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AHMEDABAD DISTRICT

G. W. PARK, District Superintendent

No one expects a ten months' old baby to do much talking, in fact very few babies of that age even walk, consequently no member of this Conference will expect a very long report from me at this time. The old Gujarat District came to an end last January after being in existence for about thirteen years, and from its ashes have arisen two new districts, both of which we trust will eclipse their parent in usefulness and success. The Ahmedabad District comprises all of Gujarat north of the Godhra-Ratlam railway from Cambay to Dakor, and all north of a line running from Dakor, north of Balasinor to the Mahi River. In this territory are some eight thousand Christians and about 137 workers. The southern part of the district has in it some of the oldest territory in our Mission, in fact it contains the town in which our work first became fruitful, the town of Kasar. One of the very first people baptized in that town by the writer is one of our most faithful workers, she having given years of faithful service to the Mission—I mean Tejibai. Had no other convert been brought in, we would still have had a successful work in getting this handmaiden of the Lord.

In territorial extent the Ahmedabad District is the largest in Gujarat. Our work extends to the north of Mehsana and we can go north-east until we reach the field of the C. M. S., some fifty miles north-east of Kapadvanj. In this territory there are numerous towns and villages in which we as yet have no work, but in which we expect Christian communities to spring up as soon as we can care for them.

Work and Workers

The work in the district is divided between the three missionaries, assisted by a staff of able workers. Practically the whole of the evangelistic work falls to the writer and Bro. Ward. Our popular missionary, Bro. Ward, having charge of the northern group of circuits and the writer having those of the south. There has been no great number of baptisms this year, partly owing to a wise rule made last year of requiring candidates to sign a promise giving up certain heathen customs to which they seem to cling with great tenacity. There are large number of inquirers, however, and we hope that although the number of baptisms may be small the quality of the work will improve,
In my last round of district conferences I was favorably impressed with the character of the work and also with the spirit of the workers. At the beginning of the rains, in order to reduce expenses as much as possible, we allowed a large number of the workers to go home for three months. This has not only helped us financially, but it has done good in other ways. Many of our Christians have got the idea that the Mission workers are a lazy lot and have an easy time. In some cases this is true, no doubt, and the fact that for three months the workers have been busy in the fields and at majury, has given these Christians another idea, and in this way has done good. No doubt but that it was a hardship in some cases, but we are in this work to endure hardship as soldiers of Jesus Christ and not in it for an easy time. Many of our workers seem to be ashamed of work, and the time has come for them to get rid of this idea and realize the dignity of labour.

The work will succeed much better when the workers get rid of the idea that they are called to be masters and realize that the only ones Christ can use are servants.

NADIAD INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING INSTITUTE

The school at Nadiad continues to improve under its able manager. Not only have the Government helped this institution but a friend in America has also sent considerable money and just now a machine for working iron which cost Rs. 3,000. Bro. Bishop can turn out almost any kind of iron work. He has made machines never before made in India and the Nadiad pump has a good reputation, as proved by the orders which are coming in. The iron work of the Godhra Church, the wood work of the new Nadiad bungalow and much other work was all done by the boys. Bro. Bishop writes as follows:—

"In former years this branch of the work at Nadiad has appeared under the caption, 'The Nadiad Industrial School.' Taking into consideration that the work accomplished and methods used here are much in advance of anything attempted in the ordinary industrial school, the Finance Committee of the Bombay Annual Conference at its last annual meeting decided upon the term, 'NADIAD INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING INSTITUTE,' as being at least more distinctive.

"The past year marked an advance in both work done and equipment. Our shop buildings now enclose about one and a half acres of ground, and we have the following departments:

"WEAVING. The hand-loom industry is one of the oldest and most important in India. We have twelve looms of improved pattern, and our boys in this department turn out weaving apparel and sheets for all our inmates, about 150, and quite a little besides for sale.

"MECHANICAL DRAWING. Our course in this is very practical and follows western shop practice. Our boys can take a freehand pencil sketch and make from it a mechanical drawing, tracing, and finish up with photographic blue-print. They would be at home in most any drawing room (not parlor) in America."
"Wood Work. Besides ordinary carpentry work, the making of furniture, doors and windows, we pay special attention to the preparation of patterns for iron castings. This is a branch requiring a good bit of special knowledge and an extra amount of intelligence. We have the testimony of the largest foundry in Ahmedabad city that ours are the best made patterns that ever come into the shop.

Stationary Engineering. Our power plant consists of a 20 horse power oil engine which drives the saws, lathes, planers, etc., of the woodworking department direct; an electric generator which furnishes electric power to run the machine shop, which is some little distance away, and a Deming pump which furnishes water for the whole establishment. The Buffalo Pump Co. of Buffalo N. Y. has donated a two inch centrifugal pump to the school, which is on its way out. We hope to use this for irrigation. For several years the Government authorities have been urging us to secure a steam engine and boiler for teaching purposes. Government is willing to pay one-half the expense. Who will pay the other?

"Smith and Structural Steel Work. Most of the work of this shop is accessory to the machine shop. However, we have turned out quite a number of iron beds, roof trusses and other such products.

"Machine Shop. This is the big end of our work. This shop contains several screwcutting lathes, metal planer, shaper, drills, milling machine, and small tools. What we consider quite a feat was the making of four screw-cutting lathes copied after an American pattern. In all hot countries water is considered one of the greatest of blessings, but up to the present the east does not seem to have found a perfectly satisfactory method of drawing it out of the wells. Therefore our measure of success in making and selling ordinary iron hand pumps has surprised some. We make them complete and install them in the wells, and up to the present have a total of 20 pumps sold and on order. They are coming quite into favor with the native people for raising water for gardens and domestic use. May they as readily accept our guidance to the Water of Life.

"No mention of the past year would be complete without an acknowledgment of the princely gift by Mr. Frank A. Arter of Cleveland, Ohio, of a Universal Milling Machine. This is the king of machine tools, and almost a machine shop in itself. It is specially useful for cutting gears, and making tools and appliances of various kinds.

"Thus by the blessing of God, the help of a few (too few) friends, and our own combined efforts, the work is growing and bearing fruit, and well-equipped young men are leaving us to take their places in the world's industry. And if some good friend looking for the best place to spend his fortune should decide in favour of the lasting good of millions in India as against the temporary plaudits of thousands in America, and invest his shekels here, we would be willing to change our name again and link his to the first Christian College of Engineering for India."
General Remarks and Recommendations of Inspecting Officer, 28th October, 1909.

"The manager of this school is specialising the machine-tool shop, which is well equipped. I think this is wise, as the boys after leaving the school can readily obtain employment in mills at Nadiad and Ahmedabad. The power house with steam engine and boiler will undoubtedly be a great improvement and add to the educational value of the course. I think the manager should systematise the course of instruction and make a distinctly progressive course. The work done during the year in wood and metal was good in quantity and quality, and the mechanical drawings done by the boys were good. There were nine candidates for the Manual Training Certificate; eight passed, but only one is qualified by holding the First Grade Drawing Certificate. I think this school deserves every encouragement, and that it is being worked on sound principles. (Sd.) W. V. Scudamore, Major, R.E., Principal."

Medical Work

The property board decided to turn the Nadiad bungalow into the Thoburn Hospital and to build a smaller bungalow for the missionary residence. As you all know, Mrs. Ward when in America travelled thousands of miles and collected about Rs. 40,000 for this hospital. It was at first intended to build at Baroda and a site was bought there for the building. Then the committee decided that Nadiad would be a better place, and so a meeting was called to consider the site. After various plans had been talked over, it was decided that the present bungalow would be a fine hospital, much better than we could build. We have money for altering it, for building a small bungalow for the doctor, for buying good sharp knives and instruments, but we have nothing to pay a doctor. It may be possible that the way will open up for Brother Eldridge to come, but there is reason to doubt our being able to start the hospital until sometime in the new year. There is no doubt but that it will fill a great need. It will be firstly for our Christian people and Hindus will be admitted as there is room.

Evangelistic Work

Ahmedabad.—Brother Ward writes as follows:—

"At least four months out of the year have been occupied in contesting the lawsuits rendered necessary by the machinations of a nationalist anti-Christian Society. This has entailed an amount of work difficult to realize. The cases are still proceeding. In a way I have been fighting the battle of all India Missions.

"The supply of suitable Methodist Sunday School literature has been augmented and the Gujarati Christian Advocate or "Harshnath" enlarged in size as well as in circulation.

"I have preached constantly throughout the year several times every week and have experienced much blessing in the work.

"The vernacular services in the city of Ahmedabad have been increasingly attended and a number of lapsed Christians who had been swallowed up by the mills have been revived."
MISS SONA WARD FEEDING SEMI-TAME MONKEYS IN AHMEDABAD
MRS. AND MISS SONA WARD, WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF THE REV. ROBT. WARD,
AHMEDABAD DISTRICT
"The stringency with which all that pertains to idolatry has been exchanged from those desiring to be baptized has been increased. There are in the circuits under my care several hundred candidates who are being more fully instructed and who soon will, we hope, be ready to give the pledge which we require of them before they are baptized. One result of this policy is that the number of 'full members' will be more in proportion to the number of professed conversions than formerly.

"The work of the north of Ahmedabad is promising, but is being held in check for want of money. There are openings for our men but we have not the money for their support.

"In the Kapadvanj Circuit the people have shown a willingness to learn our doctrine which is far in advance of last year. We are planning to put more responsibility upon the village people in the way of local work and so to enlist their co-operation."

The financial outlook is not very bright. Owing to various causes the income has fallen off somewhat, and we will all have to pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send the means to carry on His work. It may be that we will have to reduce the force of workers. Some years ago in a Presbyterian Mission in North India the money failed and workers were dismissed. The Missionaries were afraid that it would ruin the work, but now they all say that it was the best thing which could have happened. It may be a good thing for us to weed out those who are not of much fruit and to keep only those who are fruitful.

In the W.F.M.S. work we have only had Miss Morgan and Miss Bailey at work during the year. They have done very faithful work not only among the women but among the men of the district, and I am sure that we all appreciate their labors. Miss Morgan expects to go home early next year for a furlough. I do not know who will take her place. Miss Holmes has been at work in America and now is resting at her home in England. She is not very well and probably will not be out until some time next year.

Some building has been going on in the district during the year. In Ahmedabad the new bungalow is nearly finished. The W.F.M.S. bungalow at Nadiad is also finished. Another new bungalow is nearing completion to take the place of the one to be used as a hospital. In Mahudha a good house has been completed and the church only needs doors and windows when it will be dedicated. In Umrath we have built a house on a prominent site near the station and a church would have been completed but for an unfortunate storm which caused the walls to fall down. This will soon be rebuilt, however. There will probably be one or two small churches built during the year to come.

A church building in Ahmedabad is a necessity, as we have a very nice congregation of Christians there who listen every Sunday to Brother Ward's eloquent words.

Mrs. Ward has nearly recovered from her health trip to America, where she learned what work means, and lately she has been visiting the villages and helping very successfully raise the annual collection.

During the year we have had a serious court case. Some three years ago a Hindu became a convert at Baroda. He placed his small
brother in our school where he remained for nearly three years. The Hindu Lallu eventually became a teacher in the Mission and had to be dismissed as he was useless as a Mission worker. He, therefore, by means of a lie, took his brother out of our school and placed him in a Hindu boarding house in Ahmedabad. From there he was brought back to us by his foster brother. Lallu thereupon went into the court, and the Hindu Judge, without considering our fitness or otherwise, appointed a Hindu as guardian. We won the case on appeal to the High Court in Bombay. It cost a large sum of money, but as it meant much to all the Missions in India we felt justified in the expense. Had we lost the case we would not only have lost a bright young boy of nine years of age, but any Hindu would have been able to take away from us any boy or girl who formerly had been a Hindu by getting the court to appoint him guardian. We are not quite through with this case yet, as Lallu is trying to cause us all the trouble he can.

One great cause of thankfulness is that God has blessed our country with abundant rains this year. We have not had such a season for the past 11 years, and we have great cause to praise our Heavenly Father for the good times which have come upon us.

There has been very little sickness this year and no deaths among the workers, a fact for which we praise God.
BARODA DISTRICT

L. E. LINZELL, District Superintendent

In submitting this, the first report of the Baroda District, I feel that our first word should be one of praise to Almighty God for His help and goodness to the work and to the workers throughout the year. Looking at the work from every standpoint, financial, educational, spiritual, numerical, I believe that substantial progress has been made.

