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MINUTES
OF THE
Bombay Woman's Missionary Conference.

First Day.

Nadiad, Friday, December 17th, 1910.

Opening.—The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Bombay Woman's Missionary Conference met in the parlour of the Whitney Memorial Home at 3 P.M., with the Second Vice President, Miss Nicholls, in the chair.

Devotional Meeting.—Mrs. Bishop Robinson took charge of this meeting and after the song, "In Thy Cleft, O Rock of Ages," she read a portion of the first chapter of I Corinthians and spoke briefly upon the thought that the power is not of ourselves but of God, in Christ, and that in Him is all that we need, whether it be wisdom, love, patience, gentleness or whatever the need may be. After a season spent in prayer the conference proceeded to business.

Roll Call.—The Secretary called the roll and the following responded to their names:—Miss Abbott, Miss Crouse, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Grove, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Hutchings, Miss Lawson, Miss Nicholls, Mrs. Parker, Miss Robinson, Miss Ross, Mrs. Stephens.

Election of Officers.—The next business was the election of officers. Miss Robinson and Mrs. Hansen were appointed tellers. Miss Lawson proposed that Mrs. Bishop McDowell, the President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, be elected by acclamation to the office of President. This was unanimously done. Other officers were then elected by ballot as follows:—First Vice President, Mrs. Hutchings; Second Vice President, Miss Austin; Secretary, Miss Abbott; Assistant Secretary, Miss Lawson; Correspondent for the Home Office, Miss Lawson; Auxiliary Treasurer and Conference Organizer, Mrs. Stephens.

Introduction.—Mrs. Bishop Robinson was then introduced to the conference and spoke briefly of her joy at returning and of the pleasure she had in the work at home and in seeing her own daughters coming to India. New members of the conference introduced were Miss Ross who also spoke of the love she had for the girls among whom she was working, and Mrs. Hansen who spoke of her happiness in being called to India.

Election to Membership.—It was then proposed and unanimously carried that Mrs. Conley recently appointed with her husband, a lay missionary, to the Industrial School at Nadiad, be elected to membership. She was also introduced and spoke of her joy in being present.
Appointment of Temporary Committees.—The chair appointed the following Temporary Committees:

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. Fox, Miss Holmes, Miss Robinson.

Committee on Nominations.—Mrs. Parker, Miss Crouse and Miss Nicholls.

Report of Auxiliary Organizer.—Mrs. Stephens, reported that there is an auxiliary in Godhra with fifty-five members and a King's Heralds with thirty-five members and that the auxiliary had collected Rs. 9 and the King's Heralds Rs. 1.

Communications.—A letter was read from Miss Davis sending loving greetings and stating that the way seemed open again for her to return to the mission field but that it would be Burma instead of India as she had been appointed to the Girl's School in Rangoon.

A proposal was made and carried instructing the secretary to send a reply to the letter extending our love and wishing for her every possible blessing in the new field to which she is being sent.

A letter was read from Dr. Allen expressing her regret at being unavoidably absent owing to the illness of the head nurse. She also sent a number of questions in reference to hospital work which she requested that we discuss.

Dr. Allen as chairman of the program committee, also sent a letter suggesting that instead of there being a fixed program we spend the time daily, at such hours as may be convenient, in conversazione with our President, Mrs. Bishop McDowell, whom it is our inestimable privilege to have with us this year.

A letter was also read from Miss Bender of the Central Office in New York giving suggestions referring to a boarding place in Rome and referring to the valuable assistance rendered by Miss Williams in giving her information concerning the various questions that had arisen in connection with the central office work, and expressing her sympathy with us in our great loss, and requesting that we elect someone to fill the office for the ensuing year.

A proposal was made and carried that a committee consisting of Misses Lawson, Austin, Crouse, Nicholls and Allen be appointed to bring to this conference before final adjournment a report giving suggestions on the question "What shall be the relation between girls who come for training in the Butler Memorial Hospital and their alma mater."

Miscellaneous.—It was proposed and carried that the time for the sessions be fixed from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M., daily.

It was proposed and carried that the time for the election of Finance Committee be fixed for Saturday at 4 P.M., and that we now adjourn.

Adjournment.—After being led in prayer by Mrs. Hutchings the Conference stood adjourned.
Second Day.

Saturday, December 17th, 1910.

**Opening.**—The Conference met at three o'clock with the President, Mrs. McDowell, in the chair.

**Devotional.**—The conference joined in repeating the Twenty-third Psalm and Mrs. McDowell led us in prayer after which the conference proceeded to business.

**Roll.**—The name of Miss Austin was added to the roll.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**—The following Standing Committees reported:

- **Gujarati Examination Committee:**—Miss Abbott gave the report of the Gujarati Examination Committee for Missionaries and Assistants. The report was accepted. (See reports).

  It was proposed and carried that the same grade for passing and the same rules governing the examinations be adopted for the Gujarati examinations as have been adopted for the Marathi, except the time, that to be fixed by this conference, and the fee which shall be omitted.

  It was proposed and carried that the present examination committee on Gujarati examinations with the addition of Miss Holmes consider the question of the course of study for Assistants and report at this conference before adjournment.

- **Indian Workers' Examination Committee:**—Miss Austin reported that the examinations had been held in the various Districts. The report was accepted.

- **Finance Committee:**—Mrs. Stephens reported that the Committee had met in Bombay and passed the estimates for 1911. This was supplemented by the treasurer stating that owing to buildings approaching completion it had been possible to send estimates several thousand rupees less than the previous year.

**Miscellaneous.**—The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Crandon expressive of our appreciation of the long years of service and our sorrow at her being obliged to retire.

**Committees on Memoirs**—The following committees were appointed on memoirs:—Dr. Allen was appointed to prepare a memoir of Miss Holt, the Secretary of the New England Branch.

Miss Holmes and Miss Austin were appointed to prepare a memoir of our late Miss Williams.

**Election of Finance Committee.**—The order of the day, the election of the Finance and Reference Committee, was taken up. Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Conley were appointed tellers and the conference proceeded to ballot. Miss Nicholls, Dr. Allen, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Linzell, and Mrs. Stephens were elected. The alternates elected were Miss Lawson and Mrs. Wood.

**Time of Next Session.**—It was proposed and carried that the conference meet at eight-thirty Monday morning for prayer, and that the next business session be held at eleven Monday morning.
Adjournment.—The hour having come for adjournment Mrs. McDowell dismissed us with the following benediction.

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

Third Day.

Early Morning Session, December 19th, 1910.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M. in the usual place for prayer. After singing, “I Need Thee Every Hour,” Mrs. McDowell called upon the different persons present to give verses of scripture that had been helpful during the year and then followed a season of prayer and a brief talk by the President. After which we adjourned to meet at eleven o'clock.

Morning Session, December 19th, 1910.

Opening.—The session met according to order at 11 A.M. with the President in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing “Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult,” Mrs. Park led us in prayer, after which Bishop McDowell addressed the conference on the subject of Christ's address to His disciples previous to his crucifixion as recorded in John, dwelling upon the changed relations, from servants to friends, and what the requisites are in order that we may be reckoned friends of Jesus. That is, that we love one another even as He has loved us.

Communication.—Mrs. Parker reported having received a letter from Mrs. Hill in which she sent her loving greetings to the conference. The secretary was authorized to send a letter in reply expressing our deep sympathy with her in her bereavement and assuring her of our continued prayer.

Executive Session.—The conference then proceeded into executive session in which the questions of the admission, status and salary of lay missionaries were discussed.

It was then proposed and carried that each lady be requested to formulate her opinion with regard to the resolutions on the subject of Local missionaries, under consideration by the General Executive Committee, and give expression to it in writing in time for the mid-year meeting of the Finance and Reference Committee.

Open Session.—The conference then proceeded in open session to the regular business.
**Bombay Woman's Missionary Conference.**

**Roll Call.**—The names of Mrs. Park and Dr. Allen were added to the roll of those in attendance.

**Miscellaneous.**—It was proposed that the Secretary be authorized to secure a full file of the Reports and have them bound, the bound copies to remain in the hands of the Secretary.

**Reporters for Papers.**—Miss Nicholls was appointed to make a report to the *Bombay Guardian* and Miss Abbott to the *Indian Witness*.

**Reports of Work.**—Mrs. Hutchings gave a very interesting verbal report of some of the work she is doing in the Anglo-Indian Home in Poona.

**Question of Privilege.**—Miss Holmes asked to be permitted to introduce some of the Indian Bible women from the Ahmedabad District who wished to speak. The privilege was granted and in a very felicitous address in Gujarati read by Elizabethbai, a translation of which was read in English by the secretary, a gift of an Indian silver cream jug, sugar bowl and vase was made to Mrs. McDowell, and Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Robinson, and Bishop McDowell were garlanded with beautiful roses. Mrs. McDowell as President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society graciously accepted the gift and assured the Bible women that she would carry their love to the ladies in America whom she represented.

**Introduction.**—Mr. Corporan, a physician of North India, was then introduced.

**Miscellaneous.**—The question of the Examination Committee for Indian workers was then introduced by Mr. Park with the consent of the conference and was discussed but action deferred until a later time.

**Reports.**—The Publishing Committee reported that the frontispiece ordered for last year was not secured as the "Times of India" does not now as formerly loan its blocks. The Reports were printed at the Scottish Orphanage Press in Poona and six hundred and fifty copies were issued.

It was proposed and carried that the policy of last year, that is providing each member of the conference with a maximum of twelve copies of the report be continued.

The secretary was also instructed to send copies of the report to the members on furlough.

The roll was then called and the number of reports required by each member was recorded.

**Adjournment.**—Miss Austin led in prayer and the Conference adjourned to meet at three-thirty.

*Afternoon session, 3-30 p.m.*

**Opening.**—The conference met at the usual place at three-thirty p.m., with the President in the chair.

**Devotional.**—Mrs. McDowell read the twenty-fourth Psalm and led in prayer, after which we proceeded to the business of the conference.
Minutes.—The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports.—The Report of the Marathi Woman’s Friend was read by Miss Nichols and accepted. (See reports).

The Report of the Butler Hospital Building was given by Dr. Allen. (See reports).

The secretary was authorized to write a letter extending the greetings of the conference to Mrs. Butler and sending her a copy of the hospital building report.

The Temperance Committee not having a representative present Mrs. Hutchings reported that three good temperance meetings had been held in Poona, at least seventy pledges had been taken in connection with the scheme for getting people to abstain from drink during the Christmas holiday season, and that temperance had been taught regularly in the Sunday Schools. Mrs. Stephens reported that the temperance catechism had been used in their schools. Dr. Allen reported that they practise temperance or rather total abstinence in the hospital. The remainder of the report will be printed with other reports.

Miscellaneous.—The treasurer reported that word had come from home that it was the purpose of the New York Branch if possible to cancel the balance of the indebtedness on the Taylor High School during the coming year.

The treasurer reported that the Finance Committee did not see fit to make an estimate for the expense of a Gujarati Zanana paper as there seemed no likelihood of there being any one able to take up the work of publishing such a paper this year.

Official Correspondent.—It was moved that the rules he set aside and the Official Correspondent be elected by acclamation. On motion Dr. Allen was elected.

Bible Women.—A committee was ordered to take under consideration the whole question of Gujarati Bible women to report at this conference. The committee appointed consisted of Mrs. Parker, Miss Holness and Miss Abbott.

Reports.—The nominating committee gave a partial report. Their report was accepted and the committees elected.

Adjournment.—The conference then sang the General Executive Rally Song.

Our Rally Song.

I have seen a mighty army, five hundred thousand strong;
They bring two million dollars, in a campaign five years long;
One thousand missionaries to speed the glad new song,
Our cause is marching on.

Chorus.—Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Our cause is marching on.
Bombay Woman's Missionary Conference.

Then two and two we'll make the canvas, in winter's snow and summer's heat.
With prayer to Him who calls us, and will save us from defeat
Oh, be swift, our souls, to answer Him, be jubilant, our feet!
Our cause is marching on.
Lead on, O cross of martyr faith, with thee the victory!
Shine forth, O stars and reddening dawn, the full day yet shall be!
On earth His kingdom cometh, and with joy our eyes shall see
Our God is marching on.

Miss Crouse led in prayer and the conference adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Fourth Day.

Morning Session, December 20th 1910.

Opening.—The Conference met at 9 A.M. at the call of the President with Mrs. Hutchings, the First Vice-President, in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing "Work for the Night is Coming," Bishop Robinson led in prayer, after which he spoke briefly to the conference referring to the fact that he now had as many daughters in the field as missionaries, as there were missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the field when he came out thirty-six years ago.

