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* The figures indicate the year of vernacular passed and the asterisk indicates that the course of study has been completed.
MINUTES

OF THE

Bombay Woman's Missionary Conference.

First Day

Baroda, Thursday, March 6th, 1913.

Opening.—The Twenty-first annual session of the Bombay Woman’s Missionary Conference met in the parlor of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society bungalow at 2 p.m. with the First Vice-President, Miss Morgan, in the chair.

Devotional.—The devotional hour was conducted by Miss Davis. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Fox, after which “Oh, Love that will not let me go,” was sung, I Cor. 13 was read and the need of our lives reflecting the teachings of this chapter was emphasized in a short talk, after which several volunteer prayers were offered and one verse of “Love Divine, all loves excelling was sung.”

Roll call.—The secretary called the roll and the following were present:—Miss Abbott, Dr. Allen, Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Bisbee, Miss Chilson, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Corpron, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Fox, Miss Goodall, Miss Holmes, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Linzell, Miss Morgan, Miss Nelson, Miss Robinson, Miss Ross, Miss Stephens, Mrs. W. H. Stephens.

Election of Officers.—Miss Chilson and Mrs. Eldridge were appointed tellers. The following officers were then elected by ballot:—President, Dr. Allen; First Vice-President, Miss Holmes; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Bancroft; Secretary, Miss Abbott; Official Correspondent, Miss Lawson; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Eldridge; Correspondent for General Office, Miss Nelson. On motion, the rules were suspended and Mrs. Stephens was elected by acclamation as Auxiliary Treasurer and Conference Organizer.

The Secretary appointed Miss Davis as Assistant Secretary.

Introductions.—The following ladies were introduced:—Miss Nelson, Miss Godfrey, Miss Mayer, Miss Newton, Dr. Laybourne, Mrs. Corpron, Miss Davis and Mrs. Warner.

Miscellaneous.—It was proposed that a letter be sent to the May Meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society recommending that the portion of paragraph 1, of
By-law 10, which reads "A Woman's Conference, made up of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, wives of the missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions in charge of work for the Society, and such other women workers as each Woman's Conference shall from time to time determine," be altered to read "the Central Conference of each country be authorized to determine who shall be members of the various Woman's Conferences within its bounds." This was approved.

It was next moved that all ladies who have formerly been members of the Conference and who are not members according to paragraph 1, of By-law 10, be elected members of this Conference. This was unanimously approved.

It was proposed and carried that the time of meeting be fixed according to the program from two to four p.m.

It was moved and carried that the hour for the election of Finance Committee be fixed for two-thirty p.m. Saturday.

The secretary suggested that the subject of Graded Sunday School lessons be made a topic for discussion at a later session; this met with general approval and it was requested that the material on the subject be placed in the hands of the members of the Conference for their consideration.

Adjournment.—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Second Day

Friday, March 7th, 1913.

Opening.—The Conference met at two o'clock with the President, Dr. Allen, in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing "More love to Thee, O Christ," Rev. R. Burges, Secretary of the India Sunday School Union, read I Cor. 13 and led in prayer.

Address.—Rev. R. Burges gave an address on Sunday School work and illustrated the work among children by the figures of the most fruitful part of a garden and the richest vein in a gold mine as compared with the less fruitful part of a garden and the less productive vein in a gold mine as representing the work among adults.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

Roll.—The name of Mrs. Hutchings was added to the roll.

Appointment of Temporary Committees.—The chair appointed the following Temporary Committees:

Committee on Resolutions.—Miss Holmes, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Linzell.

Committee on Nominations.—Miss Lawson, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Conley.

Committee on Memoir.—It was proposed that a committee be appointed by the chair to confer with the Annual Conference with
regard to a memorial service for Miss Connor and make arrangements for the same. This was approved and Miss Ross and Miss Morgan were appointed.

**Communication.**—The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Hansen expressing disappointment at her enforced absence owing to the illness of her husband, but assured us of her loving interest and prayer for the work.

A proposal was made that the secretaries send a suitable telegram expressing our sympathy and assurance of our prayers for Mr. Hansen's speedy recovery. This was approved.

The secretaries were also instructed to send a telegram of greeting to the North West India Conference now in session at Aligarh. This was approved.

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

**Temperance Committee.**—The report sent by Mrs. Hansen for this committee was read by Mrs. Eldridge. Mrs. Warner supplemented it. The report was accepted. (See Reports.)

**Committee on Bible Women's Course of Study.**—Miss Robinson read the report of this committee which was adopted. (See Reports.)

**Gujarati Course of Study for Missionaries.**—Miss Morgan gave a report of the Course for United Language Examination of Missionaries in Gujarati as adopted at a meeting of representatives of the various missions held at Nadiad, February 18, 1913. It was proposed that this course of study be adopted for our Woman's Conference. After discussion the report was received and the course of study was adopted. (See Reports.)

It was then proposed that those pursuing the old course of study previous to January 1, 1913, be given the option of completing that course or taking up the new. Approved.

**Adjournment.**—It was proposed that when we adjourn it be to meet at nine thirty A.M., Saturday. This was approved. After singing "I need thee every hour," Miss Holmes led in prayer and the Conference stood adjourned by expiration of time.

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**Third Day**

*Saturday, March 8, 1913.*

**Opening.**—The Conference opened at 9:30 with the President in the chair.

**Devotional.**—After singing "Be Strong, we are not here to play," Miss Ross took charge of the devotions and read the forty-first chapter of Isaiah, emphasizing the fact that, in the months following the great grief occasioned by the Home going of Miss Connor, she had been continually strengthened under the great burdens, resting upon the words, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am
thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Miss Ross then led in prayer and the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" was sung.

Minutes.—The minutes of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

Introductions.—Mrs. Phillips and Master Hugh Gordon Conley were introduced to the Conference.