One great advantage we have on this district is in the compactness of the work: Godhra is only one hour and forty minutes from Baroda; Jambusar can be reached in two hours, and Palej in a little over an hour. Then, too, although we recognise that the institutions in each district are for the good of all Gujarat, yet we consider it a source of great strength to our work that there are situated within the bounds of our district the Theological School, the High School, two Girls' Orphanages and Boarding Schools, a strong Boys' Orphanage and Boarding School and a Woman's Hospital. These, with an ever increasing Christian community in hundreds of villages around, constitute an equipment which with God's help will keep the holy fires burning until Christ's kingdom shall hold dominion in Baroda State.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Village Day Schools.—We have 59 village elementary schools in British territory, having an average daily attendance of 561 children. We are endeavouring to develop these schools so that each year the brightest of the boys may come into the Baroda schools for higher education.

The Baroda Boys' Orphanage and Boarding School, under the careful charge of Brother and Sister Eldridge, shows marked improvement as the months go by. The undesirable lads have about all been weeded out by dismissals and runaways so that the boys now there are a fine lot of lads, many of whom are earnest Christians. Mrs. A.C. Parker still works hard for the institution, constantly interesting Sunday Schools at home in the work and raising up many friends for us. She has sent considerable financial help also. A legacy of Rs. 11,000 has been left for the orphanage and further help is in sight. We thank God and take courage.

Vernacular School, Baroda, is attended by boys of the above institution and other children of Christians living in Baroda. There are 113 boys enrolled. All the teachers are Christians, with the exception of the head master, who is loaned to us by the Government. Brother Eldridge is principal and excellent work is being done. Over thirty of the preachers working in Gujarat at this time have passed through this school. The annual Government grant amounts to Rs. 620.

Girls' Orphanage and Boarding Schools. Miss Crouse has taken up the work with her accustomed enthusiasm. The girls present a fine appearance and are doing good work in school. From the
whole appearance of the property there it is evident that the missionary in charge is a good manager and from the books it is evident that she is also a good financier. At Baroda, Miss Williams and Miss Austin have charge of the girls' institution. They work in beautiful harmony and are carefully moulding the lives of the two hundred girls under their charge. Miss Williams gives her chief attention to the home life of the girls and Miss Austin to their school life.

The Co-Educational Anglo-Vernacular and High School, Baroda, is attended by boys of the above institution, girls from the Girls' Orphanage and Boarding School and children of Christians residing in Baroda. It has been conducted as a co-educational school for two years only. It is an experiment so far as our Mission is concerned; but mixed schools in the lower and higher standards have been carried on by the American Board, the Presbyterian Missions, and by other Missions in Western India for years with great success. The advantages of a mixed school in Baroda are:—(1) That we are able to employ better equipped teachers with the combined funds, and (2) that more careful supervision can be given to the work; and chiefly that we believe the boys and girls will develop into a loftier type of manhood and womanhood by their association in the school room. In the Government examination just finished both boys and girls did good work. There are 71 boys and 42 girls enrolled. Miss Austin is principal and reports that she has watched the school with special interest and care throughout the year, spending the entire day teaching and supervising the work of this school and that of the girls' vernacular school. The mixed school and the girls' vernacular school are housed in the same building. Mrs. Linzell is the assistant principal and she teaches daily in the school. Then, too, Miss Austin is also well assisted in her work by Miss Palin, the headmistress, who is competent, dignified and has a genius for order and discipline. The school is supported by the parent board (special gifts) and the W. F. M. S., in proportion to the number of students each has in the school. A Government grant amounting to Rs. 943 is received annually.

Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology, Baroda

Albert A. Parker, Missionary principal, reports as follows:—

"Theological Department:—In November, 1906, fourteen young men and two young women were enrolled as the first students in this department. Up to this time the evangelistic training school had trained and sent out a class each year, but they were men with little education with which to begin, and as they usually spent but one year in training they were at best but poorly equipped for the work before them. With the opening of this new department and the entrance of the new class, the work for which the school was established really began. This first class has now completed the three years' course and was graduated November 30th. This was, we are assured, a real commencement day—the commencement of a new era for Methodism in Gujarat. Our crying need has been and is for consecrated and trained workers. As they go forth in the strength of youth and in the power of the
A VILLAGE MEETING WITH DR. F. H. SHEETS, AHMEDABAD DISTRICT
Spirit, full of hope and courage, they are indeed, humanly speaking, the hope of the Church, and we are unspeakably thankful to God for bringing us to this day. The thirteen men (one dropped out during the course) have already received appointment, one as a teacher in the Theological School, seven to work in the Baroda District and five to work in the Ahmedabad District. The two women are wives, whose husbands are also graduates. The middle and junior classes are each larger than the present senior class, so that our outlook for the future is promising.

"Other Departments: The Evangelistic Training School, the Mission Workers and the Bible Woman's Department have all done good work throughout the year. The increased number of married students has meant much larger numbers of children to be cared for in the nursery. More than thirty have been attended while their mothers were in class. The present make-shift quarters are overtaxed. We are in communication with friends in America, who, we hope, will furnish funds for the erection of a suitable building to house the nursery and kindergarten. The Finance Committee of the Conference has asked and the Board of Managers authorised the outcrowning of a young married man to be a professor in the Theological Department, provided his support be pledged for five years. We hope to speedily secure both the money and man and thus meet a very urgent need."

**Medical Work**

The medical work in charge of Dr. Allen has been carried on under difficult conditions. The Butler Memorial Hospital being far from finished and there not being funds on hand for its completion, Miss Allen for most of the year has given her time to the medical work in connection with the Woman’s Department of the Theological School and the Girls’ School in Baroda and the Godhra Girls’ School, giving three days a week to Baroda and four days to Godhra. She has also carried on dispensaries at both these places and has at times rendered valuable service on behalf of the missionaries.

Seeing the urgent need which exists in Baroda for an obstetric ward, at the early part of the year we urged that a portion of the Butler Hospital be finished and one ward at least opened for patients with as little delay as possible. We sincerely hoped that this might be done this year, but I regret to report that the ward is not yet ready. However, for the past two or three months Dr. Allen; with the kind help of Brother Parker, has been pushing the building operations. The work is now making good progress, and we have hopes that the hospital will soon be receiving patients.

At my request Brother Eldridge has taken up the maternity work of Baroda in addition to his work in the Orphanage. Without nurses or hospital or proper appliances he has rendered excellent service. He is not a qualified man, as some count qualifications, but with God’s help he has been most successful in the work. He has also carried on a considerable dispensary practice.
Evangelistic Work

The village work of the Baroda District is divided into fourteen circuits: each missionary has direct supervision of one or more of these circuits; on each circuit there are two or three sub-circuits; in each sub-circuit there or four pastoral charges and each pastoral charge includes two or three villages in which Christians live.

The woman's evangelistic work has been divided between Miss Williams, Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Linzell. Miss Williams has been passing from circuit to circuit throughout the year and times of blessing have been experienced wherever she has gone. Her ministry has proved to be of great helpfulness to both men and women workers, and her intimate knowledge of the conditions of the work has frequently been of service to the superintendent in the administration.

Brother Bancroft has had charge of a large group of circuits and has itinerated largely, spending much of his time out in the villages. The work of the year has been chiefly that of strengthening and upbuilding the Christians rather than of expansion. At the beginning of the year we instituted a vigorous campaign against the usage of heathen marriage rites by the Christians. Many hundreds have signed a pledge that they will utterly give up infant marriage. In fact we have required this pledge from every man seeking baptism. Brother Bancroft states that he could have baptised more than twice as many as he did if this pledge had not been required. On talking with friends in North India, I was encouraged to find that in these matters the Christians of Gujarat are in advance of the majority won by mass movements in other parts.

The Baroda Church under the pastoral care of Brother Gangu Dhanji is now a fine self-supporting, self-governing society. At the last meeting of the stewards of the church the brethren considered their duty to the multitudes of villages in this district where the Gospel has never been preached and they decided that they would not only support their own pastor but would send out one or two first class workers into these neglected regions and support them out of the funds of the Baroda Church.

A remarkable feature of the district work is the way it has spread from one village to the next, advancing year after year until there are now Christians living in 385 villages in this district. Men and women for the past five years have been rapidly accepting Christ in the territory covered by this district. More could be gathered in, many more, but for the upbuilding of the Christian Church it has been found absolutely necessary to give proper pastoral care to the new converts. We dare not baptise men until we can care for them. Here is our great problem to provide pastors for these 385 villages and for hundreds more, where men will become Christians if they get a fair chance, but it is a problem which must be faced, for nine tenths of India's millions live in villages. Our twelve ordained men could easily baptise more than 1,000 persons per year, but it is impossible to occupy more villages than we are now doing without more pastors. Pastoral care is absolutely necessary. The question of our advance is in the hands of the church at home. Without financial help we cannot employ more or better pastors.
Much of the time of the District Superintendent and much of his energy are consumed by the ever present obligation that rests upon him of raising money to carry on the work. As is well known, every Indian worker on the district and every orphan is supported by special gifts. No one represents us in America. If we slacken our correspondence we must close up work. I believe that the time has come when the forward movement of the work of the Kingdom in India should no longer depend upon whether it rains on the Sunday which the pastor at home sets apart for the taking of his missionary collection. Very evident is it that until provisions are made for taking the offerings of the people over the entire Church systematically, there can be no confident move forward. We believe that the Laymen's Movement is the divine institution for putting the finances on a sound basis.

NEW BUILDINGS

Some kind friends in America have been good enough to give money for the erection of a number of village churches, so during the year we have built three of these chapels in this district and others are being built. Besides these, a fine church capable of seating six hundred people and a pastor's house have been erected at Godhra. The church was dedicated at the time of the District Conference by Bishop Warne. This parsonage and church are the gift of Mrs. F. Nast Gamble of Cincinnati, Ohio. An exchange of properties with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at Godhra a few years ago has necessitated the erection of a new residence for the missionary residing there.

This report does not do justice to the blessed work of grace in progress on the district. Some things are difficult to put on paper. It is difficult to tabulate the growth in character which is daily evident in the Christian community—difficult to describe the hundreds of fine young people in our schools—difficult to show the increasing strength of our Indian ministry—difficult to represent in figures the sacrifice made by hundreds of pathetically poor families that they may support the Church.

Throughout the year, God's choicest blessings have been upon the work. Friends at home and friends in India have supported the work by prayer and by money. Doors are opening before us on every hand faster than we are able to enter them. However, we go forward full of hope, knowing that we are on the King's business and that He is able and will overcome.
BOMBAY DISTRICT

C. B. HILL, District Superintendent

The work of this district of the Bombay Annual Conference is mainly concerned with the European and domiciled communities, whom it seeks to lead into an earnest appreciation of their Christian heritage, as a witnessing Church found in a non-Christian land like India. These English churches are factories for the creation of ideals and impulses, which, in increasing measure, lead the Christless peoples of India, whether servants or aristocrats, ignorant or cultured, through the force of consistent godly life on the part of their members to an appreciation of vital Christianity, and a desire to possess an experience of salvation. One of these Churches gave Bishop Oldham to Methodism. They are self-supporting to the extent of 80 per cent of their annual expenditure. The Bombay District comprises the English churches in Western India, as well as the work undertaken by Methodism among Hindoos and Mahomedans in the Provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan.

There are eight churches in the district, and of course a Sunday school is connected with each. Several churches have chapters of the Epworth League, and all are engaged in some form of aggressive Christian work. The educational institutions are the Taylor High School for Girls and the Anglo Indian Home, both situated at Poona.

CHURCH AND EVANGELISTIC WORK

BOMBAY.—In this city, two memorial churches known as Bowen and Taylor are found, names of Methodist saints revered and honoured locally and throughout the Church.

Bowen Church, under the wise and reliable pastorate of the Rev. F. Wood, has met the departure of old and helpful friends and supporters—some leaving the city and others passing to the City whose maker and builder is God—with the confidence that others would be found to take their places, and the conviction that it was the duty of the church to find or make them. There has been a quickened activity among the young people of the church which promises well. For causes mentioned there has been a falling off in finances, but Bowen is happy in the thought that self-support is the continuing ideal of the church. The Sunday services and other social meetings have been well maintained, while the pastor and his deaconess assistant, Mrs. Grove, have been indefatigable in their attention to the "call of the pastorate."

Taylor Memorial, Byculla, is situated about the centre of the city of Bombay. This is very largely an institutional church. The surroundings make this possible. Many influences are at work here. Union Hall, an adjunct of the church, owes its existence and helpful character to the interest of Mr. E. W. Fritschley. This Church is now raising Rs. 225 per month, or $300 per year, on pastoral support. The evening services are well attended, and the Sunday School is considered to be one of the largest among the English churches of Bombay.
INDIAN PREACHERS, BOMBAY DISTRICT
Solomon Peter, Hyderabad, Sind; Rev. J. D. Saptal
Karachi; Stephen, Quetta, Baluchistan
THE SEAMEN'S REST.—This institution has continued its useful and helpful career under the superintendence of Mr. McGregor. The attendance of seamen at the rest has been large, but fluctuates with the shipping in port. Spiritual encouragements in the conversion of sailors have cheered the hearts of the workers and the finances are well in hand. The launch, FRANK HAVENS, has begun its work, and it is very gratifying to acknowledge the receipt of Rs 1,200, or $400, towards its completion from the Government of Bombay.