Reports of Committees.—The Gujarati Examination Committee reported on course of study for Assistants. The report was accepted. (See Courses of Study).

A proposal was made and carried that the time for examinations of missionaries and assistants in the Gujarati course be fixed for the first week of November and the first week of April.

It was also proposed and carried that the travelling expenses of examiners be met by the candidates.

It was further proposed that the Examination Committee be authorized to arrange the place of examinations.

Adjournment.—The Conference adjourned to meet after breakfast.

Adjourned Session 11 a.m.

Opening.—The adjourned session met at 11 A.M. with the President in the chair.

Devotional.—Mrs. Eldridge led us in prayer, after which the business was taken in hand.

Reports.—The Committee on Nurses presented its report. It was accepted item by item and referred back to the committee for additions. The Muttra Training School report was read and accepted. (See reports).

Adjournment.—The Conference then adjourned to meet at the regular time.
Afternoon Session, 3 p.m.

Opening.—The conference met at 3 p.m. with the President in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing "All the Way My Saviour Leads me," Mrs. McDowell read a portion of John 14 and Miss Holmes led in prayer and the work of the day was resumed.

Communications.—Miss Lawson reported having received a letter from Mrs. Eddy conveying her greetings. The secretary was instructed to send a letter in reply.

Miscellaneous.—It was proposed and carried that a committee be appointed to prepare a manual and print the same after the next session of Central Conference. Mrs. Fox, Misses Nicholls, Robinson, Abbott, and Lawson were appointed.

Reports.—The committee on nurses reported and their report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Bible women reported and their report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on nominations completed its report. The report was adopted.

Miscellaneous.—It was proposed and carried that a committee be appointed to consider the question of the salaries of workers in the conference and report next year. The following were appointed: Miss Nicholls, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Robinson and Miss Crouse.

Reports.—The committee on Marathi Bible women's course of study presented its report through Miss Lawson. The report was adopted. (See course of study.)

The committee on resolutions presented its report through Mrs. Fox. The report was adopted. (See resolutions.)

Memoirs.—Dr. Allen spoke briefly of Miss Holt, late Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch, and was given permission to send a memoir for publication later. (See memoirs.)

Miss Holmes read a memoir of Miss Williams. (See memoirs.)

Reports.—Mrs. Linzell's report of her work was read by the secretary.

Mrs. Parker gave a brief account of her day nursery in connection with the Theological school.

Dr. Allen gave an illustration of her work in connection with the hospital.

The statistical report was given by Miss Crouse and adopted with thanks. (See reports.)

Adjournment.—It was proposed that after the reading of the minutes and prayer we stand adjourned. The proposal was carried. Mrs. McDowell expressed her pleasure at having been present with us and gave as a thought to carry away this line. "The strength of the wolf is the pack and the strength of the pack is the wolf." She led us in prayer and the conference stood adjourned.
Woman's Conference Appointments.

AHMEDABAD DISTRICT.

District Work ..... Mrs. Park.
Ahmedabad, Daskroi, Dehgam, Mehsana... Mrs. Wood.
Atarsumba, Kapadwanj, Kathial, Salum, Umreth, Miss Holmes.
Bhalej, Mahudha, Utarsanda Mrs. Park.
Nadiad and Boys' Orphanage Mrs. Conley.

On leave to America: Miss Cora Morgan.

BARODA DISTRICT.

District Work ..... Mrs. Linzell.
Balasinor, Sandasal, Kalol... Mrs. Bancroft.
Baroda Jambusar, Palej, Savali, Padra Miss Robinson.
Baroda Girls' Boarding School Miss Robinson.
,. High School and Primary School Miss Hunt.
,. Boys' Boarding School Mrs. Eldridge.
Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology Mrs. Linzell.
Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital Miss B. J. Allen, M.D.
Godhra, Timba Miss Ross.
Godhra Girls Orphanage Miss Crouse, Miss Ross.
Wasad, Waghasi Mrs. Linzell.
Walvod, Thasara, Od, Kalsar, Padra To be supplied.

On leave to America: Miss Austin, Mrs. A. A. Parker.

BOMBAY DISTRICT.

Bombay: Bowen Memorial Church Mrs. Shaw.
,. Seamen's Mission To be supplied.
Karachi English Church Mrs. Clarke.
Poona: Anglo Indian Home Mrs. Hutchings.
,. Taylor High School for Girls Mrs. Fox.

On leave to America: Mrs. Mell, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Hill.

KATHIWAR DISTRICT

District Work Mrs. Robbins.
Asamli, Waso To be supplied.
Dhandhuka, Dhola, Jetalsar Junagadh To be supplied.

MARATHI DISTRICT

Bombay: Evangelistic and Zanana Work Miss Nicholls.
,. Gujarati Evangelistic Work and City Schools Miss Abbott.
,. Hindustani and Marathi Church Mrs. Lampard.
Igatpuri English and Vernacular Work Mrs. Hansen.
Lonu Evangelistic and Medical Work Mrs. Stephens.
Poona Boys Orphanage & Evangelistic Training School Mrs. Stephens.
Talegaon: Girls Orphanage and High School Miss Lawson.
,. Evangelistic Work Miss Lawson.

Editor "Woman's Friend": Miss Nicholls.

On leave to America: Mrs. Fisher.
REPORTS.

Temperance.

A series of post cards were sent out to our missionaries, asking for information on this question, but these probably arrived at an inopportune moment, for only six replied. We may be certain the subject is not neglected by any, but probably they are too busy to reply or consider the report superfluous. Dear Sisters—may I lovingly press this matter on your attention for 1911? Use Text books in the Schools, and give systematic instruction to the young people under your care. In Sunday Schools, the temperance lesson and the observance of Temperance Sunday give us all an opportunity, so also does the Epworth League on stated occasions. We are building up not only a Christian community but a total abstinence one I trust.

The Temperance Committee is ready to help—with literature in English and the Vernaculars as far as possible.

Mrs. Fisher’s efforts in the matter of translation make us very much indebted to her in this respect.

In our English schools in Poona, a good work has been done and eighty pledges have been the result. Apart from the usual temperance lesson in the Sunday School and the quarterly Epworth League on the subject, in the Wm. Taylor Sunday School the subject has not been neglected; a hundred pledges were the result. In both the English churches temperance lessons have been given on the days set apart for them. The Epworth League has made it its duty to hold public meetings especially on temperance both in the Seamen’s Rest and the Soldier’s Home. These meetings have been very successful and 8 pledges were the result. Miss Abbott reports the use of the “Temperance Catechism” in the Schools under her care in Bombay.

From Nadiad also comes word that the Temperance Lesson is made use of in the Sunday Schools.

C. A. FAWCETT SHAW.

Marathi Woman’s Friend.

The Marathi Woman’s Friend is a monthly paper primarily intended for Hindu readers. While we have many such it has a large circulation in all missions where the Marathi language is spoken. It is subscribed for by many Hindu women. The number subscribed for according to the list is from three to four hundred copies.

Some grateful letters have been received from the subscribers enclosing their own subscription and at the same time adding another for someone who could not take it.
Cuts are always difficult to obtain, and to make them greatly increases the expense of the paper.

We would greatly appreciate any help that may be rendered by our fellow missionaries in the shape of articles that would be helpful and instructive to the above named readers.

E. W. NICHOLLS.

Muttra Mission Training School
for the year 1910.

The Teachers.—The staff of teachers has been re-inforced by Miss Adelaide Clancy, who came to us in January of this year. She has done practically all the teaching of the Bible in the English Department since her arrival. Miss Gregg has devoted her teaching time to the Bible in the vernacular Department. Miss McKnight, being normal trained, has conducted the class in methods of teaching. These missionaries have been assisted by Miss Ogilvie and Miss Wells, both graduates of the English Department of the Training School, and excellent Bible teachers. Four other teachers devote their entire time to teaching in the various departments of the school. Thus the teaching force is strong.

The Students.—The enrollment for the year has been seventy-seven (77) and the number of graduates eighteen (18); thirteen from the regular Training School course, and five from the Bible Readers' course. These have come to us from six different missions, and twenty-one different mission stations. As would be expected from a school of this kind, practically all the students go directly into Christian work after leaving us.

Year by year better educated girls come to us, and we are thus able to raise the standard of the school and require a higher grade of work.

The Outlook.—The Government is now doing much to encourage female education and is therefore laying much stress on normal training for teachers. Many places are open and pressure is brought to bear in these lines. We feel that the time has come to agitate in the lines of evangelistic work. Many educated girls from our schools all over the country would, we feel, be glad to answer the call for evangelistic work if it were put before them. While we feel that educational work should not be hindered, it should not be carried on at the expense of evangelistic work, but the two should go side by side. The normal schools stand for the preparation of the teachers for their secular subjects, the Training school stands for the preparation of those who wish to give the Gospel message and the Bible to the people. While the missionaries are selecting teachers, let them not forget the evangelists.

Miss Abbott was re-nominated for a term of two years as the representative of the Bombay conference on the Board of Trustees.

MARY EVA GREGG
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
Examination Committee.

Gujarati:—First year.—Miss Crouse passed in Government Third Book, New Orient Reader No. 1, Conversation, Memoriter, and Letter Reading. She had previously passed in Grammar, Dictation and Gospels; thus she completed the first examination.

Miss Robinson passed in all the subjects of the first examination, completing the first year.

Miss Sherman passed in Government Third Reader of the new course.

Fourth year.—Miss Austin passed in the Seventh Reader and Psalms.

Miss Bailey passed in Seventh Reader thus completing the course.

Bible Women.

We recommend that the question of supervision of Bible women as a whole be left for further consideration.

We also recommend that the committee on examination as elected by the Woman's Conference arrange for and prepare questions for examinations in all Districts for the following year, each District to supervise its own examinations and return the papers for grading to the respective examiners.

Nurses.

Relation of nurses in training from mission schools to the Hospital:

1. All candidates shall be accepted on 3 months probation, this time to be extended at the discretion of the physician in charge.

2. On completing this probationary period candidates shall be required to sign a contract embodying the following items:
   (a) She shall remain three consecutive years.
   (b) She shall be required to serve for two years, after completing her course, under the direction of the missionary in charge of her alma mater; at a maximum salary of Rs. 15 per month.
   (c) In case such service cannot be rendered, she shall refund to her mission, a sum equivalent to the total expenditure for her training, either in a lump sum, or in three equal yearly installments.

3. On signing such a contract the institution from which she comes agrees to bear all expense for food, clothing, books, and breakage.

4. All vacations, marriages, and appointments for service shall be under the joint supervision of those in charge of the institutions represented.
Mrs. William Butler Hospital Building.

The work on the building has made more progress than ever and it is now occupied, though uncompleted. Our general ward is in constant use, with four private wards, and the maternity ward. One large ward has been fitted for the use of foreigners and some seven or eight missionaries have availed themselves thereof. The work on the unfinished wing is going on rapidly, that is, with true oriental speed.

The nurses' quarters are finished and already need enlarging. A building where village people can do their own cooking is urgently needed, and a nursery! Necessary furnishings have been purchased to meet present requirements and another year the building will, d.v., be ready for all needs and a suitable memorial for that peerless woman whom we all delight to honor.

Gujarati Course of Study for Assistants.

First Year.—Subjects I, II, III, IV, V, VII, of the first examination for missionaries.

Second Year.—Subjects, VI, and VIII, of the first examination for missionaries and subjects II, III, V, VIII of the second examination.

Third Year.—Subjects I, IV, VI, VII, IX, X of the second examination.

Resolutions.

Resolved.

1. That we express our great pleasure in having with us all through our sessions, Mrs. McDowell, the President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our church in America, whose wise counsels, and intelligent and sympathetic interest in all our work have been most highly appreciated.

2. That we most heartily welcome back to India, and, especially to the Bombay Conference, our beloved sister and fellow worker, Mrs. J. E. Robinson, whose presence among us has always been a benediction.

3. That we greet our friend in the work, Miss Maud Kenworthy, from the Columbia River Branch, who has so opportunely relieved Miss Austin since the middle of October, and has thereby been getting an insight into the work which we trust will aid it in the future.

4. That we extend a most cordial welcome to our sisters Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Conley who have recently joined our ranks.

