, on leave in America.
Miss Pyne, transferred to North-West India Conference.

DIAMOND HARBOUR DISTRICT.

SOUTH VILLAGES ... ... Mrs. Lee.
TAMLUK EVANGELISTIC WORK ... ... Miss Blair.
" GIRLS' SCHOOL ... ... Miss Moyer.
DISTRICT WORK ... ... Mrs Mozumdar.

TIRHOT DISTRICT.

DISTRICT WORK ... ... Mrs. Beal.
DARBHANGA ... ... Mrs. Nain Sukh.
MUZAFFARPUR:
" SCHOOLS ... ... Miss Potors.
" ZENANA WORK ... ... Mrs. Beal.
SAMASTIPUR ... ... Mrs. Makhan Lal.
SITAMARHI ... ... Mrs. Dowring.
Mrs. Denning, on leave in America.
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, Dharmatula
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.
Forman's Arya Samaj.
Religious Reforms (Four Parts).
Popular Hinduism.
Philosophic "
Vedic "
Modern Elective Systems.
COURSES OF STUDY.

Bengali Course of Study for Missionaries

ADOPTED BY THE

Annual and Woman's 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 Junior and senior 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 or Books or otherwise is made.

RULES.

1. The papers on the Text Books, Grammar and Composition shall be calculated for three hours, except the Senior 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 re-translation of phrases occurring in the Text. These questions shall be of a simpler kind in the Junior.

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 Bengal gentleman, assisted by one or more of the Examiners, who shall consult together in assigning the marks.

6. The Address or exposition, in the Senior 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 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 Examination 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.
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. Written

Marks.

a. Bododhoy and Naba Kahini omitting 'Kena' and 'Jaminda' ... ... ... 100
b. Padyapath I, or an equal portion of Hymns, and the Gospel of St. Mark (revised version)... 100
c. 1. Sisu Byakaran by K. P. Vidyaratna, or Bengali Grammar by Wenger or Beames, omitting Samas, Taddhit and Kridanta, 50 marks 100
   2. Translation into Bengali from C. L. S., Second Reader, 50 " 100

II. Oral

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

Total... 450

SENIOR EXAMINATION.

I. Written.

Marks

a. The Conference Selection ... ... 100
b. Charupath II, and Padyapath II ... ... 100
c. A Bengali letter on a given subject ... 40 Marks
   A Bengali written address on a religious topic given at the time ... 60 " 100

d. Translation into Bengali from the first 100 pages of new C. L. S Fourth Reader

II. Oral.

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

Total ... 500
Home for Leper Children—Asansol.
ASANSOL DISTRICT.

ASANSOL

BENGALI WOMAN'S WORK.

MRS. BYERS—MISSIONARY.

We are thankful, as we look back over the past year to note that we have moved forward somewhat, and that the work for our Master is growing. We are still uncomfortably settled and have had to make several changes during the year but we are now able to see the slowly rising wall of our new W. F. M. S. building and so forget the discomforts. We were afraid for a time that the building would have to stop for lack of water, but our new well has now plenty, though only 35ft. deep. The workmen struck a beautiful spring one morning and were not able to dig any more, and there is water in abundance. The well is 12ft. in diameter and will be a great boon to us.

The Bengali girls are now in the godowns on the new property and are well and happy. There are 95 boarders at present and more to come in soon. Miss Hoskins has done excellent work, and relieved us of all worry and anxiety. She will report this work.

Miss Forster has had a most pleasant time at home-visiting almost all the auxiliaries and patrons, who support girls in this place. She has been met with kindness and loving interest everywhere, and will treasure the memory of her visit home.

Miss Moore and Miss Swinnerton have visited and taught in a good many villages this year, both amongst the Bengalis and Santalis, and have made many new friends. In some of the Bengali villages they were badly treated, and subjected to insult but were always kindly received by the Santals. In one Santal village the people asked if they had visited a certain bigoted Hindu village, renowned for its wickedness. They answered "yes," they had preached in that village, and so the Santals said "Very well, if you were brave enough to do that we'll listen to your message." It is rather trying visiting new places as only the men come to listen, and it requires some nerve to face a crowd of wild Santals. But they are a kind, simple people and live near to nature's heart, loving the mountains and the woods, and so are really not to be feared even though they do look wild.

During the months of March and April we had the great privilege of having Chundra Lila with us, and though she is now an old woman and well on in years, she went every morning with the young ladies on the bullock cart to preach. And oh, how she can preach! and how the people love to hear her tell her wonderful story. Members of the high caste Hindus came to talk with her and were obliged to say she had the better of them. They some-
times asked how it was possible after being a Hindu priestess for so long, that she could become a Christian. It seemed an awful thing to them, and they would listen intently as she told of her conversion. No Hindu has ever found peace in his religion, and so can testify to nothing beyond what they hope.

Shortly after Chundra Lella left us, a nice young man and his wife came out and were baptized. Sometimes we wonder how the young Christians stand against so much persecution. The Hindu neighbours are very cruel in what they say and are always trying to prove they are no better for becoming Christians but rather the losers. This poor man and his wife lost their beautiful baby girl and then oh, what showers of cruel words fell upon them. I went to their village to see them, but was almost afraid to speak to them. But oh, how happy I was when they said, they were reconciled and were going to show God they trusted Him and had real faith in their hearts. We talked of the little one, and of how happy it was with Jesus, and rejoiced that satan had not conquered in this case.

We have three village Bible women for Bengali work and two for Santali. They go about teaching the simple Bible stories of Jesus, and sing the Christian hymns and do what they can to instruct the people. Two new tongas are being made ready, in which the lady workers may travel the rough country roads, and spend weeks at a time in touring amongst the villages.

We are glad to report the re-opening of our Hindu day school for high caste girls. Miss Alice Swinnerton has collected quite a number of nice girls, and has also begun visiting at the zenanas. 20 homes have been open this last quarter and many of the women welcome her. Only those who enter the homes of these better classes know how utterly cheerless they are, and how little brightness comes into them. In visiting one day I was delighted to come across a girl who had been a pupil in our school. I had not seen her for ten years, and now she is married and the mother of three children. She was so happy to see me, and said “Oh, Mem Sahib, I know you used to love me best of all girls.” She said she wished her little girl to be taught in our school. Her husband speaks English and they seemed more like Christians than heathen.

There are twenty widows with us to be trained and cared for. Two or three married during the year, and a few new ones came to take their places. Mrs. Mullick has done faithful work in teaching them for some hours each day.

There are about 35 leper women in the Asylum, and Miss Moore visited them frequently. A good spirit prevails amongst them, and I hear less complaints than formerly. We gave them a tea party when Mr. and Mrs. Byork were married and they enjoyed it very much. Hannah, the leper baby, who is now about three years old, had her share with the women, and enjoyed the huge bun and tea. She is a fat sturdy little tot, and most amusing, and a great pet with
One of our School Girls as bride—Asansul.
the women. Rani the leper Bible woman teaches the Bible stories and is a good sister amongst them, and seems striving to lead a true Christian life.