POONA.—After more than a year of waiting for a Methodist pastor the hearts of our congregation at Poona were greatly cheered by the appointment of the Rev. Charles and Mrs. Vickery. Their influence in the best interests of the church was soon felt. Good congregations attend the services and a new impetus has been given to the life of the church. The young people find the parsonage a rallying centre for all that is inspiring in social life. The importance of a Methodist pastor can never be overestimated, so far as Poona is concerned, because of our educational institutions there.

LONAVLA.—It is with no little gratification and thanking that mention is made of a pastor at Lonavla. This cherished ideal was realised last June, when Mr. J. N. Hawkins, one of our most capable local preachers, retiring from a long and successful career on the G. I. P. Railway, selected Lonavla as the place in which he would make his residence. Bro. Hawkins has been appointed pastor of our church in this delightful station, and has already made his influence felt. I am glad to report that the railway is giving us an enlarged and dignified entrance to the church property, instead of the narrow gate which for so long a time has disfigured the approach to the Lonavla Church. For this consideration we are very thankful.

IGATPURI.—The Rev. H. W. Butterfield soon rounds out twelve years of his pastorate at Igatpuri. The year under review has been one of consecrated effort in the Master’s service. Death has been very busy at Igatpuri in recent years, removing several of our strong and faithful members. This is another summons to fill their places from among the youthful under our influence. The pastor and his diligent wife have been hard at work on the fund for renovating the church, and had the pleasure not long ago of receiving a cheque for Rupees 500, or $165, from the G. I. P. Railway towards this desirable end. This fund now amounts to Rupees 3,000, or $1,000.

KARACHI.—It is rather a far cry from Bombay to Karachi, and still further to Quetta. This distance must surely constitute the Bombay District the longest in Methodism, about 1, 200 miles between the extreme points. Our church at Karachi naturally suffers by its isolation from other connectional interests of the work. The English work has had a good year under the pastorate of the Rev. Fawcett Shaw in all lines which make for the building up of the kingdom of God. The departure of a regiment, which had a large number of Methodist troops, made the question of finance a difficult one, but I am glad to say that, as the church closes the year, the increased support given by a small congregation is a splendid showing for Christian giving. The Sunday School has increased in numbers.
The vernacular work has suffered by the absence of the Rev. W. Lee Clarke, who is away from India on furlough. Outside of Karachi, we have small communities of Christians settled along the railway line as far as Hyderabad, Sind, and beyond in the neighbourhood of Mirpur Khas. These need frequent visitation and since the vernacular features of the work are comparatively recent, the larger proportion of our workers are untrained men and in need of constant supervision. The Rev. J. D. Saptal, the Indian pastor at Karachi, has had a great deal to do during the year in meeting the demand of the work, owing to the resignation of some of the workers who were out of sympathy with the principle of self-support. The Rev. F. Shaw has, in addition to his duties at the English Church, given a considerable proportion of his time to the needs of the vernacular work and in itinerating on the circuit.

Quetta.—This frontier station, with all its advantages of a good climate, a comfortable parsonage, a nice church and congregation which though small is nevertheless potential, and a vernacular work of vast possibility, still waits for a resident missionary. Here is pioneer work of the most real character, calling for "grit, grace and go" on the part of the prospective missionary. Christless Baluchis, unevangelised nomadic Brahuis, and proud, bigoted Afghans jostle each other on the streets of Quetta. The population of Baluchistan is 810,746. Bro. J. N. Cumming still continues to care most efficiently for our interests in Quetta, and these could not be placed in safer and more busy hands. During the year, Stephen, an exhorter, who came to us from the North-West India Conference, has cared for our vernacular congregation at Quetta with much success.

The Epworth League

I am glad to report that the Leagues on the District are for the most part doing very efficient work, and are recognising that the surest way of blessing is the road of helpfulness to others. This is particularly true of the chapters in Bombay and Karachi; while the Junior League of Poona is a most flourishing institution. A helpful District Convention was held last September at Bombay.

Our Lay Preachers

To omit to mention the help and value of our lay-preachers on the district would be a serious mistake. Most of what has been accomplished during the year owes its best success to them. For their interest, energy, moral as well as material support in all aggressive enterprises, too much cannot be said.

The Educational Institutions

The Taylor High School at Poona has had a good year under the direction of Mrs Fox, Miss Sprague and teachers. It was found convenient to house the small boys who are admitted to the school in a separate compound; and the numbers on the rolls warranted the
GRINDING MORTAR IN AN INDIAN MILL, NADIAD
PREPARING FOOD, NADIAD
departure. The Government paid over Rupees 18,000 towards the debt on the school property, so that this together with the magnificent way in which the W. F. M. S. have undertaken the debt has wellnigh freed the property of all encumbrance. The school did excellently in the university examination of 1908; and we are hoping for as good results in the examination of 1909.

The Anglo-Indian Home continues its good work, and Mrs. Hutchings who returned early in the year has had much occasion for thankfulness in the knowledge of increasing numbers of young men and women who have gone out into the world and are a credit to the home; in the fact that several of the inmates at the present time look to Christian service as a future for their lives; and also because God in His own Providence has raised up friends for the institution in most unexpected quarters. In this connection, I am glad to mention that the home is being placed more and more on the hearts of our English churches, which during the year now closing have collected considerably over Rupees 3,000, through the medium of our Sunday Schools.

Spiritual Advances

The chief end of our work has been to preach the Gospel and to tell of God's love for the world in the gift of salvation from sin. This has been done, and the Word has not returned to Him void. Nearly all the churches report conversions during the year under review. The convention held at Lonavla last November, though not in the strictest sense a feature of the work of the Bombay District, largely depended upon the heart, brain and pocketbook of some connected with it. Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but God gives the increase. So at Lonavla, the Lord richly honoured His servants who delivered messages for Him, by giving them large and attentive congregations, who hearkened to the word.

The visit of Dr. Morrison to Igatpuri and the Taylor and Bowen Memorial Churches, Bombay, has been a great blessing to many. Believers have come into rich and clear experiences of a full salvation, while men and women have cried out, "What must I do to be saved?" We praise Him for sending Dr. Morrison and Mr. Pearsey to India, and rejoice that they have had the joy of winning trophies for their Master on Indian soil.

A report which is expected to live in three pages of cold type must of necessity be fragmentary. It can never adequately tell of the faith which looks beyond the things seen; of ventures for God; of the discoveries that are among the glad surprises, which have cheered our hearts; of difficulties as high as the mountains which have been cast into the sea; nor of the Light which shines in darkness.

What troubles have we seen,
What conflicts have we passed,
Fightings without and fears within,
Since we assembled last!
But out of all, the Lord
Bath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford,
And hides our life above.
KATHIAWAD DISTRICT

W. E. ROBBINS, District Superintendent

This is the sixth year of our work in the Kathiawad Peninsula and the fourth since the formation of the district, and perhaps more than any other year the work has demonstrated its right to exist as a true vine of the Lord's planting—even if there had ever been any doubt on that point. Having more than ever been thrown on its own resources, or rather the exhaustless resources of the Almighty Founder, it has developed a blessed confidence and trust in Him; so that we dare believe that it would continue to live even if all human support from outside were withdrawn—which God forbid. But whatever may be the case elsewhere there is not the least doubt here that the treasure is in earthen vessels that the glory may be of God. Amen.

The blessed divinely suggested work of

THE ALL INDIA EVANGELICAL CAMPAIGN

inaugurated so auspiciously last November and continued throughout that month was happily with unabated enthusiasm repeated during the month from the middle of February to the middle of March, with results immediately visible in the rekindling of the hallowed fire on the altars of Christian hearts, for whom it was primarily intended, and the spreading of the flame to outsiders, constraining them to admit the truth of Christ's religion even though they may not have yet made a public confession of their faith in Him as their personal Saviour. Sins against God and His church were repented of in a godly way by being abandoned, and lives have been reformed in the only effectual way by the renewing power of the Holy Spirit; so that now we are hopeful of soon getting rid completely of the awful bane of idolatry and its so frequent concomitant intemperance.

ABIDING FRUITS OF THE CAMPAIGN

are seen in the enlarging faith of our people generally and of the workers especially, who preach more as though they believe what they say and accept what God says as to the condition of the impenitent and His readiness to save the penitent and His determination to bring in His kingdom in these ends of the earth—and that, too, at no distant period.

And the way too that our people are learning to pray! knowing just enough to take God at His word. An old woman in one village had worshiped idols until she was stone blind, that is as blind as the stone she worshiped. She was induced to pray to the true God in the name of Christ, and in two months could see well. Two men in another village were bitten by a venomous serpent and were healed by the Lord Jesus Christ. In still another village, a lad was being carried out for burial when the parents and others so cried and persisted that prayer was again resorted to and he was restored to them as from the dead and is living today.
FUTURE WORKERS, AHMEDABAD DISTRICT
But a greater miracle than anything else is that lost, hell deserving sinners like us are having our names registered in heaven—for which we rejoice the rather.

Not only have we resolved in our District Conference to repeat the campaign the coming year, but other Missions are waking up too and we are now looking forward with very much hope to an

**ALL GUJARAT CONVENTION FOR DEEPENING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE**

to be held at Nadiad the latter part of next March. Being so convenient to our numerous Christian population in and about the Charotar we of Vaso and Asamli hope to be able to swell the Methodist contingent into thousands, while all the Missions united ought to make it the largest Christian gathering of the many in all India. But our hope is not in the inspiration of numbers so much as in the vast volume of prayer that is continually going up for us, not only in India but also from devout Christian hearts in other lands, and the general expectation that is growing that the set time for God to favor Zion and send a general revival everywhere is near at hand.

Another encouraging feature of the work is the response to the demand for increased efforts in the way of

**Self-Support**

When in view of the falling off of our funds from outside, it was proposed to give compulsory leave to a number of workers for the monsoon months, the people of the Gujarat end of the district led by their indefatigable deacon, who had so generously offered a month's pay, if necessary, to send his missionary to the hills, came forward voluntarily and offered to raise the amount hoped to be saved, and thus averted what seemed to them a grievous calamity.

This incident is interesting from two aspects—showing first how much the people appreciate the presence and service of their preachers, and second that the way to get them to contribute to self-support is to make their just contributions a condition of getting a worker. This being the first year of ten quite free from famine is a favorable time to inaugurate such a scheme, and even yet prices are not quite normal.

Akin to the subject of self-support is that of

**Voluntary Unpaid Workers**

Something has been done in the development of stewards in each circuit, and a few men and women have volunteered to assist the regular workers in singing and giving testimony, but it has usually been with the hope of eventually being taken on as paid workers. But this year an event has occurred that has cheered our hearts not a little. On the Junagadh circuit is a widow baptized a few years ago. Though quite unlettered she volunteered to assist the woman worker as she itinerated from village to village and thus developed quite a power in prayer and exhortation. When there was a break in a distant village and our slender staff would not permit of a paid worker, she was put in
charge as class and prayer leader. Hearing of this, a Christian of Dhandhuka circuit offered to give this widow an allowance of two rupees a month. This the dear soul humbly declined to receive, preferring to live on the small amount she had laid up for old age—from which even she gives to the Lord. The Lord give us plenty more such, and the financial problem is solved.

**District Conference**

This year as last the District Conference met in two sections, one at Dhola and one at Vaso, on account of the want of funds to meet the great expense of bringing all the forty-six workers male and female of the two hundred miles long district together in one place. But instead of confining ourselves to disciplinary work, &c., we lengthened each session to sixteen days, during which the writer took them through the Acts of the Apostles and Pastoral Epistles; one local preacher, through the Gospel of Mark; and another conducted evangelistic services each evening—all accompanied with much prayer and waiting on the Lord for the enduement of power for service, and all proving very profitable to both speakers and hearers. Our deacon-evangelist is developing grandly and will in due time, we hope, be able to take charge of the district, in answer to much prayer on his behalf that he may be kept humble and sweet.

**The Outlook**

for the future is bright, with several large communities still calling and pleading for teachers and preachers to instruct them in the way of life just as soon as our funds may permit us to send the workers that are ready and waiting to go. Last November, I baptized presumably the first Mussulman ever baptized within the bounds of the great Mahomadan state of Junagadh—who, we hope and pray, will be the forerunner of multitudes there and elsewhere. Meantime, in the city of Junagadh itself, our Christian community has been joined by a Mussulman convert baptized at Poona years ago, who, at first, had suffered much for his new faith. And altogether the followers of the False Prophet everywhere seem to be getting more and more friendly.