5. That we express our loving sympathy to Miss Ross and Mrs. Bancroft who, in the providence of God, have been called upon to part with mother and father respectively, and pray that in their grief they may be drawn nearer to Him who gave and who has taken away their loved ones.
6. That we extend to Mrs. Bishop and the parents of Miss Williams our tenderest sympathy in the most heart-rending grief through which, in the providence of our all-wise and loving Father, they have been called to pass, and which has deprived this part of the mission field of two most dearly beloved and valued missionaries.

7. That we regret the loss that will be sustained to our work by the return to America of our Deaconess, Mrs. Grove, and trust that she may have a safe and pleasant voyage and be speedily restored to health and strength.

8. That we extend to Mrs. Hill, our warmest sympathy in her recent bereavement through the death of her mother, which was intensified by the fact that she passed away while her daughter was still on her way to the home land.

9. That while we shall greatly miss our Sisters, Mrs. Parker and Miss Austin, who contemplate taking their well earned furloughs shortly, yet, we rejoice with them in this privilege, and trust that their stay in the homeland may not only prove beneficial to themselves in every way, but may also result in awakening interest in the cause of missions on the part of those with whom they come in contact.

10. That we rejoice with Mrs. Park in her restoration to health and return to her beloved field of work.

11. That we congratulate Mrs. Shaw who has just been permitted to welcome back to India her newly appointed missionary daughter, and we pray that her life may be one of great usefulness to the cause of Christ in this needy land.

12. That we congratulate Mrs. Linzell on the arrival into her home of a fourth little son who, we trust, may be a joy to his parents and a blessing to India.

13. That while we rejoice in the possibility of the return of Miss Davis to the foreign field, yet we regret that Rangoon claims her instead of Bombay.

14. That we express our gratitude to God for the real pleasure and profit which we have gained from the very practical and helpful addresses of Bishops McDowell and Robinson.

ELLEN H. W. FOX.
ADA HOLMES.
HELEN E. ROBINSON.

15. That we give a hearty vote of thanks to our hosts and hostesses in Nadiad for the most excellent arrangements they have made for our comfort and entertainment at this conference.

ELLEN H. W. FOX.
HELEN E. ROBINSON.

16. That it is with the greatest pleasure we welcome back to the Bombay Conference our sisters, Miss Robinson and Miss Holmes.

ELLEN H. W. FOX.
Mary E. Williams.
Memoirs.

MARY E. WILLIAMS.

Again we are called upon to give our tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our number who has been called from among us to her higher service above.

Miss Mary E. Williams came to India in 1900. Previous to this time she had been engaged in mission work in the United States, among the colored people of the South. This seems to have been a step in the Father's leading to her future work in India. During her time there she decided definitely that her work was to be in foreign lands. Although a college graduate she felt the need of further Bible study and special training for her future mission, so went to Folts Institute for a short period.

Her thought was to go to China, but this purpose was hindered, and she was sent to India instead.

Her first appointment was to Baroda Girls' Orphanage where she took full charge in less than a month after her arrival. Here she remained for a continuous six years of faithful service, before her first furlough. She came and found the school full of famine waifs. She gathered them all to her heart and loved them as she so well knew how to do. She organized their home and school life and succeeded in providing them with commodious quarters, she lived among them as a friend and daily set before them an example of a life of Christlikeness. Among the cares of daily service she found time and opportunity to influence the lives of the girls by her personal touch.

The last two years of her service after her furlough were blessed years. Her time was divided between the school and the village work, but wherever she was the seal of God's approval was upon her work and the Spirit of God came upon the people to whom she ministered in great blessing, and remained with them when she had gone.

The secret of her success lay in the fact that she never went to her work alone, but always by prayer and supplication made her requests known unto the Father, thus assuring His presence with her. It is a sweet remembrance that her last morning on earth was begun in a study of the word and a season of quiet communion with Him. She went from communion on earth to the long unbroken fellowship in the heavenly home.

We miss her in the places where we have been accustomed to see her, but her memory rests about us like sweet incense and we rejoice with her in her entrance into the Home and life eternal which was her goal.

MISS MARY E. HOLT.

The Methodism of Boston, indeed of New England and the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home and abroad, have suffered in the recent death of Miss Mary E. Holt, a loss that seems well nigh irreparable.

In her girlhood she was genuinely converted and without delay united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she remained a devoted and conscientious member to the close of her life. Two of
Boston's historic churches have had her name on their rolls, Bloomfield Street near which the Society's publishing interests are located, and Tremont Street in which it was founded. Hers was a beautiful life and her death was almost a joyful translation from the loving companionship of her friends and fellow workers to the blissful society of the redeemed in glory.

It may be said of her most truthfully that she was a person of rare endowments and superior culture; she was at home in the society of those who, like her, had shared in the most helpful privileges. It is a record worthy of emulation, but it was the habit of her life to treat all with genuine courtesy of speech and manner. To the humblest and poorest she was ever considerate and gentle. To her friends she was true and faithful and ever ready to sacrifice her own needs and comfort to render them service.

Those who knew her in active life could but see she had peculiar ability for the management of business affairs. Her natural gifts in this direction cultivated by years of association with her father and the firm with which he was connected made her an especially valuable member of the Board of Directors of the Boston Young Women's Christian Association of which she was also a vice president. Her business capacity likewise gave to the New England Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society one of the most competent treasurers it has ever had, and to the Society at large one of the ablest corresponding secretaries of all the number who have been at the head of its administrative affairs. She was never hasty in reaching conclusions, but, collating and weighing all the facts in each case, gave decisions that always had great weight and influence with her co-laborers.

Above all, she was a true, hearted, loving and loyal follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. She loved most devotedly her own church, but there was nothing in her outlook that in any sense separated her from true and genuine christians of whatever name or order. Frank, cheerful, confiding, sincere in her nature it was a joy to her soul to co-operate with any and all for the salvation of precious souls for whom Jesus had died.

Her earthly work is finished, no, for the influence of her life will never fail to help on the conquests of the world for Christ. She has passed triumphantly to her reward but her works do follow after her, and for generations there will surely be those who will rise up to bless her name and memory. The good deeds of the good bear fruit forever in the hearts of living men and women. Her work will broaden and deepen as the years come and go.

Would that all women of Methodism might emulate her example and so hasten the day when the world shall be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord.

**Bishop W. F. Mallalieu,**

In Woman's Missionary Friend.
Ahmedabad District.

NADIAD.

VILLAGE EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Missionary - - - ADA HOLMES.

After seven years of work for Christ in India I went home on furlough in 1908. After an extended furlough for health reasons I returned to the land and people I love so well July 4, 1910.

While at my home in England it was the pleasure of the ladies of the Columbia River Branch to call me to America to work in the interests of that Branch. The work taxed my strength somewhat but it was blessed to tell the friends over there what God through His servants was accomplishing in India.

To learn the workings of our mission in the land of its birth is of infinite value to me now I am on the field again. And the dear American people are in my heart forever. From the time Mrs. Bishop Foss made me welcome in her home in Philadelphia and Miss Griffin took me to her home and heart till I left for my own friends and country, nothing but kindness was shown me. One minister to whose church I was sent said he himself had been waiting to take a furlough and he had me take three services but of course I bargained for the offerings. It is a great source of comfort to one now to look back on this visit; and of one thing I am sure that is that the women working at home are loyal and true to us who are on the field.

On arrival in India the first great surprise was to find the Whitney Memorial Home completed. The land and deed had been secured before I left and the building was half way up, but to Miss Morgan, my well beloved co-worker, fell the hard work of the last things and the finishing of the Home as it now is.

A sad downfall came to me when I learned that Miss Helen Robinson was needed in Baroda on account of our loss through the translation of dear Miss Williams. Baroda borrowed her and we attached a label, “Be sure and return before long.”

Seven Circuits were assigned to me and all that it means. Of one thing I am sure no one visiting the work can find out exactly just what it does mean, of joy and disappointment and of tired feeling; but who wants it changed? Not the missionaries; no, we count it a joy to work for our Master.

The sad trial which came to us all in the loss of our beloved friends Miss Williams and Mr. H. F. Bishop has been softened by God’s own presence. In Miss Williams I had a true friend and it would seem that at every turn one misses her. Mr. Bishop was perhaps the most helpful friend the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society has ever had in Gujarat.

Our sympathy, prayers and love go with his dear widow to the homeland and we hope that the children may come to us at some future date as missionaries.

I found the work had made advance in many ways and as I went from circuit to circuit was touched by the love of the women for whom I work. As the women advance there will be more time for us to give
to the actual work of evangelization among the villagers. The School of Theology in Baroda is supplying our work with well equipped women as Bible women and is proving what can be accomplished when we train our village women.

Day Schools.—In this department we have made distinct advance as quite a number of our schools are now registered. In Nadiad city we have two schools in the sweater quarters and we received Rupees eighty-four as grant-in-aid this year. We cannot expect all the children of such a large Christian community to enter orphanages. Many of them must remain in their villages, but we can carry enlightenment to them in the form of Sabbath and day schools. The most touching sight to me in the villages is the sight of the children claiming our attention.

We are very sure of the divine presence as we try to carry the Gospel message to the villagers who would never hear it if we did not take the message to them.

Miss Sherman came back to me in October and I feel I have in her a devoted and capable worker.

Our Bible women have given satisfaction as could be seen from time to time as we itinerated in the circuits. Our District Conference was one of the best I have attended and we had one of our own Bible women as President.

On the Nadiad station we have carried on successfully a prayer meeting and sewing meeting, the women buy the cloth with money collected by them, do the sewing, and give me the garments for the very poor. Most of these women are voluntary workers and I can always count on them for prayer when we are out itinerating. The daily life of our women is much improved.

As I write my report we have with us the President of our society, Mrs. Bishop McDowell, and I also feel we have a friend in her. What an honour it is to have these visitors.

Quite a number have been baptised during the year, for which we praise God. May His blessing rest with us all.

Baroda District.

BARODA.

GIRLS’ ORPHANAGE.

Educational Department.

Missionary

- - - - - Laura F. Austin.

Our Girls’ Orphanage suffered such a heavy loss in Miss Williams’ death in June that the work in every department has been affected. We lost a master hand in the work, but her memory is like a benediction in all our hearts, and her influence will remain with us throughout the years. Her work will still go on in the work of the girls whose lives she touched. No one could have done better in taking up her work than Miss Robinson has done.
Waiting for Santa Claus, Baroda Girls' School.
Methodist Episcopal Church, Baroda Camp, in which the Girls' Primary School and the Mixed Anglo-Vernacular High School are Held.
What shall I write of the year's work? The days go by very unostentatiously in school work and there seems little to tell to make a report interesting. It is the line-upon-line which makes character, however, so we hope and trust that the year has been a fruitful one in the school work, for the daily round has gone on faithfully on the part of teachers and pupils.

We have had a jolly lot of girls and boys in the kindergarten of the Primary School, and a nice class has passed on from this into the first standard. Sixty-six per cent of all pupils in the Primary School were promoted for the new year's work. From the sixth standard twelve girls finished the school work. Seven of these will take normal work this year. The other five are to be married. Three of these will continue their studies in the Theological School with their husbands. One goes to a Salvation Army worker, and one to a man engaged in secular work. There are one hundred fourteen girls left on the roll of this school for the coming year.

In the Anglo-Vernacular and High School we have had forty-four girls struggling to master our English language along with their mother tongue. The examination results of this school were fair. Fifty-two per cent of the pupils passed in the final examinations. We hope for still better results next year. The rolls show fifty-nine girls and sixty-five boys in this school for 1911.

The addition of a seventh standard makes the school of full High School grade. We are also hoping to develop our drawing department this year. Five pupils have received the first drawing certificates from the J. J. School of Arts.

The next two or three years will mean a great deal in making this a strong school, and we hope that sufficient direct missionary supervision may not be denied the school to make it a strong one.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

Missionary - - - - - HELEN E. ROBINSON.

It was a sacred duty for me to have to take up the work of our beloved Miss Williams, as it is to have to write a report of the years' work in the School in which during the first half of the year she did her noble share.

Our number at present is one hundred and eighty-five. We should like to see the number of little ones entering the school keep pace with those who leave. This year during the last six months twenty names have dropped off the roll, five to be married two to go home on account of health, one by death, five to study nursing in the new hospital, and seven to go to Godhra for normal training to exchange places with ten who came here to enter the Anglo-Vernacular School; while seventeen names have been added, seven of them new ones who have never been to school before. Ten are to be married before Christmas.

