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1901  3 Abbott, A. A. Miss ... City Schools and Gujrat ... Baptist Work ... Bombay.

1907  Allen, B. J. Miss, M.D. ... Mrs. Wm. Butler Hospital and (1888 to Japan ... District Medical Work ... Baroda.

1905  2 Austin, L. F. Miss ... Girls' Boarding School and High School ... Baroda.

1900  Ayers, A. E. Mrs. ... On Leave ... America.

1904  Bancroft, W. E. Mrs. ... Godhra and Circuit Evangelistic Work ... Godhra.

1905  Bishop, H. F. Mrs. ... Nadiad and Boys' Orphanage ... Nadiad.

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1905  Grove, H. L. R. Mrs. ... Taylor High School ... Poona.

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1898  Hill, C. B. Mrs. ... District Work and Taylor Memorial Church ... Bombay.

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1892  * Lawson, C. H. Miss ... Girls' Orphanage, High School and Evangelistic Work, Talegaon Dahabda.

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1908  Miner, S. E. Mrs. ... On Leave ... Bombay.

1905  2 Morgan, C. Miss ... Circuit Evangelistic Work ... Nadiad.

1906  Musa, Hannabai ... ... Godhra.

1905  Narayan, Bhimabai ... ... Talegaon.

1906  Nathu, Rableba ... ... Baroda.

1896  * Nicholls, E. W Miss Evangelistic Zenana Work, and Marathi Woman's Friend ... Bombay.

1893  Park, G. W. Mrs. ... District Work ... Nadiad.

1905  Parker, A. A Mrs. ... Baroda Circuit, F. B. N. School of Theology ... Baroda.

1902  * Robinson, H. E. Miss ... On Leave ... America.

1869  Robbins, W. E. Mrs. ... District Work ... Dholas.

1895  Saktaram, Pritabai ... ... Karachi.

1905  2 Scholly, H. C. Mrs. ... Marathi Circuit ... Bombay.

1890  Shaw, Fawcett Mrs. ... English Church ... Karachi.

1888  Stephens, W. H. Mrs. ... Boys' Orphanage, Evangelistic and Medical Work ... Poona.

1880  Stone, G. I. Mrs. ... On Leave ... America.

1908  Vardon, B. Mrs. ... Hindustani Work ... Bombay.

1898  Vickery, C. R. Mrs. ... English Church ... Poona.

1898  Ward, Robert Mrs. ... Circuit Evangelistic Work ... Ahmedabad.

1898  Wood, F. Mrs. ... On Leave ... Canada.

1900  3 Williams, M. H. Miss Girls' Boarding School, High School, and Evangelistic Work ... Baroda.

1906  Yakub, Tarabai ... ... Bombay.

1899  Yusuf, Jivibai ... F. B. N. School of Theology ... Baroda.

* The figures indicate the year of Vernacular passed and the asterisk indicates that the course of study has been completed.
MINUTES
OF THE
Bombay Woman’s Missionary Conference.

FIRST DAY

Baroda, Friday, January 15, 1909.

Opening.—The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Bombay Woman’s Missionary Conference met in the parlor of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society bungalow at noon, Miss Morgan, vice-president, in the chair.

Devotional Meeting.—Dr. Allen led the opening meeting speaking of our upward calling in Christ Jesus.

Roll Call.—The Assistant Secretary called the roll, and the following responded to their names:—Miss Abbott, Dr. Allen, Miss Austin, Mrs. Bancroft, Miss Crouse, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Linzell, Miss Morgan, Miss Nicholls, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Parker, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Ward, Miss Williams.

Introduction.—On motion of Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Miner was introduced and asked to sit in the Conference and participate in the discussions.

Officers.—Mrs. C. B. Hill was elected president; Mrs. Bancroft, first vice-president; Miss Belle J. Allen, M. D., second vice-president; Miss A. A. Abbott, secretary; Miss H. E. Robinson, assistant secretary; Mrs. L. E. Linzell, statistical secretary; Mrs. W. H. Stephens, auxiliary treasurer, and conference organizer.

Communication.—The secretary read a letter from Miss Bender, secretary of General Office in New York, requesting that a special correspondent with that office be elected. It was moved and carried that such a correspondent be elected by ballot from among the missionaries of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Williams was elected.

Appointment of Committees.—It was moved and carried that the chair appoint the temporary committees. They were accordingly appointed as follows:—

Committee on Resolutions:—Mrs. D. O. Fox, Mrs. G. W. Park, Mrs. J. C. Fisher.

Committee on Memoirs.—Miss M. D. Crouse, Miss M. E. Williams, Mrs. W. E. Bancroft.

Committee on Nominations.—Miss Belle J. Allen, M. D., Mrs. W. H. Stephens, Miss E. W. Nicholls, Miss C. Morgan.
Time.—Mrs. Stephens moved that the sessions of the Conference be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. instead of 12 o’clock. A motion was made and carried that the hour for the election of the Finance and Reference Committee be fixed for Saturday afternoon at 4:30.

Announcement.—The announcement was made by Mrs J.C. Fisher of the memorial service to be held at the Annual Conference on Saturday morning after the opening of the Conference Session.

Communication.—A communication giving a report of the Mutra Training School was read by the secretary. Moved that the report be incorporated in our minutes and the secretary be ordered to send a reply. Moved and seconded that the secretary send greetings to the North West India Conference in session at Mutra.

Reports of Standing Committees.—The following gave reports of their Committees:

Report of the Program Committee.—The report of the program Committee was presented by Miss Morgan. It was accepted.

Report of the Publishing Committee.—The report of the publishing Committee was presented by Miss Austin. It was moved by Mrs. Stephens and carried that the number of illustrations to be inserted and the number of minutes required be ascertained by calling the roll. It was also moved by Dr. Allen and carried that in order to facilitate the publishing of the minutes each missionary be instructed by the secretary to send their reports and blocks with the number of copies needed, by the end of November each year.

Adjournment.—Mrs. Grove moved that the conference adjourn to meet on Saturday at four o’clock. After prayer was offered by Mrs. Hill the conference stood adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Baroda, Saturday, January 16, 1909.

Opening.—The conference came to order at 4 o’clock with the president in the chair.

Devotional.—Mrs. Stephens opened the meeting by reading a part the fourteen chapter of Matthew and prayer.

Introduction. — On motion of Miss Abbott, Mrs. Eldridge of Nadiad was introduced and asked to participate in the discussions of the Conference.

Minutes.—The minutes were read and approved.

Statistics.—On motion of Mrs. Linzell all missionaries were requested to send their reports to the statistical secretary by the end of November.

Finance Committee.—The Conference according to order proceeded to elect the members of the Finance and Reference Committee.
Miss Nicholls, Miss Williams and Dr. Allen were elected on the first ballot, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Bancroft on the second.

The alternates were Mrs. Parker elected on the first ballot and Miss Morgan on the second.

Reports of Standing Committees.—The Editor of the Woman's Marathi Friend reported. The report was accepted. (See reports).

The temperance committee next reported. The report was accepted. (see reports).

The nominating committee gave a partial report which was accepted. (see reports).

Greetings.—The secretary reported the message she had sent to the North West India Woman’s Conference according to instructions. (Joshua 1:1-9).

Introduction.—T. T. Wright, Esq., was introduced to the conference and was asked to speak on Woman's work as he saw it in America.

Miss Abbott proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wright which was given by standing.

Miscellaneous Business.—Miss Nicholls moved that a committee be appointed to consider the question of co-education and to report during this conference session. Carried.

The chair appointed Mrs. Fox, Miss Robinson, Miss Williams, Miss Crouse, Miss Austin, Mrs. Stephens and Miss Abbott.

Adjournment.—The conference adjourned at 6 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, January 18, 1909.

Opening.—The conference was called to order at 4 o'clock and two verses of a hymn were sung, the president being in the chair.

Miscellaneous.—Bishop Robinson was present and being able only to stay a few minutes the president called on the secretary of the committee on co-education to read their report (see reports), after which the Bishop said a few words and the conference joined in the discussion. On leaving the Bishop requested the conference to defer action till a further consultation could be held.

Miss Crouse moved that the report be accepted. Mrs. Linzell proposed an amendment to the effect that action on the report be deferred as requested. The amendment prevailed.

Minutes.—The minutes were read and approved.

Reports of Standing Committees (Continued)—

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE—The Marathi examination report was given by Miss Nicholls and accepted; that of the Gujarati was read by Miss Austin and accepted. (See reports).
Miscellaneous.—Mrs. Stephens representing the Finance Committee moved that the treasurer, after securing the approval of the Bishop, be authorized to pay from the treasury a sum of Rs. 60 per month for a period not exceeding three months, to make Dr. Ernsberger in the Colaba Hospital as comfortable as possible until advice be received from home. The motion was carried.

Greetings.—The secretary read a telegraphic reply from the North West India Woman's Conference which was found in 2 Chron. 36: 23.

Miscellaneous.—Mrs. Fisher presented some changes to be inserted in the report of the temperance committee. Dr. Allen moved the acceptance of these changes. Carried. Mrs. Stephens moved that the program committee be requested to provide for an hour each year on the subject of temperance, during the Annual Conference session. The motion was carried.

Miss Nicholls made a motion that we hold another session of the conference on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Carried.

Dr. Allen moved that the Gujarati examination committee be requested to revise the Gujarati course of study for missionaries. Miss Abbott amended this with a motion that the changes suggested by the senior missionary of the committee be authorized and a general revision be made and reported at next conference session. The amendment was carried.

The motion by Mrs. Stephens to extend the time one half hour was carried.