Graded Sunday School Lessons.—The question of Graded Sunday School Lessons was introduced and the Conference was practically unanimous in its expression of opinion that such a course is desirable, as the International lessons are not wholly satisfactory, their chief defects being their lack of grading and their lack of adaptability for non-Christians as well as in some cases for Christians. It was agreed that a carefully prepared series of graded lessons would be very useful in day schools, orphanages, zenanas and other places where the Bible is regularly taught, but not for hospitals, as the patients are continually changing. Miss Robinson was appointed as our representative to write articles on the subject for the religious papers in Western India. A committee consisting of Mrs. Corpron, Miss Morgan and Miss Holmes was appointed to bring suggestions of books or sections of the Bible suitable for non-Christians who may pass from the sphere of Christian influence any day.

It was proposed and seconded that the further discussion of the question be postponed until the committee brings its report. This was approved.

It was then proposed that Miss Abbott be continued as the representative of the Conference on the Committee of the All-India Sunday School Union. This was approved.

Introductions.—Margaret Warner was then introduced to the Conference.

Muttra Mission Training School.—The secretary then read the report of the Muttra Mission Training School which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Annual Report. (See Reports.)

Illustrations.—It was proposed and carried that the question of suitable pictures for illustrations be left in the hands of the publishing committee. This was approved.

Manual.—On motion, it was ordered that the committee on manual be instructed to embody in the new manual the desire of the Conference that reports and photographs should be in the hands of the publishing committee at least one month before Conference convenes.

Reports.—The roll was called and the number of copies of the report required by each member was recorded.

Arrival of New Missionaries.—It was proposed and seconded that a resolution be sent by this Conference to the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society recommending that new missionaries to be sent out in future be sent so as to arrive
not later than the end of October, in order that they may enter the language schools at the time they open in the autumn.

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

Gujarati for Indian Workers.—Miss Robinson gave the report of this committee which was accepted. (See Reports.)

Gujarati (for missionaries).—Miss Abbott gave the report of this committee which was accepted. (See Reports.)

Finance and Reference Committee.—The Secretary gave the report of this committee which was accepted. (See Reports.)

Marathi Woman’s Friend.—Miss Lawson gave the report which was accepted. (See Reports.)

Miscellaneous.—It was proposed that whereas the interdenominational courses of study for missionaries have been adopted in both Marathi and Gujarati by our body, we therefore recommend that the examination committees for missionaries and assistants prepare new rules to govern the examinations of assistants, to be presented before the Conference adjourns. Adopted.

Report of Auxiliary Treasurer and Conference Organizer.—This Report was given by Mrs. Bancroft and was accepted. (See Reports.)

Reporters.—The Chair appointed the following ladies to send reports to certain papers in India and America:

The Bombay Guardian and The Woman’s Missionary Friend, Miss Mayer; The Indian Witness, the Kau kan-It-Hind and Zion’s Herald, Miss Newton; The North Western Christian Advocate and the Michigan Christian Advocate, Dr. Laybourne; Central Christian Advocate and Pacific Christian Advocate, Miss Godfrey; World Wide Missions and Deaconess Advocate, Mrs. Warner.

It was proposed that the Chair appoint three persons to send articles in addition to the above reports to the Woman’s Missionary Friend, these articles to be sent quarterly.

Adjournment.—After singing the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society benediction as given below, the Conference adjourned.

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father’s boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit’s favour,
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.

Afternoon Session

Saturday, March 8th, 1913.

Opening.—Conference opened at two P.M. with the President in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing “Faith of our fathers, Holy Faith,” Miss Godfrey read a portion of the first chapter of Joshua and prayer
was offered by Mrs. Stephens, and Mrs. Conley sang "I have found a friend, Oh, such a friend."

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

Field Reference Committee.—It was proposed and carried that we adopt Article VII of the Constitution of Woman’s Missionary Conferences as given in the General Manual prepared by Central Conference as the rule governing the election of the Field Reference Committee.

The time fixed for the election of the Field Reference Committee having arrived the Conference proceeded to the election. Miss Mayer and Miss Newton were appointed tellers, and the ballots were taken which resulted in the election of Miss Morgan, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Linzell and Miss Davis.

Reports of Temporary Committees.—Committee on Memoir. Miss Morgan reported that arrangements had been made for the first half hour of the Sunday evening service to be devoted to the memorial service for Miss Connor.

Committee on Nominations.—Miss Morgan gave a partial report of the Nominating Committee. (See Committees)

Communications.—The President was asked to send a letter to Mrs. Mansell conveying the sympathy of the Conference to her in her bereavement.

The secretaries were instructed to send a telegram of welcome to Miss Haney who has been transferred to our Conference from the Central Provinces.

Mrs. Warner whom the secretaries had delegated to send the telegrams of the previous day reported having sent greetings to Mrs. Hansen of Igatpuri and the Woman’s Conference at Aligarh.

Report of Standing Committee.—Committee on District Manual. The Committee on District Manual gave its report. The report was adopted and a committee to complete the work was appointed. (See Committees).

Adjournment.—The time having expired, the Doxology was sung and the Conference stood adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

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Fourth Day

Monday, March 10, 1913.

Opening.—The Conference met at 9:30 with the President in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing "I worship Thee, Oh, Holy Ghost," Mr. W. E. Blackstone from Chicago, but who has recently spent a number of years in Bible distribution work in China, was introduced and took charge of the devotions. He read the first chapter of Ruth
dwelling upon the decisions of the chapter: the first decision was that of a man to leave the land God had given and go to a strange land. The second decision was when the sons decided to take wives from among the women of Moab, which had been forbidden by Jehovah. The third decision was when the wife, now a widow, with no hope and only bitterness of spirit left, decided to go back to the land from which they had come, the land of promise. The fourth decision was when Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go: and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God: where thou diest will I die and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me."

The great question with us is have we made our decisions deep down so that they go into the very root of our lives or have they been merely resolves that cannot stand the test of adversity. Mr. Blackstone then led us in earnest, sympathetic prayer that brought us into the presence chamber of God.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were then read and approved.

Roll Call.—The name of Mrs. Lampard was added to the roll.

Introductions.—Mrs. Langdon and Miss Sherman were introduced, and Mrs. Langdon's name was added to the roll.