When I took up work in the compound I decided to give myself two weeks to learn their names, but it took just a little longer, and
now each girl has a definite place in my mind. The compound work is shared by a matron, Mrs. McPherson, who has been identified with our mission sixteen years, a worker who need not be ashamed, for her interest in and care for the work reach very deep into the girls' hearts and lives. Hers is the strategic point in the whole institution, for she lives in the compound with the girls and is mixed in with the food they eat, the air they breathe and the clothes they wear. She is the "house-mother." The girls call her "Mamma Saheb." Miss Sherman took her place during her vacation in August and September and between us we put in two of the hardest months of the year, but in the end found that our experiences with the girls had resulted in getting to know them very intimately.

Their time out of school is very limited. Many of them are up at four to cook or grind. Most of them get up about six and put in their time till ten in the morning and from half past four to nine in the evening in study, weaving, plastering floors, washing and sewing clothes and all the other usual round of home duties; some of the bigger girls are appointed monitresses besides. Seventeen belong to the home industrial class and the great problem is how to keep them happy though busy, because of necessity their lives are a little more monotonous than those of the girls who go to school. The first few months I gave a great deal of my time to these and the sick girls, but duties have crowded that out more and more.

Personal work of a kind one can have in abundance, but at first I was disappointed because it had to be done by chance as the occasion offered and could not be planned systematically. Now I rejoice when a girl comes to ask for something or to have something done for her, for there is a chance for a look or a word and sometimes a little prayer together that might help to build her character for Christ and His Kingdom. The latter part of the year, in the absence of an assistant, partly to relieve the matron and partly for my own benefit, I undertook to supply the clothing that had to be distributed. My plan was to supervise the cutting out and putting together of her own jacket by each girl. This took an enormous amount of time but the knowledge I gained of the girls by such contact I could not have got otherwise and many a time our work which was lightened by song and praise drew us nearer to the Master. Then there are the morning and evening prayers. Some of these times have been most delightful. Occasional fun and frolic does even more to draw the girls out in small groups who become thereby more firmly united in spirit to the larger group and to the whole institution. I know some of the girls are faithfully trying to keep the Morning Watch under great difficulties, and some are hungry for more spiritual blessing for themselves and for the school. One girl who felt her life was not as fruitful as possible asked to have a room set apart for quiet prayer and I think this will be possible soon. There is need for a fresh revival such as they had last March, but I am praying also for a fresh and powerful vision that shall ceaselessly and daily transform character as it is being moulded for Him.
The Staff of Butler Hospital.
A Bunch of Brownies from Butler Hospital.
MISSIONARY -

BELL E. ALLEN, M.D.

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." Looking backward, to-day, praise is, indeed, the dominant chord running thro' all the music of the year. After four years, invaluable years, instructive years, answers to prayers have been giving new courage and hope. First, the long prayed-for—much-needed—trained Nurse arrived, bringing with her such qualifications as peculiarly enabled her to fit into the need; and only those who have heard the promise "I removed his shoulder from the burden," and had it definitely fulfilled, can appreciate how much this has meant to the work. Full of enthusiasm, that unpurchasable commodity, and devotion to her profession, she has led the six girls of the training class into the mazes of aseptic cleanliness, unselfish ministration to others, often, in itself unlovely, even loathsome, and actually inspired them to look toward that ideal life of self-forgetfulness, of which she is an embodiment, and some even to aspire to attain thereto. Miss Law is, indeed, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and her children already rise up and call her blessed.

The second great event was the informal opening of the Hospital—the history of those preparatory years will never be told, but all is forgotten in these days of sweet fruition. It was not exactly the Boston Tea party we held that day, but a tea party in honor of a Boston lady on her 90th birthday; the cablegram we sent was only a wee sign of the joy we felt in actually having a place ready for the sick or dying or weary, where service could be rendered in His name to all who seek our aid.

Since that red letter day, the days have been all too short, spent in cleaning, organizing, planning, dispensing, teaching, nursing, reproving, exhorting, pleading, weeping, despairing, praying, learning, yes, learning, all the days, the need of dwelling more deeply, and too, reverently, be it said, entering more deeply into His fellowship as day after day with power to help, yearning with tender longing to help, and yet—deprived of the privilege through ignorance or fear or superstition. For example one of those nondescript bundles arrived, on a woman's head, in a basket. Speculation is always useless, it may be anything from a snake charmer's treasures to a leg of goat for the meat eating foreigner. A pained cry of suffering solved this puzzle and the black, once white, rag removed revealed a child, a much loved boy, badly burned. Means of relief were quickly applied and the grief crazed mother, quite ignorant of foreign methods, began to gather up her belongings to run away. The father was less frightened and tried to quiet her groundless fears. But she would not listen; she sat on the ground, beating her forehead viciously with her own hands, swaying her body back and forth and wailing, "I have killed him, with my own hands, I have killed him," with true oriental fervor, which must be both seen and heard to be appreciated. The cleansed relieved child was finally put on a clean bed; soothing ointments were applied to his wounds, and everything promised well; but presently they
began to get uneasy, then to ask for leave, and finally finding further co-operation impossible permission to go was granted. Fortunately, for us, not every case is thus taken from us or we would despair. Confidence is increasing as is shown by the rapidly increasing number of people from the outlying villages. The people from whom the land for the Hospital was purchased, feel a special sense of ownership, and the chief men from the village have come, as patients and sent their neighbours, and friends to "Our Hospital."

The number of cases seen exceeds that of any year yet, as does also the income from sales and fees. More houses are open in the city and a number of women in purdah send for the doctor now instead of suffering in silence. In answer to requests from village workers, simple remedies, with directions for use, have been supplied to some thirty workers, and this helps to reach the people as well as to make the Hospital known.

The Training Class, reported last year, is the third cause for praise. Neither the doctor nor the nurse has ever seen better progress made in a year's time, and, if this continues, Indian womanhood will have reason to be proud of her daughters, as new avenues of usefulness are opened up for them. Five probationers have just joined their ranks and the interested efficient way the older girls undertake the training of their "probs" is a never ending source of delight and amusement. A foreign missionary joined the nurses class, to take a special course in maternity work, and her hands have been full of babies and mothers' care, as the picture shows.

The maternity work is under the direct supervision of Nurse Law and her corps of nurses has responded loyally and gratifyingly to her efficient instruction. A book on Nursing has been translated, another is in preparation about half finished, and the practical work in the wards is growing more and more satisfactory.

One general ward, one maternity ward, four private wards, and one ward for missionaries have been in use; several missionaries, two families from another mission, especially, rejoiced to find such a haven from Jungle fever and filth.

Entrance into several high class families in the city has been established; Parsee, Mohammedan, Hindu and Christians, not to mention "the depressed classes," alike are profiting by the Hospital and yet, when we constrast the petty Done with the vast Undone, our hearts groan within us and we turn to Him without whom we know we can do nothing, and ask Him to take the government all of it upon His shoulders.

FLORENCE B. NICHOLSON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

Missionary - - Luetta Parker.

It is hard to realize that another year has rolled around. It has been a good year. The work has been much the same as formerly. The attendance in the Theological and Evangelistic Departments has been in advance of last year. Not so many Mission workers have been in for review, as they could not be spared from the village work even
A Few from the Nursery, Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology.
Faculty and Graduating Class, Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology, 1910.
for the six weeks. Seventeen women are leaving the school this year. Five of the number having completed the District Bible Woman's course and three the Theological. The others have been studying in various classes.

There has been an unusually good spirit among the teachers and students this year—a cause for thanksgiving. The babies are as dear as ever and more numerous. Our caretakers have had their hands more than full, and patience tried more than once trying to care for the forty and more in one small space, but we rejoice that this difficulty is almost a thing of the past. Our former Church, St. Paul's, Wichita, Kansas, is giving us 8,000 rupees ($1,000) for a nursery and kindergarten building which is growing day by day.

I thank God more and more for allowing me to have a part in the training of these wives and mothers; the real encouragement comes when we see them in their own homes in the villages. I have just visited one of the women who graduated last year. She is in a city about sixteen miles from here—not a Christian there except her husband and herself, and no others nearer than Baroda. She surprised and pleased me much as we went among the friends she has gradually made by her happy cheerful friendliness and the tactful way in which she told of our religion.

**BARODA CIRCUIT.**

**Missionary**

- Luetta Parker

I have not been able to get out into the villages of Baroda Circuit to visit former students as much this year as formerly. Daily teaching in the school has prevented. But we have been able to have more work done than at any period since I have had charge of the Circuit. Especially is this true in Baroda city. We were fortunate in getting another Bible woman who with one of the younger women has been very successful. They have a fine Sunday School in the Camp. In all five women are at work in the circuit now.

There is much need for some one to do zanana work here, the same story as everywhere—"fields white for the harvest but labourers few."

**DISTRICT WORK.**

**Missionary**

- Phila Keen Linzell

At last conference the Baroda District Woman's Evangelistic work was again given chiefly to Miss Williams and Mrs. Bancroft; Mrs. Parker and I having but three circuits. After three months Mrs. Bancroft and family left for America reaching there just in time to be by her father's bedside before his death. There was no one to take Mrs. Bancroft's work, so it fell under the direct charge of the District Superintendent. A few months later the sad tragedy at Teethal took our loved Miss Williams and we were bereft of a worker whose influence and power can scarcely be overestimated. We rejoiced when Miss Helen Robinson came to fill up the vacancy but her arrival during the
rains made it impossible to enter vigorously into village work, and besides
the Boarding School kept her more than busy. Thus for many months
our village Bible women have been left largely without supervision.
The reports at District Conference, however, showed that conscientious
and faithful work was going on. There have been about 600 baptisms
among women and children during the year. The work among children
has especially been pushed during the past year, and the preachers’
wives, whether paid Bible women or not, have been urged to give
care to this, especially, not only in connection with the Sunday Schools
where all are teachers, but also in connection with the Epworth Leagues
which have been started in many villages with the object of giving
systematic Bible instruction to Christian children attending the Gaek-
wari government schools. The day schools taught by our Bible women
have been better equipped and some are now being registered by the
Government which, through the annual inspection, will insure good
work being done.

In some places persecution is still rife. In the village of Kareli, on
Jambusar circuit, we had a splendid school with 20 regular pupils.
Gaba Bhana and his wife Kankubai had gone there fresh from the
Theological School and quickly won the hearts of the people. A chapel
was to be built for which a particularly desirable site had been selected.
When the high caste Hindus heard of the intentions, they rushed out
into the field and burned up the poor Christians’ crops, just ready to
harvest, threatened to burn the chapel if built and so intimidated these
poor people that the splendid school was obliged to close temporarily.
The matter was taken up vigorously, however, and the offenders brought
to time, who soon came to Baroda and sought out the District Superin-
tendent and apologized for their conduct and paid all expenses incurred
in the matter. They were much impressed with the mission plant in
Baroda, and one is now an anxious inquirer after salvation. Meanwhile
the school is again going on and Gaba and Kankubai are established in
their work.

In another village we are much hampered by the aggressiveness
of the Jesuits. They win the Christians from our fold by bribes and
presents. They would take a child as soon as born, fit it and mother
out with fresh bright clothing, and then baptise the child. Asha Hansji
and his wife Sonabai were transferred to the village as they were
thought best equal to the difficult situation. Sonabai is one of our
older Bible women and has not received any education excepting by her
own efforts with examinations at District Conference; but she is
energetic and possessed of a warm motherly heart which takes in every
one in need. She had no bribes to offer excepting herself, which she
did to all in need—helping many suffering women especially at the time
of their confinement, when some would have died but for her practical
aid and sympathy. By thus giving herself she won the hearts of the
people and where we never had been able to open a school she soon had
seventeen children enrolled.

The necessity of more missionary supervision for our Bible women
cannot be too strongly urged. They go from our Boarding and Theo-
logical Schools, where they have been surrounded by the most careful
christian influence and protection, to surroundings whose degradation, superstition, ignorance and sin are too awful to be described. Christian workers in civilized environment often get disheartened and need the encouragement and inspiration of friends and leaders, but what of these young women, all but alone in the midst of blackest heathenism. Without leadership and inspiration they cannot but lose heart at times. Would that we had at least two Woman's Foreign Missionary Society missionaries to give full time to village work in Baroda District. In spite of all the difficulties we have confidence that His Spirit is working and we rejoice to see continued improvement in our hundreds of village communities.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

PADRA, WASAD, SAVALI, OD AND THASARA CIRCUITS.

Missionary - HELEN. E. ROBINSON.

(At the recent District Conference these five were subdivided and resulted in the addition of three more—Varnama, Wagasi and Kakar.)