This friendliness is noticeable also among numbers of caste Hindus, who are losing faith in their old religion and unless led to accept Christ are in danger of becoming infidels. If only our great Church and all the great Churches get properly waked up as we have reason to hope they will, the way is certainly open for all the men, means and might of every one—including our thousands of Gujaratis and even our Gideon's band of Kathiawaris, every one of whom can lap water from the hand with the greatest ease and expedition.
MARATHI DISTRICT

W. H. STEPHENS, District Superintendent

We would make the very first note of this report a heartfelt note of praise to Almighty God who has revealed His gracious presence in our work during the year and whose loving mercy has borne with the defects in His servants and has encouraged them to continue in His glorious service.

It seems fitting that right here at the beginning of our report we should record the great loss that has come to our district and the whole conference by the death of the Rev. D. O. Fox, D.D. At the proper time and place, suitable mention will be made of the life and service of this servant of God, to whom the terms eminent and great might truly be applied. His life was an inspiration to all who knew him. His death bed was a scene of victory. He has bequeathed to us an example of unswerving fidelity which will help us all to keep our feet in that rugged and narrow road from which, in these days, there is so much to allure us. I will now present the reports of the circuits.

Bombay Vernacular Work

We have to report radical changes in the leadership of this part of the district. The needs of other parts of the field made it necessary in the middle of the year to transfer Bro. F. Wood to the pastorate of Bowen Memorial Church in Bombay, and Bro. H. C. Scholberg was transferred to Kamptee, Central Provinces Mission Conference, to take the important place left vacant by the departure for America of Rev. W. D. Waller. Bro. Scholberg was in charge of the Marathi work in Bombay and Bro. Wood had charge of the Gujarati and Hindustani portions. Both of these men did faithful, fruitful service. Bro. Scholberg goes to a large field, where he will find ample scope for his energies, and we pray that rich blessings may come to our brother and sister in their new field. Bro. Wood remains with us and long may he remain. His heart is in all parts of the work, but his knowledge of a vernacular and his association with vernacular work for several years very naturally make him have a special interest in that kind of effort. We heartily commend him for his fidelity to the whole field, when he volunteered to stand in the gap and give a year's service to Bowen Memorial Church. We rejoice with Bro. Wood over the return to India of Sister Wood and the two younger children.

God's beautiful law of compensation which always has something to give in the place of something taken away, has sent, as preacher in charge of the Bombay vernacular work, Bro. John Lampard. He was transferred last July from the Central Provinces Conference. I know that I speak for the whole Bombay Conference when I say that we extend to him and Sister Lampard a most cordial welcome among us. Being in charge of our entire vernacular work of the city means no small burden, but they bring to it twenty years of varied experience in many phases of mission field effort. They are putting their whole heart and soul into their work and such efforts will bring forth fruit.
Bro. Lampard makes the following report of his work:

"In July of the present year after sixteen years in the Central Provinces, I was transferred to Bombay where the vernacular work of our Church was given into my charge. Hitherto the Marathi work has been under the supervision of one missionary and the Gujarati and Hindustani of another. Now one missionary is responsible for all.

"The Marathi Church has not prospered during the present year but some changes are contemplated which will doubtless soon result in substantial improvement in the congregation and in the general spiritual condition of the church members. There are eight Marathi day schools, all under Christian teachers and in all of which daily instruction is given in the Christian faith. There are also nine Sunday schools with twelve teachers and three hundred and forty scholars. Including the staff of the W. F. M. S. we have twenty-three Marathi workers. Street preaching is regularly carried on, as also cottage prayer meetings in the homes of the church members. The Marathi Church raised for ministerial support Rs. 405, and for benevolent collections Rs. 150.

"The condition of the Gujarati Church is more satisfactory and the work generally may be described as healthy. Most of the church members are employed by the municipality and have compulsory Sunday labour, and although we hold the Sunday services at mid-day when the people have two or three hours rest, the distance of the homes of most of them from the church prevents large congregations. This difficulty could be largely gotten over by the erection of three or four small inexpensive churches in different parts of the city, to which nearly all our people could manage to come during their Sunday mid-day leisure. Funds are urgently needed to put up such buildings. There are six Gujarati day schools, under Christian teachers, with 191 scholars. There is the same number of Sunday schools, all of which are in healthy condition and this is one of the most encouraging and hopeful departments of the work.

"The Senior Epworth League has seventy members and the energetic leader furnishes excellent programmes of meetings.

"Street-preaching is regularly carried on in different parts of the city by the Gujarati workers. There have been fifteen baptisms during the year. The Gujarati Church contributed Rs. 230 for ministerial support and Rs. 34 for other purposes, making a total of Rs. 264, in addition to its share of the Children's Day collections, mentioned later on.

"There are fifteen Gujarati workers of both societies in Bombay.

"The Hindustani work is not of considerable extent: difficulties about men and money for this particular work had almost resulted in its extinction. However, during the past few months there has been substantial improvement, and a fairly good congregation now assembles each Sabbath, which will soon be organized, and it is hoped, a working Hindustani Church developed.

"For Children's Day, the Marathi and Gujarati Sunday schools united, and a very interesting and successful service was held. Some 250 children took part and an excellent programme was rendered."
The collection amounted to Rs. 120 (§40), a splendid one for our poor folk, and indicates what can be done when interest is stimulated. Our workers of all the three churches have distributed twenty thousand gospel tracts and sold a large number of scripture portions during the past three months.

"Our hearts are now set upon a big evangelistic forward movement for Bombay. We want to see preaching halls established in several central positions of the city and have the number of day and Sunday schools largely multiplied, and distribute Christian literature by hundreds of thousands, and carry on street-preaching all over the city the year round.

"The millions of non-Christians in Bombay give at once the call and the opportunity for such effort. For this we need largely reinforced supplies of men and money. The silver and the gold are the Lord's and He can thrust forth labourers into His harvest. Let us therefore pray the Lord of the harvest that He may undertake this work and give success beyond all that we ask or think to our poor efforts to extend His blessed Kingdom."

We would not close this part of our report without a word of appreciation for our fellow workers, the ladies of the W. F. M. S. in Bombay. They bear a share of the burden which we could not assume, and we greatly value their participation in the great work of spreading the gospel in Bombay.

**The Igatpuri-Pantamba Circuits**

Bro. J. C. Fisher and Bro. R. Duthie are in charge of this large field to which we are looking with the expectation of seeing it become the most fruitful and important of the Marathi District. The people are accessible, not so prejudiced as the people of the Poona section, nor so indifferent as those of Bombay.

Bro. Fisher reports his work as follows:—

"I wish to sum up the year by giving God praise for great personal blessing. I have never had greater faith in the Trinity nor known of greater power in the cleansing Blood than now. To the Triune God be all the praise! Perhaps, the most important outward event has been the coming of Bro. R. N. Duthie, who has been stationed at Pantamba, the head of that large circuit. He has won that section of the country to a favourable consideration of Christianity. He has been able to give close watch and aid to our untrained workers and also to preach the Gospel in many places.

"After so long a wait every thing is now clear for the completion of the building operations at Pantamba. The school has already been finished, the bungalow will be in a few weeks, and by the end of the year the church will have the finishing touches. This is the only church for miles around and many people there have never seen a church. They are curious to know what kind of a God will be put into it. May they be able to feel the power of the Living God in the transforming of their lives.
"The school, the church and most of the bungalow was the gift of some good friend in America whose name is unknown to us. But surely the name is well known on high and shall be in blessing a great multitude. Our twelve acres of land have been beautified by the planting of many trees and the old well that had been abandoned by the Hindu owner, now, in answer to prayer, gives forth springs of living water.

"I am glad also to say that the money for another church to be located at Kopargaon has been sent us and the Government has already kindly given us the land for it.

"This has been a year of great progress in winning the favour of the people, and it has not been done along any lines but purely spiritual. We have tried to emphasise that the vital need of India is Christ. Christ in His holy life, Christ in His power to make all lives holy. Proud, bigoted Brahmanical Pantamba that once shunned us now comes to see us in our own home. A good number of high caste boys have applied for admission into our new school, though they have a good Government school in a new building. We are no longer considered intruders but friends.

"I have just made a cross country trip from Igatpuri to Pantamba, a distance of eighty-five miles. What great possibilities in this field! At least one hundred thousand people. Not one Christian school, not one Christian church, not one Christian worker aside from our own, and they just on the fringe. Yet it is all open to us. In one good sized town there had been a school and the people longed to have it opened again. In another place where we had once sent a man for a short time the people asked to have some one sent again. I do not think there is a place in all that region where a Christian worker would not be welcome. In only a few places had the Gospel been preached and in some places they did not know what a Christian was. As I travelled and talked with the people I never wanted to be a good missionary so much in all my life. When we went into Pantamba only three years ago, there was nothing like the chance I saw in many places, yet in Pantamba we now have a Christian congregation of over one hundred, and growing all the time, with a large number to follow.

"At Igatpuri at the other end of the circuit, a hundred and twenty miles railway journey lies between these ends, the congregation is strong and steady. The Sunday School part of that work is unusually good. The Prarthana Samaj people have tried to injure our school work. Boys were induced to leave our school and others were ridiculed for coming to a Christian school. After two months the parents were disgusted with the leaders and lost interest in the Prarthana Samaj school. Harm was done to our school work but the community has learned who their real friends are, and we hope that the work will be all the stronger for what it has had to pass through.

"At the outstation of Walwihir, seven miles from Igatpuri, is situated our Thakur work. During the year we have repaired the building and put a man there. Here we have one of the best of our schools. All castes attend it and sit side by side. Those Thakurs are manifesting interest in our Christian services. They are certainly near
UNIVERSAL MILLING MACHINE
Presented to the Institute by Frank Arter, Esq., of Cleveland, O.
the Kingdom of God. When they do start, it will mean the whole Thakur tribe, for they are closely bound together.

"I now close my part of the district report with a note of praise to Almighty God for His mighty power in working in and among us."

**Poona-Loni Circuits**

We have a great many irons in the fire at this part of the field, too many to allow the perfect welding and fashioning demanded by God's standards of workmanship. It would, doubtless, be of some amusement to the devil to look at this field and the handful who are trying to till it, were it not for the fact that he has had considerable experience in observing that God can accomplish great things with insignificant agencies.

The circuit consists of Poona city with its one hundred thousand population, and the two Lonis—one Loni Khand fourteen miles in one direction, and Loni-Kalhbor ten miles in another direction. Our plant in Poona consists of church, orphanage, evangelistic training school, four schools for boys and five schools for girls. The three buildings in the city which we own give us permanent evangelistic centres for schools and Sunday schools, the preaching of the Word and the work of our Bible-women. There is much machinery but there is life in the wheels. Limited space allowed for this report permits only a hasty glance at details. We can say that in every part of this circuit there is nothing at all to cause a moment's discouragement, and at every point the present work and the outlook are as full of hope as are the promises of God.

At both the Lonis we own property and both towns are centres from which we work out into the swarms of villages about them. The dispensary at Loni-Kalhbor is one of those good things only comprehended by those familiar with the inadequate provision made for the care of the afflicted. The usual custom in the Indian village is for the sick one to die without medical attention, and to die all the quicker because of the medical aid furnished by the family medicine chest. I forgot to mention our Poona Dispensary when I detailed the Poona plant. Both of these dispensaries are under the W. F. M. S., as is also much of the other work I am now reporting. The work of the two societies is so blessedly mixed up in these circuits, that we do not try to sort it out. My wife is in charge of the W. F. M. S. work and she is practically preacher in charge of the Parent Board work, and as she has charge of me, you can see that we cannot get the thing untangled.

A great deal could be written about good congregations, our Epworth League of over hundred members, a very hopeful development of the orphanage work, and much else; but space will not permit it. I must say an additional word about two phases of that work which concerns the whole Marathi District. I refer to the orphanage and the training school.

The District looks to the Poona orphanage for workers. I can say there was never a time in its history when you could put so much
hope into that look. We now have a group of young men who will soon be ready for service. Two of them we have recently put into harness and they work well.

Boys who cannot study we put out to secular work and allow them to board in the school as their home. From such boys we have received for board during the past year about Rs. 400. Mrs. Stephens has charge of the orphanage.

The Training School.—Concerning trained workers, here is the hope of the district. The Marathi District Training School—the Fox Memorial—will probably always be at Poona, not because it is now the District Superintendent's headquarters but it is a Marathi centre and the Marathi centre of the Marathi people and Marathi language. We as a district must co-operate to make this training school a real success. This year there has been excellent work regularly and steadily done there by the students. Good examinations were given and nicely gotten up certificates were awarded those who passed in the year's work. We look forward to the time when a missionary, who is master of the language and who knows the people, shall be devoted to just this important work.

In closing the report of the Poona work we would call attention to the fidelity and industry of our Indian fellow workers, without whose aid there would have been less to report, and where all have been faithful it would not be right to single out individuals for special praise. I would like to mention the pastor, Bro. S. A. Bhosle, who, among others, has had his heart and hands full of work which has been cheerfully and efficiently done.