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BENGALI GIRLS' SCHOOL REPORT, 1904.

After the departure of Miss Forster for America our year's work began with a regular siege of measles, and for some weeks our whole time was taken up in caring for the sick ones. Altogether about 60 cases were taken down, five cases developed pneumonia and proved serious. Those were dark trying days but even here we got glimpses of God's sunshine through the clouds. Frequently I have seen the girls gathered in prayer for their little sick sisters, and so I felt that even in this trial our girls might be led nearer to God.

After the holidays, finding the old quarters too crowded, we thought it advisable to move the girls to Mangalbari until after the rainy season. While we were there an interesting thing happened. One day one of our teachers brought a little girl to us, saying while she was in the compound this child had come to her and said she wanted to be a Christian. When we questioned her we found she had run away from her mother-in-law who had treated her very cruelly, not giving her enough to eat and compelling her to work hard. Hearing of our Mission School she resolved to come to us for help. I felt as though God had sent this little one to us, so we took her in and cared for her. Shortly after “Achol” (the name of this child wife) had come to us, we missed her and wondered where she could be; we made enquiries but for a time we did not quite know where she was. Some days later Achol returned to us herself and told us her story. The day she was taken away she was down by the stream that runs by the house, when two women came to her saying some relative wished to see her in the fields a little distance away. Achol went with them, but they took her on and on, miles away and left her in the bazar at Ranigunge to starve or beg. Achol went wandering about crying, when some kind-hearted native enquired why she cried, and on explaining that she had been taken from our mission school, brought her back part of the way. She still had many miles to walk before she reached our home. Looking up she got sight of the mountain behind Mangalbari and by keeping it in sight managed to make her way back to us. Poor frightened, homeless unloved little child wife! How could we but welcome her back. Her people came shortly after and said they did not want her, so she is now our own, though no doubt her friends would rather wish she had died or got lost than to have fallen in with Christians. She is a good child and most obedient and affectionate. She does not look to be more than 10 or 11 years old and yet her face had
a careworn expression like that of a mature person who had suffered much. Every one here loves her, and we are glad to have the privilege of caring for her.

When we came back to Asansol, we were glad we did not have to go to the old school building but came right up to our new property and we are so thankful to God for giving us such a lovely place. We have all the fresh pure air we need, and the girls delight in plenty of play ground. The health of the school has certainly improved since we have been at the new place. At present we are living in the godowns of our new home which is being built, and we are looking forward to the time when we will have a comfortable home and good arrangements for our Bengali girls' school, then we will forget the inconveniences we have experienced and enjoy our nice home with thankful hearts. We are beginning to feel at home in our new place and it is pleasant to see our girls take a pride in keeping their part of the premises nice and clean. The long verandah which runs the full length of the building is a great comfort to us. On it the teachers hold their classes and in the afternoon, the sewing classes are held there too.

Our teachers Ganada Mitter and Heramoni Biswas (the latter came to us this year) have done faithful work, and considering we have moved our home so many times, our girls are doing nicely in their studies, notwithstanding the many breaks. The girl who won her lower primary scholarship last year has gained her upper primary scholarship this year. Our school has now a Government grant of Rs. 35 per month.

Mrs. Moorat visited the school in the beginning of the year, and during the year several Inspectors have called and been well pleased with the working of the school.

Nine of our older girls were married and we are glad to see them making good home-keepers.

There are at present 100 boarders, counting our nursery.

Miss Ellen Vernieux continues to care for the sick of our school and we find her a great help.

Miss Violet Douglas who came to us in the beginning of this year was sent to Calcutta for training in Kindergarten, has returned to us after three months owing to ill health. She now has charge of teaching the little ones of our school.

Miss May Reeves, our home mother, is kept busy arranging the different household matters, and has had varied experiences this year in having to change our home so many times. She had made us very comfortable and we are so thankful to have some one take charge of this necessary department.

I have found it good to be in our school home and feel sure our girls have a real desire to be true Christians. I pray God to bless them in the coming year.

Adelaide Hosking
CALCUTTA DISTRICT.
BENGALI WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. Lee  Miss Eddy  Missionaries.

"Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to
give you the kingdom." These words come to us with great cheer
as we think of our own work and of the great field belonging to
our conference so short of workers.

The great problem with us during the past year has been how
to fill the places made vacant by death. And we have hardly been
able to take advance ground for lack of missionaries to lead out,
and native workers to fill the important posts. During the year
death claimed Miss Ward who was preparing for our kindergarten
work; and brought the old shadow into our home again, and dis-
appointment and sorrow to her parents, in which we share. But to
be with Him "is far better."

Five of the Bengali boys whom we had educated, and three of
whom were already in the work, have died during the year, and
we have found it difficult to fill their places. Their widows are
back with us for further training for work. The only light in it all
is the triumphant deaths we have witnessed, giving us assurance
that they are with Jesus. So we are satisfied if the Lord only uses
us in getting our people ready to die well.

Miss Eddy has passed her final Bengali Examination, and has
had more to do with the girls in the Training School this year,
which has greatly relieved us. The school has made the best record
of the ten years, with the highest Government grant we have ever
drawn; and also a special grant that enabled us to pay Miss
Cooper's passage to India for the kindergarten work, for which it
was given. When we and our older girls and workers were praying
for God to send the right one to Bishop Warne for us, that
ever day of prayer Miss Cooper was impressed that God would have
her come, and offered herself for our work. We receive her as sent
of God; and feel our little ones, and kindergarten work will have a
special friend and helper in her.

Our fourteen Bible women have, for the most part, been reg-
ularly at work; although two have had to take up school work
for a while which has reduced our number of zenanas for the
present. Including the ones irregularly looked after we have about
two hundred zenanas. The highest record in book selling has been
made this year.

The village work is very interesting, of which we now have
forty-five visited monthly. The work at Champahati especially
encourages our hearts. We now have a girls' school there with
about forty on the roll, and it is well taught by a most faithful
woman who was a Bible woman with us before. Her husband has, in a village near by, a boys' school with about forty-five on the roll.

We are asking God to give us some of these villages for him this coming year. Many of the people are in comfortable circumstances with clean homes and plenty to eat; but formerly without schools or any knowledge of God. A family of twenty-seven (brothers and their families living together) are deeply interested, an old woman having accepted Christ and testifying of His peace in her heart before her death. And now an elderly man of the same family has done the same and may accept baptism. If so, I feel the whole family may be led to Christ; and we will have a beginning of a church in a part where there is no other mission at work. Adjoining this we have just taken over the work of the Union Mission which gives us two new schools and a most delightful zenana work.

We ask our fellow missionaries to pray with us for this promising field, that it may become a strong centre of Methodism in the future.