A resumé of the past five or six months will not show any great work done, because so little time could be spared from the school. The present plan of combining the school and evangelistic work is ideal for two reasons, but to combine them in one Missionary is unreasonable. First, a missionary who represents a certain school undoubtedly draws girls to that school, and is perhaps more concerned to get them. What greater service can be done for India than to add even one girl to the number of those who are literate? Second, the missionary who knows the former environment of the girls and is constantly in and out among the people will know how to give a broad, missionary outlook and an inspiration that will keep the girls in touch with the world lying around them to be saved. It has been the greatest delight to me after my trips in the villages to see how the girls rejoice in the descriptions I have given them that have been encouraging, and also how they sympathize and pray for the difficulties. With a map of the district before them and a description of each journey I make, even if only to a quarterly conference, they are becoming quite enthusiastic over evangelistic work.

To be brief, in July and August, I simply paid the salaries of the Bible women through the head man of each circuit who came to Baroda to a monthly meeting at Mr. Linzell's, as the village roads were too impassable on account of the rains. At these meetings I got my instructions and ideas about the work—school work, League work and Bible women's work that was to be expected of me. They were most interesting and profitable meetings—if I had only been able to follow the impulse to get to work as soon as possible.

During August and September I gradually acquired a general idea of the work by accompanying Mr. Linzell to the five quarterly conferences on my five circuits, making another round in November. Munibai, Mrs. Parker's Bible woman, was loaned to me, and we spent our first night out together at Panibai Paul's house in Thasara, which Miss Morgan has said she keeps so clean that there is not even a mosquito
around. We visited the heathen city which looked centuries old and as hard as the faces we saw looking grimly at us, but we spent a happy evening in the "mohulla" with the Christian children. They were humble folk and loved the singing. In recalling that series of quarterly conferences I have visions of the dear bright women with whom it was to be my lot to labor and whom I met for the first time then. I also remember the interesting rides to Padra, nine miles from Baroda, and Tundao, twelve miles, through hemp, cotton, tobacco and grain fields, clumps of babul, mango, peepul, banyan and palm trees, where now and then the parrots and peacocks and monkeys enlivened the scene. We passed a place where large numbers of the royal elephants were kept, and came across Hindu temples, tanks and villages too numerous to mention. But then the air was free from dust, and green was the predominating color in the landscape. Now in a little while it has become brown with dust.

The first of October Miss Bailey came from her vacation not quite rested and well yet, so she undertook to work the Baroda circuit for Mrs. Parker as it was near by. I made my first village trip about that time one week end, going to Kakar with Panibai Paul and her husband. I travelled by train and bullock cart. Kakar was six miles from the station but by a circuit of eighteen miles I took in four villages before I returned on Monday. These visits were eye-openers to me of what a foothold Christianity has gained everywhere in these villages. As dark was settling one evening we found ourselves in the midst of a ploughed field, with no lantern, four miles from the village, and with a bullock that would not go. But off in the distance we heard a Christian song and saw a white bullock which belonged to the singer, a steward in our church at a village I was to visit later, moving through the bushes. He gladly lent it to us and started us on the right track.

In November the great event was the District Conference. Miss Austin, who is beloved by all the Bible women, presided over it. The examinations occupied the first two days and Miss Bailey, the registrar for Gujarat, who keeps a very orderly record of each Bible woman's standing, reported the results before Conference ended. The results, except those of the women who had studied in the Theological school during the year, were not very encouraging, and make it painfully evident that there is need of at least another whole Evangelistic W.F.M.S. missionary—not a half one—to go around holding monthly quizzes and keeping the Bible women up to the mark, because if they are to instruct others they ought to be holding themselves in readiness all the time by systematic Bible study with all the help we can possibly give them.

After leaving a little time for the workers to get settled in their new appointments, Miss Bailey started out itinerating with our new worker, Chemelibai, a native of Gujarat, trained at Sunderbai Powar's School and at the Taylor High School, a cultured Christian girl, able to speak a little English. This trip was in the Od circuit and was full of difficulties ending quite disastrously for the poor evangelistic carriage and ponies, for they kicked and bit each other and broke the gardi so
Godhra Graduates Attending Isabella Thoburn High School, Lucknow.
that it had to be drawn home by bullocks. But the two itinerants reported a happy time with the women and christians of several villages, in and around Od, following Miss Williams' footsteps, the Lord being with them. (See last year's report.)

Thus the time has been filled as best it could under the circumstances. If I had not spent in December a disproportionate amount of time over the girls' clothes in school I should have had more to report. There were fourteen—now eighteen or twenty—circuits altogether, enough to keep three W. F. M. S. Missionaries busy all the time. Can we not expect at least one to come out before next fall or by that time?

GODHRA.

GIRL'S ORPHANAGE AND BOARDING SCHOOL.

*Educational Department.*

_**Missionary**_ - - _M. D. Crouse._

The beginning of the year the Godhra work was divided and Miss Ross took over the boarding department and to me fell the school work. In April, at the request of Bishop Warne and the Baroda District Superintendent and missionaries, we opened a class to prepare girls for Normal Training thus greatly increasing the school work.

**Primary School.**—Our Primary School was inspected by the Deputy Educational Inspector in August. He was aided by his two Brahmin assistants who made a thorough inspection from the kindergarten through the six standards. This year we had the satisfaction of having our Sixth Standard inspected as a Preparatory Class and at the suggestion of the Inspector nine girls who completed the course were admitted as first year pupils in our Normal Training School.

**Normal Training School.**—The Preparatory Class which opened in April and which was composed of nine girls who had finished the work in the Baroda Primary School and seven from Godhra, was inspected and examined in September. The Inspector and his first assistant were so pleased with the work done by the class that he suggested making our Sixth Standard Primary a Preparatory Class, which we have done—thus saving the additional expense of a Preparatory Class.

The first year's Normal Class started on November first. It is a most promising class of twenty girls, twelve Godhra girls and eight Baroda girls, all of whom have passed the Government Sixth Primary Standard. The teacher is one of the very best procurable. She is the widow of a Civil Surgeon and has a Government Teacher's Third Year certificate and takes a delight in her work. We are now making every effort to have our school registered and I trust that ere my furlough comes round the Methodist Mission of Gujarat shall have a Normal Training School of which it need not be ashamed.
This year has seen great changes in our Godhra School. The coming of Miss Ross and the consequent division of the work into Boarding Department and School Department, with a missionary for each department, has enabled the school to make such strides as never made before. Twenty-seven girls have gone into advanced courses. Of these, twelve entered the Normal Training School, four have entered the Nurses Training Class of the Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital in Baroda, eight the co-educational High School in Baroda, and three the Isabella Thoburn High School in Lucknow. The last three are worthy of special note as they passed the full course in our Primary School when scarcely in their teens. One, the daughter of one of our Gujarati Pastors, was sent by her father at his own expense—though it meant sacrifice on his part; the first instance on record of one of our Christian Pastors sending his child such a distance as Lucknow is from Godhra and glad to have her fitted for a larger sphere of usefulness than enjoyed by the vast majority of our mission girls. The other two are orphans. The one was sent to Baroda to take Nurse Training at the Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital but the physician-in-charge was greatly impressed with the youthful ambition and cleverness of the child and felt that by God’s help the child should have a medical education. It really must have been God’s plan for her, for in writing to America about her upon her completing the course in Godhra we found her patron had for years cherished this hope and had made preparations toward this end and the funds for her education were immediately pledged and Gujarat will some day have a woman physician from its own depressed classes. The third girl has in her the making of the future Superintendent of our Normal Training School. May God bless these girls away from the environment of childhood and make them a blessing to the women of India.

In closing the report brief mention should be made of our Annual Prize Distribution held in our beautiful school, December third. Mrs. Abbas Tayabji, a beautiful spirit of the more enlightened Mohammedan community—distributed the prizes and spoke most encouragingly to the girls. We were glad to see the girls and their enthusiasm as prizes were given for cleanliness, neatness, punctuality and like virtues, most conspicuous by their rarity in this land of ceremonial cleanliness.

**Boarding Department.**

**Missionary** - - 

ELsie M. Ross.

It is just a year since I came to my new home in Godhra, and it has been a year filled with new experiences. There have been joys and sorrows, pleasure and pain, encouragements and discouragements, but in and through it all, the Master’s presence has been very manifest and He has not failed to be a great sustaining power. My work during the year has been in the Boarding or Home Department of the Orphanage. How I wish I could give you just a little glimpse into our home life. It is not at all what we wish it to be, nor what we hope to make it, but it is a real revelation to any one who has not
seen the home life in an Indian orphanage. We are trying to make the home life one of industry and it is so in many respects. Our girls do their sewing, washing, grinding and cooking and many other things that are continually coming up in the home.

The high standard girls each take a little girl, whom they claim as little sister, and the older girl is responsible for the care of the clothing and the cleanliness of the smaller girl; some of the girls love and care for their little sisters as if they were really their sisters, while others have to be reminded sometimes that they have a little sister.

We have quite a number of little girls, some very tiny indeed. Eight new ones have come in this year and it is so nice to have them. At first every thing seems strange to them and they are afraid, but as they learn to know the girls and those who care for them they are soon free from fear and as happy as can be.

If a girl cannot sew (we have very few who cannot) the other girls make her clothes and she does more grinding or some other work in turn.

In the early part of the year we had a great deal of sickness and our hospital was continually used, but during the past four months our girls have greatly improved and with the exception of some chronic cases and an occasional case of slight fever, sickness is an absent number. By carefully carrying out Dr. Allen’s orders, we have been free this year from the great fever scourge which comes to Godhra every year. We are truly thankful for such a condition as it means so much for the school and also for our home life.

During the year there have been two hundred girls in our home. A number of these have gone out from home.

Two girls have been married during the year and several more will be before the year closes. Eleven have gone to High School and four have entered the Hospital in Baroda for Nurse Training. Eight have been in Tilonia at the Sanitarium for a number of months, where they are under the splendid care of Dr. Edna B. Keislar. Dr. Keislar reports progress in most cases. Eight have crossed over to the Home Land.

There is much to be done along every line and especially along the line of personal work. So many of our girls need the touch of the Master, and we are praying that in this New Year many of them may be brought to know Him as their personal Saviour, and that the New Year will be a great step in advance of the one just closing.

Bombay District.

BOMBAY.

BOWEN MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Deaconess: - - MRS. HARRIETT L. R. GROVE.

Five years and more have passed since I first came to Bombay. It does not seem possible, but the time appears to fly away in India.

Again conference time is near, and fast following, comes the Christmastide which brings so much joy to the children everywhere.
Last Christmas was a great time for the happy little ones. I assisted at five Christmas treats besides our own Sunday School Christmas tree, and a happier bevy was never seen. Preparations are being made for a repetition of this, this year.

Bowen Church has undergone the trial of changing pastors during the year, which always brings its difficulties. Owing to many changes in the Conference, Mr. Wood was transferred to Ahmedabad to take charge of that needy district, and in November Mr. and Mrs. Hansen came to us, and are taking up the work with zeal. We are sure the Lord will bless them abundantly in their labours.

The regular Church services and Sunday School sessions have been held, and well attended, but where so many of the congregation are transient, we often see a face but once. Bombay being the “Front door” of India, nearly every service brings strangers to us, who are gladly welcomed. Then there is the difficulty of our people being transferred to other towns. When I returned from my holiday this year, I found that twenty children were away from the Sunday School. Upon inquiry I learned that some had gone to England, some had gone “Up country,” and some to the other side of the city and the distance did not permit them to attend our school, but they are now attending other Sunday Schools. Since then, the number in our school has looked up, and we now have a larger number of Sunday School scholars than at any time since I have been here.

The President has been faithful in the Epworth League work and the meetings have been held weekly. The district convention was held in Poona and was well attended. The papers read, were very helpful and inspiring.

I have visited the hospital regularly, and feel that this is a work of mercy, help, and love, for I find many patients there who are so entirely alone, stranded strangers, as it were, and many, yes, the majority of them, strangers to the Saviour of all men, but they are ready to listen to the sweet story of Jesus and His loving grace, and it has been my pleasure and joy to see some of them brought into the “Light.” They eagerly look forward to my visits, and for the good papers and books, with which kind friends from over the sea have kept me supplied. Of these, along with Bibles and Tracts, I have given out about five hundred. Forty-nine visits have been made to the hospital and three hundred and twenty-four patients seen. I am glad this work will be continued.

The parish calls number thirteen hundred and seventy-two, making the total number for the year seventeen hundred and two.