Reports of Work.—The First Vice-President, Miss Holmes, took the chair and the secretary read the report of the Butler Memorial Hospital. (See Reports of Work.)

Return of Dr. Allen.—On motion it was decided that the question of Dr. Allen's return to the field be voted upon at this time. Dr. Allen withdrew from the room and it was proposed that we ask the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to return Dr. Allen at the expiration of her furlough. This was unanimously carried.

Reporters.—In accordance with the action on the third day of the Conference the President appointed Misses Lawson, Ross and Nelson to send articles to the Woman's Missionary Friend, quarterly, June, September and December respectively.

Conference Historian.—It was proposed that the Nominating Committee be instructed to present a nomination for the office of Conference Historian. The proposal was carried.

Field Property Committee.—The Field Reference Committee presented the nominations for the Field Property Committee. The report was adopted, and the committee was elected. (See Committees.)

Publishing Committee.—The chairman of the Publishing Committee reported one thousand copies of the Minutes published last year. The report was accepted.

Communications.—The Correspondent for the General Office, Miss Lawson, reported that Miss Bender had written thanking the
heads of institutions for the information they had sent her for the textbook to be published and urged all others to make immediate response. In addition she desired that information should be given to her regarding all foreign girls who have been sent to America.

A letter was read from the President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union regarding the bill now before the Legislative Department of the Government of India regarding the White Slave Traffic. It was proposed and carried that we adopt the resolution which reads as follows:

I. Resolved, That we heartily endorse the provisions of the Bill regarding the White Slave Traffic proposed by the Hon. Mr. Madge by the gracious permission of His Excellency the Viceroy of India to the Legislative Department of the Government of India.

II. Having reason to believe that in Kumaon District there is a caste or class known as Naiks who habitually dedicate all their daughters to temple service, and in view of this sad and degraded condition to which many little girls are condemned by this practice, not only in the District mentioned but elsewhere,

Resolved, That we enter our protest against this cruel custom and we support the measures proposed in the Bill presented by the Hon. Mr. Dadabhoy to the Legislative Department of the Government of India.

Field Reference Committee.—The tellers of the previous sessions acted and the Conference proceeded to ballot for alternates to the Field Reference Committee. Miss Ross and Mrs. Stephens were elected.

Marathi Woman's Friend.—The Nominating Committee was instructed to bring a nomination for the editorship of the Marathi Woman's Friend.

Manual Committee.—On motion the committee on Woman's Conference Manual was excused from giving a report this year and continued with substitutions for absent members. (See Committees.)

Board of Education.—On motion the question of school fees for the entire Conference was referred to the Board of Education, their action to be incorporated in the District Conference Manual.

Adjourned.—After singing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Benediction the Conference stood adjourned.

Afternoon Session

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the President at two p.m.

Devotional.—After singing "God will take care of you," Rev. B. T. Badley read a portion of the thirty-seventh Psalm and after a brief address led in prayer, after which Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Bisbee sang "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling."
Report of Temporary Committee.—Nominating Committee. This committee reported the name of Miss Lawson as the nominee as Editor of the Marathi Woman's Friend and that of Miss Nelson as Conference Historian. The nominations were approved.

This committee was requested to bring a recommendation concerning the consolidation of examination committees.

Report of Standing Committees.—Examination Committees. The examination committees gave their report on rules relating to examinations of Assistants. (See Reports.)

District Conference Manual.—On motion it was ordered that no part of the District Conference Manual should be printed in the Minutes except course of study for Bible Women.

Statistical Secretary.—The Statistical Secretary read her report, which was approved and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to her for her work. (See Report.)

Communications.—On motion Miss Lawson was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Abrams concerning the death of her daughter Miss Minnie F. Abrams who was for many years connected with this Conference.

Introductions.—Miss Himmelsbaugh of Ankleswar of the Brethren Mission was introduced to the Conference.

Miscellaneous.—Mrs. Warner presented the subject of Twentieth Century Forward Movement Pledges, and was asked to carry grateful thanks to Mr. Fritchley for calling our attention to them, assuring him that both English and Vernacular workers would be glad to use the pledge cards in their work.

Adjournment.—Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Bisbee sang, "Peace, peace, wonderful peace," and Mrs. Bisbee sang, "Walk beside me," after which the Conference sang the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Benediction, and it was moved that we adjourn to meet at 6:30 P.M. Mrs. Hutchings led in a closing prayer and the Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

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Evening Session

Opening.—The Conference met at 6:30 with the President in the chair.

Devotional.—After singing "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah," Miss Lawson led in prayer.

Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Graded Sunday School Lessons.—The committee was continued with instructions to carefully prepare a suggestive course for non-Christsians, the results to be circulated for the approval of the Conference.
Nominating Committees.—The Nominating Committee recommended that the two committees on examinations of missionaries and assistants be consolidated under one Board of Examiners. The report was accepted and approved. (See Committees and Boards).

Bombay Work.—It was proposed that we do not recommend the closing of the Bombay Work. This was seconded and after discussion the proposal was passed by a unanimous vote.

It was proposed, that we continue to ask for advancement and not retrenchment in connection with the Bombay field. This after being seconded was adopted by a rising unanimous vote.

It was then proposed, seconded and carried that the following resolution be presented to the joint sessions of the Annual and Woman’s Conferences for approval and then be sent to the May meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society:—

Whereas,
Irresponsible rumours have gone home to the effect that the Bombay work should be closed and transferred elsewhere, and,

Whereas,
The unanimous voice of the Bombay Woman’s Conference is most emphatically in favour of not only retaining but expanding this unique work, be it

Resolved;
1. That this Conference earnestly and importunedly request that all action on such grave matters should await the action of this body.
2. That this Conference heartily and unanimously recommend that the work in Bombay be re-inforced by the best talent available in the church. The need in this great center is a perpetual Macedonian Call.

Resolutions.—The committee on resolutions reported through Miss Holmes. (See Reports.)

Official Record.—On motion it was ordered that the published minutes be the official record of this Conference.

Adjournment.—On motion it was ordered that after the reading of the minutes and prayer the Conference adjourn to meet in joint session with the Annual Conference at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. This was approved.