Miss Canham has done faithful work in the day schools of which we now have twelve. She also has passed her final Bengali examination. We have another young lady preparing to take up this work.

Our nursery contains some fine babies if they do come from the street and the rubbish heap. I wish our friends could see their bright happy faces. They have been a blessing to our famine women, replacing their home life.

One of our famine women went out to work and earned money enough to take her back to Rajputana to her own people, where she preached Christ, pointing out the folly of idol worship, and succeeded in convincing her old father whom she took to one of our Methodist native preachers there, where he was baptized. She returned to her work again and to tell us of the good news. I have since had a letter from the pastor there, stating that the rest of the family are likely to become Christians.

Three of the older famine boys have married our famine girls, and now have homes of their own, forming the nucleus of our Christian village.

We have had good times of seed sowing in the "melas" visited and in the "ghat" work which continues. Our days of fasting and prayer have brought great blessings and answers to prayers which have been offered for years, for which we are thankful.

The Lord has sent the money to carry on the work sometimes in very strange and unexpected ways. We have our hospital building, and are carrying on the work as best we can until the Lord sends us the medical missionary for whom we are praying. The work is far from being perfect in arrangement and also in execution; but we are glad for the lives God has allowed us to touch, and for the saving and transforming power we have seen
manifested in the character and lives of the women and girls He has sent to our home. Some are now refined and useful teachers in our schools, who came from sad environments. Women and young widows who entered the training class unable to read and without the experience of salvation in their hearts, are now happy Christians and successful Bible women.

We are also glad for the joy of service He has continued to us, and for His abundant grace given. The cry of our hearts is for the souls of the people, and we say, "Lord, if Thou wilt we will serve another day."

DENNETT TRAINING SCHOOL.

It is with a grateful heart that I report the work of the Dennett Training School for the past year. God has been good and greatly blessed our work.

We now have one hundred and thirty-six boarders, one hundred and seventy-two including the famine women and girls. On account of lack of room we have been compelled to refuse admission to about fifty girls.

The health of the school has been comparatively good throughout the year, there being no deaths except in May, when cholera took away three of the children.

Four of our girls have been married during the year; but two of them are already widows and have returned to us. Twenty-nine of our girls passed the Government examination. Now we have a class of twelve preparing to take the teachers' examination next April. The Government Grant-in-aid is nearly one thousand rupees more this year than last.

We feel that one of the great needs of the school has been supplied in the arrival of Miss Cooper who is to have charge of the kindergarten department. We are thankful for this one who is so much needed.

The Bible is taught half an hour every day in each class. Twenty-six of the girls passed the Sunday-school examination this year.

Many of the girls have received great spiritual blessing on the days of fasting and prayer. Last March an Oorya girl came to us from Hinduism. She was very sad and homesick at first and did not mingle with the other girls. On one of the days for special prayer she gave herself to God. Ever since she has been a changed girl, so happy and faithful. Her face is one of the brightest in the school, and she is a good example of what the power of Christ can do.

I superintend our Sunday Schools in Narkeldonga and Bagmari. The average attendance in Narkeldonga has been forty-two and the collections have amounted to Rs. 5-2-0. The average attendance
in Bagmari has been eighty-five and the collections Rs. 4-7-6. The Sunday Schools are taught by girls from the boarding school; and this helps to give them practical training for Christian work.

God supplies all our needs and the needs of the school and we look out with faith into the future believing that He will accomplish great things through the girls who come to us.

MABEL L. EDDY.

CALCUTTA HINDUSTANI WORK.

MISS STUMPF—Missionary.

The year has been full of opportunity. I have often wished for more time, more strength and more workers to meet the many calls that are constantly coming. Never a day goes by that some one is not begging us to stay longer, sing one more song, come and see my mother, please give my child some medicine, etc. Sometimes I start out with the intention not to turn any one away but, as far as possible, to meet all the demands, but before the day is over I find I must begin to refuse the extra song and the visit to the next house, etc.

With the two Bible Women I call in over ninety houses, so one can easily see that we are very busy and must of necessity turn away some of the calls. My Bible Women have given faithful and uncomplaining service throughout the year. They have walked long distances in the hot sun, have worked through the rainy season under very trying circumstances; sometimes coming in wet to the skin. They have waited on the sick, visited the native sick in hospitals, taught in Sunday School, distributed tracts and sold books. The day schools have been more successful than last year. Last year I had one day school with an average attendance of twenty and this year I have two day schools with an attendance of twenty-five in each. It is a great pleasure to go into the little school room and see the children seated upon pieces of matting hard at work with books and slates, children who a short time ago were playing in the dirty lanes with never a thought of learning to read and write. Now they are not only taught to read and write, but they are taught truths which are far more vital than these. To know how to read and write is a good thing, but to know God and to know of Salvation through His Son is far more important.

The Sunday Schools have been well attended and many times the little rooms were not large enough to accommodate the children who came. Very often men and women come in and sit or stand about the door while the lesson is being given and not infrequently do we hear them say, "true, true." We are now holding a Sunday School in a Mohammedan house where at first they were
not willing to hear the Bible read and explained. There are thirty or forty children gathering here every Sunday to hear the lesson taught while a number of women sit and listen. I have found that sometimes the women appear unconcerned because their husbands have forbidden them to hear the Bible read. They fear that if they sit quietly and listen some one will report the fact and we will be forbidden to come any more. I find that a good way out of this difficulty is to have a Gospel song read and explained. In this way the Gospel story is told and they are not so afraid because it is not read from the Bible itself.

My work is hampered by not having workers enough to carry on the visiting as it should be. I also need a place where I can gather my workers together for prayer and Bible reading.

On the 22nd of December a lovely box came for my work. It was sent out by the W. F. M. S. Ottumwa District, Des Moines Branch. I have used the contents in three Christmas-trees. The work-bags, dolls, bright calicoes, books, cards all were hailed with delight by the happy recipients. There were also in the box many personal gifts send out by my dear friends and relatives. Among these was a fine Eastman's Kodak which was a present from Main Street Epworth League, my home League. I prize it and all the other gifts very highly and feel unworthy of all the nice things the home friends have done for me. These kind remembrances are an incentive to go forward with a greater determination to be something and do something for the Master, whose we are and whom we serve.

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PAKUR.

MRS. CULSHAW—Missionary.