Talegaon-Lanowlie Circuit

As to work actually in existence this is in a great measure a W. F. M. S. Circuit. Here is situated the only Methodist Marathi Girls' Orphanage and High School in Western India. We are not supposed to report their work, but it gives us pleasure to express our appreciation of the co-operation of the ladies of the society with us in all that pertains to the highest interests of the whole field.

Steps have been taken to complete the business of making over land and buildings to the W. F. M. S. as ordered by our Finance Committee. The title deeds are now in the hands of the lady missionary in charge and the fine property is secured to them beyond question. During the year we received the sum agreed upon by our Finance Committee in payment of the land upon which the W.F.M.S. buildings stand. Our own part of the work there consists of the work in the town and surrounding villages. We own a fine village school building in the town and day and Sunday School work is carried on. The school hitherto conducted at the village of Induri, three miles from Talegaon, had to be abandoned on account of no funds. It was a hopeful work and we regretted to close, but we could not add to our debt to keep it going. The need of a missionary stationed at Talegaon is really one of the great needs of the Conference. I have done all in my power to have this great need
SCREW CUTTING, NADIAD
met and I still hope that we may get the missionary. In all Indian Methodism there are few districts with such a large unworked area as that of which Talegaon is the centre.

Lanowlie, the large and important railway centre, eighteen miles from Talegaon, has practically no attention from us. With two native workers at Talegaon, and one of them engaged in teaching school, it is impossible to give much attention to other towns and villages.

We close our report with our mind filled with these thoughts—the tremendous magnitude of the work, our very limited resources, but cheered and sustained by the presence of the Almighty God. Yet, as we look over this wide field with its ungathered harvests, we have a fellow feeling with that missionary, who, thinking of similar fields said:—"How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" And we might add: How shall our finances ever allow us to get the preachers?
### CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

*Explanatory Note:—Abbreviations used are: Tf—Transferred from. An asterisk indicates that the Course of Study has been passed. Names of Probationers are in Italics.*

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OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE

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**PROMOTED BRETHREN**

Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won, And thou art crowned at last.

"THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM."

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Conference Journal

FIRST DAY

Bowen Church, Bombay, Thursday, December 2nd, 1909.

Opening.

The Eighteenth Session of the Bombay Annual Conference convened in the Bowen Memorial Church, Apollo Bunder, Bombay, on Thursday, December 2nd, 1909, at 11 a.m., Bishop F. W. Warne in the chair. After singing, and prayer by Rev. H. C. Morrison, the Bishop, assisted by Dr. Morrison, administered Holy Communion.

Roll Call.


Question 2.

The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of John Lampard, an elder in the studies of the third year, from the Central Provinces Mission Conference.

Question 15.

The Bishop announced the transfer from this Conference of H. C. Scholberg to the Central Provinces Mission Conference, and of E. F. Frease to the Mission Field of Africa.

Secretaries.

On motion of W. E. Robbins, Frederick Wood was re-elected Secretary. On his nomination, John Lampard was elected Assistant Secretary.

On motion of G. W. Park, Fawcett Shaw was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

Conference Treasurer.

On motion of W. E. Robbins, Fawcett Shaw was re-elected Conference Treasurer.

Programme.

On motion of C. B. Hill, the programme as announced was adopted.
Bar.

On motion of W. H. Stephens, the third row of seats was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

Introductions.

The following brethren and sisters were introduced and briefly addressed the Conference:—Mrs. Warne, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Eldridge, Miss Robbins, Miss Lawson, Bros. Pearcey, Hawkins, Lampard, Morrison and McGregor.

Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of G. W. Park, the Conference proceeded to the election of a Corresponding Secretary by ballot. A. A. Parker was elected.

Question 16.

Question xvi., "Who have died?" was asked. C. B. Hill noted the transfer to the Church Triumphant of Brother D. O. Fox; and on his motion, Saturday, 2-30 p.m., was appointed the hour to receive the report of a Committee on Memoirs. The Chair appointed the following as composing that Committee:—W. E. Robbins, W. H. Stephens, C. B. Hill.

Standing Committees.

On motion of G. W. Park, the District Superintendents were appointed a Committee to fill vacancies on the Boards and Standing Committees.

Question 14.

Question xiv., "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. The character of G. W. Park was passed, he reported his benevolent collections, and read the report of the Ahmedabad District. The characters of the following effective elders were passed, and those present reported their benevolent collections:—Robert Ward, Henry Narottam, L. E. Linzell.

Reporters.

Visitor," J. N. Hawkins. Bro. Morrison stated that it would be his pleasure to report the Conference to the "Pentecostal Herald" of which he is editor.

**Conference Relations.**

On motion of F. Wood, all recommendations for ordination, and all cases affecting Conference relations, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**Committees.**

On motion of G. W. Park, the report of the Committee on Vacancies on Boards and Committees was accepted, and the name of John Lampard was substituted in every place for that of H. C. Scholberg; and the name of C. R. Vickery was added to the Auditing Committee.

**Visitors.**

On motion of W. E. Bancroft, Bros. Duthie and Hawkins, and any other visiting brethren, were invited to sit within the bar and participate in the discussions.

**Adjournment.**

Announcements were made, and on motion of G. W. Park, the Conference adjourned to re-assemble at 2-30 this afternoon. H. W. Butterfield pronounced the benediction.

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**Afternoon Session**

**Opening.**

Conference re-assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop Warne in the chair. C. R. Vickery conducted the devotional exercises.

**Question 14.**

Question xiv., "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was resumed. The characters of the following effective elders were passed, and those present reported their benevolent collections:—W. E. Bancroft, A. A. Parker, Yusaf Dhanji, Gangu Dhanji, C. B. Hill, H. W. Butterfield, Fawcett Shaw, C. R. Vickery, Frederick Wood, A. E. Ayers, A. W. Mell, W. E. L. Clarke, J. D. Saptal, W. E. Robbins, W. H. Stephens, J. C. Fisher, S. A. Bhosle, Gyanoba Narayan.

**Bros. Ayers and Mell.**

On motion of C. B. Hill, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Bros. Ayers and Mell, and make an official enquiry as to what is their desire concerning their Conference connection: whether they wish a transfer to a home Conference or remain with this Conference.

**Question 24.**

Question xxiv., "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. On motion of C. B. Hill, the characters of G. J. Stone and W. W. Bruere were passed and they were continued in the superannuated relation.
Question 32.

Question xxxii., "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. On motion of G. W. Park, Nadiad was selected.

Question 6.

Question vi., "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. The answer given was, None.

Question 7.

Question vii., "Who have been discontinued?" was taken up. The answer given was, None.

Question 8.

Question viii., "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. The answer given was, None.

Marathi Literary Missionary.

C. B. Hill brought forward a communication from the Bombay Missionary Conference proposing that the various missions at work in the Marathi language area unite in supporting a Marathi literary missionary to work under the directions of the Christian Literature Society; and asking our co-operation, and suggesting our proportion of that support. After considerable discussion, on motion of F. Wood, the Conference declared its commendation of the general idea, and referred the matter to the Finance Committee for action.

Greeting.

A telegram of greeting was read from the Baldwin High Schools, Bangalore.

Baldwin Schools, Bangalore.

On motion of W. H. Stephens, C. B. Hill and T. T. Wright were elected Trustees of the Baldwin High Schools, Bangalore.

National Missionary Society.

A. A. Parker presented a communication from the Secretary of the National Missionary Society of India inviting this Conference to appoint an Indian Christian member of their Council for the ensuing year. On motion of G. W. Park, Mrs. Phulbai Ward was appointed. The attention of Conference being called to the fact that the letter asked for the appointment of a "gentleman," on motion of Robert Ward, Yusuf Dhanji was appointed alternate to act on the Council in case the above wording should debar a lady from a seat on the Council.

Course of Reading

A. A. Parker brought forward the matter of the need of a course of reading for the graduating class of the F. B. Nicholson School of 617—6
Theology, Paroda. After some discussion, on motion of L. E. Linzell it was decided that Conference appoint a committee to draw up such a course.

Minutes.

After considerable discussion it was ordered, on motion of A. A. Parker, that the reports of the District Superintendents each consist of not more than three printed pages of the Minutes.

On motion of A. A. Parker, it was ordered that the price of the printed Minutes be eight annas per copy to all; but that if forty or more copies be taken they be at the rate of four annas per copy; the deficit to be met by the Mission Treasurer.

On motion of Robert Ward, the District Superintendents and the Secretary were appointed a committee to decide the form of the Minutes of next year.

Adjournment.


SECOND DAY

Friday, December 3rd, 1909.

Opening.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Warne in the chair. Robert Ward conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.

The Minutes of the previous day's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

"Indian Witness"

The Bishop read a communication from the editor of the "Indian Witness," and he spoke a word of hearty commendation for our official paper.

Invitation.

The Secretary read an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fritchley to a social at their home on Saturday evening, 5 o'clock; which, on motion of C B. Hill, was heartily accepted.

Miss Lockhead.

Miss Lockhead, Organizing Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference. On motion of J. C. Fisher, a cordial welcome was extended to Miss Lockhead, with an expression of thanks to the Scottish Branch of the Union for sending her out.
Attempt on the Viceroy's life.

Robert Ward presented the following resolution concerning the recent attempt on the life of H. E. Lord Minto at Ahmedabad, and, on his motion, it was carried unanimously; and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to His Excellency's Private Secretary:

"That this Conference of Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America, desires to convey to His Excellency the Viceroy an expression of our devout thankfulness to God for His Excellency's escape from the recent attempt upon his life, and that we pray that the remainder of His Excellency's term of office in this land may be one of peace and prosperity."

District Superintendents' Reports.

L. E. Linzell read the report of the Baroda District.
C. B. Hill read the report of the Bombay District.
W. E. Robbins read the report of the Kathiawan District.
W. H. Stephens read the report of the Marathi District.

Course of Reading Committee.

The Chair announced the following committee on a Course of Reading for the graduating class of the F. B. Nicholson School of Theology, Baroda:—A. A. Parker, Robert Ward, L. E. Linzell, G. W. Park, W. E. Robbins.

Adjournment.

The Announcements were made, Fawcett Shaw pronounced the benediction, and Conference adjourned.

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The Hon'ble Mr. C. W. Fairbanks

The Conference was fortunate in being able to secure the presence of the Hon'ble Mr. C. W. Fairbanks, ex Vice President of the United States of America, and one of the elect sons of our Church and privileged to listen to an address from him, on Friday evening at 6-30.

The Bowen Church was filled with an interdenominational and cosmopolitan audience. Bishop Warne was in the chair.

The hymn, "My country, 'tis of thee" was enthusiastically sung. The Rev. Dr. Morrison, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, read the 46th Psalm. The Rev. Dr. Mackiechan, of the United Free Church of Scotland and Principal of the Wilson College, offered prayer. The Bishop introduced Mr. Fairbanks in a felicitous speech.

Our distinguished visitor was greeted most heartily, the audience rising to its feet and according him a Chautauqua salute. His fine, eloquent address on "Christianity: the greatest force in the world" was listened to with rapt attention, and called forth hearty applause repeatedly.
A vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Mackiehan, and seconded by Dr. Morrison, and cordially given.

The hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, followed by the National Anthem; and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY

Saturday, December 4th, 1909.

Opening.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Warne in the chair. W. E. Robbins conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.

The Minutes of the previous day's session, and of the evening meeting, were read and approved.

Greetings.

The Secretary read a communication from Bro. Lee Clarke conveying his greetings to the Conference.

Introduction.

Mr. Benjamin Aitken was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Question 11.

Question xi., "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taken up. The name of Yakub Dhanji was called. The Board of Examiners reported favorably; his character was passed; the Committee on Conference Relations so recommending, on motion of G. W. Park he was advanced to the class of Effective Elders and elected to Elder's Orders.

Question 10.

Question x., "What members are in studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. The name of Musa Karshan was called; the Board of Examiners reported favorably; his character was passed; the Committee on Conference Relations so recommending, on motion of L. E. Linzell he was advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

Question 20.

Question xx., "Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?" was taken up. The name of Nathu Narsinh was called. The Committee on Conference Relations reported; and on their recommendation, and on motion of L. E. Linzell, he was permitted to withdraw under complaints.
Question 9.

Question ix., "What members are in studies of the Third Year?" was taken up. The name of John Lampard was called, his character passed, and on motion of W. H. Stephens he was continued in the studies of the third year.

It was also noted that Bro. Lampard has passed the Hindustani course of studies for missionaries.

Question 12.

Question xii., "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The name of John N. Hawkins was called. On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and on motion of C. B. Hill, he was elected to Deacon's Orders under the India Rule.

Question 13.

Question xiii., "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. The name of John N. Hawkins was called. On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and on motion of C. B. Hill, he was elected to Elder's Orders under the India Rule.

The name of Robert Duthie was called. On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and on motion of W. H. Stephens, he was elected to Elder's Orders under the India Rule.

Bombay Forward Movement.