The minutes of the session were read and approved, the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society Benediction was sung and Mrs. Corpron led in prayer and the Conference stood adjourned.

Joint Session

10 a.m., March 11th, 1913.

Opening.—The joint session of the Annual and Woman’s Conferences met at the Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology with Bishop J. W. Robinson in the chair.
Address.—The Rev. B. T. Badley, General Secretary of the Epworth League for India, gave an address on Young Peoples’ Work which was greatly appreciated.

Board of Education.—The Secretary of the Board of Education read the report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

L. E. Linzell presented the name of W. H. Stephens as the nominee of the cabinet as President of the Board of Education, and the names of F. Wood, C. Conley, R. D. Bisbee and L. E. Linzell as the nominees from the Annual Conference, and the Secretary of the Woman’s Conference presented the names of Mrs. Fox, Miss Lawson, Miss Chilson and Miss Abbott as nominees from that body. The nominations were accepted and the Board was elected.

The Board of Education recommended that the Children’s Day collections from the English Churches amounting to Rs. 3,295 be given to the Anglo-Indian Home, and that of the vernacular churches amounting to Rs. 463 be left in their respective districts for use in educational and orphanage work. On motion this was approved.

The Board of Education further recommended that the Conference memorialize the Executive Board to insert a column in the statistics for mixed schools. This was on motion approved.

Bombay Work.—The Secretary of the Woman’s Conference then presented a resolution from that body regarding the expansion of the Bombay work. On motion the resolution was adopted by a full, rising, unanimous vote. (See Bombay Work, page 15.)

Devotional.—Bishop Robinson read a portion of the fourth chapter of Ephesians and gave an address in which he dwelt especially upon the thought that the first and chief work of the missionary is “for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ,” after which he led in prayer.

Reading of the Appointments.—The Bishop then read the appointments. (See Appointments.)

Adjournment.—After singing the Doxology the Benediction was pronounced and the Conference stood adjourned.
MEMOIR

Once more the Bombay Conference has been called upon to give up one of its workers and to-day we would offer our tribute of love and respect to the memory of Miss Connor.

Miss Olive B. Connor came to India in December, 1911. And at the conference held in Poona in January, 1912, she was appointed to take charge of the school work in Godhra. She seemed so well and happy and entered into her new field of service with enthusiasm and zeal, with little thought of her short period of service. She was delighted with India, loved the people and did what she felt was best to serve them while she was with us. Every thing and every place was attractive to her and her trip to the village early in March was one of real delight to her.

She often wondered why the Master had called her to India, but she was glad for the privilege of service.

When she knew she was really ill, she said, “I wonder if I will get well, but I am not afraid.” Her stay with us, altho so short, has proved a blessing to the hearts of many both here and in the Homeland, and her kindly tone and pleasing manner will always be remembered by those who knew her.

Her message to the Godhra girls in a meeting held in March was on “The fruits of the Spirit” and she emphasized the shortness of life and how essential it was for every one to be ready at any time. This message has lived in the hearts of the girls and we trust will bear abundant fruit in the days to come. We do not know why God took her, but we rejoice to-day that she has the privilege of a higher and nobler service. We miss her in the places where we were accustomed to see her daily, but she is richer for our loss, can serve better over there, and is happier in the Home Land.

Our hearts go out in sympathy and love to her loved ones in America, and we trust that God will give them grace sufficient for these hours of sorrow and in some way measure abundantly to them for their sacrifice.

Elsie M. Ross.
Cora Morgan.

Sunday, March 9th, 1913.
Woman's Conference, Appointments for 1913

Ahmedabad District

Evangelistic Work ........................................ Miss Holmes (P. O. Nadiad)
Nadiad City and Schools .................................... Miss Godfrey.
Nadiad Circuit and Boys' Orphanage, ...................... Miss Godfrey.
Salum and Utarsanda ....................................... Mrs. Conley.
Thoburn Hospital, Nadiad ................................... Mrs. Corpron.

On leave to America ........................................ Mrs. Wood.

Baroda District.

District Work .............................................. Mrs. Linzell.
Baroda Boys' Orphanage and Boarding School ............ Mrs. Langdon.
Girls' Orphanage and Schools ............................. Miss Nelson.
Girls' Boarding Department ............................... Miss Chilson.
Zenana City and Village Evangelistic Work .............. Miss Robinson.
Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital ...................... Miss Laybourne, M.D.,
Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology .............. Miss Laybourne, M.D.,
Gadhra City and Village Evangelistic Work .............. Miss Morgan.
Girls' Orphanage and Boarding School ................... Miss Rosen, Miss Newton.

On leave to America, Miss Austin, Mrs. Parker, Miss Crouse, Miss Allen, M.D.

" " " England, Mrs. Lampard.

Bombay District

Bombay Bowen Memorial Church ............................ Mrs. Warner.
Deaconess Work ........................................... Miss Davis.
Taylor Memorial Church .................................... Mrs. Stephens.
Canarese Evangelistic Work ................................ Mrs. Stephens.
Seamen's Mission .......................................... To be supplied.

Karachi English Church ..................................... Mrs. Shaw.
Poona Anglo-Indian Home ................................... Mrs. Hutchings.

English Church ............................................. Mrs. Clarke.
Taylor High School for Girls ............................. Miss Fox, Principal,

Quetta English Church and Vernacular Work ............. Mrs. Eldridge.
On leave to America, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Park.

Bombay Marathi District

District Work .............................................. Mrs. Bancroft.
Bombay Evangelistic Zenana Work and City Schools .... Miss Abbott.
Igartpuri ..................................................... Mrs. Hansen.
Loni Evangelistic and Medical Work ...................... Miss Stephens.
Poona Boys' Orphanage ..................................... Mrs. Clarke.
City Girls' School ......................................... Miss Stephens.
Evangelistic Work and Training School .................. Miss Stephens.
Talegaon Hillman Memorial School ......................... Miss Lawson, Miss Mayer.
Evangelistic Work ......................................... Miss Lawson.