The corresponding secretary was asked to read the last letter received from the Official Correspondent, Mrs. Thompson. The question of paragraph 22 of the bye-laws of the General Executive Committee, to which attention was drawn in the letter from the Official Correspondent, was referred to the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Adjournment.—On motion of adjournment Miss Robinson who was to have led the devotional service closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

Morning Session

Wednesday, January 19, 1909.

Devotional.—The conference opened with a hymn, a few verses of Scripture and prayer, the president being in the chair.

Minutes.—The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Communications.—A letter from Miss Davis sending greetings was read. It was moved and carried that the secretary be instructed to send a suitable reply.

A letter from Miss Ligertwood, convenor of the committee on the proposed joint training college for Marathi women teachers was read, together with a report of the committee. Dr. Allen moved that Miss
Robinson be instructed to write to Miss Ligertwood and say that while we as a conference approve of the scheme we cannot on account of the language difficulty take any definite action here. Carried.

The treasurer reported that the matter about Dr. Ernsberger was brought before the Bishop and met with his approval.

Mrs. Stephens mentioned a letter from Miss Lawson with greetings to the conference; Miss Morgan mentioned one from Miss Holmes; and Mrs. Parker moved that the secretary be asked to send greetings in reply. Carried.

Miss Nicholls reminded the conference of the rule requiring a request to be sent to the home secretaries in regard to the return of missionaries to the field after furlough. Miss Abbott moved that this matter be referred to the resolution committee. It was so referred.

The corresponding secretary was requested to read the letter from the official correspondent. The letter was read.

**Building Committee.**—Mrs. Stephens moved that a building committee be appointed to investigate the property of the society. Dr. Allen proposed to amend the motion to read as follows:—

That in accordance with the advice received from the General Executive Committee we elect a committee of five members, whose duties shall be to secure title deeds, approve extensive repairs, and attend to such other matters as are outlined by the home authorities. The amendment was carried.

Miss Nicholls moved that the nominating committee be instructed to bring nominations for this committee. It was carried.

**Power of Attorney.**—In reference to Government correspondence by Miss Austin, Miss Abbott moved that the conference ask the General Executive Committee to grant the power of attorney for executing trust deeds to the treasurer of the Bombay Woman’s Conference. Carried.

**Cable Address.**—Miss Williams read a letter from Miss Bender desiring the Conference to select a cable address and have it registered. Miss Morgan moved that the Bombay missionaries be asked to select a suitable word and register the address before the minutes are published. Carried.

**Building Committee.**—The nominating committee withdrew and returned with the following nominations as members of the Building Committee:—Lady in charge (of projected building), Miss Williams, Miss Allen, Miss Lawson, Miss Nicholls.

The report was adopted and the committee was elected.

**Co-education.**—Mrs. Hill read a letter from Bishop Robinson about the question of co-educational work.

After a season of prayer the discussion of the report of the committee on co-education was resumed. The hour for adjournment having arrived further discussion was deferred until the next session.

**Adjournment.**—Conference adjourned to meet at four o’clock.
Wednesday, January 19, 1909.

*Devotional.*—The afternoon session of the Woman's Conference came to order with the devotional service led by Mrs. Hill, and Miss Williams led in prayer.

*Minutes.*—The assistant secretary read the minutes which were corrected and approved.

*Co-education.*—Mrs. Linzell moved that the question of co-education be laid on the table. The motion was lost.

Miss Nicholls moved an amendment of the original motion so that it should read as follows:—

> Whereas, in our opinion, owing to inability to secure adequate missionary supervision, as well as for other reasons, the present plan of co-education in Baroda has not proven satisfactory, and,
> Whereas, the plan does not meet the approval of many missionaries of our own mission, as well as of other missions, and,
> Whereas, the Reference Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society strongly disapproves of the plan, therefore,
>
> Resolved, that we recommend the discontinuance of the present plan in Baroda unless suitable supervision be provided, and advise that until favorable conditions exist and approval be secured from the Reference Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, no other such schools be established.

This was carried. The amended resolution was then adopted as a whole.

*Reports.*—Reports of Committees:—

*Memor Committee.*—Miss Crouse read the report which was accepted. (See reports).

*Resolution Committee.*—Mrs. Fox read the report which was accepted. (See reports).

*Welcome.* Miss Morgan moved that we extend a welcome to the following missionaries who have returned during the year:—Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Linzell, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Bishop and Miss Williams. It was so ordered.

*Adjournment.*—After the reading of the minutes the conference closed with the doxology and prayer by Mrs. Hill.

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Reports.

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*Report of the Marathi Woman's Friend.*

When we consider the field of literature to which the women who speak Marathi are confined we are convinced that there is a place for this paper in Western India. For the Christian woman there are the books and tracts
of the religious press; but the Hindu woman has very little taste for and access to these, and if she did have access to them she would very soon exhaust the supply, for the whole stock of readable Christian Marathi literature (that is, anything comparing with the interesting fiction of America and England) may be purchased for about five dollars, and these would not fill two shelves of a book case! We have seen enough of the Marathi novels and works of fiction read by the women of leisure in their homes and especially the young girls out of school, just entering married life, to be shocked and surprised. Imitations of the English "penny dreadfuls" and the stories of crimes we are told are getting to be commonly read by the Marathi women. The husbands of the women teach them to acquire a taste for them and the result will one day be seen in a generation of immoral, godless people if this is allowed to go too far.

We should like to see the paper made more readable and more far reaching. Let each member of this Conference help by subscribing for a few copies that she can use to distribute to high caste Hindu women (for whom the paper is designed), and let her try to get them interested enough to subscribe the small sum of eight or twelve annas a year just to make them feel the paper is theirs. On these conditions a missionary can have four copies for the price of one. Since the beginning of 1909 I have already had two missionary subscribers (not of our mission) who are paying for seventy copies. More than that, will not each one help by sending in an article either already translated or ready to be. This will greatly relieve the Editor of much pressure, though I must say the work gets more and more delightful as one feels how effective an instrument for good this can be made.

A note in "The Bible in the World" says:—"Could we distribute Bibles to the women of India at the rate of twenty thousand a day, we would require seventeen years to hand each woman (of the 125 million women in India) a Bible. The widows would outnumber four cities like London etc."

Of course the Marathi Friend only reaches a limited number of the women of India—the Marathi language representing only about eight million of women speaking one of the great languages of India, but it could meet a very wide spread need if, first missionaries would help in circulating it and, second, if as has been said in a previous report we knew the mind of Indian women, and the language, idiom and poetry, like only one born and bred up in it like they are, well enough to write in such a way as to appeal to them. Translations however good, are spiritless and dead to those who know the living, throbbing heart of the beautiful Marathi language. Free original Marathi and especially if it is in verse expresses their own thought in their own way and cannot help but go farther. So we will wait for a day to come when India's own women can speak to their own in books like Louisa May Alcott or Pansy for instance have spoken to us, and in short stories like Mary Kay and Emily Huntingdon Miller in our own church.

H. E. Robinson.
MISS CURTS.

As our Conference was meeting in Bombay last year our prayers were constantly ascending to the loving Father in behalf of one of our members lying near death’s door. We felt that her life must be spared to the work she loved and for which she was so well equipped both spiritually and intellectually. But He who doeth all things well had larger fields of service and broader visions of opportunity and He translated her while we knew it not.

When the news was wired that Miss Curts was not for the Lord took her we bowed with grief. How could we let her go for it was her deep insight, her keen intellectuality and far sightedness that had inspired us and moved us on when all around seemed dark and despairing. But she had perfect confidence in Him whose she was, and whom she served and nothing ever daunted her.

Miss Kate O. Curts was born in Canada. She was transferred to India in 1895, serving in Wellesley, Naini Tal, in the Girls’ Orphanage, Budaon, and in the Orphanage at Godhra. She was translated in January 1908, and to-day is serving Him in joyfulness and praise beyond all our fondest hopes and thoughts, for she is among those who counted it an honour to serve Him.

CAROLBAI GANNU.

"It was given her to serve," but she had an upward calling and so our sister in Christ, Carolbai Gangu, the loyal wife, the faithful mother, the servant of Christ heard her summons and has left us but to-day she stands with the redeemed ones pleading for India and singing songs of praises to her Saviour.

Margaret D. Crouse.
Mary E. Williams.
Clara Bancroft.


The total enrolment for the year has been one hundred and three. Of this number, twelve have been in the English Department and have come from nine different stations: Simla, Poona, Phalera, Surat, Jhansi, Agra, Darjeeling, Lucknow and Calcutta. One finished her course in May and is doing excellent service in our orphanage in Phalera. Another, who has been with us but a few months, is to work for the Thoburn Memorial Church in Calcutta.

Ninety-one have been enrolled in the Vernacular Department. These represent eight different missions and twenty-two mission stations. Eleven of these have finished the course and almost every one is either now engaged in mission work or, having just finished, will very soon be employed.
The total number is the highest we have ever registered. The proportion of well educated girls is the highest also, and at the same time, the number in the Preparatory Department continues to increase.

The school is the largest of its kind in India and has a great future before it.

Our aim is that every student shall not only know the Bible and how to use it but shall have an experimental knowledge of its deepest truths.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Eva Gregg,
Principal.

Resolution Committee.

Resolved:—

1. That we extend a most cordial welcome to Mrs. Vickery who has so recently joined our conference, also to Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Eldridge who have come to work among us.

2. That we convey to the relatives and friends of Miss Curts, an expression of our deep sympathy with them in the great loss that they, as well as we, have sustained in the death of our beloved sister and fellow-worker.