It has given me much pleasure to have with me through the year, the missionary friends, not only of our own mission, but of other missions, on their way to and from the “homeland,” and to bid them God speed on their way and in the work.

The dear Father has given me unnumbered blessings during the past five years. I thank him and go on to the next year, knowing he is my guide, and will lead me all the way.
POONA.

ANGLO-INDIAN GIRLS' HOME.

Missionary - - - - - MRS. E. H. HUTCHINGS.

In presenting the seventeenth annual report of our Home one is constrained first to give heartiest thanks to Him who has so lovingly guided us through the year. The question of funds which in former years has often been a problem, yet which has always been supplied, has this year been entirely without anxiety, owing to the large Childrens' Day collections and other generous gifts, so that we were able to close the year with a balance.

The number of children in the Home is girls, sixty, and boys, twenty. Several who have been received during the year were cases of peculiar sadness.

There have been several changes in the staff. Miss Campbell, our Kindergarten teacher, was obliged to leave through removal and Mrs. Phillips, who taught the sixth standard, resigned owing to ill health. Miss Wilbond has joined the staff as third standard teacher and Miss H. Wood as drawing teacher. The remainder of our teachers have continued with us doing good service.

The Lanowli Convention was attended by twenty of the girls, who received great spiritual blessing from it. The prayers of many years were richly answered.

The Lord has indeed been mindful of us in raising up so many friends who have helped in various ways, among whom we would like to mention Dr. Wadia, who has been most kind in giving medical aid to our children and providing all medicines free of charge; the doctors, sisters, and nurses of Sassoon Hospital who have kindly cared for our little ones; Mrs. Thorne of Kirkee and her friends, who have rendered substantial aid by sending parcels of completed clothing to fill up the places of worn out garments; and Hope Cross, Esq., the City Magistrate, who gave the children a delightful Christmas treat when they were regaled with all sorts of good things, substantial gifts from the Christmas tree, and charming motor car rides.

Our Pastor, the Rev. Fawcett Shaw, has always been most kind in helping us and doing all he could to further the interests of the Home. "Surely goodness and mercy does follow all the days." The work of the year has been satisfactory. The Inspector remarks. "The work throughout the school is neat and careful and the school continues to do very useful work." The needlework under the direction of Miss Merrett received commendation. He also recommended us for an increased grant which has been passed and for which we are deeply thankful.

In the all-India Sunday School Union examination two of the girls came first in the Bombay Presidency, one in the intermediate and one in the junior division.

The health of the children has been remarkably good owing largely to the delightful holiday they enjoyed at Lanowli through the kindness of Mr. E. W. Fritchley, who lent us a house for a month besides paying all expenses. We have only had one case of real illness, little Maud Smith has had an attack of enteric from which she made a speedy recovery.
Missionary - - - Mrs. Ellen H. W. Fox.

Again this year, we were called upon to part with our Head Mistress, Miss Sprague, after one year and four months of faithful service, during which time she was the principal's right hand reliance, cheerfully undertaking anything that required to be done for the good of the school. It was her desire and intention to remain at least another year, but repeated alarming reports of her widowed mother's failing health seemed to make her home call most imperative, so, with sincerest regret, we consented to part with her. She remained on, however, nearly a month after the close of the school for the hot weather vacation, till within a few days of sailing, May 15th, to teach the matriculation girls who had stayed in school to study. As when Miss Carey left, so in this instance, a vacancy was created which seemed most difficult to fill; but, as in the former case, so in this, the need was soon supplied, and I am happy to be able to say that our present Head Mistress, Miss Staggs, is proving to be the right person in the right place, and our hearts are full of praise for this answer to our prayers.

There have been several other changes in the Staff, three of our younger teachers having left us at the end of 1909, two of whom—both matriculates from our school—left in order to better fit themselves for teaching, one going to a Normal Training School, the other to an Art School. For all these three vacancies, we have been able to secure certificated teachers, the change involving, as might have been expected, a considerable increase in expenditure for salaries, commensurate with the increase in efficiency.

Early in October, our boy's matron, Mrs. Johnson, left us to join her husband who was obliged to return to America in April last. We sincerely regret the necessity for this change, for, though there are many who would be glad to slip into the vacant place, there are few who would give themselves so whole heartedly to the temporal and spiritual interests of the little boys. But again, we have to record our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the supply of our need. On Mrs. Johnson's departure, Miss Lothian, who had previously proved her fitness for the post, very kindly consented to take up this work till the end of the term.

Of the two girls who successfully passed the matriculation examination last year, one is teaching, and the other has joined the Isabella Thoburn College for Normal Training. Two were sent up for the Art school last year and both passed, one in the first grade and one in the third.

This year, out of six sent up for the Art examination, five passed. All our five candidates for the Trinity College examination recently held, passed with high marks, all but two being above 80, the lowest being 75, the highest, 88. One girl received honours, and several others received honour marks in some subjects. Had their parents consented, two other music pupils would have been sent up for the examination with as good prospects of passing creditably as any of the others.

Three girls took their matriculation examination last month. One goes up for the High School examination next week and one for the Senior Cambridge the week following.
We are indebted to Mrs. Eddy's kind interest for twelve beautiful new desks which arrived from America early in the year.

We would accept most gratefully the gift of another dozen or more desks of the same or similar pattern, should the Lord lay it upon the hearts of some of our friends to make us so valuable a present.

The new play shed meets a long felt want; for heretofore, the only place the children had for recreation in rainy weather, was the chapel which was never benefitted by being used for such a purpose. I am sure it will be gratifying to our friends to know that this building has not involved the school in debt, all expenses having been fully met.

Though our numbers have fallen off somewhat owing to some of our missionary children going to England, America and Australia on furlough with their parents, and others removing from Poona to Bombay and other places, yet, we believe we can honestly say without boasting, that the school is prospering, and is doing as good work as at any other period of its history.

I wish to record my sincere thanks to God for His sustaining grace in the greatest grief of my life, as well as for distinct answers to prayer regarding several important matters connected with the school during the past year; also for the efficient, faithful, and hearty co-operation of all the members of the staff.

The Saturday evening prayer meetings have been kept up without a break through the year with most encouraging results; also the children's meetings on Sunday, which have been very profitable. Some of the girls were allowed by their parents to accompany the Principal and three teachers to the convention at Epworth Heights, Lanouli, and all who attended took a decided stand for Christ.

Though there is still much to be desired in many directions yet we feel that we have reason to be greatly encouraged by the results of the year's work.

We are eagerly looking for the new missionary whom we so sorely need, and for whom we have been praying for more than three years.

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POONA.

ENGLISH CHURCH.

Missionary - - - - - C. A. FAWCETT SHAW.

The Epworth League, "Spiritual department," and Sunday School, Philathea Class, besides pastoral visitation and temperance work were my appointed work; but a long and trying illness came to hinder for many months, and even these simple duties had to be laid aside. It has been a delight to minister to others, as opportunity offered, and here in Poona the young people of the Church and Sunday School came very near our hearts.
Missionary - - - - - - E. W. Nicholls.

The Bombay work differs from all others in this Conference in that it lays special stress upon reaching the higher and educated classes of people resident in such large numbers in Bombay.

The question often asked is: "Is it difficult?" To this we would answer "Yes," and "No."

Access to Houses.—It is not difficult to gain access to people under the right conditions, the most essential being the right kind of worker. The high class woman will receive with open arms the European missionary or an Indian sister who ranks somewhat like herself in social position. She is eager for enlightenment on all social lines, and will gladly receive instruction on household matters and in the care of children if given in a kindly spirit. One or two have asked me to show them how to bathe the baby in European style after which she remarked: "Your way is so much gentler and nicer than ours."

Most of the women are glad to study the christian Bible, they enjoy the gospel stories and memorize such portions as are assigned to them. Some have become so interested that their husbands have interfered and said that she was not to read the book, neither were we to visit her. Her next alternative is to visit her friend's house on the day of the missionary's visit and so get her lesson.

Those who are well educated are very eager to have you read English with them in order to perfect their accent. One call runs thus—"I am so glad you have come, only I don't want to read the Bible to-day. Can you tell me anything about a 'Lady Jane Grey'? Someone I met not long ago was talking about her and I want to know her history;" and so the opportunity was given to tell the wonderfully pathetic story of the beautiful girl who having found heart rest and peace through Jesus Christ gladly laid down her life for her faith. After the story was finished she looked up and said: "She was true; wasn't she? Truly Jesus, and Jesus only can give heart rest."

Caste.—The problem of caste is the greatest difficulty which confronts us. We could name many who have renounced idols and accepted Christ as Saviour, some going so far as to attend the church services, read the Bible and pray in their homes, but when they are told that Christ asks more than this, even the public confession before men by baptism, they will tell you that the taking of such a step is beyond the bounds of possibility. One man and his wife who have been deeply under conviction of the Spirit said not long ago: "Why should we be asked to do such a thing. All our friends will despise us and we shall be
A Typical High Caste Marathi Woman.
cast out.” They forget that Christ was made of no reputation and was cast out for their sakes in order that they may have life.

Even though much has been gained through education and enlightenment yet many of the old superstitions remain; for instance attention is brought to the newly born baby lying in the cradle, the visitor innocently remarks: “What a beautiful baby!” whereupon the mother’s countenance is immediately seen to fall and a troubled look takes the place of contentment. If instead of commenting upon the child’s beauty the visitor had complained of its appearance all would have been well and the evil eye would not have fallen upon the baby; as it is, there will be trouble ahead.

INQUIRERS.—During the last year there have been several of their own free will coming to the bungalow to enquire the way of life. The surface life of the people appears much the same, yet those who have worked among them for years realize that there is an under current of restlessness concerning their spiritual state and condition. This is specially true of those who have had the word read and explained in their homes. One woman said: “Yes, many of us would give all we possess to be able publicly to acknowledge Christ but what we need is another power to come upon us enabling us to have the courage to confess in spite of the persecution that will follow.” A few weeks ago a timid Parsi girl called. When asked her motive for coming she said: “Someone told me you could tell me about Jesus. Can you?” On further conversation we found that fifteen years ago Mrs. Bhimjibhoy had visited her home but when she began to preach Jesus was roughly turned away. Then later a sister had married and gone north, a lady missionary had visited her, given her a new Testament which had been used, taught her to pray, also that Jesus could save from sin and give peace. This news she brought to her younger sister in Bombay who comes now almost daily to the bungalow for instruction without the knowledge of the parents, for if they knew the visits would be stopped. There is much of this hidden work going on. One fears to relate much for even the speaking of it may hinder the Spirit’s work. He works silently but surely.

MOHULLAS.—The preaching in the mohullas as well as in the outlying districts of Bombay has gone on steadily. These women will gather in numbers; many listen eagerly; latterly some have objected for the reason that some of their number are taking less interest in the heathen rites than in hearing the story of Jesus. Our workers have been called to many a bedside, where the patient having heard the story, wants to hear it again before life expires.

Plague and cholera are very prevalent at certain seasons of the year, the women may be listening in the morning and on their death bed before twenty-four hours have passed. How much need for faithful sowing of the seed!

RESCUE WORK—Rhai bai, our old lady who has been in the mission over twenty-five years, is still at her post. She finds her way into the houses of the girls who have been sold to the god Khandoba, which means of course that they are set aside for temple use, that is, given
over to an immoral life; the results we cannot number. She is often called to come and pray when least expected and she feels that many have been saved at the eleventh hour.

Sunday School Work.—Our workers are found on Sundays in the different schools and chawls (tenements) where many are gathered to listen to the lesson. One most interesting Sunday School is held in the prison-reformatory, there, every Sunday, owing to the kindly interest of the superintendent, we are able to gather together two hundred and eighteen boys. These are boys who have been placed there by the magistrate for from three to ten years as the case may be. We greatly prize this opportunity as many of the boys have never before even heard the name of Jesus.

Workers.—In all departments of the work the workers have been true and faithful. In the beginning of the year we were able to welcome back not only to India but to the Bombay work Krupabai Chowey who after being with us for ten years went to America to fit herself for more efficient service. After being at Folts Institute for three years she returned to us feeling that God had called her to labour specially among the high caste women of this city.

In all we have reached thirty thousand people during the past year and have on our list about two hundred high class homes.

CITY SCHOOLS AND GUJARATI EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Missionary — — — — ANNA AGNES ABBOTT.