Editor "Woman's Friend", Miss Lawson.
On leave to America, Miss Nicholls.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Temperance

In looking over the various reports received from our ladies on Temperance, we note that the burden of the Temperance work of our Conference falls mainly upon the Sunday School and the Epworth League. Thus in our Sunday schools temperance lessons are taught and International Temperance Sunday observed. In the Epworth League the work takes the nature of a pledge signing campaign in the Mercy and Help department. However it need not be thought that this is the extent of our work on these lines.

The members of our Conference as those of other parts of our church realize that the Methodist Episcopal Church is the largest Temperance Society in the world, they are proud and ever mindful of that distinction, so whether in the pulpit or in the day schools the battle for temperance is waged.

Special sermons have been preached on the subject and the Temperance Catechism has been taught in the day schools.

Among the special Temperance speakers we will mention Miss Lockhead, the White Ribbon missionary who addressed our young people at Baroda and held a special meeting for Mohammedan women of that place.

There was a very successful Silver Medal Contest held at our English Church in Poona last November, when two of the Taylor High School girls won first and second prizes. There were about thirty-three pledges signed in this Church during the year.

The Nadiad Auxiliary reports a monthly temperance meeting.

At Igatpuri weekly temperance meetings are held in connection with the Church, and tracts are distributed.

At Karachi, a monthly temperance programme is rendered by the young people of the church. There were thirty-six pledges taken in this church during the past year. Mrs. F. Shaw frequently gives temperance lectures in the churches and in other places.

Mrs. Warner reports as follows for Bowen Church:—

This year was begun by having with us Mrs. Denning, who inspired us for the year then ahead, on which we now report. She held a special meeting in the interest of temperance in this church, and also addressed us at a drawing room reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Fritchley, a good audience of those especially interested in Temperance being present at both meetings.

The regular work which is usually done by the church, through the Sunday school and Epworth League, such as distribution of tracts, sermons, etc., has been carried out. Before Christmas special tracts and Temperance literature were distributed freely, in order that some may be awakened to the awfulness of the usual celebrations of the day.
The W. C. T. U. has its monthly meetings in this church and most of the ladies of the church who are interested in the work of Temperance work through this society.

A number of meetings have been held throughout the city, but with most success among the seamen and soldiers.

We have had the privilege also of having the silver and gold medal contests in our church, at both of which Bombay girls won. The gold medalist, who was sent to represent us in the Calcutta contest, won the grand gold medal, for which our Union is very thankful.

The visit of Miss Lockhead, after her three years of study and experience in India, was an inspiration. She addressed a large and appreciative audience in our church, just after a welcoming reception which was held for her on the lawn adjoining.

A number of pledges have been signed but the exact number we are unable to report. There is a wonderfully great opportunity for temperance work in this large city, and may God lead us on to far greater service in this needy field than we have ever known before.

Florence E. Hansen.

Course of Study for Bible Women.

It was agreed that there shall be two courses of study for Bible women—the higher and lower. The higher course shall be for those who have passed the Government fourth standard and the lower for those who have not, and a supplementary course for those who have passed either of these.

The Higher Course

First Year.—1. The Life of Christ, chronologically.
2. Catechism, No. 2, first half with proofs.
4. Pilgrim’s Progress (to be read.)

Second Year.—1. Genesis, Acts, First and Second Thessalonians.
2. Catechism, No. 2, second half with proofs.
3. Temperance Catechism. (Examination—an essay on Temperance written before the examiner.)
4. The Holy War (to be read.)

Third Year.—1. Exodus, First and Second Corinthians, James.
2. Comparative Religions.
3. A model lesson from Exodus to be taught before the examiner.
4. The History of the Christian Church, or the Life of Luther (to be read.)
Fourth Year.—1. Leviticus, Hebrews and Romans.
   2. Religion Weighed (for those working among Hindus) or Jesus and Mahomed (for those working among Mahomedans.)
   3. Model lesson on one of the doctrines of Romans before the Woman’s District Conference.
   4. Life of Wesley (to be read.)

The Lower Course

First Year.—1. Matthew 1: 18—4: 25.
   2. Arunodaya (Peep of Day) (with reading).
   3. Counting to 100.

Second Year.—1. The Gospel of Mark.
   2. Line Upon Line (with reading)
   3. Writing numbers to 100.

   2. Barth’s Bible Stories (Old Testament with reading.)
   3. Reading and Writing to 1000.

   2. Barth’s Bible Stories (New Testament with reading.)
   3. Addition.

The Supplementary Course

The Supplementary Course shall be the All-India Sunday School course of study for first half of the year. Those who have passed the Lower Course take the Oral Adult Examination, those who have passed the Higher Course and Theological School graduates take the Teacher’s Examination.

Passing the All-India S. S. examination excuses from examinations at District Conference.

Christina H. Lawson, Chairman:
Helen E. Robinson, Secretary.
Course for United Language Examination of Missionaries in Gujarati

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Lower Standard

I. Written Examination.
   (a) English into Gujarati. (125 marks).
      1. Pathmala, Part I.
      2. First and Second English Readers (C. L. S.)
      3. Unprepared passage or passages for translation.
   (b) Gujarati into English. (100 marks).
      1. Gujarati Reading Books (New Series), First, Second, Third, and Fourth, with simple grammatical explanations.
      2. Unprepared passage or passages for translation.
   (c) Gujarati Grammar. (75 marks).
      Parts of Speech as in Dr. Taylor’s Grammar, Part 2, Chapters, 1-9.
      (Students are recommended to read also Bhatt’s Gujarati Grammar, the portion dealing with the parts of speech).
   (d) Gospel, Tracts, etc. (75 marks).
      1. Peep of Day.
      4. The Path of Truth
      5. Monier Williams’ Hinduism.

II. Oral Examination. (125 marks).
   Conversation, Reading and easy Dictation, through the medium of an educated Indian.