C. B. Hill referred to the Forward Movement effort inaugurated in Bombay by Bro. Lampard; and on his motion the Conference cordially endorsed it and expressed their hope that it may be blessed with success.

Gujarat Institutions Committee.

On motion of A. A. Parker, the joint committee of management of the institutions in Gujarat and Kathiawad was re-elected:—The District Superintendents of Ahmedabad, Baroda and Kathiawad, A. A. Parker, Robert Ward, W. E. Bancroft, H. F. Bishop, Miss Williams, Miss Morgan, Miss Crouse, Miss Austin.

Aggressive Evangelism.

A. A. Parker brought forward the matter of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign beginning the middle of February, with the suggestion that the English Churches and Institutions have a special effort about Easter time; and also the matter of the coming All-Gujarat mela. On his motion these matters were referred to the Committee on Aggressive Evangelism for report.

Vernacular Studies of Missionaries.

W. E. Bancroft called the attention of the Conference to the rule of the Missionary Society concerning missionaries acquiring a verma-
cular. After some discussion, on motion of Robert Ward, it was ordered that, because of the excessive work laid upon them the time for acquiring the vernacular of the following brethren be extended:—A. A. Parker, W. E. Bancroft, H. F. Bishop.

Adjournment.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, J. C. Fisher pronounced the benediction, and Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30.

Memorial Service

At 2:30 p.m. the Order of the Day was taken up, Bishop Warne in the chair. It was a united session.

The hymn, "Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ" was sung. W. H. Stephens read an appropriate portion of Scripture and led in prayer. The hymn, "Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past" was sung. W. E. Robbins read the Memoir of our translated brother, Daniel Urnsby Fox. Heartfelt and loving tributes were paid by a large number of brethren and sisters.

Afternoon Session

Opening.

At the close of the Memorial Service the Conference came together, Bishop Warne in the chair.

Finance Committee.

On motion of A. A. Parker it was decided to elect five missionaries and one Indian brother by majority of votes, members of the Finance Committee, by ballot. G. W. Park and W. E. Robbins were appointed tellers. Six missionary brethren received a majority. J. C. Fisher withdrew his name; and the following were declared elected:—H. F. Bishop, Frederick Wood, John Lampard, Robert Ward, W. Lee Clarke.

No Indian brother having received a majority, on motion of Yusaf Dhanji it was ordered that the brother receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected, and the one receiving the next highest number be alternate: S. A. Bbosle was declared elected; and Yusaf Dhanji alternate.

The Hon. Mr. Fairbanks.

C. B. Hill presented the following resolution concerning the Hon'ble Mr. Fairbanks' visit, which was carried by a standing vote:—

"Resolved, that the Bombay Annual Conference records with much appreciation the visit of the Hon'ble C. W. Fairbanks, late Vice President of the United States of America, and Mrs. Fairbanks, to the
seat of our Annual Conference; and that we thank him for his inspiring address. We believe that this distinguished layman of Methodism should have a wide hearing on his observations of Christian Missions in the Orient; and we commend Mr. Fairbanks to the attention of the Laymen's Movement. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks God's largest blessing on them as they return to their native land."

Child Marriage.

On motion of A. A. Parker, the Commission on Child Marriage and kindred questions was re-elected, with instructions to report without fail at the next session of Conference:—G. W. Park, A. A. Parker, Mrs. Stephens, Robert Ward, Miss Nicholls, Miss Williams, Miss Morgan, Frederick Wood.

Study of English.

On motion of Robert Ward the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of not less than three to consider and devise means to further the study of the English language among the young people of our Christian community. The Chair appointed Robert Ward, C. B. Hill, W. H. Stephens, S. A. Bhosle, Yusaf Dhanji.

Disciplinary Questions.

The following Disciplinary Questions were answered:—
Question iii., "Who have been readmitted?" None.
Question iv., "Who have been received on credentials?" None.
Question xvii., "Who have been located at their own request?" None.
Question xviii., "Who have been located?" None.
Question xix., "Who have withdrawn?" None.
Question xx., "Who have been expelled?" None.
Question xxii., "What other personal notation should be made?" None.
Question xxiii., "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" None.

Adjournment.

On motion of J. C. Fisher, Conference adjourned, after announcements had been made, and C. B. Hill pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY

Monday, December 6th, 1909.

Opening.

Conference was called to order at the appointed hour, Bishop Warne in the chair. H. W. Butterfield conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.

The Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.
Resolutions.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Resolutions:—

Bareilly Seminary.

The Chair appointed W. H. Stephens, Trustee of, and A. A. Parker, Visitor to, the Bareilly Theological Seminary.

Annual Sermon.

The Bishop appointed Robert Ward to preach the next Annual Sermon, with G. W. Park as Alternate.

Book Concern.

On motion of Frederick Wood, the Presiding Bishop was authorized to draw on the Book Concern for the sum due to this Conference.

Boards and Standing Committees for 1910.

G. W. Park presented the following nominations of the Cabinet for the Boards and Standing Committees for the ensuing year; and on motion of Frederick Wood they were accepted:—
Deaconess Board.—F. Wood, Mrs. Robbins, Miss Abbott, term to expire in 1910; W. H. Stephens, L. E. Linzell, Mrs. Parker, term to expire in 1911, A. A. Parker, G. W. Park, Mrs. Wood, term to expire in 1912.


Trustees, Nicholson School of Theology.

On motion of G. W. Park, the following nominations for Trustees of the Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology, Baroda, were accepted:—W. E. Robbins, G. W. Park, to retire in 1910; L. E. Linzell, Frederick Wood, to retire in 1911; C. B. Hill, J. C. Fisher, to retire in 1912.

Certificate of Ordinations.

The Bishop presented the Certificate of Ordinations. (See Certificate).
Gujarat Institutions.

On motion of Robert Ward, the Conference committed to the Joint Committee the policy and general conduct of the institutions in Gujarat.

Reports of Committees.

The reports of the following committees were read and adopted: State of the Church, Temperance, and Audit. (See Reports.)

Mission Treasurer.

The Conference proceeded to the nomination of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society by ballot. Frederick Wood was nominated.

Vice Mission Treasurer.

On motion of L. E. Linzell, the secretary cast the ballot for J. C. Fisher as Vice Mission Treasurer.

Vice Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of A. A. Parker, the secretary cast the ballot for L. E. Linzell as Vice Corresponding Secretary.

Aggressive Evangelism.

On motion of A. A. Parker, the following were elected members of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism:—A. A. Parker, L. E. Linzell, Yusaf Dhanji, Frederick Wood, C. B. Hill, J. C. Fisher, Robert Ward, and John Lampard.

Statistical Report.

The Statistical Secretary presented his report, which was thoroughly discussed and received. (See Statistics.)

Question 5.

Question v. "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. The name of George Eldridge was called. The Board of Examiners reported favorably; the Committee on Conference Relations so recommending, and he having given satisfactory written answers to the questions in paragraph 148, on motion of L. E. Linzell, he was received on trial, to pursue the studies of the first year in the English and vernacular courses.

Audit.

After some discussion concerning the auditing of our mission accounts, on motion of W. E. Bancroft, the Conference re-affirmed the action and order of the Finance Committee that in future the printed blanks be used in presenting the audited reports.

Introductions.

Rev. Oscar Buck and Mrs. Buck, new missionaries just arrived from America, were introduced to the Conference.
Epworth League.

F. Wood presented the report of the Epworth League Board of Control, which was accepted, and the following nominations for the Board of Control were accepted: —President, Mrs. Linzell; Vice President, S. A. Bhosle; Secretary, Frederick Wood; Directors, J. C. Fisher, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Williams.

A general discussion followed, and the Bishop exhorted to a greater interest in and a more strenuous pushing of Epworth League work. On motion of J. C. Fisher, the Board of Control was requested to arrange for a Conference convention during the year.

Adjournment.

On motion of W. H. Stephens, Conference adjourned to meet at 6 p. m., for final adjournment, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

Evening Session

Opening.

Conference re-assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop Warne in the chair. The hymn, "Lord, I believe a rest remains" was sung, and the Bishop led in prayer.

Journal.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports.

The reports of the following committees and boards were read and accepted: —Deaconess Board, Board of Education, Sunday Schools, Conference Stewards, and of the Conference Treasurer. (See Reports.)

Board of Education.

The following nominations for the Board of Education were presented and accepted: —A. A. Parker, Robert Ward, C. B. Hill, John Lampard, W. E. Robbins, Mrs. Fox, Miss Abbott, Miss Crouse, Miss Austin.

H. W. Butterfield.

At this point H. W. Butterfield rose and requested to be granted a Superannuated Relation. On motion of C. B. Hill this was granted, with an expression of our sincere appreciation of his faithful service.

Historical Secretary.

On motion of Frederick Wood, Robert Ward was elected Historical Secretary.

Editing Minutes.

On motion of W. H. Stephens, the Secretaries were authorized to edit the Minutes.
Official Record.

On motion of W. H. Stephens it was ordered that the published Minutes be the Official Record of this session.

Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions presented its report concerning (1) Bishop Warne, (2) Bishop Robinson, (3) Dr. Morrison, and (4) Entertainment, which was adopted by a standing vote. (See Resolutions.)

Final Adjournment.

On motion of S. A. Bhosle it was ordered that after the reading of the Minutes, and the reading of the Appointments, the Conference stand adjourned.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved. The Bishop addressed the Conference. The hymn, “Faith of our Fathers” was sung. W. E. Robbins and Mrs. Hutchings offered prayer. The Bishop read the appointments, the doxology was sung, the Bishop pronounced the benediction, and the Conference stood adjourned sine die.

APPROVED AS CORRECT.

[Signature]

President.

[Signature]

Secretary.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1 Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline? In a modified form.

2 Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? John Lampard, an Elder in Studies of Third Year, from the Central Provinces Mission Conference.

3 Who have been Re-admitted? None.

4 Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

5 Who have been Received on Trial?
   (a) In studies of First Year—George Eldridge.
   (b) In studies of Third Year—None.

6 Who have been Continued on Trial?
   (a) In studies of First Year—None.
   (b) In studies of Second Year—None.
   (c) In studies of Third Year—None.
   (d) In studies of Fourth Year—None.

7 Who have been Discontinued? None.

8 Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
   (a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year—None.
   (b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously—None.

9 What Members are in studies of Third Year?
   (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year—None.
   (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously—John Lampard.

10 What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?—Musa Karshan.

11 What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?
   (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year—Yakub Dhanji.
   (b) Elected and ordained Elders previously—None.

12 What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?
   (a) As Local Preachers—None.
   (b) Under Missionary Rule—John N. Hawkins.
   (c) Under Seminary Rule—None.

13 What others have been elected and ordained Elders?
   (a) As Local Deacons—None.
   (b) Under Missionary Rule—John N. Hawkins, Robert N. Duthie.
   (c) Under Seminary Rule—None.

14 Was the character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

15 Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? H. C. Scholberg to Central Provinces; E. F. Frease to Africa Mission Field; C. R. Vickery to Malaysia.

16 Who have Died? D. O. Fox.

17 Who have been Located at their own request? None.

18 Who have been Located? None.

19 Who have Withdrawn? None.

20 Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? Nathu Narshinh.