3. That we extend our loving sympathy to our dear sister, Mrs. A.C. Parker, in her great loss, and assure her that our prayers shall follow her for comfort and guidance as she returns to the home land.

4. That we extend to our dear sisters Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Vardon our loving sympathy in the sad bereavements through which they have been called to pass in the sudden removal by death of their precious little ones from the family circles.

That we express our heartfelt sympathy with our brothers, Rev. Gangu Dhanjibhai, and Mr. D. Osborne, in the loss by death, of their beloved companions.

That we record our thankfulness to God for the restoration to health, after serious illness, of our sisters Mrs. Park, and Miss Morgan.

5. That we request the return to India after expiration of their furloughs, the following ladies of the W F. M. S., now in the homeland or soon to go home: Miss C. Lawson, Mrs. S. W Eddy, Miss A. Holmes, Miss J. Davis, and Miss H. E. Robinson.

6. That we believe the missionaries could and should do more than is now being done for the advancement of the cause of Temperance in this land and especially within our conference boundaries.

7. That we congratulate our program committee on the profitable as well as pleasant entertainment they have secured for our Conference Sessions.

8. That we sincerely thank our missionaries of Baroda for their kind hospitality and excellent arrangements for our comfort during this Conference.

E. H. W Fox.
Effie Fisher.
Mrs. G. W. Park.
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Temperance Committee.

We are glad to report some advance along the line of Temperance both in the English and Marathi work, but owing to lack of literature in Gujarati while courageous efforts have been made not much has been accomplished. However we do feel that much more needs to be done, and that as Christian women educated and grounded in temperance principles we are hardly living up to our duty.

Therefore we urge:

1st. That each missionary supply herself with temperance catechisms and literature for distribution.

2nd. That temperance be taught in all our schools, and particularly that instruction be regularly given on the evil effects of alcohol in the human system.

3rd. That Temperance Sunday be observed, and that there be a public temperance meeting held during district conference or during the year.

Effie G. Fisher.
Glenora G. Hill.

Examination Committee.

Gujarati.—First year.—Dr. Allen passed in First and Second Gujarati Readers and in John’s Gospel.

Second year.—Miss Crouse passed in First and Second Gujarati Readers.

Third year.—Miss Bailey passed in Forth Gujarati Reader, Third English Reader, Acts of the Apostles and Mahomet and Islam read, completing the Third year.

Miss Austin passed in Psalms.

Fourth year.—Miss Monroe passed in Psalms.

Marathi.—2nd. year. Mrs. Scholberg passed in the annual conference course of study.

Third year.—Miss Robinson passed in Third English Reader, thus completing the course.

BOMBAY DISTRICT

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... MRS. ELLEN H. W. FOX.

Immediately on arrival in Poona, January, 10th 1908, I took up work in the school, though not as Principal, as I had expected, owing to the fact that Mrs. Eddy’s health had so markedly improved as to remove the necessity for her immediate departure. She remained till May 31st. In the meantime I was engaged in teaching, and also, as time and opportunity
Chapel and Upper Class Room, Taylor High School.
offered, participated in, and thus became acquainted with the duties and responsibilities that were soon to fall to my lot as Principal. The hot weather vacation, especially, was spent in getting ready for the remainder of the year.

It affords us pleasure to be able to report steady and encouraging progress in all directions throughout the year. The numbers, including day scholars and boarders, have risen from 65 to 82, the boarders, from 44 to 54. These are the highest figures yet reached in the Girl's School. The increase in numbers, while gratifying, is, also, in a sense, embarrassing, emphasizing, as it does, the imperative need of increased accommodation, furniture, etc., as well as an increase in the teaching staff.

The results of the Annual Examinations for promotions, held in September, were extremely pleasing; very few, comparatively, being kept back in their old standard, most of the pupils who had attended the school during the greater part of the year, obtaining our high passing mark of 75, while numbers secured 80 and above. The failures were chiefly among those who had entered school late in the year, or who had been absent owing to illness, which latter cause was confined to day scholars chiefly. The health of the boarders has been exceptionally good throughout the year, which is cause for sincere thanksgiving.

The passes in the Art School Examination, including the First, Second and Third Grades, were very creditable, giving us a grant of Rs. 70 which would have been larger except for the fact that some of those who passed were above the prescribed age.

In the All India Sunday School Examination, all the candidates from our School earned certificates.

In the matriculation or High School Examination held in November last all our five candidates passed.

I may mention here that five of our teaching staff received their education in the Taylor High School, and all are still pursuing studies in various branches, thus qualifying themselves for more effective service in the educational line.

The appearance of the compound has been greatly improved by the removal of the unsightly line of Servants' Quarters formerly situated midway between the two main buildings, and the erection, in their stead, of the new line of servants' quarters, kitchen and dhobie's room, on the east side of the compound. To Mrs. Eddy belongs the credit of these beneficial changes, as well as many other improvements. In every building, including the new out houses, all the rooms on the ground floor, are paved with Shahabad stones. From a sanitary point of view this is of immense advantage.

Notwithstanding Mrs. Eddy's departure, the School, though losing the presence of a personality of high intellectual and spiritual power, still retains the impress of her life and character, as well as an abiding interest in her prayers and efforts.

In 1888 Miss Blanche Carey matriculated from the Taylor High School and for the 20 years since has served the school in the capacity of teacher—part of the time as Head Mistress—with unflagging devotion and increasing efficiency. Her marriage, on December 16th 1908, left a
vacancy in the school most difficult to fill, but the work is the Lord's, and though the workers, however valuable, drop out from time to time, yet He provides others to continue what has been begun. In this instance, we have cause for thankfulness in the fact that we have been able to secure a teacher in Miss Carey's place, who, we believe, will prove the right person in the right place.

Mrs. Grove, who joined the staff in October, 1907, has made herself useful in many ways. She has taken the Scripture and Domestic Science lessons in nearly all the standards, and has also rendered valuable service in the office as well as in the capacity of general assistant, looking well after various interests of the school too numerous to mention.

In September the school sent a box of exhibits, consisting of maps, drawings, painting, needle-work, and kindergarten work, to Nagpur for the Educational Department of the Central Provinces Exhibition.

This report would be incomplete without some reference to the spiritual condition of those who are entrusted to our care. If we fail in the development of the spiritual and moral nature of our pupils, we fall short of our high privilege and duty as teachers. That the Spirit of God has been working in our midst, has been plainly manifest, and we are thankful to be able to say that some of the children have responded to the Divine promptings. On several occasions in our meetings with them, numbers have broken down with contrition, made humble confessions, and taken a decided stand for Christ.

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Deaconess ... ... ... ... MRS. HARRIET L. R. GROVE.

Another year is gone, and as we come into 1909, we have very much for which to praise God, for he has abundantly blessed us in our work, far more than we could ask or think. The students of our school have enjoyed good health, there having been no serious illness among them. My work throughout the year has been "subject teaching"—Scripture, Domestic Science, etc. Besides this I have assisted in the office work. I have enjoyed my work and have been blessed in it, but, as it is said, "an open confession is good for the soul"; I must confess that I much prefer to do the visiting deaconess work, the work I have always loved to do, and I am more and more convinced that the Lord wants me to do that work. My one desire is to do my very best in whatever work and place the dear Lord would have me. We were greatly rejoiced when our matriculation class, five in number, successfully passed in all their subjects, one is a bright native girl from the "Mukti" Mission, under Pundita Ramabai, and we feel that she has done great credit, not only to our school, but also, to the mission which she represents. She is now teaching Latin in that Mission School and helping Pundita Ramabai in her work of translating a portion of Young's Analytical Bible into Marathi.

The boys of our school have been awakened as to their spiritual needs, and some of them have definitely given their hearts to God. For all this we most humbly praise Him and are trusting that all may come to know that Lord, until not one is left without the fold. May the prayers of God's people be lifted to Him, especially for the accomplishment of this work
among the children, for "Prayer is the inward process which removes barriers, and brings the ocean of God into the landlocked bay."

THE WILLIAM TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH
BYCULLA, BOMBAY

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... MRS. C. B. HILL.

As we look back over the record of the past year at the William Taylor Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, our hearts are full of gratitude.

Our work is comparatively a recent one, for the church was only completed two years ago; but it is pre-eminently a young people's church.

The Sunday School has a most enthusiastic superintendent, and I am sure that all who look into the bright happy faces of the scholars, who come out each Sunday, recognize great possibilities in it. We aim to enroll 300 members in our school, and we have over 200, at present. In most of the centers where we have English work there are boarding schools; but we have no boarders to swell our numbers. The children all come from the homes around us. At our Christmas Tree each member of the school received a Bible, with his or her name upon it in gilt letters, and we aim to be known as Bible Christians. There are Bible classes for adults, and a normal teacher's class, as well as a well organized primary department.

During the year a special effort has been made to reach the young men of the vicinity, with good results. A reading room is provided for them where they can spend their evenings profitably, and a social meeting on Sunday nights, is often attended by as many as sixty-five young men.

It is our effort to make the boys and girls, as well as the older people, feel that their church takes an interest in every part of their life, and the young people are invited to make the large compound back of the church their play ground on week evenings. There tennis, badminton, pingpong, and other healthful recreation is provided for them.

On the first Sunday morning of each month a children's service is held, when the church is well filled.

Through the Epworth League we seek to develop the intellectual, and social, as well as the devotional life of the young people. Among other activities they hold a monthly service at the Seamen's Rest.

The attendance of a Sunday night is good.

We make house to house visitation and personal work a large feature of our work.