It was with many misgivings that single handed I took charge of the work in Pakur on the 1st of March, 1904, but God gave me the promise “As thy days so shall thy strength be,” and as I look back over the past year I can truly say “He is faithful that promised.” My time has been given largely to the Boarding School with its 60 odd girls. With the help of a reliable matron I have been able to attend to the many details. With few exceptions our girls come from villages surrounding Pakur where there are Christians. During the year nine of the 30 new girls that have come in came to us from Mahommedan homes; all have since coming been baptized, their parents with them. In April four marriages, which had been previously arranged, took place. During the rains there was much sickness among the girls, and we had an anxious and trying time. God called some of our number to a brighter and better world. The school is once again under Government Inspection, and we hope to earn a grant-in-aid. Two Inspectors visited the
school last week and examined the classes for promotion. The highest class now is the Middle Vernacular. The sewing classes and lace making have been under my immediate supervision, the girls have earned Rs. 67 by the sale of the latter. The profits from this sale have been used for the support of three village day schools opened this year. We shall now try to do something at drawn thread work, and I am planning to introduce spinning and basket making.

The girls have enjoyed their calisthenic classes. Every girl in school has half an hour drill three times a week and they are the better for it physically.

Our Senior and Junior Epworth League meetings have been helpful to all; the members of the former do a little missionary work by paying for the small tickets used in the village Sunday Schools. Several of the girls are probationers in the church and receive regular instruction in class meetings. Many received a rich blessing during a week of special services and some, we believe, entered into the new life.

In the Widows' Home there are twelve inmates. All have their special duties each day. Four came to us this year with their children, deserted and half starved, and one, a former pupil of the school, who took refuge here three years ago, returned to her husband, who promised to mend his ways. No woman is excused from the daily Bible class. One of them has learned to read her Bible and accompanies Rebecca in her work among the villages. They spend several days at a time in a village teaching the women and children. Two other Bible Women devoted their time to Pakur and its many "paras." They have sold Rs. 3 worth of Bible portions. This is not much, compared with what others have done, but the people are illiterate and very poor. I feel though that good work has been done, especially among the women and children baptized this year, 59 in all. At the same time I shall do all I can to urge the necessity of a larger sale next year.

In the largest and oldest village (Christian) one Bible reader works among the Christian women only. This work appeals to me almost as much as that among the non-Christians, for our village Christians are ignorant and need so much teaching. In Rampore Hat there is one Bible woman, a second joins her this month.

Our dispensary at Pakur has been taken advantage of to the utmost. On an average 25 patients are treated daily, and while waiting for their turn the Bible women and native preachers take the opportunity of sowing the seed.

Three village day schools have been opened this year, one had to be closed a few weeks ago for want of a suitable teacher. The Inspector of Schools is urging us to open a school in the town of Pakur for the Babus' children; arrangements are being made to do so.

Our older girls and boys help in the village Sunday Schools.
Bengali Girls at Callisthenics—Pakur.

Bible-women and Ox-cart—Pakur.
We now have eleven including the one in the compound. In July 42 boys and girls sat for the I. S. S. U. examination. Two failed to pass, but we were pleased with one of the girls who gained 98 marks in the Middle Division. The certificates distributed on Christmas day were much appreciated.

The prospect for the new year is as bright as the promises of God, and as we make our plans we do so knowing that as He has helped us so wonderfully in the past so He will even more abundantly help us in the future.

BOLPUR.

MRS. CULSHAW—MISSIONARY.

Four Bible women and two teachers have carried on the work begun there last year. For want of proper supervision there has not been much increase of any kind, but I believe the workers have been faithful. The Bible women have visited 68 villages, often spending several days at a time in a village. Nine women have been baptized during the year, and Rs. 17 worth of one pice books have been sold. In the schools there has been an average attendance of 30 children, these children meet on Sundays also. The widows from Bolpur came with me to Pakur in March, they have helped the others in the general work of the home. The Bible women have taught in several Hindu day schools, they visit them once a week and give a Scripture lesson, teaching also the Commandments, Lord’s Prayer and our hymns.

THE KIDDERPORE WORK.

MRS. SHAW—MISSIONARY.

As we look back on the past year, our hearts and lips repeat a thankful “EBENEZER”—“Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” We encourage ourselves with the thought of all His goodness in the past, and take heart of grace for the future. From time to time have come tokens of cheer in this new and oft-times difficult work—tokens no bigger than the cloud, which Elijah’s servant saw, and which he described as “no bigger than a man’s hand.” Yet it was pregnant with promise for thirsty Israel.

We feel that we are but now on the threshold of this work. It has taken so much time and experience to get acquainted with the conditions. Kidderpore Mission is manifold in its operations, for it includes Seamen’s work among Sailors and Officers. The supervision of the European Day School, regular evangelistic and Gospel effort (including house to house visitation) and work
amongst the Hindustani community, by whom we are surrounded. It is an interesting and wonderful story in itself to tell of how God placed all these varied departments of work in the hands of the Bengal Conference, one after the other, till to-day Methodism holds the key to untold opportunities in this new and growing district with its splendid Docks, large coal trade, and increasing population, both European and Native. Here in this heathen land we cannot afford to neglect or ignore the English-speaking community, for we cannot successfully reach the Indian people pure and simple, till we have reached men and women—the "sahib-log," who to so large an extent control and influence them for weal or woe. We humbly believe that the work which only makes the heathen its objective point, fails strangely in its purpose. The example of a godly life or otherwise must evermore prevail over mere precept, and Englishmen and Anglo-Indians are the real stumbling-block in the way of winning India for Christ.

It has been part of my work to help my husband in ministering to the comfort and well-being of the men who come for rest and recreation to the "Kidderpore Temperance Rooms," to make it home-like and attractive for them. It is not much one can do for these poor birds of passage, but we have often been cheered and trust some good has been accomplished. We have made an effort to secure fresh and suitable newspapers and magazines to place on the tables, and have also given away hundreds of bundles made up expressly for reading on the voyage.

European Day School.—This has furnished another sphere for effort, and through the young people and children we have had the opportunity to reach their homes and parents. These forty odd children have been influenced day after day, week in and week out, for good we are sure, and have proved in many cases responsible. A large number of the school children, and others, are enrolled in our Sunday-school.

Of necessity, as it were, we have had to take into our own hands the social side of their lives, and provide for them healthy out-door recreation in various ways. The School Concerts, Services of Song, Magic-Lantern Exhibitions, Band of Hope meetings, and Pleasant Sunday Evenings for young men, have each and all given us plenty to do and think about on their behalf. It has been a satisfaction to know that these efforts have not been in vain, that the moral tone of the place is slowly improving. We are trying to reach a class of young fellows, some of whom are from respectable homes in the old country and other parts of India, but who for lack of high ideals and want of Christian culture are surely degenerating, and will go to swell the army of a totally indifferent and godless and immoral manhood, with which India is already cursed. How far we have accomplished anything we do not know, but we are trying to do our best. It may be in the days to come some of them will bless God for sending
Methodists to Kidderpore, and that from this rank we may yet have another "Oldham," or a "Dennis Osborne," who can tell? Total Abstinence work finds a conspicuous place on our programme. We are thankful to report a number of pledges taken by grown-ups as well as children. There are details we may not put into print, but we know that this sort of work was sadly needed on this field, and by this means several homes have been reached and blessed. We believe this work is preparing the ground for something greater and more lasting than mere moral reform.