21 Who have been Expelled? None.
22 What other Personal Notation should be made? None.
23 Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? None.
26 What is the Statistical Report for this year? (See Statistics.)
27 What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Rs. 4,091.
28 What are the claims on the Conference Fund? Rs. 1,320.
29 What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? Rs. 1,145-3-0. To H. W. Butterfield, Rs. 600; to Mrs. Vardon, Rs. 600; to Sakubai Gyanoba, Rs. 120.
30 What is the amount of the five per cent of collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Referred to the Finance Committee.
31 Where are the Preachers stationed? (See Appointments.)
32 Where shall the next Conference be held? Nadiad.
BOMBAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 1910

AHMEDABAD, DISTRICT

G. W. PARK, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, (P. O. NADIAD)

Ahmedabad ...................................................... Robert Ward, Elia Narottam, L. E. supply
Bhalej .......................................................... G. W. Park, Madhav Nana, L. D. supply
Dehgam .......................................................... Robert Ward, Antha Whalji, L. P. supply
Kapadvanj .......................................................... Robert Ward, Mulji Whalji, L. P. supply
Kathial .......................................................... Robert Ward, Dhula Dabha, L. P. supply
Mahudha .......................................................... G. W. Park, Kalidas Mulji, L. P. supply
Mehsana .......................................................... Robert Ward, Kohya Aju, L. P. supply
Nadiad Circuit ................................................. Henry Narottam,
" Boys' Orphanage and Industrial School
H. F. Bishop, Lay Missionary, Henry Narottam

Umreth .......................................................... G. W. Park, Prabhusas Punja, L. P. supply
Uttaranda ........................................................ Yakub Dhanji
Editor, Sunday School Literature ................................ Robert Ward

BARODA DISTRICT

L. E. LINZELL, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (P. O. BARODA CAMP)

Balasinor ........................................... W. E. Bancroft, Bhaiji Rama, L. P. Supply
Baroda : Boys' Orphanage ................................ L. E. Linzell, George Eldridge
" Church ...................................................... L. E. Linzell, Gangu Dhanji
" Circuit ...................................................... A. A. Parker, Yusaf Dhanji
" Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology ........ A. A. Parker, Yusaf Dhanji
Godhra ....................................................... W. E. Bancroft, Masa Karshan
Jambusar .................................................... L. E. Linzell, Morar Makan, L. P. supply
Kalog .......................................................... W. E. Bancroft, Daud Tulsi, L. D supply
Ordi ............................................................ W. E. Bancroft, Asha Jaram, supply
Padra .......................................................... L. E. Linzell, Kalyan Asha, L. P. supply
Palej .......................................................... L. E. Linzell Rama Jiva, L. P. supply
Sandasal ...................................................... W. E. Bancroft, Kohya Bijal, L. P. supply
Savali .......................................................... L. E. Linzell, Jiva Nana, L. D. supply
Thasra ........................................................ W. E. Bancroft, Paul Govind, L. D. supply
Timba Road ................................................. W. E. Bancroft, Ram Nathu, supply
Walvada ....................................................... Haribhai Amaidas, L. P. supply
Wasad .......................................................... Uttandas Jiva, L. D. supply

BOMBAY DISTRICT

C. B. HILL, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (P. O. BYCULLA, BOMBAY)

Bombay : Bowen Memorial Church ................................ Frederick Wood
" Taylor Memorial Church .................................... C. B. Hill
" Seamen's Mission ........................................... J. D. McGregor, L. P. supply
Igatpuri English Church ..................................... J. C. Fisher
Karachi English Church and Vernacular Circuit ............... W. L. Clarke
" Gujarati and Marathi ....................................... Missionary to be supplied, J. D. Saptal
Hindustani .................................................... To be supplied
Kotri-Hyderabad ............................................ Missionary to be supplied, J. D. Saptal
Lonavia ........................................................ J. N. Hawkins, L. E. supply
Poona English Church ....................................... Fawcett Shaw
Quetta .......................................................... James Cumming, L. P. supply
" Vernacular Circuit ......................................... To be supplied
Tando Adam .................................................. To be supplied

On leave to America : A. E. Ayers, A. W. Mell.


Transferred to the Malaysia Conference : C. R. Vickery.
APPOINTMENTS

KATHIAWAD DISTRICT

W. E. ROBBINS, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, (P. O. DHOLA JUNCTION)

Asamlı .............................................. Khana Dhula, L. P. supply
Dhandhuka ............................................ Mulji Nana, L. D. supply
Dhola .................................................. Govind Harkha, L. P. supply
Jetalsar ................................................ Morar Khanji, L. P. supply
Junagadh .............................................. Shana Mulji, L. P. supply
Waso ................................................... Ganesb Gangaram, L. D. supply

MARATHI DISTRICT

W. H. STEPHENS, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, (P. O. POONA)

Bombay: Vernacular Work ........................................ John Lampard
" Gujarati Church ........................................... Hirji Vina, L. D. supply
" Marathi Church ............................................. To be supplied
" Hindustani Church ........................................ To be supplied
Igatpuri-Pantamba ...................................... J. C. Fisher, R. Duthie, L. E. supply
Kal`an-Panvel .............................................. John Lampard
Kirkee-Chinchwad ........................................ To be supplied
Neral ...................................................... To be supplied
Poona: Evangelistic Training School .................. W. H. Stephens
" Boys' Orphanage ......................................... W. H. Stephens
" Marathi Church .......................................... S. A. Bhosle
Poona-Loni ................................................ To be supplied
Talegaon-Lonavia ........................................ Missionary to be supplied
Talegaon Church ........................................ Gyanoba Narayan
Wagoli .................................................... To be supplied

Superannuate: W. W. Brucers.
Woman’s Conference

AHMEDABAD DISTRICT

District Work...................................................... Mrs. Park
Ahmedabad, Dehgam, Mehsana........................................... Mrs. Ward
Nadiad, Umreth, Bhailey.............................................. Miss Helen Robinson
Kapadvanj, Kathlal, Mahuda, Uttarsanda.......................... Miss Holmes
Nadiad Boys’ Orphanage.............................................. Mrs. Bishop

On leave to America, Miss Morgan.

BARODA DISTRICT

District Work...................................................... Mrs. Linzell
Balasinor, Sandasal, Kalol.............................................. Mrs. Bancroft
Baroda Circuit...................................................... Mrs. Parker
Baroda Boys’ Orphanage and High School.......................... Mrs. Linzell, Mrs. Eldridge
Girls’ Boarding School and High School.......................... Miss Austin, Miss Williams
Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology........................ Mrs. Parker
Mrs. W. Butler Memorial Hospital................................... Miss Allen, M. D.
Godhra Evangelistic Work.......................................... Mrs. Bancroft
Girls’ Boarding School............................................. Miss Crouse, Miss Ross
Jambusar, Palej...................................................... Mrs. Linzell
Padra, Savali, Ord, Thasra........................................... Miss Williams
Wasad, Walvda....................................................... Miss Williams

BOMBAY DISTRICT

District Work...................................................... Mrs. Hill
Bombay, Bowen Memorial Church................................. Mrs. Wood
Deaconess Work.................................................... Mrs. Grove
Taylor Memorial Church.............................................. Mrs. Hill
Bombay Seamen’s Mission........................................... Mrs. McGregor, supply
Igatpuri English Church........................................... Mrs. Fisher
Karachi English Church.............................................. To be supplied
Poona : Anglo Indian Girls’ Home................................. Mrs. Hutchings
Taylor High School for Girls....................................... Mrs. D. O. Fox, Principal
English Church...................................................... Mrs. Shaw

On leave to America, Mrs. Mell, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Ayers, Miss Davis, Miss Files
On leave to England: Mrs. Clarke

Transferred to the Malaysia Conference: Mrs. C. R. Vickery

KATHIAWAR DISTRICT

District Work...................................................... Mrs. Robbins
Asamli, Waso....................................................... To be supplied
Dhandhuks, Dholra, Jetalsar, Junagarh.............................. To be supplied

MARATHI DISTRICT

Bombay : Evangelistic and Zenana Work.......................... Miss Nicholls
Gujarati Evangelistic Work and City Schools...................... Miss Abbott
Hindustani Church and Marathi Church............................. Mrs. Lampard
Igatpuri-Pantamba................................................... Mrs. Fisher
Lon Evangelistic and Medical Work................................ Mrs. Stephens
Poona Boys’ Orphanage.............................................. Mrs. Stephens
Evangelistic Training School....................................... Mrs. Stephens
Talegaon Girls’ Orphanage and High School...................... Miss Lawson
Evangelistic Work................................................... Miss Lawson
Editors Woman’s Friend............................................. Miss Nicholls
Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify

That at Bowen Church, Bombay, on the Fifth day of December, 1909, under the election of the Bombay Annual Conference, I ordained to the office of DEACON

JOHN N. HAWKINS

Also that, at the same place, and on the same date, assisted by Elders and Dr. H. C. Morrison, I ordained to the office of ELDER

JOHN N. HAWKINS
ROBERT N. DUTHIE
YAKUB DHANJI

Presiding Bishop.
PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, December 2nd, 1909.

8-00 A.M. Devotional Service, Dr. Morrison.
11-00 A.M. Conference Session, opening with Holy Communion.
9-00 P.M. Evangelistic Service, Dr. Morrison.

FRIDAY, December 3rd, 1909.

8-00 A.M. Devotional Service, Dr. Morrison.
11-00 A.M. Conference Session.
6-30 P.M. Public Meeting. Address by the Hon. Mr. Fairbanks.
9-00 P.M. Evangelistic Service, Dr. Morrison.

SATURDAY, December 4th, 1909.

8-00 A.M. Devotional Service, Dr. Morrison.
11-00 A.M. Conference Session.
2-30 P.M. Memorial Service for our promoted Brother D. O. Fox.
5-00 P.M. "At Home" to Conference, Bro. and Sis. E. W. Fritchley, "Searsdale," Colaba.
9-00 P.M. Evangelistic Service, Dr. Morrison.

SUNDAY, December 5th, 1909.

8-30 A.M. Bowen Church. Ordination of Deacon and Elders by Bishop Warne, and Sermon by Dr. Morrison.
9-30 A.M. Taylor Church. Sermon by A. A. Parker.
10-00 A.M. Bowen Church. Children's Service. Address by Bishop Warne.
3-00 P.M. Grant Road Church. United Vernacular Service. Sermon by Bishop Warne.
6-30 P.M. Bowen Church. Sermon by Dr. Morrison.
Taylor Church. Sermon by Bishop Warne.
8-00 P.M. Seamen's Rest. Sermon by R. N. Duthie.

MONDAY, December 6th, 1909.

8-00 A.M. Devotional Service, Dr. Morrison.
11-00 A.M. Conference Session.
6-00 P.M. Closing Session of Conference.
9-00 P.M. Evangelistic Service, Dr. Morrison.
DANIEL ORMSBY FOX, 1835—1909
MEMOIR

DANIEL ORMSBY FOX

The hope of the world is in its rare souls. The world's greatest men are the heroes of Faith. Into their hearts God pours the spirit of his power, and upon their heads he lays the bands of his consecration. Materialism may teach that the influence of one man upon another is scarcely of consequence—merely a ripple on the surface of a stream, or the lenient exercise of an upright character in the respect which it receives in the appreciation of a fellow-man; but if this were all one man could do for another, how different would be the world, how different would be the kingdom of God! Where, then, would be the inspirer of enthusiasm, the trumpet call of the prophet, the revelation of the poet, the spiritual insight of the seer, or the charm of the Comforter, the Paraclete?

God everywhere declares that the fountain source of influence which a godly man exercises over his fellow men may be traced to the thought "the kingdom of God is within you." In every human heart there is a spot of sensibility to the influence of a holy man; and when a soul has become great because of the entrance of the Holy Spirit into his life therein lies the secret of influence which a Spirit-filled man may exercise over his fellow men.

This truth was exemplified in and explains the life of DANIEL ORMSBY FOX, who, after 37 years of service for God in India, passed to his eternal reward at Poona, on November 8th, 1909.

The great characteristic of this man's life was not in his pulpit ministration, blessed as that was to many a heart who hungered and thirsted after righteousness; not in administrative genius, though as one of the early presiding elders of Indian Methodism his district included the territory now embraced in the Bombay and South India Annual Conferences—just half the old South India Conference as to members; but in the fact that when men came into personal contact with him somehow his sincere godly devotion struck a nerve of the spiritual chord. It was in the man; not the man only, but it was the presence of God which came with him. For instance, a young English surveyor of the British Government came into contact with Bro. Fox in the past of the years now speeding by, and the contact was so
impressive that he left all and followed Christ, and to-day is the honor-
ed Bishop caring for the great field of Malaysia and the far-away isles
thereof, straightening its crooked places and measuring the continuing
ascents of spiritual advance. Another instance. A bear-eyed railway
man wasting his substance in riotous living meets this man of God,
and finding salvation helps to found the Lanowlee Camp Meeting. All
over this land there are found men and women—European and Indian
—whose lives have been transformed, because, perchance, they had met
Bro. Fox. Then again there were others who having loved this present
world had forsaken their first love. There were those who had been
overthrown by temptations. These were smitten by the presence of
this good man and in their heart of hearts dreaded the silent judgment
of this humblest of Christians: "What have I to do with thee, O thou
man of God? Art thou come to bring my sins to remembrance?" At
his presence many such have repented and turned to the Lord who
healed their backslidings.

To such a man death did not come as a surprise; and when on
Sunday night, November 7th, his loved wife said, "Daniel, the doctor
says you cannot stay longer with us," it was but natural that he should
reply, "Do not be afraid; remember what I told you, 'It will be glory
for me'." Some of us were privileged to stand by and see the veteran
missionary and servant of God close his eyes on the darkness of
earth and enter the gloryland where "God giveth them light, and they
shall reign for ever and ever." It was no tragedy but a glorious
triumph. Bro. Fox has attained to that quality of life which we refuse
to think of as a subject of death. His influence will remain with us: it
is imperishable; it must live on and on.

Bro. Fox was born at Canajoharie, N. Y., U. S. A, on January
10th, 1835. Converted at the age of sixteen he ever possessed the
"glad confident morning " of spiritual certainty in his Christian pro-
fession. Entries in his diaries during the days of his student life and
youth show how he served an earnest apprenticeship in the great life
work of faith and prayer.

Bro. Fox was a preacher in the Michigan Conference for six years,
from 1859 to 1865, when he entered the Northwestern University,
graduating in June, 1871, and from Garrett Biblical Institute a year
later. Shortly afterwards, in August, 1872, he heard a call to join the
William Taylor self-supporting work in India, and sailing from America
on September 4th, 1872, he reached India on December 1st, of the
same year.