So we seek to follow him, for whom our church is named, as he followed Christ. "He was a living monument of the fact that the most vigorous and vital piety can and should exist with the plainest of strong common sense. He stood for a holiness that reached as high as heaven, and at the same time could go down in sympathy to find the lowest of lost souls."
Missionary ... ... ... ... ... Mrs. W H. Butterfield.

When we were once again posted to Igatpuri for the tenth time, in 1907, I felt greatly discouraged and had a feeling to let the work drift so far as I was concerned and to take no interest in anything, but that feeling passed off when I realized that the work was God's and he had need of us, or He would not have sent us back. God has been with us. Financially considered, we have great reason to rejoice. The people have been very liberal in giving towards our "Children's Day" collections and we hope to be equally successful in the coming year.

In the months of August, September and October, I visited Bhosawal, Bangalore, Hubli, Lanowli and Poona in connection with our new project, the reconstruction of our church, and I praise God that in these three months, I was able to collect in cash and pledges, about Rs. 500 which, added to the sum we had in hand, amounts to nearly Rs. 3,000.

While we lift up our hearts in gratitude to God for the financial blessings which have come to us, we have still greater reason to praise Him for spiritual blessings bestowed. Three persons have during the year on different occasions, come out on the Lord's side. I pray that during the new year, we may have more and more conversions.

KARACHI

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... Mrs. Fawcett Shaw.

After many years of absence we were sent here last May for a second term of service in the Karachi English Church. We soon found that apart from the civil community amongst whom we count many old friends, the Wesleyans, Soldiers and their families, need a good share of our interest and time.

The "Soldier's Institute," with the oversight of the practical details which go to make it a "Home for those away from home," has made the care of it a large indent on time and strength. We have felt that it must not degenerate into a mere convenience to minister to their bodily necessities but prove a means to an end, to win them, through the opportunities afforded, for Christ. In connection with this side of the work, there have been birthday parties, a Christmas dinner and picnics got up at the expense and wish of those who desired Christian Society and a really happy helpful time "Away from Barracks." We may also mention two home weddings during the cold season, when the big Trooper "Dongola" brought out forty odd brides to be married in Karachi. A few of these marriages took place in our Church, but two of them, coming from Christian homes, in the "Old Country," desired the atmosphere and the sacredness of a home, to be married from. Then there are the pleasant Sunday Evenings, and the Social and Recreation Club. In all these undertakings our daughter has been our right hand helper. Very soon we found that a Bible class for men became imperative, and this has indeed proved a spiritual blessing to many, conductor and students alike. There has been an average attendance of 13 throughout the year but very often we have had 22 present. The Gospel of St. Mark has been systematically
The First Normal Training Class, Baroda.
Miss Creuse and Treachers, Baroda.
studied. Many of these men have left us, for home and other parts of India, but our hearts have been cheered by letters telling us of blessings received by the study of God's word. Necessarily, we have visited amongst the wives of the married men and out of this grew the organization of a weekly meeting down in the barracks for them, since some could not leave home and duties to come away to Church regularly. Permission was obtained from the Colonel to use the infant school-room and these meetings have proved an outlet for the interest and helpfulness of some of our Church people as well as a means of bringing a little of fresh interest and we trust spiritual help into the lives of those dear women whose lot in a strange country is often difficult and dull. Apart from this side of the work, there has been a Bible class for young ladies in the English Sunday School and the care of the Spiritual Department of the Epworth league. We have not been able to visit much outside of our community and those at long distances from our Church and home but we have endeavoured to keep in touch with all our Church folk as far as strength and health has permitted.

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GUJERAT DISTRICT

BARODA GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... Miss M. D. Crouse.

The year has been marked with splendid successes. Our girls are truly growing. There has been some opposition to American Methods of push and accomplishment but as the old darkey sang 'Jus push dem clouds away' we have pushed on and clouds have disappeared as tho by magic.

The inspector was highly gratified with the work done in the vernacular school and sixteen girls completed the course. These were formed into a Normal class and we had the joy of beholding our potential trained teachers from among our own girls. As the majority of these girls are under fourteen years of age and their horizon is not dimmed by marriage possibilities, we expect to have in the future our own trained unmarried teachers. Now the next thing we need is a Normal Graduate to supervise the work of this class.

The co-educational High and Middle School speaks for itself. The work has not been gratifying to the pupils nor to the teachers nor to the inspector. Perhaps another year will produce better results, but the past year the girls have not done their usual good work and none passed the final examination. That some work was going on however we are assured but it was rather coo-ed than co-ed for the girls have all made their own wedding arrangements and it has been with difficulty that they have been kept in school. We are trusting that co-ed for our Baroda girls will be done away with.

The Industrial school has decreased in numbers and will decrease as the years roll by, for the famine girls who constituted this school are growing into women and going out into homes of their own so with the close of
the year the class numbers eight and two of these are engaged to be
married—one to a pastor and one to a butler.

The girls are growing spiritually. As I look back over the two years
I have been with them I find much for which to praise His name. There
are girls who can always be relied on to help in any way they can—to lead
a meeting, to substitute for an absent teacher, to make and mend clothing
for the little ones, to save the Miss Sahib, to glorify their Master. I have
in mind one girl, Louise, who as I now recall was the first girl brought to
me for punishment. A little stick served to make an understanding be-
tween us and to-day Louise is one of my stand bys. She is engaged to be
married now and reminds me what a bad girl she used to be. She has
been regenerated I truly believe.

The kind Father tries His children in many ways but how often we
can look back and praise him for the hard places and the testings. And
if in the past year we have helped one of his little ones to gain a vision we
will praise Him for enabling us to labor among them in weariness and
labor and joy and pain and suffering and rejoicing and ask for nothing
more than another year of service for Him.

FLORENCE B. NICHOLSON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... MRS. A. A. PARKER.

I sit to day pen in hand, hesitating to make a report. This has been
such a busy year, I have attempted so much and seemingly accomplished
so little.

After Miss Curts' death, Miss Holmes' home going, and the transfer of
Miss Austin from the Evangelistic to School work, I was given the
oversight of four circuits. With this village work and my regular School
duties, and numerous other little things my time has been divided.

Of course the Woman's School has claimed first attention. We feel
that the School is each year gaining ground. The two women who last
year began the theological course with their husbands, have passed their
second year's examinations with credit. The seven young women who
this year began the same course have done well, all having passed, except
one who failed in one subject only.

Most of the women in the Evangelistic Department are farther advanc-
ed than formerly, as almost all of them are wives of theological men, but
who are not themselves quite far enough along to take up this work.
We only had four beginning women in the school last year.

The Department for the help of the Mission Workers has been kept
up all the year with an average of from six to ten women in every six or
eight weeks. There have been enrolled in the three departments this year
one hundred women. There will be more regular students this coming
year than ever before.

The four circuits that came to me in the re-arrangement have had to be
worked mostly from the office, but I have been out enough to understand
why those in the Evangelistic work are so in love with the village work.
I have greatly appreciated this opportunity of seeing the people in their
Mrs. Parker and Her Training School, Baroda.
Soon to be Married, Godhra.
own villages, and feel that I shall better know how to help prepare the women for their work.

The year opens before us with brighter prospects for more concentrated effort, but what ever comes I want to be found,

"Walking as one to pleasant service led,
Doing God’s will as if it were my own,
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength alone."

GODHRA GIRLS’ ORPHANAGE.

Missionary … … … … … Miss Laura F Austin

Our school at Godhra suffered a great loss at the beginning of the year in the death of its faithful missionary Miss Curts. She was called to lay down her work with many of her plans unfinished, but the Father saw best to take her to Himself even though there was still much she wished to do. We have tried to carry on the work where she laid it down, and the Father who removed the worker has not left the work without His blessing.

During the year the beautiful new school building has been completed and is now being used, and other projected plans for repairs are being carried out. When these are finished our property at Godhra will be in good shape and will facilitate good work among the girls both in their home and in their school life.

The school has made one advance over previous years in that the Sixth Standard has been taught throughout the year, thus making the course taught the full course of study for Gujarati Primary Schools for girls. Seven girls were successful in the examination, and received certificates for the completion of this course. The Deputy Educational Inspector reported favourably on the year’s work and recommended that the grant-in-aid be increased.

There are now about two hundred girls living in our dormitories whose ages range from three and a half to twenty years. During the year nine new girls have joined our ranks, eight have been taken from us by death, and sixteen have been married. Five of these have married men who are this year to work in the villages as pastor teachers, four married students of the Theological School and are also studying in this school, five have married boys trained in industrial work at Nadiad and Baroda and who now occupy positions as teachers and helpers in these same schools. The other two have married day laborers. This list gives a fair idea of what becomes of the girls whom we care for in our schools. We trust that each may form a center of Christian influence in her home.

Three of our girls are representatives of many others who we hope will be able to have a more thorough education and training. They have been attending the Female Training College for teachers in Ahmedabad. One has finished two of the three years in the course of study.

We pray that the Father’s richest blessings may rest upon these girls whom He has given us to care for, and that He will guide in every plan made in their interest.
Another year has passed and we once more attempt to write a report, but how impossible it is to tell all God has done for us.

We feel very thankful for the health given us to carry on the work which has been entrusted to our care.

A kind friend from home sent us money for a tent, which has made itinerating a real joy.

We pitch our tent under some shady tree just outside the village, and feel we are not an imposition on our workers, as formerly, when they felt to be hospitable they must give their own room to us and sleep outside themselves.

We get up early in the morning, often leaving the tent at day-break in order to reach some distant village before the people leave for their day's work.

The people listen attentively and many have given up idol worship and are seeking the true God.