Hindustani Work:—Under this heading we can report not only the taking up of loose ends of work, begun it is said, by the W. F. M. S. in times past, but also an advance, in evangelistic lines, among the Hindi Dock labourers (women and children) some four hundred of them. Once a week the Bible women go to their lines and hold an out-door service, which the women off duty at the time flock to, so many that we have not been able to keep strict count, but roughly speaking, estimate it at from 75 to 100 at time. We also visit in the homes of the Mahomedan Lascars and reach their families. This part of the work is difficult, and needs great patience and tact, for they are a bigoted class, and do not hesitate to send us away if they are displeased, but even here the work has its encouraging side. Twelve homes in the paras round about us are open to regular visits, and three women are learning to read. All listen attentively to the singing, and even try to learn some of the words. There is room for school-work, but we need both workers and means. Part of the building placed at the disposal of the Parent Society by Messrs. Bird & Co., for work among the Dock labourers, is partitioned off for a girls' school, which we hope to start under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. in the near future. The support for this work up to the present has come to us from personal friends and from the Missionary Society of the Dharamtala Street Church, but our hearts have been cheered with the news of a small appropriation of $140 dollars, which Miss Maxey was able to get us from the Treasurer of the Topeka Branch of the W. F. M. S.

CALCUTTA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Henkle—Principal.
Miss Pyne
Miss Storrs

Report for 1904.

The report of the Calcutta Girls' High School for the year that is just closing does not differ materially from those of the immediate preceding years. What was said in those reports might largely be repeated here.
The year opened with 92 boarders. This number increased steadily until November when we reached our greatest enrollment in this department viz., 110. After the Government Examinations, there was a number of withdrawals, the parents feeling that the Christmas holidays hardly furnished a sufficient vacation following the almost continuous work of the preceding nine months. There has been no appreciable difference in the attendance of day pupils.

During the year 40 pupils have been enrolled who had never attended any school, 9 old pupils re-entered, and 72 were received by transfer from other schools. One of our pupils, Ivy Frost a 6th standard girl, went this year to join the innumerable company. She had been a sufferer from rheumatism of the heart for several months and on July 4th left us. She had been converted near the close of 1903 and had lived a consistent life, beautiful its simplicity.

We have been prospered this year financially, and for this and all other blessings, including the continued good health of the pupils, we offer devout thanks giving unto Him who has promised to "keep us in all our ways" and who has said "no evil shall befall thee."

**Our Aim.**

Is to develop an all round Christian womanhood. We have heard it said so often that education is three fold—moral, intellectual and physical—that it has become to us an oft told tale. The school has always aimed at the first two sides of this educational triangle and while not wholly satisfied with the results has felt that it approximated toward the ideal. Of late we have begun to awaken to our need of the development of the third side and to realize that something ought to be done. Just what this is to be we do not quite know. We know we need a Gymnasium—nothing elaborate, just what will meet the necessities of the case—and hope that ere long our needs may be met.

**The Staff.**

A few changes have taken place in our teaching force. Owing to failing health, Miss Z. Roseboom was compelled to resign during the early part of the year, and Miss Wise was secured to fill the vacancy.

Miss Dora Richsteig returned to the School in July, after an absence of two years at Lucknow where she had been studying in the Isabella Thoburn College.

After several years of faithful and efficient service Mr. A. H. Read leaves us to take the post of Headmaster in Bishop's College, Nagpur. We regret his going, and both teachers and pupils send with him their sincere wishes for his success in the new field which he has chosen.
Reports.

Music.

The pupils who were presented for the Trinity College Examination preserved the record of their predecessors, in that they all passed---7 in the Preparatory division, 4 in the Junior, 2 in the Intermediate Honours and one in the Practical. This is the first year the School has prepared for the Practical Examination.

Miss Scallan took up a post in this department this year, filling a vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Middleton, who left us to join a sister school in Calcutta.

Library.

The Library begun last year has grown to more than 2,000 volumes and still there are more books to follow. History, Literature, Art, Science, Poetry, Biography and Fiction---each has its representatives on our shelves, besides a good teachers' reference library. We are indebted more to Miss Storrs than to anyone else for this addition to our school. On his visit to Calcutta at the close of last year, Robert Laidlaw, Esq., presented the school with a valuable selection of books to be added to the library. Teachers and pupils alike have found a great blessing in this department and have shown their appreciation by a constant use of the books within their reach.

Kindergarten.

We feel that in this department we are second to none. In saying this we do not mean to seem boastful. We are simply grateful that here also the "work of our hands" has been prospered. The happy face and busy hands of these, the youngest, who come under our care are a constant inspiration to those who come in closest contract with them.

The teachers, under the supervision of Miss Pyne, have rendered faithful service. One teacher completed the training course last year and two have completed it this year. There are three new applicants for training for 1905-6---with two more to finish and many little children to be entered January 7th, 1905. Miss Brock the Inspectress, on a visit to us in June, spoke of being particularly pleased with the work which was being done.

On Monday morning after the closing of school for the Midsummer holidays, the silent messenger came and took with him Miss Ruth Ward, who had been working in the Kindergarten. She did not really belong to us, as she was working with Mrs. Lee and came to us for the help she might derive from the training class. We cannot but ask "Why?" when dispositions such as this come. Perhaps hers was a more complete service than ours has been and she received her reward earlier. On our books under the date of her death are these words "called to higher service."
Needle work.

On December 6th, the Committee consisting of Mrs. Lowe, Mrs M. L. Smith and Mrs. Dozev met at the School for the purpose of examining the needlework. They reported the work satisfactory on the whole and that of Standard VI especially satisfactory. The hemming in all the classes deserves mention.

Public Examinations.

We are never quite satisfied with the results obtained in the Government Examinations. The last returns gave us a gain in the per cent. of passes over that obtained in any recent examination in the Primary School. The middle school again scored 100 per cent. and in the High School we passed 83 per cent. of those presented. We still hope for better things.


Miss Brock visited the School, June 24th, and sent us the following report:

"I visited the Calcutta Girls' High School and inspected the work of Standard VI in Grammar. The work of the teacher was hampered by the presence of girls in a lower Standard whose teacher was away. The work of the girls in Analysis was good on the whole. I also inspected the work of Standard III in Geography. In this subject there is too much teaching of facts only. The girls need on the one hand more descriptive Geography and on the other hand a more intelligent understanding of the relation of the Physical Conformation of the country to its commercial development.

"In Standard IV I heard an Object Lesson on Silk, given by the teacher who had taken much trouble to obtain proper material. Too much was attempted in one lesson; the subject required one lesson on the life of the silk worm, and one on the industry of silk weaving.

"The First Standard children are doing some good work in numbers."

The Outlook.