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Higher Standard

I. Written Examination.
   (a) English into Gujarati. (125 marks).
      1. Translation of about one octavo page.
   (b) Gujarati into English. (100 marks).
      1. Fifth Gujarati Reading Book, (New Series), with full explanation of the grammar and idiom.
      2. First half of Karan Ghela.
      4. Unprepared passage or passages for translation.
   (c) Gujarati Grammar. (75 marks).
      Bhatt’s Gujarati Grammar, complete.
(d) Bible, Tracts, etc. (75 marks).
   1. Ephesians.
   2. Religion Weighed.
   4. Muir’s "Mahomet and Islam."

II. Oral Examination. (125 marks).
(a) Conversation, Reading, MS. Reading and Dictation, through
the medium of an educated Indian.
(b) Giving a Scripture lesson in Gujarati to a class of boys and
   girls (subject to be chosen by candidate.)
(c) Memorit or Repetition of the following texts in Gujarati:—

   (Particular attention to be paid throughout the oral to
   correct pronunciation.)

CORA MORGAN.

Muttra Mission Training School, 1912

The Staff.—It seems superfluous to speak of the loss that
Mrs. Wilson’s departure has been to the work after twelve years in
which she put her heart and life into the training of some hundreds of
students. Her work and influence will live on. We hope she may still
be able to give short courses of Bible Study, and to continue her work
as Field Secretary for the School. We also miss greatly Miss
Parkhurst, after her five valuable years of service in the office and
miscellaneous work of our large institution. We are glad to say that
Miss Adelaide Clancy is with us as Associate Principal, and that Miss
Ridley Claney has been accepted by the W. F. M. S. as teacher in
the English Training Department. She does almost all of the English
teaching and is efficient and enthusiastic in her work. With Miss
Ogilvie and Miss Wells, who are graduates of the English Training
Department and strong, spiritual teachers, we have a fine staff. They
are re-inforced by our faithful Kate and Ganeyshia, who are growing
old in the service, and four of our trained girls who are helping
effectively in the Preparatory and Village Departments.

The Students.—The enrolment for the year numbers eighty, of
whom four are in the English Department and nine in the Village
Training and sixty-seven in the regular Hindustani Department. (Ten of these latter are converts). Six missions are represented, namely, Church Mission, Union, London, Baptist, Woman's Home Missionary Society and Methodist. The students come from twenty-one stations, scattered between Amritsar and Benares, Fithoragarh and Bellary, South India. The ten students who completed the course during the year are all employed in mission service—six as teachers or Bible-readers, two are learning nursing in mission hospitals, and two have married mission workers. Eight others who came for a short course of Bible study have left to enter the work. In a trip to Bhot last year it was a great pleasure to find some of our Muttra trained girls teaching the women and children in lonely outposts far up in the mountains.

Practical Work.—Besides teaching the entire Bible and other subjects, regular instruction has been given in methods of teaching and of various other lines of mission work. Much practical work has also been done throughout the year. For about seven weeks students went by turns to villages and were thus given opportunity for experience in this form of evangelistic work. Mohallas and zananas have been regularly visited, Scripture taught in the schools, etc., all under the supervision of experienced workers and with the object of applying the methods learned in theory. A quiet personal work has been carried on in the school by several of the girls, which shows that among them there is a real desire for soul-winning.

In conclusion we wish again to emphasize our need for more students for the English Department. We have a staff and equipment which would make it possible for us to care for ten or twelve students with very little more expenditure of time or effort than is required for four. There is a great demand for trained assistants of this type,—applications for such are constantly being received. If those engaged in English work and in the higher education of Indian girls would impress upon those in their care the need and the wonderful opportunities in evangelistic work to-day,—we believe there would be a larger response to the call. We shall be glad of any suggestions that may enable us to secure more students in this Department.

Isabel McKnight, Principal.

Gujarati for Indian Workers

Examinations of Bible Women were held in connection with the Ahmedabad, Kathiawar, and Baroda District Conferences. In the Ahmedabad District seventy-five women appeared and twenty-nine passed. In the Kathiawar District ten women appeared and four passed. In the Baroda District eighty-six appeared and thirty-three passed.

Helen E. Robinson, Registrar.
Examination

Missionaries' Course

Gujarati.—Second Examination.—Miss Robinson passed in subject 10 of this examination, thus completing the course.

Assistants' Course

First Examination.—Mrs. Phillips passed in subject III, thus completing the year.

Second Examination.—Miss Sherman passed in subjects VI and VIII of missionaries’ first examination and in subjects II, III, V, and VIII of missionaries’ second examination, thus completing the second year.

Mrs. Phillips passed in subjects VI and VIII of missionaries' first examination and in subjects II, III, V, and VIII of missionaries second examination, thus completing the second year.

Anna Agnes Abbott, Registrar.

Finance and Reference Committee

The Finance and Reference Committee held its mid-year meeting in Bombay, August 14-16, at which time estimates for current work to the amount of $32,532 and for buildings to the amount of $4,000 were passed, and at which requests were sent for eight new missionaries as being the very fewest needed to supply the immediate demands.

In addition requests were sent to the May meeting for approval of the sale of the property in Bombay and the purchase of new property, also for permission to use the building balance in Godhra for the erection of an infectious ward in connection with the Butler Hospital.

Following the meeting of the Finance Committee, a request was sent to the General Executive Committee asking for a grant of $5,000 for the erection of a school house in Baroda in order that eventually the Co-educational school might be discontinued.

Anna Agnes Abbott, Secretary.

Marathi Woman’s Friend

As Miss Nicholls, who has so efficiently edited the Marathi Woman's Friend for several years, was appointed on furlough at the last session of the Conference, it fell to my lot to take up the duties of editor, my work beginning with the March issue.
Miss Blair, the Editor-in-Chief for the zenana papers for all India, has furnished most of the material throughout the year, thus greatly lightening the burdens of the Marathi editor.

We regret that the paper has had so few illustrations, but cuts seem inaccessible and suitable pictures from which to make cuts sadly lacking.

Distance makes it a little difficult to manage the translator and press so as to always get the paper out on time, and just as we were beginning to rejoice in improvement along this line the Tract and Book Society transferred their work to another press thus causing a delay in the work. To this change was due also the new and varying colors of garb in which recent issues have appeared.