We have not had so many baptisms as formerly as more time has been spent in trying to teach those who have given up idolatry to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Living in their midst has enabled us to know their needs as we have never known them before. Many are poor, ignorant people who cannot read, and must depend entirely upon what is told them by the missionary, the teacher, or the Bible woman, whose work covers such a territory that it is impossible for them to give any one person proper attention.

We have been able to help many who were ill with the simple remedies we carry with us. So many bright little children die in India for the want of a little timely care. When they are ill, the parents often make no effort to give them special attention and they soon pass away.

There are few large families in this part of India.

Our village schools are sometimes a problem. We long to see the bright little girls educated, but the average father and mother are not greatly concerned about them and often say: 'What is the use of educating them, they will soon marry.' They are more willing to send the boys to school and although our schools are for girls, we cannot say no to the boys who have a desire to come, and have quite a number of their bright faces on the verandas of the mud huts where our teachers live, learning to read and write, also being taught our Christian songs, ten commandments, and other parts of the Bible. We trust it is a beginning of great things for them and that some day they will be able to carry the message to others.

It was a pleasure to visit the girls who were brought up in the Godhra and Baroda schools in their village life. When they were married they seemed so young and inexperienced we could not help wondering what they would do in the villages surrounded by heathenism, but they are real shining lights. Their homes are the cleanest in the village and it is surprising how soon they win the love of the women about them.

We travelled over several miles of road which was almost impassable, to reach a village where one of the Godhra girls was working and she and
Little Sisters, Godhra.
New School House, Godhra.
her husband came out with beaming faces to welcome us, and invited us into their home, and what do you suppose it was like? A little room made of sticks woven together, on one end of a veranda. The only available place in the village. There was just room enough for their bed and two boxes which held their household goods, but there had not been one word of complaint. Above the door was written; "God is Love." I said to her, later in the day, "Devalibai, you never told me you had such a poor house in which to live?" She laughingly replied: "Yes it is bad, but we are happy, we are doing the Lord's work." What an example she is. Unselfishly doing the Lord's work.

The year has closed with all of its triumphs and failures, the new year has begun with its many possibilities. May God give us strength both spiritually and physically to carry out His plans.

GUJARAT VILLAGE EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Missionary...... MISS CORA MORGAN.

This year has been very different from the one planned and hoped for in the beginning, but God has been so near and His love so tender that I praise Him for every experience that has brought us nearer to Him. After six months away from the work on account of illness I rejoice to return to the loved field and thank God for the privilege of serving a little longer here.

At the beginning of the year we began touring in the villages and worked until the last of April when the hot season begins. In February Miss Holmes after seven years in India went on furlough, leaving only one missionary in Nadiad with nine circuits to supervise. On her return from her summer vacation Miss Bailey took charge of the day schools in Nadiad and looked after the details of the work there and Mrs. Parker took charge of the Circuit work until Miss Williams returned from furlough in September. This was just the beginning of the itinerating season and during these last three months as she has so efficiently taken up the work she has been an inspiration both to the Missionaries and the Bible women. Surely God has sent her to this needy work.

With returning health we begin this new year with many hopes and with prayers for another year of service for our sisters in India.

The Whitney Memorial Home is almost completed and we expect in a few weeks to be sheltered in it enjoying the comforts of a real home which mean so much in this land, and for which we are so thankful to you.

GUJARAT VILLAGE EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Missionary ...... MISS M. E. WILLIAMS.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his goodness toward me? (Psalm 116:12). After a delightful and profitable furlough during which the reward of 'a hundred-fold in this life' was continually realised, I again take up the work I love with renewed zeal, a stronger faith and a deeper, truer love for God, and the people of India.
Arriving the latter part of September I was appointed to evangelistic work, for on account of the absence of Miss Holmes on furlough and Miss Morgan's most serious illness, and the death of our beloved Miss Curts, there was no W F M. S. missionary for the evangelistic work of the district in which our friends of the Columbia River branch and others are so interested.

With the help of our proficient assistants, Miss Bailey and Miss Monroe, we at once began itinerating in the villages around Nadiad, and then visited all of our chief centres holding meetings with the workers to get a general insight of the work before our District Conference. During these days we had the privilege of attending a series of meetings conducted by one of our preachers, Uka Kalidas, who during the last year had been wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit. He is a real evangelist and our hearts rejoice to see how God is using him among his own people.

District Conference over, we pack our surrys for a long campaign, using the two conveyances. Roll after roll of bedding, lunch baskets, beds, a box of medicine, and one of books and tracts, picture rolls, and cooking utensils, are stored away, and as if of a very secondary importance, a box or two of clothing are added; and then to complete the outfit, the drivers add their belongings with a sack of grain and a bundle of grass. At last we are off laughing at the sight we present and with gladness in our hearts as we anticipate the privileges before us. Arriving at Kapadvanj, walled Mahomedan city, twenty-seven miles from Nadiad, and one of our centres for Christian work, we unload at our preacher's home and begin our work. Starting in opposite directions each surry visits two or three villages a day, as the roads are bad and the villages are usually far apart. In a few days or a week we move on to another city, which is a good centre, then to another, coming home once in a while for supplies, until we have completed the tour of our nine circuits visiting all the villages where we have Christians, and many others in each circuit.

In nearly every place we are gladly received and find the people anxious to learn. They usually come together in large numbers and of various castes to hear us. If no worker is in the village it is usual for them to ask that one be sent as soon as possible. The caste people are courteous, often listening with great interest, and at the close of the services taking portions of the Scripture to study. In one village after meeting with the Christians and others I made my way into the surry to go home, but found it surrounded by possibly one hundred high caste people, to whom my driver had been preaching, and had promised them and others a sermon on my return. Using pictures on the life of Christ, we had a most profitable service in which the women were specially interested. In our meetings we are interested in watching those who are real Christians. Their faces light up as they hear the truth and devoutly they nod assent, or praise the Lord in real Methodist fashion. A blind man wandered into our meeting, and as we spoke he listened as only the blind can listen. We invited him to sing and play on his native instrument for us and to our surprise, he sang composing the words as he proceeded, the message we had given him. Joyfully he received portions of Scriptures saying "I
will have my brother read to me all day long’’ The seed had fallen into good ground. As we spoke in another meeting, explaining a song on the suffering of Christ for us, a man turned to the leader and said, ‘‘Miss Sahib, was his suffering really for me; does he really love me?’’ On being told it was really for him, his face lighted up with a new joy in his acceptance of Jesus as his Saviour.

During the three months of service we have seen sinners saved, numbers of backsliders reclaimed, the hunger and thirst after righteousness satisfied, the longings for holiness realized in the blessing of a clean heart, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for service. Our marked victories have been among the teachers, preachers, and Bible women. They are usually teachable, and often we find them hungering after righteousness. At Kathlal in charge of the circuit is a preacher, who is a graduate of the Boy’s School at Baroda, and whose wife came from the Girl’s School in Baroda. We found Dhurabhai and his wife longing for the gift of the Holy Spirit of which he had been studying. We taught him by the Spirit’s help and after a tremendous battle with the evil one, first the preacher himself and then Jivibai our Bible woman surrendered their all to Jesus and were filled with the Spirit of God. Later many of the preachers and teachers of the circuit were likewise cleansed and anointed with power from on high for service. In another place where Satan had been doing his best among our preachers and Bible women, the Spirit was present in power to convict of sin. In deep sorrow with groanings and tears, they confessed their sins one to another and to God, and continuing in earnest prayer until the small hours of the night, a number were gloriously saved, others filled with the Spirit, and in the meeting which followed many were greatly blessed.

We praise God for the beginnings of a good year among our workers. We have been led to see that they are our first charge, for through the Indian people themselves, must the land of India be won to Christ.

BARODA MEDICAL WORK.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... Miss Belle J. Allen.

‘‘Religion is not a method, it is a life, a higher and supernatural life, mystical in its root and practical in its fruits; a communion with God, a calm and deep enthusiasm, a love which radiates, a force which acts, a happiness which over flows. (Amiel.)’’

Passing a second mile-stone, a student, in a strange country, learning, as often how not to do, as how and what to do, necessarily obtains a view of mission work which varies, as conditions and needs are apprehended. The degree of apprehension may be measured by experience; now the unspeakable need in the more material, visible things; now, below the surface, the immeasurably greater ethical spiritual need is apprehended like a great silent under-current of hopelessness,.........unless for the cleansing, drawing, transforming power of the Cross of Jesus.
One feels dumb when trying to voice the need, and longs for the strongest and best equipped men and women who come with "the fire of spiritual life, and the dynamic power of knowledge to these nightlands." Miss Knowles sounded a keynote of need in her appeal at the General Executive Meeting, for specially trained workers, and it is no less true in the medical than in the school and Evangelistic work.

The preparation at home, however thorough, is not sufficient. Problems peculiar to the land, the people, the language, the climate, social customs, the adapting of Occident to Orient require time, place, environment, to master and complement the home training; and such a co-operative plan, perhaps interdenominational, would add, immeasurably, to the effectiveness of the worker, not to mention the quality of the work, as every missionary, worthy of the name, will admit.

The year has been much broken and the work varied. More of the time has been spent in preparing for the future than in meeting present needs.

After a vain effort to combine medical work and language study, and finding that an office worker, or a teacher, or a business man might have regular hours, a doctor may have none, unless, he ascend in a balloon! travel incognito, or leave the place where he is known.