The body of this report has of course been an inlook. What the coming year will bring us we cannot tell, but of this much we are sure that building on the past in faithfulness, and steadily pushing towards our highest ideals, we cannot utterly fail in the accomplishing of the purpose which we set forth in the beginning of this report, viz., the development of an all round Christian womanhood.
ENGLISH WORK.

CALCUTTA.

MRS. LOWE—MISSIONARY.

As the sun reaches the western horizon of my first year of service in India, and I turn to look back over the incidents of this eventful year, and as I recall the verse in Revelation which reads: "And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works," and as I realize that my work for this past year has been recorded in Heaven as a means to judge me when I come to stand before the King, my heart is filled with regret and sadness that the work has been so incomplete.

In spite of this fact God has very richly blessed me in the work, and it has been a good year.

I have endeavored to make the visits into the homes of our people count for something. It has been an especial privilege for me to visit our people during times of sickness and sorrow, and to pray with them. My heart has gone out in love and sympathy to one and all at such times. I have gone to the hospitals as regularly as I have been able, distributing literature of a religious character, talking to and praying with those whose hearts were burdened with spiritual troubles.

I am very glad to report a decided development in our local auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. Our membership has more than doubled, our church women have taken hold of the work with an enthusiasm and interest that have been very gratifying. We have been able to give some financial help to every station, both Native and English, in the Bengal Conference.

During the year I have been permitted to give some assistance to Miss Pyne, during her illness in the Sanitarium and her absence from Calcutta, in carrying on the Junior League work. I have held the office of Fourth Vice President in the Senior League and have endeavored to develop to some extent the social life of our young people, and to show them that we should not develop separately our spiritual life and our social pleasure, but that we may truly carry our heart's religion into every pleasure that we enjoy.

Each week after the Sabbath evening service our home has been open to all the friends of the church, and we have had some delightful hours together, not only spent in drinking tea and in pleasant converse, but many who have been under deep conviction have come to us at that hour, and some have told us that at those gatherings they definitely gave their hearts to Christ.

We have in contemplation a more definite work with the object in view of giving more all round development to the lives of our young women. We have of late been having in our Sabbath evening services one hundred and fifty or more young
women, and we feel constrained to do something for these, although somewhat handicapped because we have no church hall. We shall very soon attempt an organization of this crowd of young women. A few weeks ago I led a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. in the Medical College, and some of the girls of that organization expressed an eager desire that some such thing might be done. We have already taken some definite steps in this direction, else I should not have mentioned it here.

And so the year so full of joys and regrets, comes to a close, and we cannot but praise God for bringing us to a new year with hearts that beat high with hope for greater accomplishments in the Master's service, "we press on."

CALCUTTA DEACONESS HOME;

MISS PRITCHARD—Superintendent.

As we come to the close of another year our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all His loving kindness to us, and we can truly say, Thus far the Lord has led us.

Our Father has kept sickness from our home, while many of our people have been laid low and a few called to their Heavenly home.

Miss Blair, Miss Stumpf and Miss Smith have been with us all the year. We greatly regret Miss Smith's failing health necessitated her leaving us in October to join another appointment in Rangoon. Her bright, trustful life was a benediction to all. May our Father abundantly bless her in her new sphere of usefulness.

Miss Moyer has paid us several visits during the year and is always welcomed in the home.

Our visits among the dear people of the church have been times of blessing as we have always had a cordial welcome to their homes and we wish to thank our friends for this.

The usual work of the Home has been done in visiting the hospitals and distribution of tracts and papers. We wish to thank Bishop Warne for his kindness in sending us his newspapers from America, which were given to the patients in the hospitals and gratefully accepted.

God has sent us rich blessings in permitting us to entertain our missionaries and many strangers who have come to the city.

It was a great pleasure to have Bishop Robinson with us for a few days, as we knew he is greatly interested in the work of the home.

We are glad to hear that our dear sister Miss Maxey has so far recovered her health, and hopes to be amongst us again very soon.

We must not forget to thank Miss Stumpf for her kindness in taking charge of the home during the time of vacation the Superintendant had in the hills,
We welcome to our home and circle brother and sister Lowe and their little daughters and feel they have been interested in us, in the welfare of the home and all our work.

In closing this report we express our thanks to all the ladies in the home for the spirit of sympathy and unity that has existed this year.

THE CALCUTTA GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

MISS STUMPF—Superintendent.

I am hardly able to give an intelligent report of the Orphanage only having had charge since November first. It has had a successful year in some respects. There have been plenty of girls to feed and clothe and send to school. Indeed sometimes the beds were all taken and we were obliged to turn some away for lack of room. The health of the girls has been fairly good. Most of them have done well in school, and at the last distribution several were awarded prizes. I feel encouraged about the educational outlook for the girls. Since distribution, several have declared their intention of working harder next year to earn a prize.

A number of the girls have taken a stand for Christ and are trying to lead a good life. I sometimes find them praying in the dormitory or in some secluded corner at odd hours in the day, and I know that there is a struggle going on. They are asking for help over some hard place or for delivery from a bad temper or forgiveness for some sin. Whatever it may be I cannot but send up a prayer too that He who hears the cry of the fatherless may hear their prayer also.

The Orphanage suffered a loss by Miss Smith's going to Rangoon, November first. She has exerted a good influence over the girls the last three years and they felt her going away very keenly.

During Bishop Oldham's meetings a number went to the altar and were greatly helped. Their daily actions afterward showed that they were trying hard to be good girls.

Among those who went forward were two Jewish and two Catholic girls. These girls have much to battle against and they deserve commendation for every attempt to live better and purer lives. Many of them came from homes where there is little or no inducement to lead good lives. The Orphanage has suffered from lack of funds. The children have never lacked food, clothing, books, etc., but there are other necessary expenses, such as rent, repairs, etc., which we have been unable to meet. We are grateful for the scholarships sent out by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but that does not begin to pay the expenses of the institution. The Calcutta Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary has helped
us during the year and we have also had some generous donations from friends in Calcutta and something in the way of fees, but still there is a deficiency. I feel that if this work goes on something must be done to bring in more funds.

QUEEN'S HILL GIRLS' SCHOOL, DARJEELING.

Miss Knowles.—Principal.
Miss McKinley.
Miss Wisner.

The Queen's Hill School for girls is just completing its 10th year in Darjeeling and its 5th year in our present quarters. The time has come for its annual story to be written and in many respects it will vary little from preceding reports. The usual routine of daily duties varies but little. In March, however, we had a visit from the Educational Commission. This was quite a formidable body of men as there were representatives from all the Provinces, Burma and Assam, looking into the financial and educational condition of hill schools especially. After making their round they had a session in Simla with a view to making improvements in the Educational Code. Results have not yet been made public. In May and June we had visits from the Inspectors of our Bengal Province and from Sir Andrew Fraser Lieutenant-Governor, and also Lady Fraser. In October the latter distributed our prizes. Our numbers have varied but little over the previous year. We have averaged 60 in the boarding department and 20 day-pupils; but have a younger class than in 1903.