There has been little change in the number of subscribers; 450 copies of the paper are printed monthly.

C. H. Lawson.

Auxiliary Treasurer and Conference Organizer

The Nadiad Auxiliary reports eighteen active members, and holds weekly meetings. The first meeting of the month is the regular auxiliary meeting taken by the president. At these meetings talks and papers on conditions, customs, and missionary work of other countries are given. The second week is a prayer meeting taken by the Indian women. The third, a Temperance Meeting, the fourth, a Social Meeting held at the different bungalows in turn, and tea is served. The attendance is good and the meetings are interesting and helpful. A collection of almost Rs. 22, was given last year. The dues are one anna per month for Indian women and four annas per month for the missionaries. With this money two boxes fitted with maternity necessaries for the use of the women have been provided. Five rupees was given to the Gujarat Conference and there is a small balance on hand. Some of the women show a marked interest in the work of organization and the meetings are a means of great blessing to them.

The Baroda Missionary Society reports ninety-seven members. The sum of Rs. 50-2-0 have been collected for dues. From this amount Rs. 35 have been given to Miss Morgan for school work among Mohammedan girls at Dabhoi. Rs. 5 were given to purchase cloth for Baroda Boys' School.

The Godhra Auxiliary reports that they have 50 members and have collected Rs. 15 during the year. Once a month a business meeting is held, after which an hour is spent in sewing. They have made jackets, skirts and cholis, and a number of other things which are given to the needy. They also have prepared a box to send North. On Sunday they have a devotional meeting, the members leading in turn.

Clara Bancroft.
Rules Governing the Examinations of Assistants

1. A Board of Examiners, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members shall be elected for a term of four years, subject to re-appointments; vacancies to be filled at each session of the Woman's Conference.

2. The examiners shall send to their respective chairmen sufficient printed or written copies of not less than ten questions by the first week of October, or the first week of March. Candidates shall report themselves to the chairman one month previous to this time. These examinations will be held the last week in October and the last week of March, in locations convenient to the student, under the supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the chairman who shall personally witness the examination. Supervisors of examinations shall sign all papers sent in by candidates under their care. Supervisors of examinations should send the report to the registrar and the examination papers by registered post to their respective examiners within twenty-four hours after the close of the examination. All examiners' returns should be sent to the registrar within two weeks after the examination and the registrar's report to the candidates should follow within a month of the examination.

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

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 subject and fifty-five on the whole examination.
Third year's Examination.—Fifty on each subject and sixty on the whole examination.

5. The entire examination may be taken in either March or November. If the candidate fails in any one subject, she may bring it up at the next regular examination time; but if she fails in more than one subject, she must take the whole examination again.

6. In case of illness the candidate may be permitted to take the examination at another time with the permission of the chairman and the examiner of the special subject.

Christina H. Lawson, Chairman.
Helen E. Robinson, Secretary.

Resolutions

RESOLVED

1. That we thank Dr. B. J. Allen for presiding at our Conference sessions and express our appreciation of her efficient services.
2. That we all most heartily welcome back into our midst our dear and tried friend, Mrs. W. H. Stephens.

3. That we extend a most cordial welcome to our new members, Misses Newton, Mayer, Godfrey, Mrs. Langdon and Dr. Laybourne.

4. That we regret the enforced absence from our Conference session of our absent members and that we extend to Mrs. Hansen our sympathy in the serious illness of her husband.

5. We desire to place on record our deep gratitude to Almighty God for the recovery of our sisters, Miss Goodall and Mrs. Bisbee and Miss Nelson.

6. That we extend our deep heartfelt sympathy to the friends of Miss Connor in their sad bereavement and pray that their hearts may be comforted.

We also extend to Mr. and Mrs. Lampard our loving sympathy in the Home going of their precious little girl.

We also wish to place on record our deep sympathy with the friends of Miss K. ChOVEY.

Also that we extend to the friends of Miss Minnie F. Abrams, who was for many years an honored member of this Conference, our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

7. That we extend to our home-going sisters, Dr. Allen and Mrs. Lampard, our wishes for a profitable and pleasant furlough, praying that God may use them in the homeland for the extension of His kingdom.

8. That we place on record our appreciation of the work done by Mrs. F. Wood and trust that her enforced absence from India may mean much in the homeland.

Congratulations

9. That we congratulate Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Conley on the arrival of a son in each family.

ADA HOLMES.
VIDA STEPHENS.
PHILA K. LINZELL.

Entertainment

10. That we give a hearty vote of thanks to our hostesses for the excellent arrangements they have made for our entertainment at this Conference, also that we extend a most hearty vote of thanks to Miss Morgan who has controlled the catering department, and always looked as calm as a May morning.

11. That we the Missionaries of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society extend a most hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Allen, Dr. Laybourne, and Miss Law for the splendid arrangements made for our comfort at the Butler Memorial Hospital.
12. That we tender to Mrs. Linzell our heartiest thanks for the splendid time we had at the garden party.

Ada Holmes.
Vida Stephens.

Board of Education

The Board of Education desires to present to this Conference a general survey of the educational work throughout the Conference.

The Ahmedabad District reports over eighty day schools in the District, of which thirty-one are under the direct charge of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. An Inspector has been appointed whose sole work is to supervise the day schools of this District. A very large percentage of these schools are registered and are receiving substantial grant-in-aid from Government.

The Nadiad Industrial School has, during the year, greatly reduced its indebtedness and in addition has turned a balance of Rs. 2,000 into the school for equipment, while the industrial products sold amounted to Rs. 10,000. Twelve boys have left the school during the year to make their own way in the world. The demand for boys trained along the lines of this school is becoming much greater than can be supplied. One of the difficulties is in securing an efficient number of trained Christian teachers, but the outlook for the future in this respect is hopeful.

The Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology has just finished its seventh year and has enrolled twenty-one pupils in the year just beginning, of whom three have studied as far as matriculation. Twelve men and three women graduated at the recent commencement exercises. The total number of graduates from this school during this time has been fifty-three men and thirteen women. The student receiving the highest average this year was a woman who, along with her studies, was caring for her two little children. This is the only Theological School in India in which women are studying alongside of the men. The number of men students at this time is fifty-one, making this the second largest Theological School in India.