The work was left without any provision for assistants, and no one suitable could be found, trained either medically or in the vernacular to undertake work, which, of all kinds, needs accuracy and fluency of speech; these facts together with the deep seated conviction, that without the language, one could only fulfil half the commission to teach and heal, the decision, to give undivided attention to the language study was made, though not without a sense of the inevitable cost of such a plan. It has been followed as faithfully as though all the time had been spent at the operating table, hence little has been done which would make an "interesting" report; for, except for the goal, the learning a, b, c’s, and wrestling with strange characters, in reading, writing, spelling and translating are not themselves, inspiring. Comfort has been found in that assurance in the word that "it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful," and this is true whether it be stewardship in the active, outward, seen energies or in the silent, unseen stewardship of time, where only the Father knoweth. In mere wayside work, 822 prescriptions have been made, and Rs. 220 received in fees and donations. Patients have been among Brahmans, Mohammedans, Christian converts, and fellow missionaries.

Co-operation has been difficult to secure though where this was possible, results have been most gratifying. One very difficult, almost hopeless case, after spending hours in the battle with Eclampsia, and doing subsequently a Perineorrhaphy, next day went out and removed the sutures, herself! Another, an old chronic case, threw away the medicine after two doses, because the foreign medicine did not work a miracle! Hosts of people, sick or well, have an enslaving fear of spirits which are supposed to swarm about at night, and for self-protection, sleep with heads covered,
Mrs. Wm. Butler Hospital, Baroda
entirely shutting out pure air. No amount of advice or reason, request or command makes impression deep enough to effect a change.

The sweetest joy the year brought has been the privilege of being an
Joy
instrument of helping fellow-workers back to health.

The most poignant grief, to stand hopeless, working and hoping
Grief
against hope, to defeat the fell destroyer.

Next to this, the delay in the completion of the Hospital building. There it stands, in its unfinished, unusable condition, ten thousand dol-

lars worth of brick, mortar, wood, stone, and labor and of no use to any
one. The building superintendent says that it will take six months and
as much more money as has already been expended, to complete it; and it
is difficult to understand why this delay must come unless it be to exer-
cise our faith that "all things do work together for good."

The place for medical work in missions at this period of observation,
seems to be either that of a self-supporting or a pioneer

work. The poorest seem to be able to pay something, and
the wage earner surely can do so.

(1) A large per cent of the ills from which people suffer are due to
Instruction
ignorance or superstition. A new born babe, immediately
on its entrance into the world, must have the "Birth ceremony" performed.

This is one of twelve purificatory rites prescribed by Manu, supposed
to purify from original or rather natural sin. Honey and clarified butter
are mixed together and stirred if possible with a golden rod or spoon, to
symbolize good fortune. Then a small portion of the mixture is introduc-
ed into the mouth of the new-born infant and certain texts repeated with
the following prayer:—"O long lived one, mayest thou live a hundred
years in this world, protected by the gods!"—that the stomach of the
small traveller is not yet ready for starch and fat, and that his chances for
long life are reduced instead of enhanced, by such a procedure, is simply
not believed. Even our older Christians, educated, one mother having
had three years in a medical school, cling to this. Mothers need teaching,
line upon line, about the care of bodies and babies, purity, cleanliness of
mind and spirit, as preventive measures.

(2) Two English women holding certificates from General Hospitals
and having had wide experience, will be ready to join us

Nurses Training
when the Hospital is ready, one of whom will open a
training class for nurses, and aid in the general work.

The other will have charge of the obstetrical work, if all goes well. But
however successful the work from the professional stand point, that medici-
work is a failure on the mission field, which does not do its share in

brining India to know the Christ.

(3) What Dr. Griffith John, after fifty-two years in China, says of
China's need, is equally true of India. "The great need

An Evangelizing
Agency
of China to-day is vital religion. What the Chinese need
above all else is a heavenly unifying principle that will
infuse a new moral and spiritual life into the nation, a mighty power that
shall transform them in their innermost being, a Divine inspiration that
shall create within their own breasts aspirations after holiness and eternal
life. In other words apart from Christianity, I can see no hope for
China. All who know and love India best will agree to this and recognize it to be her very climax of need, for that supernatural life which is mystical in its root, but practical in its fruits.

Would that every follower of the first missionary would take this active definite share in work for India, by intercessory prayer,—far more difficult than holding church fairs, or going to meetings, or attending conventions, or even preaching, and, if the Great Physician's example means anything, than all these more effective! Dr. Hudson Taylor once said: "Each worker for Christ, in his own particular sphere, meets with many valleys and mountains, crooked places and rough ones, which God alone can deal with. Let him rejoice, not only that God's power is equal to the occasion, but also, that there are difficulties of such a nature as to make the putting forth of that power, a visible and notable thing."

MARATHI DISTRICT

BOMBAY EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... ... E. W. NICOLLS.

It is with praise and thankfulness we commence our report for the year just closed.

When we began the work in 1908 we were decidedly short handed, but the workers that were here stood faithfully at their post, and God's strength was made perfect in weakness.

In spite of difficulties our work has grown, the people of high class as well as low are eager to have us visit them, the need is greater than the supply.

In all, over 25,000, women and children have been brought under the sound of the Gospel.

Our workers are daily found in the home of the Mahommedan, Beni-Israel, Brahmin, Parsee, besides many of the middle and low caste people.

About three years ago when plague was raging in Bombay many of our high caste Hindu people moved temporarily out of the city. Some went into the segregation camps built by Government on the sea shore; we found our way to these camps and after some difficulty gained entrance to several homes. In one of these we found a most interesting family—there was the grand mother, such a dear little woman, the servant of all the rest, for, was she not a widow! then came two or three daughters-in-law, bright little children, full of life and fun. But one day all was dark, for, sickness had entered, one of the sons lay very low, dying; the doctor said. We were allowed in, and rather unwillingly allowed to pray God heard that prayer, the crisis passed, the boy lived. The grand mother always said—it was the missionaries' prayer. From that day we have been welcome visitors and never allowed to leave the home without
prayer. During the last monsoon (rainy season) our old lady was
quite sick, inflammatory rheumatism set in, she suffered intensely.
Although this was a Brahmin family with considerable amount of wealth,
she, being a widow, was given only a mattress on which to lie, with only
very scanty clothing. For many years she had lived on only one meal a
day (the amount allowed to a widow) therefore very little reserve strength.
We made every effort to get her warmly clad, and proper medical attend-
dance, but all was very little use, her only comfort was our visits. One
day she looked into my face and pitifully said "Tell me where I shall go
when I die. I'm only an old widow, no-one will want me." We read a few
verses from John 14, explained over and over again that Jesus wanted her
so much as to die for her, and now He was preparing a place and would
soon come and take her. Then pathetically she asked, "Won't He forget me?
I'm only an old woman." "No," He loves you too much to forget you,
"Ask Him." We then prayed, she folded her hands, prayed with me,
a light broke over the wan face, as she looked up and said "He won't
forget me, I'm sure now." A few days after this the Bible woman called,
she said, "It's alright, He won't forget me; I'm going to be with Jesus,
the Miss Sahib said so." Shortly after she passed away, the friends said,
"so peaceably." She was burned according to Hindu rites, never baptized,
but at rest in the Home prepared for her.

Now let us turn from the Hindu to the Parsee, a different people,
different religion, different language, yet, part of this great cosmopolitan
city. Of Persian origin, Zoroastrian in faith, eager in the pursuit of
knowledge, everything that belongs to the Western world, save, that of
Christianity, and to that, they stand most bitterly opposed. God has
given us a work to do amongst this people. Fifteen years ago, our
own Mrs. Bhimjibhoy after twenty years of bitter opposition was brought
to the feet of the Saviour. From that time she has been one of the most
faithful witnesses to the saving power of Jesus Christ, filled with a warm
love for her own people, is ever eager in telling the story of salvation
through Jesus. In one of these homes lived a bright interesting Parsee
lady. For sometime she had greatly appreciated the visits of Mrs. Bhimji-
bhoy, but deep down the desire was to learn English. She therefore
found her way quite often to the bungalow, and we read English to-
gether, always beginning and ending with prayer. She would often say,
"I believe Jesus is the Saviour, but, it would be impossible to ever become
a Christian." However, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to
perform" and through much darkness led His child out into clear light.
It was last April, the time of the Convention at Lanowli. Mrs. Sorabjee
begged me to find a place for her; she wished to go in order to meet her
little daughter who was in school in a town not far distant; after consider-
able difficulty a room was secured, and she with Mrs. Bhimjibhoy went to
Lanowli. The meetings there were truly helpful but all in English which
Mrs. Sorabjee did not understand. On the Sunday morning the Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper was observed, at that time she expressed a desire to
confess Christ and before the whole congregation confessed to her faith in
Jesus. It was that afternoon the real work was done in the tent on the
side of the hill; she came, saying, people said she must give up her sacred
cord (custi); why was this? The Holy Spirit led to the passage of Scripture and as she read He began to convict. We then knelt in prayer, she fell on her face and cried most earnestly to God. He heard, and in a few moments prayer was changed to praise, the face was illuminated, as she said, "I have life now, how wonderful! Then she quietly untied the sacred cord and handed it to me saying, "This is a dead religion; I do not want it; but I will take the sign of the Christian religion," and, in the evening before all she was baptised with her little daughter. Her little son being in Bombay at the time was removed from a Parsee school, baptised and placed in our "Taylor High school" with his sister; so, as the husband is dead, the whole family are Christian.

This we believe is only the earnest of what God means to do in Bombay. High class work is hard, but, God is able for it, the battle is His not ours.

Mrs. Sorabjee is now living in the bungalow with us; she is truly going on with God and is bright, happy, and cheerful.

On the eve of Miss Robinson's departure on furlough to America, I cannot close this report without tendering a vote of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for remembering the need which the place left vacant has caused, in sending to us one who already knows the language, and from years of experience well acquainted with the people to whom she will minister. We extend a most hearty welcome to Miss Abbott.