Bro. Fox was the first pastor of the Poona Methodist Episcopal
Church, serving a pastorate of four years, 1873—1876. He was pastor
at Karachi, 1877—1879, for three years. He was appointed Presiding
Elder of the Bombay District in 1880; and in 1882 administered the
Madras District of the old South India Conference in addition. Dur-
ing 1885—'86 he was in America, and returned to Poona Church and
Marathi Circuit in 1887. His appointment for 1888 reads the Poona English Church, Marathi Circuit and Taylor High School. The years between 1890 and 1894 were spent in work on the Marathi Circuit, Poona. Bro. Fox was honored by this Conference with an election to the General Conference in 1896. On returning to India in 1897 he again engaged in Marathi work, though for some time he acted as Presiding Elder of Gujarat. In 1902 Bro. Fox had charge of the Bombay District until 1904 when he retired. The years 1905—'07 were spent in America; but hearing the Call of the East he returned with Mrs. Fox to the land which he loved so dearly, and where he was so dearly loved. Though superannuated he was pastor of the Talegaon Circuit during 1908—'09; nor was this a sinecure, for he dearly loved to meet his flock, and break to them the Word of Life.

The modesty of Bro. Fox would not ask for these words of eulogy. "He being dead yet speaketh," and we fain would believe that the "God" who "buries his workman but carries on his work," out of the realm of higher help still uses Bro. Fox to influence us in the fields where he so faithfully wrought. May we live lives of firm devotion to righteousness, unflinching loyalty to duty, and an all-surrendered love to the Heavenly Master even as did Daniel Ormsby Fox.
REPORTS

CONFERENCE BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

State of the Church

Your committee finds that the numerical condition of the church is slightly increased, but that the number of persons baptized in the provinces is less than in former years. The reason of this is that the missionaries in the Baroda and Ahmedabad Districts, having been compelled to abandon what they thought might be a way out of the difficulty in regard to infant marriage accompanied by heathen ceremonies, have considered themselves compelled to take the alternative of refusing to baptise any more converts until they give a pledge to the effect that they will not marry any of their children in this manner. The result is that the matter of baptism is considered more seriously among our enquirers, and that they are appreciating more than formerly all that it involves, so that a greater proportion of those baptized under the new conditions will become full members of the church. The matter is under earnest consideration. In the Marathi and other fields the vernacular work has been much developed, and there is definite promise of greater harvest in the near future.

The questions of temperance and social legislation have not received any special amount of attention, the missionaries being over-loaded with clerical and executive work; but we rejoice in the fact that the conditions of membership still are absolute abstention from intoxicating drinks.

In the northern circuits of the Ahmedabad District, measures have been taken which it is thought will ensure a closer connection between pastor-teachers and those to whom they minister. In some places the stewards are becoming definitely interested in the work of the evangel, and are splendidly assisting the local work.

We find, with much joy, that the good old Methodist doctrine of holiness is being taught in an increasing measure by the periodicals and institutions of the church. The “Gujarat Christian Advocate,” or “Harshanad,” reports that a series of articles on “The emblems of the Holy Spirit” has called forth much appreciation from workers and village Christians who read them. Much more literature of a similar kind would be helpful and effective.

We find that there is need of more vigorous and united effort to teach our very young people English while not neglecting the vernacular, so that the Christians may not be left behind in the new movements towards national development and individuality. The ability to read English will unlock for our leading Indian workers the inexhaustible treasures of biblical, educational and ethical literature
which has formed the character of the Western Church of Christ. It will also ensure more really Methodist teachers for our institutions, some of which at present are under the disadvantage of having their young children taught and influenced by those whose allegiance is to and whose membership is in other churches.

We find a growing tendency among our people to allow their boys to take up technical manual labor, and we consider that this is a clear and promising portent of an ultimately self-supporting and self-propagating church.

It is gratifying to note an increased attention on the part of the laymen of our English churches in the spiritual, social and numerical position of these important churches. We trust that their efforts may be blessed of God, and that a revival of interest in the responsibility of the English churches to the evangelization of this great land may be soon apparent.

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Sunday Schools

Your committee reports that the statistics show a decrease in the number of Sunday Schools and scholars of 63 and 2,713 respectively. In other respects there are indications of good progress and success during the year in this most important branch of mission work. In places where teachers are needed efforts are being made to develop teachers and helpers from the people themselves. The want of Christian vernacular literature continues to be felt. One very pleasing feature has been the great increase in Children’s Day collections, amounting to nearly Rs. 2,000—the increase in the case of some of the English schools has been abnormal. Some of our schools continue to send up candidates for the “All India Sunday Schools Examinations” with great success.

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Temperance

We would earnestly urge upon every member of the Conference to keep the principles of total-abstinence prominently before the membership of our Church, especially the Indian Church. So many are being baptized and received into the Church who ought to have this instilled into their minds.

We are glad to know that good results have followed the efforts at several points to promulgate the principles of total-abstinence. We rejoice to learn that so many of the lady members of our Conference are engaged in work in connection with the Women’s Christian Temperance Union. We rejoice with them in the appointment of Miss Lookhead as missionary of the W. C. T. U. in India, and we earnestly hope the work will receive a great impetus through her leadership.
Board of Education

Believing as we do that the uplift of any race is impossible apart from education, and that the school properly conducted is the hand-maid of the church in the religious, moral, and social development of India, and particularly of the Indian Christian community, we give thanks to the Great Teacher to whose blessing we owe the degree of prosperity attained in our educational work.

Speaking generally we can say that there has been evident advancement in the efficiency of all our larger institutions.

The Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology on November 30th graduated its first class of thirteen men and two women.

The Baroda Co-Educational Anglo-Vernacular and High School, in the beginning an experiment, has demonstrated its efficiency and receives our hearty endorsement. It reports substantial advancement in that a new standard, the sixth, has been opened with the expectation that next year there will be a matriculation class.

The Indian Industrial and Engineering School has started a special class with the view to preparing students to enter either the Poona College of Science or the Victoria Technical Institute. During the year Mr. F. A. Arter gave to the school a fine universal milling machine and the Buffalo Pump Co. are sending a centrifugal pump, thus increasing the equipment of the institution.

The Girls' Orphanages at Baroda, Godhra, and Talegaon have done their usual good work, as have the Boys' Orphanages at Baroda and Poona.

At Poona the Boys' Anglo-Vernacular and High School has cooperated with the Fox Memorial Training School to the profit of both.

The Taylor High School for girls has had a good year. It made an excellent showing at the university examination of 1908 when all who went up were matriculated, and it is hoped that the test of 1909 will reveal as gratifying results. We record, with pleasure, that the Government of Bombay has made a grant of over Rupees 15,000 towards the acquisition of the property, so that this, with the splendid contributions of the W. F. M. S. to the same end, has almost freed the school buildings of all encumbrance.

The Anglo-Indian Home at Poona has received substantial endorsement from the English-speaking churches in an increased collection. It has added another standard, the sixth, to its course of study.

Day Schools.—In Bombay the W. F. M. S. is rejoicing in a new school building worth Rs. 6,000 to accommodate one hundred and fifty pupils. There is now an average attendance of forty. Two new schools have been opened in the city, one Gujarati and one Marathi, making altogether seven, four of which are registered.

In the Ahmedabad District three day schools have been registered under the W. F. M. S. work, and others are in the process of registration.
Epworth League

In the early years of this young people’s movement Epworth League chapters were organized in all the English and many vernacular circuits, and the work went with a swing. To-day, in the vernacular field, except where we have orphanages—yet not in all the orphanages—we have very little League work, save in Bombay and Poona. In the English churches there are chapters in varying degrees of successfulness. A rousing English convention was held in Bombay recently with delegates from the two Bombay chapters, Poona and Igatpuri. The practical outcome was the arousing of a missionary enthusiasm that led the two Bombay chapters to promise Rs. 500 each per year for the support of a vernacular gospel preaching hall and preacher in Bombay. The Karachi chapter decided to aid the mission to seamen in that port.

The League presents an ecclesiastical problem in our field unlike any other. We are led to ask, Is there no place or time for the League in our field? Is our work too young or insufficiently organized to yet admit of chapters being carried on in the work? Do we give it the time and attention that it deserves if it is to become a real vital part of our machinery? Are there places where there is no place for it? We do feel there surely is a work for the League to do. Just how and where is the unsolved problem. But wherever found possible, and wherever worked to any extent, it has been a means of helpfulness and profit to the work.

Deaconess Board

The Deaconess Board recommends to the Annual Conference the approval of the following deaconesses, their licenses having been renewed by the said board on recommendation of their respective quarterly conferences—Mrs. Hutchings, Mrs. Grove, Miss Davis, Miss Morgan and Miss Holmes. Miss Davis and Miss Holmes are now on furlough where both have done good work for India.

Board of Stewards

The Conference Stewards recommend an annual allowance of Rs. 600 to Bro. H. W. Butterfield from the Conference Claimants Fund; and also the continuance of the following allowances for this year from the same Fund: Mrs. Vardon, Rs. 600; Sakhubai Gyanoba, Rs. 120.

The following allowances from the Mission Claimants Fund was recommended: Dala Ranchod, Rs. 60; Rachelbai, Rs. 36; Hashabai, Rs. 36; Nathubai Bawa, Rs. 36; Gopababai Ramji, Rs. 36; Jivibai, Rs. 63.
Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee beg to submit that they have audited the following books:—

Mission Treasurer to Nov. 15, 1909; W. F. M. S. Treasurer to July 1, 1909; Conference Treasurer to date; Kathiawad District Superintendent to July 1, 1909; Marathi District Superintendent to July 1, 1909; Baroda District Superintendent to Nov. 1, 1909; Ahmedabad District Superintendent to July 1, 1909; Gujarat Property Board Treasurer to Nov. 15, 1909; Financial Agent to July 1, 1909; Mrs. W. H. Stephens to Nov. 1, 1909.

The Bombay District Superintendent reports the following audits:—

The Marathi District Superintendent reports the following audits:—H. C. Scholberg to July 1, 1909; Frederick Wood to July 1, 1909; Miss Nicholls to July 1, 1909; Miss Abbott to July 1, 1909; Talegaon Girls' School to July 1, 1909.

The Baroda District Superintendent reports the following audits:—Godhra Girls' School to July 1, 1909; W. E. Bancroft to Nov. 23, 1909; A. A. Parker to Nov. 22, 1909; Miss Williams to Oct. 31, 1909; Miss Austin to Nov. 23, 1909; Baroda Girls' Boarding School to Nov. 1, 1909; Miss Williams' Circuit to Oct. 31, 1909; Mrs. Parker's Circuit to Nov. 22, 1909; Nicholson School of Theology to Nov. 25, 1909.

The Ahmedabad District Superintendent reports the following audits:—Robert Ward's to July 1, 1909; Miss Morgan's to July 1, 1909.
### Conference Treasurer’s Report

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RESOLUTIONS

BISHOP WARNE.

We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the tactful and gracious manner in which Bishop Warne has directed the affairs of our Conference during this session. It has been a great pleasure to have had Bishop and Mrs. Warne with us, and we assure them that a very cordial welcome awaits them whenever they visit the Bombay Conference.

BISHOP ROBINSON

Whereas Bishop Robinson has been called to America in the interests of the finances of our Conference, we assure him of our continued affection and esteem, and we pray that God's blessing may rest upon his efforts to relieve us of at least a portion of the great burden now resting upon us.

REV. H. C. MORRISON, D.D.

We are greatly indebted to this faithful servant of God for the very helpful services conducted during our Conference session. The result of these services will be wider and will reach further than we will ever know. We desire as a Conference to put on record our gratitude for the work that God is doing through Dr. Morrison. We pray that his health may be preserved and that he may be spared many years to continue in the work so dear to his heart.

ENTERTAINMENT

The provision made for the entertainment of the Conference this session has been exceptionally good, and those in charge deserve our hearty commendation for their successful efforts to conveniently locate us and provide for our comfort and needs. We will take away with us pleasant memories of our kind hosts, Brother and Sister Wood, and also of the friends, who put their homes at our disposal and extended to us such bountiful hospitality.
## FORM I. CHURCH MEME

### STATISTICS OF THE BOMBAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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## NAMES OF CIRCUITS

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3. Devgadh
4. Kavarapunj
5. Mahuvas
6. Mehsana
7. Nadiad
8. Rapar
9. Umbergaon
10. Udvada
11. Viramgam

## INDEX

- **Protestants**: Total No. of Christians
- **Baptized Children**: Total No. of Children
- **Baptized White**: Total No. of White
- **Baptized Others**: Total No. of Others
- **Christian Community**: Name of the community
- **Baptisms**: Number of baptisms
- **St.**: Number of Sunday Schools

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