Our department of small boys has rather grown up of itself without solicitation on our part, and will for the present be continued. We think it an advantage to have the stimulating influence of boys and girls in the classes and at meals—with separate living rooms, study-time and play-ground for each. Of course, the age and character of these boys must be limited. We do not accommodate more than 20; nor do we take them, except in very special cases, over ten years of age.

In 1903 we sent 11 for the Government examinations. One for High School, 7 for the Middle, and 3 for the Primary. These all passed, and some with honours, Marjory Bald having obtained a scholarship in the M. S. This year the school is sending 16 to the Examinations, which occur next month. Two for H. S., 3 for the Middle and 11 for the Primary. These facts show that our school is keeping pace with the requirements of the Educational Code.

Two other tests have been taken. Five were sent to the Trinity-College Theory of Music Examination last June, all passing with good results. The other, the all India S. S. Examination,
to which 26 were sent, only one failing to pass. Quarterly tests
have been taken and quarterly reports sent to parents of scholar-
ship and conduct.

In piano, violin and singing our pupils have made more solid
advancement than in any former years. Many have passed the
drudgery stage, so considered, and are now taking pleasure in their
work. The Class singing, under Miss Anthony, has made good
advancement, also the classes in drawing under Mrs. Shortt.

Due attention has been given to Physical Culture. We have
two play grounds, one each for girls and boys; also a Tennis
Court for older pupils.

Systematic drill is given throughout the school with the use
of dumb-bells, wands, clubs, bars, etc., and many advantages arise
from these exercises, such as begetting habits of attention and
promptness, regulating the stooping form or expanding the chest.

In the Cooking Department special attention has been given
to hygiene and the chemical action of substances, as well as tests
in practical work. At each lesson recipes have been given and
written examinations at the close of the year. These classes have
grown much in interest and numbers.

As much depends upon a good library in a successful school,
we have asked and obtained a grant from Government for the pur-
pose of improving it. Patrons have been interested also, and we
have received from a few sources excellent additions of standard
works. May we solicit the interest of friends and patrons further
in this object.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Seal for his careful and patient
attention to the health of the children. During the months of
April and May, our hospital room was occupied with several cases
of chicken pox. Since then we have had good health—as the
appearance of the children to-day would indicate.

It is an advantage to begin with the little ones, as they are
getting a Kindergarten training, and most of them are likely to
remain with us.

This class has been larger this year and a number of well-
prepared children will look forward to the work of the Standards.
In the Kindergarten great value is put upon the “Look and
Say” method in teaching to read. Many pictures are used as
illustration of words, thus combining pleasure with profit,—and as
a result, very rapid progress is made.

One of the pleasant features of the year, has been our
Literary and Musical Evenings among ourselves.

Occasionally a few friends drop in, as well as to our Christian
Endeavor Meetings on Sunday nights. The aim of our school
is higher than the secular work marked out for us. It is Christian
culture. Ruskin speaks of Truth as one of the choicest materials
in the building of character and upon this we try to found our daily
work. Out of it surely grow natural courtesy, obedience, consider-
ation for others, and all those graces which are so valuable to a noble womanhood.

In discipline we believe the Spirit of Youth is to be guided, rather than suppressed; and as a school we seek not so much to discipline children, as to cultivate principles of self-respect and self-government.

A word is due our staff of teachers, who have so faithfully performed their duties. Nowhere is this faithfulness more clearly shown than in school life, where we so definitely depend upon each day to shape the weeks and months. And it is with much regret that these teachers and helpers cannot all remain with us. Three out of our number were married at the close of the year and Miss McKinley expects to return to America early in March—after five years of noble service in Darjeeling. I would tremble on account of the risks incurred by these losses, if I did not know that somewhere God has others in preparation for his work.

Queen's Hill School is laying its foundations of Protestant and Christain Education for all the future, we trust, and numbers among its patron missionaries from among the different Free Church denominations with a few from the Established Church.

So leaving the past, we enter upon the opportunities and responsibilities of 1905.

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DIAMOND HARBOUR DISTRICT.

TAMLUK.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS BLAIR—MISSIONARY.

At the beginning of this year I was taken away from my own station and set down in a new work with a suddenness that was bewildering. The new work at first seemed to me overwhelming, and throughout the year I have worked with joy mingled with fear; joy because there is no labour more congenial to me, and fear because of a certainty that my fitness for it was not what it should be. But friends have been kind and generous, and there has been many a cheering and heartening word to help me. It was not work of my own seeking, and having been set to do it by the "powers-that-be," keeping before me this motto: "nothing but the best," I have done the best I knew, and although my ideal and the actual have been indeed widely separated, I have satisfaction in the knowledge that I have tried.

Because the Indian Witness became my charge this year, I have been able to do nothing in Tamluk beyond a few trips down, always hurried—I could not spare more than two days, to go and to return,—but my Bible woman has been working on
The new home in Tamluk.

The old home in Tamluk with reflection in the Tank.
there alone the most of the year, and reports that she has visited regularly in fifty houses, and has made 3,200 visits.

The great, outstanding fact of the year, and the one that will, I trust, mark a new era in the life of the Tamluk mission, is the "New House." This year the building has been completed; and for some months now has been occupied. It is a fine, two-storied, six-roomed house, situated on high ground, and commanding a view over which our friends who visit us grow eloquent. We cannot, however, even from the top, see far enough to take in our next neighbours at Kola, twelve miles up the Rupnaryan.

I wish to express some of the gratitude which I feel for this great gift which our friends at home have so generously given us. We present a view of the old home and the new, and looking upon them both, you will realize in some measure what the gift means to us.

God grant that this new home may be made a centre of light to the thronging crowds about us.

TAMLUK SCHOOL REPORT.

Miss Moyer—Missionary.

The greatest visible change in Tamluk this year has been the removal of the mission from the little mud-hut which has been used for our work for four years to the new, light and airy building of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We have a debt of gratitude to our friends of the Central New York Conference and the Cincinnati Branch for the comfortable and convenient home they have given us and for our better school advantages. During the year one hundred and thirteen different pupils have attended the Tamluk Girls' School, but for various reasons, such as removals from Tamluk and the child-marriage system they have at different times come and gone. The largest daily attendance has been seventy-two. On account of our sewing class we have been able to keep the larger girls in school. Our inducement to them is that if they stay in school long enough to finish a quilt, kurta, scarf, etc., they will be allowed to take these things home with them for their own use. We have found that the plan worked well.

The Bible work is carried on for an hour each day and we trust the seed which is the Word of God has fallen on good ground and will bring forth an abundant harvest. The three pupils who tried the last Government Examination passed. The work which the teachers and most of the pupils have done during the year has been satisfactory.