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BOMBAY CITY SCHOOLS.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... H. E. ROBINSON.

The work of the past year has been the slowest but it has been the happiest year of work thus far in Bombay. It has been marked with the effort to get the building for the school in West Agripada more on its way. So far everything has been done that can be done, and now we are waiting to receive from Government a grant of half the cost of the building. The plot has been leased for 999 years and the architects' plans and estimates are all made out. Visions of flocks of girls coming from the sixteen model chaws near by and other districts within reach come up before me and I do thank the dear lady in America who saw this opportunity to help us to minister to them.

I have been somewhat lost without any church work to do, but it has given me more time to visit in the homes of the school children in Colaba and the upper end of Bombay. I have many memories of hours spent in this interesting kind of work when with the children of the school following me I have held a gospel meeting in which they join in the singing and repeating of verses and stories they have learnt in school. I found that dressing in a sari once and going around to some of the homes as Suwartabai was met differently by different people. One family regarded me suspiciously and burnt chilies to choke me and drive me out and one set a dog on me. But others received me and listened more gladly than otherwise. The Madanpura Sunday School has been my special delight this past year. One perfectly wild girl seems to have become quite tamed by the love of Jesus and expressed a desire to lead a new life.
Krishnibai Bapoo
In Training, Ahmedabad.

Sulokshnibai Powar
Colaba School, Bombay.
BOMBAY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE. 31

It speaks something for the schools for low caste girls to mention that, out of all that come and go, in the Tardeo and Madanpura schools this year eleven in the former and thirteen in the latter attended school over one hundred days and some nearly two hundred. Nearly all the twenty four learned to read their primers. But the sad part of it is that in some cases we have to lose them before they can go any farther and when we try to follow them, we can only follow them to some distant part of the city, but more often to some distant village not even traceable on the map or in the railway guide—a place where there is not even a post office.

The Colaba School has not had as good a record as some other years, but there have been one Mohammedan, three Parsee, and five Hindu girls studying in the upper classes, for which we have been very thankful. The head Marathi teacher has just (since January 1909) been installed in place of Tarabai Amolik (New York Branch) after finishing a four year normal training class and receiving a Government certificate. We believe Sulokshniabai is going to prove a great help and that we will be abundantly repaid for our patient waiting all the years she has been pursuing her studies. She was educated partly by the aid of the New York Branch but latterly by a scholarship from the Des Moines Branch.

Krishnabai, now in training at Ahmedabad, is on a scholarship from the Des Moines Branch and last year's remittance will be supplemented by a half scholarship from the Philadelphia Branch which Miss Austin received.

Premabai and Tarabai Gordé are Minneapolis Branch teachers. (Rahillbai who had to give up work during 1908 on account of family duties was also of the Mineapolis Branch). In the Colaba School only two Gujarati teachers are now (since the beginning of 1909) employed, Thakhabai Philip (who was married in February) as head teacher and Sarahbai Dhanji, both supported by the New York Branch. Changes occur as often as twice a year some times, and these cause unexpected difficulties, so I have taken this opportunity to notify patrons who support this work.

 IGATPURI-PUNTAMBA CIRCUITS.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Mrs. J. C. Fisher.

Owing to extreme ill health few of my plans for the year have been carried out, and I feel as if I had done almost nothing, but the Lord has done great things for me, and perhaps the most important lesson I have learned through this year of waiting and discipline, is that the Lord of Hosts and God of Glory can work without our help. And some times He can use us better just in trusting and prayer than He can in the daily routine of ordinary duties.

Early in the year I made two trips over the circuits but did not visit all the villages, because I am no longer able to ride over rough country roads in springless carts or even on my nice pony which I reluctantly sold the middle of the year.

In March on account of a prolonged and obstinate case of insomnia I had to go to the hills for three months' enforced rest and change. On my way home in July I was again laid aside in Hospital at Bareilly for two weeks, after reaching home the heavy rains hindered the work for some time.
In August and again in November I made rounds of the circuits, and as we had the Marathi District Conference in Igatpuri this year I was kept busy with duties here for a time. We had an interesting and helpful conference both for workers and missionaries.

During my absence, Mrs. Wood, a self-supporting medical missionary, very kindly looked after the work here, and made two visits out into the circuits. She has kept her dispensary open all but six weeks of this year, and besides training five nurses, four of whom were for our mission, she has treated all our Christians and hundreds of heathen. Her loving, faithful, self-sacrificing work has given our workers and their message a welcome into the homes and hearts of many.

In July one of my best trained and sweetest women died of quick consumption. Her post is still vacant, though I hope to fill it with a girl who will complete her training this month.

The work has suffered somewhat, too, by the dismissal of the husbands of two workers, both women of experience.

Old Chimnabai, the mother and grand-mother of preachers,---a real preacher herself,---still continues her daily work of teaching in the dispensary, visiting homes and training young Bible women. She is honoured and respected by Christian, Hindu and Muslim alike.

While there have been discouragements, there has been actual progress also. I thank God for it and look forward to much blessing and greater things for the new year.

TALEGAON GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

Missionary... Miss Lawson.

Returning from conference on Christmas eve 1907 the first thing to be thought of was how to make Christmas a happy day for the children. Santa Claus didn't start for Talegaon soon enough so the presents which arrived late were packed away for the coming Christmas of 1908. However without the expected gifts the girls declared it the best Christmas they had had. A service at the chapel in the early morning worshipping Him whose coming to earth had made possible the brightness and joy that has come into the lives of India's women and girls, a Christmas dinner and an evening of pure, simple fun completed the day for them.

The next event was the picnic, January 2nd, to which the boys' school of Poona was invited; an afternoon and evening long to be remembered by the boys and girls.

Early in January the girls were examined in the Sunday School lessons of the last half of the year the three in each division having the highest marks receiving prizes. Previous to this fifty-four successful candidates in the All India Sunday School examination on the first six months' lessons had received certificates and one the third prize among all the Marathi candidates; these last were given by the India S. S. Union.

Late in January occurred the annual school inspection. The results were fair throughout the school and nearly all were passed on to higher standards.
The Poona Boys and Talegaon Girls

The Boarding School Picnic.
The Beginning of the Marathi Theological Seminary.
Mrs. Crisp has kept the Industrial class busy in sewing and housework and the classes in Scripture have been maintained and thoroughly taught in Outlines of Bible History, Bible Characters, the Acts, and the Bible women's course of the 1st and 2nd year.

Several of our girls went out from us during the first seven months of the year; Bundia, Saraswati and Khargie as Bible women under Mrs W. H. Stephens, Sonmat as Bible woman and Raimat as teacher to Sironcha; and Btesea as Bible woman in our own work in Talegaon. Lachia was married to one of our preachers in Karachi, and Googie to a preacher in another mission; both of these are in the Lord's work. Tegia was also married and went to Bombay to live. Four of the girls are under training as teachers and two are at Pundita Ramabai's school learning to weave that they may return and teach that industry to others in our school.

Early in the year it was suggested to the superintendent that she take a furlough to America and try to raise the funds for the school building. Accordingly she began to plan for this and during the hot season, revised the school records, wrote the annual scholarship letters and so far as possible arranged for the months of absence, said good-by to the girls July 23rd and sailed July 25.

So here endeth her part of this year's report.

Mrs. Crisp Writes:—

Since Miss Lawson left us I am glad to say we have had no serious illness among the girls. Our one consumptive died in September, that is the only death to record. We have had five admissions, and four withdrawals; two of the latter are in the M. E. School in Belgaum, and two were taken by their brother to a school in Bombay where he is now working. The conduct of the children is fairly good. Some who were among the careless, have become thoughtful, and always join us monthly at the Lord's Supper. Two have a desire to be Bible women who before had no thought beyond eating and drinking. They are now taking to the study of the Scriptures. I am glad to say there is a healthy spirit of emulation in the school room.

We have very few lazy ones among the pupils. In the Anglo-Vernacular School, none. The Industrial class has been much reduced in numbers during the past year. Miss Lawson put several into fresh fields and we have sent one as a Bible woman to Belgaum. Two others who showed an aptitude for teaching the younger girls, are being trained in the class for kindergarten teachers at Sholapur. The Industrial class is the one that causes most anxious thought in the whole school, but there is much improvement in those we have now.

I am glad to be able to say that the staff of teachers shows a good Christian spirit in their work and are helpful in keeping up the moral tone of the school.
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

POONA CITY CIRCUITS AND DAY SCHOOLS.

Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... Mrs. W H. Stephens

It is hard to realize that 1908 is past, and that 1909 is here. It is with thankful hearts that we look back over the past year, and see how our Father has led us. Many are the mistakes that we have made, but many times He has overruled all for good.

Our Poona city schools have not had to be closed on account of plague this year, although we have lost a number of girls who have died of plague. The teachers of the city schools are able to be of great comfort to many Hindu families. When the children are taken sick with plague, the teachers are the first to visit them, and try to help them. In all sorts of trouble the teachers are sent for, and the little ones also bring theirs to them. One day I received a letter from one of my teachers telling me that a little girl ten years old was feeling very sad. The mother of this girl for rupees fifty had given the girl in marriage to a man fifty years old. The man had a wife, but she has not given him any children, so of course he must have a young wife, for if he did not have any children he would not occupy so high a place in Heaven. Poor child, what a life is before her! The man that this child has been married to lives in Bombay, and the child has been sent to him. I am sorry that we cannot visit her.

The "Frederick Rice Memorial Dispensary" has treated hundreds of cases during the past year, and all have had the Bible read to them. No one can tell how much good has been accomplished in this dispensary during the year.