City Schools.—There has been very little in the work of this year that is different from that of preceding years except that perhaps there have been more changes in the staff of workers. This has been made necessary by the death of two of our best teachers, Tarabai, who for a time worked in the Colaba Marathi school and who for about a year previous to her leaving us had been in the Tardeo school, and Thakabai, one of the teachers in the Colaba Gujarati school. These places have been hard to fill and in fact for some months there seemed a likelihood of the Tardeo school having to be closed because of the inability to secure a suitable teacher, but evidently it is not our Father's plan that the school should be closed for after three months of experimenting with one teacher and another, Sundarabai has come to us and she seems to possess just the qualifications needed, namely the ability to gather the children together. Previous to her coming the average number of children had gone down to ten per month, but in three months of work she had secured an average attendance of twenty-four and this has since been increased. The number of children with an average attendance of one hundred or more days in the various schools is considerably larger than previous years, showing a more permanent class of pupils. Gangabai who has taken the place of Thakabai in the Colaba school is one of our own mission girls from Godhra; she is married to a teacher in one of the boys' schools here. Her work is very good for the little time she has been able to devote to it this
A Group of girls from the Agripada School, Bombay.
year and we are hoping that she may be able to do even better work the coming year. The new school at Agripada, opened just at the close of last year, has made steady progress and now has a fixed attendance of about fifty. This includes several Jews, three negroes (who are christians) a large number of Hindu children and several christian children. It is always a difficult matter to get a new school on a permanent basis and that has been true of this school. From the beginning however we have had good teachers; the head mistress, Sagunabai, lacks only one year of having completed a high school course and has completed the government normal school course, so of course is well qualified for this work. The Inspector on making his annual visit this year said that if we had not secured her for the school they would have been glad to have secured her for one of the municipal schools. This school although only in existence about fifteen months is already registered and has been inspected for the first time with a view to a grant-in-aid being given. The second teacher, Mainabai, is specially well adapted for the kindergarten work and it is a joy to see the little tots in her department clamoring for a song, or insisting that it is now time to fold paper or time to have their calisthenics. Last year at Christmas time there was weeping here because there were no dolls to be given but this year every little girl who had been present one hundred days or more received a doll in connection with our prize giving at which our own Mrs. McDowell presided. The friends at home have our most hearty thanks for making it possible to give these little ones the dolls. One of the boys who has been in the school from the beginning, although a Hindu, for fourteen months from the beginning of the school was never absent a single Sunday from Sunday school.

This year for the first time we have had a place where all the children from several of the schools could come together for their prize distribution. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate the one school house we own here in Bombay. It is a center for various activities; all the week it is used for a school house, one evening the Epworth League meets there, a mother's meeting is held once a month in it, special prayer meetings for the workers are held in it, two Sunday schools, and we hope in the future to make it still more of a center.

Sulokshnabai who has now been working for two years in the Colaba Marathi school has endeared herself very much to the pupils and there is a marked increase in the attendance of girls in that school since she has been there. She had her training at the expense of the mission and is giving the three years at a nominal salary to the mission after which she will be entitled to regular government rates.

Shantabai has been able to be at home this year so the Colaba school has had more careful supervision than last year. At the urgent request of the pupils she has conducted a class in English, and she has taught the Bible much of the time as well. Several of the children from this school went up for the all India Sunday School examination.

The Tadwadi school has had a very good attendance this year and the permanency of the pupils in that school is a source of great satis-
faction. The teacher is Premabai one of our Talegaon girls. If there ever was a needy spot in Bombay it is where this school is located.

We have been greatly crippled in all the work this year because there has not been money sent commensurate with the needs. In connection with the small schools that already exist we ought to make enlargements at once. Both Tardeo school and Agripada require one extra teacher and then there is the great section of higher class people among whom zanana work is being pushed and who are asking us to open a school for their children. We trust that it will be possible for us to do that in the very near future.

Sunday Schools.—As heretofore in every place where there is a day school there is a Sunday School and the teachers work in these Schools and also help Miss Nicolls in her reformatory Sunday school. Many of the pupils in the schools have committed the golden texts of entire quarters to memory. First and foremost is the teaching of the Bible in every place because we do believe that the Word of God is life-giving and that if they get it into their heads with our prayers for them God will apply it through His Holy Spirit to their hearts and a harvest will be reaped from among these schools. The attendance is quite as good in the Sunday schools as it is in the day schools and in some instances there are a number who attend the former who do not attend the latter.

Evangelistic Work.—The work among the Gujarati women has been carried on this year as usual but under added difficulties as one of the Bible women was married during the year and left us, so that much of the time we have had only one instead of two Bible women. It seems likely however that we shall be able to secure another woman to take her place before long.

There is no more needy field in Bombay than this one and none where perhaps the work seems to count for so little, yet during the year a number of women have been baptised belonging to families where the husband was already a christian. The great difficulty with the Gujarati community is that it is scattered over such lengths of the city and the families are so far from the church that they will only make the effort to come on some special occasion. There is because of this the greater need of Bible women who can visit them and teach them in their own homes.

Bear these teachers and Bible women upon your hearts, for to them is entrusted the responsible work of so living and teaching that those who hear may be won to Jesus Christ.

LONI AND WAGOLI.

CIRCUIT AND EVANGELISTIC WORK.

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

The Loni Circuit work is very encouraging and our workers on the circuit have been faithfully visiting all of the near villages, walking
Inpection Day. The D. S. and Buncie.
many miles to and from their work. They also went out into the fields where the people are at work to visit and teach them during the rest hour.

The dispensary has been open several hours daily and while one worker examined the people, another one would teach the word. When the workers went out into other villages they always took the medicines with them.

The village people look upon us as friends, and that is a great victory won. They gather about my husband and me, and plead for us to spend more time with them, and they do not leave us alone much when we are in their midst. They would like us to come and live in their village, but I do wish that we could spend more time with them.

One of our men and his wife have become quite medical workers, and declare that they have saved many a life with quinine, salts, itch medicine, cholera mixture, etc., etc. I can only say that they have treated several hundred, and have not killed anybody, and I feel certain that many have been helped. There is so much that I might tell you, but I must not write more, or the report will be too long.

Buncie, the “Rice Memorial Express,” has done fine work this year, and I think that you will enjoy seeing him with the District Superintendent. I am so thankful that my Father allowed me to be born in a Christian land, are not you? I want to do better work the coming year, don’t you?

POONA CITY.

TRAINING AND DAY SCHOOLS.

Missionary

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MRS. W. H. STEPHENS.

I wonder if the home people get as tired of reading my reports as I do of writing them, for it seems that one year is hardly passed before I am asked to write another report for the coming minutes. I think that the time goes faster on the mission field than it does at home, or perhaps it is age coming on, although I feel younger in many ways than I did when I landed. One thing sure I do not know as much about the work and people as I did the first few months I was in India. I have learned much the past year that I wish I might have known ten years ago. I often wish that I had kept more quiet the first year I was in India, for I would not have to blush quite so much over advice that I gave. I would advise all new missionaries, and globe trotters, both men and women, to keep very quiet for at least one year, and not to express too freely the thoughts that one is bound to have about the work, people, land, government, etc., etc. Do not write a book for fifty years.

During the past year I have spent several hours a day in the Boys’ High School, and Training School for workers, and I have learned much that I could not have learned any other way. Our school is now a High School, and we are looking forward to the day when
we will have our own teachers who will be able to fill the places of the Hindu Pundits. We have some bright young men in the three highest classes, and they have not only kept up in the studies in the High School, but have done well in the Training School. They also passed a good examination in our District Conference which met in Poona recently. Most of these boys have no homes, and look upon the mission as home, and we try to make it a real home for them, but that is hard where there are so many boys. It has been very touching to hear them talking among themselves about a home. One young man, a former pupil in the school, and afterwards in the Training School, who never knew any other home, used to say that my husband and I were his only relatives, and he now is married to one of the Training School young women, and has a little daughter, and thinks that his family is just right. I was amused in our District Conference Love Feast, to hear him tell how thankful he was for his family.

We have a Hostel in connection with the Boarding School, and we have a number of young men who work during the day, and come home for dinner, and the night. These young men have to keep all of the rules of the school, and also attend the weekly prayer meeting, Epworth League and Sunday services, so we have hold on them.

In place of having an industrial plant we send our boys who do not care for a higher education to learn a trade, and it works well. The boys in our home do well, but I would not have you think that India produces more saints among our young people than any other land does.

Our Training School is being examined to-day, and I have just come out of the room, and they are doing well, and I feel that work that we try to do in this school will last.

How much our workers need the help of some one who can teach them, for they have so few books in their language. During the year, we have translated a small book on the Tabernacle for the use of the workers, and Training School, and the chart on the Tabernacle sent to us by Miss C. Butler is doing good service. It was used by the Training School on Children’s Day, and all enjoyed it, and last night it was again used in the League by one of the teachers. The workers and students in the Training School have spent half time at work, and the other half of the time in the school, so they have spent the whole year in work as well as study.

There is one thing that I have been trying to improve in the Training School the past year, and that is match making. The custom in India is for a man to come to a lady who has charge of young women and ask for a wife. At an appointed time the man calls, and girls are where he can get a good view of them, and he with the help of the lady makes a choice, and then he has a talk with the girl, and she decides whether she will have him or not, and all is done quickly. I have made some such matches to my sorrow, so I am trying a new plan, more American, but as I have only made two good matches, that is not enough for a test.

Our City Schools have been open the whole year, as we had another year without plague, and our schools have done good work.
Hannahbai, Biblewoman: One of her families—Cradle and all.
I was very proud of them on the days that the Government Inspectors called to examine them. I want right here to plead for the schools for Hindu children, such schools are grand places to reach both children and parents. You pay attention to the child and the parents are greatly pleased, the parents are very like home parents. The school opens the home for the Bible women and for the missionary, and we can help them when they are sick, and comfort them when some member of the family dies.

I have had them ask me to give a little talk over the dead body of a wife, child or husband, and also sing Christian hymns, and all this does good. One day I happened to stop at the house of a Hindu man, and they were getting the body of his wife ready to be cremated, and the husband asked me to sing a hymn, and then give him some hope that his wife was saved, and that he would meet her again. He told me how good she had been, etc., and I was glad that I could comfort him and tell him that God was just, and his wife was in His hands not ours. How much we should thank our Father for the gift of His Son. Through the Hindu schools we have been able to help a little in saving children from being dedicated to the god Khandoba, which means a life of sin. We cannot do as much as we would like for the parents take the little girls off to the villages, and have them married to the god.

Every little girl who is married to the god Khandoba must give one of her little girls to him, and her children must all marry in the same caste. (Murli) so you see that the evil must be on the increase. The government is helping all that it can, but we know that much goes on in our own land, where there are good laws, for the want of laws being enforced.

These schools are also the places for Sunday schools and evangelistic work.

MARATHI AND HINDUSTANI, EVANGELISTIC AND DISPENSARY WORK.

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

Our Poona dispensary has treated many simple cases, and we have built up quite a reputation, and we are all doctors and when people write to us they add quite a number of the letters of the alphabet to our names. But it is a great thing to be able to help these poor bodies, and I am always thankful when the money comes for the drugs. Many are reached in this way by the word of life, and these people look upon us as real friends. We will never be able to report just what good has been done, as we are not permitted to see all in this world, but we see enough to know that great blessing has come from the dispensary work.

Our Evangelistic workers both in the Hindustani and Marathi work have reached a great many, and a number have been baptized during the year. You will notice the picture of the Bible woman at work in the photo. One day while this Bible woman was teaching the women in this house, a woman was convicted of sin, and followed
the Bible woman to her home to learn more. The Bible woman prayed with the poor woman, and she was saved in a wonderful way, and the next day brought her idol to the Bible woman and gave it up. After this she hunted up her brother and told him how happy she was and gave him no peace until he was saved. These two are doing well in the League, prayer meeting, and all church services.

The banana work has been faithfully done, and there are many bright spots in the work, and many who believe in Christ, but are afraid to come out, but this work is most important and must be done, and it bears much fruit that cannot be reported.

TALEGAON.

BOARDING SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

Missionary - - - - - - - C. H. Lawson.

This has been a strenuous year, but blessing has followed trial so we rejoice knowing that God's hand is upon us for good.

After conference as usual we were immediately plunged into the Christmas festivities and were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Leaycraft and Mr. and Mrs. Donohugh with us to participate in them.