The School at Nundakumar has over ninety pupils. Most of these are boys who pay fees. Twice during the year cholera has raged in this section and, of course, it has interfered with the
attendance, especially of the girls, but altogether the work has been good and twelve pupils passed the Government Examination according to the code. This school for one and a half year has been held in a Hindu temple.

The school at Pipulbaria which has also been held in a Hindu temple, has thirty pupils of whom two passed the last Government Examination.

Sunday Schools are held in several of the surrounding villages. During the first part of the year the Bible Woman and I often travelled ten miles walking most of the distance over rice fields, and holding six Sunday-schools in one day. Some were held in temples, some in school houses or on verandahs and frequently the number of listeners for the day were over two hundred. Many of them hearing the "Good News" for the first time. At the beginning of the rainy season it seemed best to give this work into the hands of one of our native men.

I have not been able to visit the work in the Eastern part of the district as often as I desired, but the monthly reports of the Bible Woman show that she has been busy making visits, and she has sold an unusually large number of scripture portions. During the year we have been able to open work in Tamluk among the sweeper caste. This needy and despised people have welcomed us heartily and have acted as if they had found in us a friend. They have asked for schools to be opened for their children and several have signified their desire to become Christians.

The outlook for Tamluk is encouraging. At present our numbers are small, but I often think of the small beginning of our Mission in this country and how God according to His promise is causing righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

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TIRhoot DISTRICT.

MUZAFFARPUR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Peters—Missionary.

Landing in Bombay, January 2nd, 1904, just too late to get to conference and meet my new friends of Bengal, but who nevertheless sent me cordial greetings, I went at once to the strange place of Muzaffarpur. At last I had really reached the land of my dreams and the varied experiences of the year have not made it less fascinating and bewildering than did the sights of the first few days. It seemed everything had been prepared for my coming by the many improvements made during the previous year, and all I had to do was to come and take possession.

The first few weeks were full of pleasure and interest and then Mr. and Mrs. Denning went to Central Conference, and responsibility
came which proved to be only a preparation for the duties of the follow-
ing anxious months, when from March to September, but one question
was uppermost in our minds, waiting the next word from the sick-room
at Naini Tal. During the past year there have been forty-nine girls
in the school, but at present there are thirty-seven. Of that number
twenty-five are enrolled in classes, besides the little ones who are in
the kindergarten classes.

The standard of the school has been raised and it is now classed
as a Middle English School, because English is taught in all the
classes above the Lower Primary. We have asked for a grant-in-aid
from the Government and the petition has been favourably signed by
the Inspector of Patna Division.

Of the four girls who took the Lower Primary examination last
year, three passed in the first and second divisions. This year none of
the girls were ready to appear at the public examination because the only
examination held for this class of schools are the scholarship examina-
tions in the Middle and Upper Primary classes. At the private examina-
tion held by the Deputy Inspector the five girls in the Lower Primary
were promoted to the Upper Primary and the five girls in the A Class
were placed in the Lower Primary.

A daily kindergarten class is taught by Junkibai and the use of
the gifts together with action songs are taught. The girls have made
great advancement in sewing and besides the plain sewing on frocks
and jackets, we had drawn work and crocheting to show to the
Inspector.

Under the present systematic arrangement of work each girl
takes her turn in helping with the general housework and the making
of chappatties for choti hazi.

After long illnesses Dina, Ratni, and Jumni died. With the
exception of Tara and Preoshi the health of the girls is very good.

The arrangements for opening a city school for Bengali girls have
been delayed because of the difficulty in obtaining a suitable house
and because many people were away for the puja holidays. We have
a good Bengali teacher from Calcutta and expected to open the
school at the beginning of the year. About fifteen girls were coming.
But now plague has become very bad and six of the families having
children to send, have left and others are going soon, so again we shall
have to wait. We expect to open a mohalla day school for Hindu
children.

Spiritually, the girls seem to have better consciences, a keener
sense of right and wrong, and their efforts to live up to a higher New
Testament standard of life is evident. For this, we thank God and
pray that they may live blameless and harmless lives, as daughters of
the King, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse
generation among whom they may shine as lights in the world.
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ZENANA WORK.

MRS. DENNING—Missionary.

Last year Mrs. Denning had the school, her own house to look after, a large correspondence and many things in the mission requiring her attention to look after, so she did not have time to open up zenana work properly, but visited one house frequently, but not regularly.

In February of this year she secured the services of Mrs. Croggs, who had done zenana work with her in the Central Provinces for a number of years, and thoroughly understands the work. Mrs. Denning went with them until she was called to Nani Tal, and in a few weeks we had more houses than we could visit. So in March, Miss Stuart, a school teacher of several years' experience, was secured. Two Bible women were secured and the work began in earnest. Now we have fifty-seven houses of which thirty-seven are Bengali from the most influential families in the city, including pleaders, magistrates, zamindars, etc. Sixty visits a week are made and the number of listeners averages over two hundred a week. The work could easily be doubled had we more workers. The Bible is read and hymns sung and explained in all the houses. One Bengali woman is learning to read the New Testament in English and commits it to memory as she goes. All are learning some kind of sewing or fancy work. Much interest is taken in the Scriptures and discussions occur and comparisons are made with their own religion.

The addition of a second assistant necessitated the purchase of another conveyance and horse. Neither these nor the salary of the second assistant were in the apportionment and so we are a little behind financially, but the enlargement of the work was approved by our loyal supporters of the Indiana conference and we know they will make up the deficiency.

At Sitamarhi, Mrs. Dowring, wife of our native pastor, has visited seven houses more or less regularly. She might have done more, but it is very difficult to get the native pastors' wives to do regular zenana work unless under the immediate supervision of a European. They do not feel enough interest in the salvation of their people, to exert themselves unless outside pressure is brought to bear. Many excuses are given for not doing the work, salary, conveyance, babies, etc.

At Somastipur Mrs. Makkam Lal, wife of the native pastor, who has been there but a few weeks, has begun a good work. She is an experienced worker, the field is an excellent one and we expect much from it.

Mrs. Denning had planned to do a great deal of work on the District, especially among the village Christians. The illness of little Gilbert and their departure to America has stopped that work. In all lines of work her advice, enthusiasm and energy are sadly missing, and it is very hard to do without her.
The Slaughter-House Church and Congregation—Muzafferpur.
We are glad to welcome Mrs. Beal to the district. She comes at a very opportune moment, and will find abundance of work to do. Thousands of villages, all about us, have not yet been touched with the Gospel. The mothers are supposed to be training their children, but how can they do it when they themselves have not learned the first principles of true righteousness, nor do they have any ideal of life to set before their children. We long to tell them of Jesus and his love, and that it is true what one of our girls sang in the early dawn that "Jesus is the Light of the World." Happy will I be when I can talk to them in their own language.

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* Including Deaconesses taken on in South Asia, those in charge of Work and Members of Woman's Conference.
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