The Evangelistic Training School has been open the whole of the year, and we have 30 men and women in the school, and a few weeks ago they passed the year's examination, and the examiners were greatly pleased. The students spend one half of the time in the school, and the other half in learning how to work by going out with older workers. I have a number of girls from Miss Lawson's school, and also from Miss Powar's, and they are doing nicely.

In connection with our training school we have a school for the children of our Poona Christians. These children are too young to be sent to a boarding school. This school is being taught by two young women who are being trained in our training school.

The library in connection with our training school is a great help to our workers, as we aim to have all of the good Marathi Christian papers, as well as all of the good Marathi books that are in print. Our Bible Women have visited much of Poona, as well as thirteen villages near Poona. They use the bullock cart for the village work. One of our new Bible Women who was in the training school, and one of our most promising women, was taken sick with plague, and died very suddenly. Each Bible woman has a Sunday school, and some more than one. If I had more space I would like to give a more detailed account of the Bible woman's work, but I must not write another word, yet how much I have to tell you.
I do praise our Father for letting me have some little part in this great work.

POONA HINDUSTANI ZENANA WORK.

Our Bible women in this part of the work have done well during the past year, and are also helping to train two young women for this work. The Mohomedan women always give our Bible women a warm welcome, as it is one of the bright spots in their lives, they are glad to have some one visit them, and bring in a little of the outside world. Our Mohomedan women are kept in purdah, and have but little freedom. We have a very interesting girl whom we are trying to save. Her mother was born of Christian parents, and while she was small the parents died, and an aunt who was not a Christian had her married to a Mohomedan, and by this marriage they had this daughter. This woman has always been a faithful Christian, and some time ago she came to me, and asked me to help save her daughter, and I took the girl into our school, but the Mohomedan father made her leave the school. Time went on, and the daughter would come to the church with her mother, whenever the father was away from Poona, and said that she wanted to be baptized. A few weeks ago the father died, and the next Sunday after his death the girl came to the church and asked to be baptized. As soon as the Mohamedan relatives heard that the girl had been baptized they went to the girl’s house and beat the mother. The mother and daughter are very poor, and the Mohamedan relatives offered them a home, but they would not accept it, for they did not want to become Mohamedans. The mother is an educated woman so I have given her Bible woman’s work on small pay. I am now having the daughter attend the training school, and hope to make a worker of her.

I have another young Hindustani girl who is a Christian, and she is an orphan, but she has an older sister who is not a Christian, and is doing all that she can to get this girl from us, and have her married to a Mohomedan.

The child marriage is one of the greatest curses of India, and causes much suffering. I have a little girl in one of my schools who has been betrothed to a man, and now the man refuses to have her, and has taken another wife, but the parents dare not give the girl in marriage to another man, for this man may change his mind. Through the city schools I learn much that is dreadful about child marriage, for each caste has its own rules, and the longer I am in India, the more thankful I am for Christian parents.

My prayer is that my Father may teach me to be more thankful to Him for all that He has given me, and that I may be more zealous to do something for those who have not the privileges that I have enjoyed.

LONI AND WAGOLI CIRCULTS.

I think that one of the happiest days that I have known in India was a few weeks ago in Loni. It was on a Sunday, and our first Sunday in
the new chapel, and also the first baptism in the new building. We had over twenty high caste children in the Sunday school, and in the preaching services we had over fifty high caste men and women, and some Christians who had come from a near village. The two pictures in the report will show you why we enjoy the new building. You will see that in one our people are living in a grass hut, and in the heat it was very bad, but worse in the rains. I have had to sit in this hut in the heat with large hat on, and an umbrella over me, and then I suffered. We cannot rent a house in many of these villages. I was out there at work the day that the sick man was brought, and they carried him to the dispensary hut and laid him on the ground. He was in much pain, and very ill, but is well to-day. In the second picture you will see the dispensary portion of the new building, and the people who have come for medicine are on the verandah. Several hundred people have been treated for simple diseases in this dispensary during the past year, and they have all had the Bible taught to them. People come for many miles to the dispensary for medicine. One woman came on the Sunday that we were there. She was from a village some miles away, and she wanted the compounder to leave everything and go home with her, as her husband was quite ill. The compounder went the next day.

In my last year's report I said that we were looking forward to the day when we could have a building of our own in Wagoli, and that day has come. The Parent Board have been able to buy a house near Wagoli, and now our people have a good house as well as a chapel, which is also used for school. We are reaching many other villages from Wagoli. A few days ago Mr. Stephens and I were on the Wagoli circuit, and we found some of our Christian people sick, and one little baby had died. The parents were feeling exceedingly sad, as they thought that if they could have had medical aid the baby would not have died. They pleaded with me to do as I am doing in Loni, and give them medical help, and I promised to do all that I could, and to-day am getting drugs ready to send to them for simple cases, and directions to use them. I do not know where the money will come from for these medicines, but it will come I am sure. It is estimated that over ninety five per cent of the sick in the Indian villages receive no medical aid, and I feel that each worker that goes out should have a few drugs with him. We know that by helping the body we can reach the hearts of the people.
The Grass Hut Dispensary at Loni.
Rules Relating to Examination for Missionaries and Assistants.

The Board of Examiners shall be elected at each session of the Woman’s Conference.

The examiners shall send to their respective chairmen sufficient printed or written copies of not less than ten questions by the first week of October. Candidates shall report themselves at this time to the Chairman.

These examinations will be held on the first week of November in locations convenient to the students, under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

Supervisors of examinations shall sign all papers sent in by candidates under her care.

Supervisors of examinations should send their reports to the Registrar, and the examination papers to their respective examiners within twenty-four hours after the close of the examination. All Examiners’ returns should be sent to the Registrar within two weeks after the examination, and the Registrar’s report should follow within a month of the examination.

Examiners shall limit the time to be spent upon examination, this not to exceed four hours for any one paper.

The examinations shall be in writing and in the presence of witnesses; the papers shall be sent to the Examiners to whom they respectively belong. They shall be graded upon a scale of 100, and none below 65 per cent shall pass. The Examiner shall report the results to the Registrar.

Examinees, in addition to the written examination shall be required also to take an oral test in reading and conversation, such as her examiner shall require.

No candidate who has failed in any part of one examination shall be allowed to present herself for the next until she has passed in the previous subjects, but those who have one or more back subjects may be allowed to bring up those subjects during the last week of March.

In case of impossibility, due to illness, on the part of the candidate to take an examination at the prescribed time she may not be permitted to take it at another time without the permission of the Chairman of the Board and the Examiner in the subject in which she is to be examined.

The examinee shall give a written statement that she has read the English book prescribed in the year studied.
Courses of Study.

GUJARATI FOR MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANTS.

First Year.
1. First and Second Gujarati Readers, Hope Series, with Dictation and Spelling.
2. Gospels—Matthew and John in vernacular.
3. Translation—First Standard Reader.
4. Pat Mala.
5. Grammar (Taylor’s) Orthography and Etymology.
To be read.—Hunter's Short History of the Indian People.

Second Year
1. Third Gujarati Reader.
3. Conversation.
5. Grammar—Completed.
To be read—Brahminism and Hinduism, by Sir Monier Williams.

Third Year.
1. Gujarati Fourth Reader.
2. Translation—Third Standard Reader.
3. Translation Acts into vernacular.
4. First seventy-five Psalms in vernacular.
To be read—Mahomed and Islam by Sir William Muir.

Fourth Year.
1. Seventh Gujarati Reader.
2. Second Half of Psalms in vernacular.
To be read—Robson’s Hinduism in its relation to Christianity.

EXAMINERS IN GUJARATI COURSE OF STUDY
First and Second Gujarati Reader, Matthew, John, Path Mala, Grammar. First year ... ... ... ... ... ... Miss M. E. Williams.
Third and Fourth Gujarati Readers, Luke and Mark, and Grammar Second year ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Miss L. F. Austin.
Psalms and Seventh Gujarati Reader, ... ... Miss A. A. Abbott.
First, Second and Third Standard Readers, Conversation, Acts and Narmagadhya, ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Rev. R. Ward,
MARATHI FOR MISSIONARIES.

First Year.

Grammar.—To Compound Verbs.


Translation of Peep of Day, from 25th to 50th page, and first 44 pages of First Royal Reader into Marathi.

Second Year.

Grammar — From Compound Verbs to the end.


M. E. Discipline.—Doctrine, Rules and Ritual.

Translation of 25 pages of Peep of Day and First Royal Reader, complete, into Marathi.

Third Year.

Balmitra, Third English Reader.


MARATHI FOR ASSISTANTS.

First Year.

Grammar.—Etymology.


Second Year.

Grammar.—Completed.


M. E. Discipline.—Doctrine, Rules and Ritual, 70 pages of Second Royal Reader, to be translated into Marathi

ENGLISH.

Third Year.


EXAMINERS IN MARATHI COURSE OF STUDY

Grammar and English into Marathi ... ... ... Rev. W H. Stephens. Marathi into English and Translation Series. ... ... ... Miss Nicholls. Scripture and M. E. Discipline ... ... ... ... Miss Lawson.
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* Missionaries and deaconesses taken on in South Asia and those in charge of Work.

Submitted by PHILA K. LINZELL,
Statistical Secretary.
### No. 2. — Bombay Conference School Statistics

of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society for the year ending November 30th, 1908.

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Submitted by PHILA K. LINZELL. 
Statistical Secretary
No. 3.— Bombay Conference Statistics

of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Value of Property and Money received in India for the year ending
November 30th, 1908.

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