Other glad occasions were Easter and Children's Day when the Hindu village Sunday Schools took part with the Christian Girls' Sunday School and the Missionary and Children's Day collections were taken. Our girls worked enthusiastically to earn the money for their offerings. They made table covers, hemmed towels, etc., and the tiny ones carried wood and pulled grass; even the Hindu boys brought their offerings. The spirit of giving has taken hold of our little church and this year the amount raised for the benevolences was four times that raised last year.

We have at present enrolled sixty-nine boarders and four day pupils. In February, Sullie, a pupil teacher, was married to a young Marathi man holding a good position in Zanzibar and bravely went across the seas to her far away home from whence occasional letters come telling of her happiness and of the strange people among whom they live. Another marriage took place December 24, last year. By some mistake the bridegroom failed to appear at the set time and the missionary had to return to Poona. We tried by telegram to postpone the event but too late, the bridegroom was enroute and now there was no padre, but by an urgent wire we succeeded in calling the Indian pastor from Poona, then came a race with the sun to reach the chapel before he should sink behind the western hills (for in India to be legal a marriage must be solemnized before sundown).

Two of our girls have recently gone to Sironcha to teach, one having taken the first year's course in Poona and the other her
A Christian Wedding Group.

The Bride is the daughter of the Talegaon pastor who stands behind the groom.
A Street in Talegaon Town.

A Bible Woman Sowing Seed by the Wayside.
kindergarten training in Sholapur. One is in the Bible Training-school in Poona, another in Miss Bernard's normal class and a third with Dr. Allen learning nursing. Two have taken up their work as trained teachers in our school.

Mrs. Crisp is still my right hand, sympathetic and efficient.

The annual Government inspection and our own examination is over and all but three passed to higher standards.

Early in the year one of our little ones was taken from us suddenly after only two days of fever, but though there has been much sickness and some very serious cases that taxed our strength in nursing and caused no little anxiety yet only once has the death angel been permitted to enter. Thus has God answered prayer and especially was His interposition seen in the case of our pastor's baby. She was very ill with pneumonia and we brought mother and child to our school hospital where we might give it the care it needed. For a week hope and fear alternated, we had done all we could and we knew from the doctor's face that he had lost hope but that night we knelt around the cot and asked God to heal her. Within two hours she was sleeping quietly and all bad symptoms had been relieved, the second day they took her home and in a few days she was running about.

Ere we close this report we must with humble, grateful hearts praise God for all His wondrous working in the hearts of the girls. Our young teachers had not been showing a right spirit and we felt that before there could be much blessing in the school they must get right. In July we started a workers' meeting and were praying much for an outpouring of the Spirit upon them when the Lord began to work in quite an unexpected quarter. A little five and a half year old had been naughty and at bedtime prayer aloud for forgiveness, the next night about a dozen others aged from five or six to ten joined her and had been agonizing in prayer for two hours before we knew anything about it. Truly "A little child shall lead them." From that night, September 28, the work has gone on, slowly to be sure and not without many a battle with the enemy of souls, but in some hearts at least the work is deepening and we know we can trust Him who began the work to perfect it. He is faithful that promised and to Him be all the glory and praise.

VILLAGE WORK.

Missionary C. H. Lawson.

We have been so tied with the school work that there has been little opportunity to go out and we have had to leave the work largely to the Bible women. We have reason to praise God for giving us such good earnest women and that the two girls who go out with them have come into blessing recently. This year sixty-six different villages have been visited several times each and in some hearts there seems to be a desire after God.

Until the hot season vacation we went regularly to Induri, four miles away to an early morning Sunday School and have enjoyed
teaching the women there. The children from that Sunday School and also from Talegaon village took the all India Sunday School examination with our Christian girls and most of them passed well. Surely there must be a harvest from the seed sown in these young hearts day after day! Sometimes it seems as though the Mahars in Induri were almost ready to become Christian. There is one old woman who about two years ago had a dream in which she saw Jesus and around Him gathered groups of people and He called her by name to come to Him. She did not go and awoke repenting that she had not. This dream evidently made an impression upon her and she believes in Him. The other Sunday we found her suffering from a severe pain in the side so that she could not listen to the lesson. She asked for medicine but of course we had none with us and would not have known what to do anyway but in answer to prayer she was relieved. We were then called to a house where the woman was dying. She had not spoken for five days and seemed unconscious. The word was repeated with the hope that it might perhaps penetrate her mind and we can only hope that as she had received the light and loved to hear of Jesus from the Bible woman there may have been sufficient faith to have laid hold of Him for salvation. Her son has given up idolatry and seems ready to accept the Truth. He says he believes.

May God hasten the day when there shall be Christian communities in all these villages!
COURSES OF STUDY.

Marathi for Missionaries.

First Examination.

A.—WRITTEN.

Subjects. Text-Books, etc. Marks.

1. Marathi into English.—
   Translation: (a) half of "Line upon Line" and half of Æsop's
   Fables or (b) half of Government 3rd Book,
   at the option of the candidate. ... ... 50

2. English into Marathi.—
   Translation: 1 Passages from a prescribed English Book, of
   the same standard as the New Orient Reader
   No. I ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 40
   2. Passages from an unsupervised English
   book of similar difficulty ... ... ... ... 60

3. Grammar.—
   Bhide's Marathi English Primer, pp. 1-88, and Navalkar's
   Grammar, pp. 23-168, large print paragraphs (Third
   Edition). ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 100

4. Dictation.—
   To write to dictation a short passage, about half a page from
   any book of same standard as those mentioned in Sub-
   ject I above ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 50

B.—VIVA VOCE.

5. Marathi into English.—
   To read distinctly the Gospel of St. Luke and selected text-
   books in Subject I., and to translate passages selected
   therefrom at the time by the Examiners, and to answer
   simple questions on Grammar and Idiom arising out of
   the portions read... ... ... ... ... ... ... 100

6. Conversation (10 Minutes)—
   To carry on in Marathi a simple and intelligible conversa-
   tion on the ordinary matters of life and on religious
   subjects ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 100

7. Memoriter.—
   To quote from memory a few passages from the Gospels in
   Marathi ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 20

8. Letter Reading.—
   To read aloud and translate a legibly written letter in
   Balbodh ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 30

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## Second Examination

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### B—VIVA VOCE.

5. **Marathi into English**—

*(a)* To read aloud and translate at sight with fluency and ease passages selected at the time by the Examiners from Acts, Romans and Psalms, and to answer questions on Grammar and Idiom arising therefrom and *(b)* To read any passage from the Bible, and, if required, from the "Book of Common Prayer" | | 100 |

*(c)* To read aloud and translate passages from any unseen work selected at the time by the Examiners.

6. **Composition.**—

An address as in Church or School in the presence of Examiners on some text or subject familiar to the candidate, selected at the time of Examination | | 100 |

7. **Conversation (15 Minutes).**—

*(a)* To converse fluently and intelligibly in Marathi with a native of India on some ordinary topic.

*(b)* To converse on some religious subject connected with Hinduism | | 100 |

8. **Memorizer.**—

To quote from memory two or three passages of Scripture relating to any leading Christian Doctrine mentioned by the Examiners | | 30 |
9. **Letter Reading.**—
   To read and translate an original letter in Balbodh ... 30
10. **Modi.**—
   To read aloud and translate Government Modi First Book ... 40

Total ... 800

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**Third Examination.**

(HONOURS.)

A.—WRITTEN.

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B.—VIVA VOCE.

6. **Marathi into English.**—
   (a) To read aloud and translate at sight Tukaram's Abhangs (see Subject I), and to explain the simple rules of prosody | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 |
   (b) To read and translate from any newspaper ... 100

7. **Acquaintance with Religions.**—
   To give in Marathi a brief account of one of the chief non-Christian religions of the country, giving the theological terms of the religion in question ... ... 100

8. **Modi.**—
   To read aloud and translate a letter written Modi ... 50

Total... 800
Gujarati for Missionaries.
First Examination.

A.—WRITTEN.

Subjects. Text-Books, etc. Marks.

1. Gujarati into English.—
   Translation: (a) Half of “Line upon Line” and half of Æsop’s Fables or (b) half of Government 3rd Book, at the option of the candidate. ... ... ... ... ... ... 50

2. English into Gujarati.—
   Translation: (1) Passages from a prescribed English book, of the same standard as the New Orient Reader No. 1. ... 40
   (2) Passages from an unprescribed English book of similar difficulty. ... ... ... ... ... ... 60

3. Grammar—
   Well’s Translation Exercises No. I and II, and Taylor’s Grammar, first 100 pages... ... ... ... ... ... ... 100

4. Dictation.—
   To write to dictation a short passage, about half a page, from any book of same standard as those mentioned in Subject I, above. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 50

B.—VIVA VOCE.

5. Gujarati into English.—
   To read distinctly the Gospel of St. Luke and the selected text-books in Subject I, and to translate passages selected therefrom at the time by the Examiners and to answer simple questions on grammar and idiom arising out of the portions read. ... ... ... ... ... ... 100

6. Conversation (10 minutes).—
   To carry on in Gujarati a simple and intelligible conversation on the ordinary matters of life and on religious subjects. 100

7. Memoriter.—
   To quote from memory a few passages from the Gospels in Gujarati ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 20

8. Letter Reading.—
   To read aloud and translate a legibly written letter in Gujarati. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 30

Total ... 550

Second Examination.

A.—WRITTEN.

Subjects. Text-books, etc. Marks.

1. Gujarati into English.—
   Translation: (a) Narmagadhyā, pages 1—108; (b) Karenghelo, by Nandshanker Tuljashanker; (c) 5th book, pages 1—50, omitting the poetry ... ... 100
2. English into Gujarati.—
   Translation: (a) Half a page from any English book of the same standard as C. L. S. III or new Orient Reader No. 2 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 50
   (b) Ten English Sentences, illustrative of Gujarati idiom ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 50

3. Grammar.—
   Gujarati Grammar by G. P. Taylor completed. Candidates will be expected to know Gujarati grammatical terms... 100

4. Composition.—
   To write (1) a short Essay or address in Gujarati (a) on one of the Fundamental Truths of Christianity or (b) on some educational subject taught in primary schools, selected at the time by the examiners, or (2) a short sermon on a text selected at the time by the examiners [not to exceed 100 lines foolscap] ... ... ... 100

B.—VIVA VOCE.

5. Gujarati into English.—
   (a) To read aloud and translate at sight with fluency and ease passages selected at the time by the examiners from Acts and Romans, and to answer questions on Grammar and idiom arising therefrom and
   (b) To read any passage from the Bible,
   (c) To read aloud and translate passages from any unseen work selected at the time by the Examiners ... ... 100

6. Composition.—
   An address as in Church or School in the presence of Examiners on some text or subject familiar to the candidate, selected at the time of Examination ... 100

7. Conversation (15 Minutes).—
   (a) To converse fluently and intelligibly in Gujarati with a native of India on some ordinary topic.
   (b) To converse on some religious subject connected with Hinduism ... ... ... ... ... ... 100

8. Memorizer.—
   To quote from memory two or three passages of scripture relating to any leading Christian Doctrine mentioned by the Examiners ... ... ... ... ... ... 30

9. Letter Reading.—
   To read and translate an original letter in Gujarati ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 30

10. Balbodh.—
    To read aloud and translate Balbodh as found in Gujarati Fifth Reader ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 25

Total ... 800

Third Examination not yet ready.
Gujarati for Assistants,

First Examination.
A.—WRITTEN.
Subjects I, II, III and IV from the missionaries’ first examination.
B.—VIVA VOCE.
Subjects V and VII from the missionaries’ first examination.

Second Examination
A.—WRITTEN.
Subjects II and III from the missionaries’ second examination.
B.—VIVA VOCE.
Subjects VI and VIII from missionaries’ first examination and subjects V and VIII from missionaries’ second examination.

Third Examination.
A.—WRITTEN.
Subjects I and IV from missionaries’ second examination.
B.—VIVA VOCE.
Subjects VI, VII, IX, X from missionaries’ second examination.

Grades for Missionaries’ Course.
First year’s Examination:—Forty on each subject, and fifty on the whole examination.
Second year’s Examination:—Fifty on each subject, and sixty on the whole examination.

Grades for Assistants’ Course.
First year’s Examination:—Forty on each subject and fifty on the whole examination.
Second year’s Examination:—Forty-five on each and fifty-five on the whole examination.
Third year’s Examination:—Fifty on each subject and sixty on the whole examination.

Time of Gujarati Examination.
First week in April and first week in November.

Bible Women’s Course Marathi.

First Year.
Life of Christ, First Half of Catechism No. II, Discipline, Part I.

Second Year.

Third Year.
Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Hebrews and Galatians.
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