The Baroda Boys' Primary School has an entire staff of Christian teachers, while the Headmaster was formerly a student in the same school. Fourteen were promoted from the Primary School to the Anglo-Vernacular School.

The Baroda Girls' Primary School has, with one exception, all trained teachers on its staff. In the monthly teachers' meetings the Government instructions to teachers are being studied. The teachers all seem eager for improved methods and are entering into this study with great enthusiasm. The Government report indicates an improvement over last year and although the school is smaller than in former years the average attendance is higher than last year, indicating that the health of the girls has improved.
The Baroda High School is now teaching in all the standards and although this is only the second year of its teaching thus, there are girls in every standard and they are ranking well in scholarship; in a number of classes they are doing even better than the boys. The enrollment is only ninety-four at present, but the quality is better than ever before. A number of restrictions have been made regarding age and qualifications which have tended to reduce the numbers. A daily grade system is being used which brings about better results in recitations. The equipment of the High School is now satisfactory. One of the boys who passed the School Final Examination last year is now teaching in the second standard.

Although the Normal Class and the Primary School at Godhra were without an appointed Manager for nine months of the year just closed, the results have been, on the whole, very good. The Normal School has received its first Grant-in-aid, and out of the eight girls who went up for their first year's Normal examination four passed. The one who took the second year Normal examination, also passed. A new class has been started with nineteen girls on the roll in Godhra. Four who passed the first year examination have begun the second year's work in the Irish Presbyterian Mission Normal Class in Ahmedabad, and one girl who has passed her second year is taking her third year's course in the Mahalaxmi Training College in Ahmedabad. All of the teachers in the Primary School are Christians and most of them are trained teachers. The work of the lower classes was especially good and all of these classes are larger at the beginning of this year than they were last year. Six girls completed the sixth standard, of whom three entered the Normal class. A very encouraging feature of the work is the large Kindergarten with which the New Year begins.

The number of children in the village schools on the Baroda District is eight hundred and twenty-five, most of whom are Christians, but three castes from among non-Christians are represented. There has been a marked improvement in the educational work in the villages in recent years. One of the hindrances, however, has been that of the Roman Catholic mission. In many instances they have made it very difficult to carry on the school work. Moral and spiritual training are strongly emphasized and the fruits of such teaching are apparent.

The Taylor High School closes the year with a full and exceptionally efficient staff of teachers. This is the first time in six years that it has been necessary to report any contagious disease as having entered the school. Plague coming in the school has caused a considerable falling off in attendance, but the numbers are again increasing. Miss Goodall's serious illness rendered her incapable of working for six months of the year. Notwithstanding these difficulties there are some encouraging things to report. The results in Drawing and Music have been excellent. All of the candidates who went up for the drawing examination passed, with one exception, and all the candidates for the Trinity College Examination, passed, and all but one received honors.
The Anglo-Indian Home in Poona comes to the close of the year without a place of residence for a portion of the school, as two of the buildings formerly rented have been sold and, consequently, are no longer available. Miss Taylor, a fully qualified worker, has come from England for the educational work. Two girls have gone from the school to Kolar to take nurse training and one of the boys has gone to New Zealand to learn farming.

Sindh reports four flourishing day schools.

The Kathiawar District has six day schools, but there are many places where such schools are needed if the funds were available for establishing them, as the municipal schools do not reach a very large per-cent of the children.

The Hillman Memorial School at Talegaon has had a net increase of fifteen pupils during the year. The long needed new school house was completed and occupied in mid-year and new teachers' quarters have been erected. The school is teaching up to matriculation standard and has a well equipped staff. The Kindergarten has had a large increase in numbers.

The numbers in the Poona Orphanage and Boys' School are as high as in the preceding year and the Government grant was the same, but in November it was decided to reduce the number of Standards in the Anglo-Vernacular school, so the IV, V and VI Standards were sent to the Union High School and our school accordingly reduced.

The day schools throughout the Marathi District have considerably improved during the year—that being particularly true in the city of Bombay where in some instances the attendance has doubled—the number of girls, especially, being greatly increased. The grant-in-aid received during the past year has been much more than in other years. Igatpuri reports that in one instance the grant-in-aid has been doubled. The various day schools in the district reach a very large number of classes and castes. Among these are Christians, Beni Israel, Roman Catholics, Mahrattas, Mahars and sweepers. A number of the families from which these children come have become Christians during the year.

The work throughout the Conference shows a marked advance over previous years and the Board of Education has every reason to be encouraged for the present condition, but realizes that there are possibilities along this line and would be glad if, during the coming year, great advance movement might be instituted.

L. E. LINZELL, President.

ANNA AGNES ABBOTT, Secretary.
REPORTS OF WORK

AHMEDABAD DISTRICT

Circuit Evangelistic Work

Kapadvanj, Attarsamba, Kathlal, Alina, Vasó, Bhalej, Umreth and Nadiad City Work.

Missionary

ADA HOLMES.

This has been a busy year indeed. The Bible women and day school teachers have done splendid work and the missionary has not been resting. The early part of the year was taken up by the routine of the work, visiting schools, holding meetings for the workers and for the many village Christians and all others who cared to attend.

There has not been very much time for work at the hospital this year but our prayers and gifts have been added.

The Evangelistic work in the city of Nadiad has been blessed to many and some six women and girls have been baptised this year. Another whole family have said they want to be baptised. Tejibai has been instant in season and out in trying to win souls for Jesus. She is rich in words as well as in action, her life is a living witness to the fact that Jesus can save from sin and keep. After a brief rest in the hot weather we began our work in the villages but chiefly keeping to the Circuit centers as the roads are very bad in the rains.

The terrible famine ended by splendid rains, how we had prayed that God would send us good rains and when it came we rejoiced. The Indian people went about their work with a song on their lips and, dare we not say, a song in their hearts to the one true God who had given us what none of their gods could give. We were flooded out!! A pond not far from us was flooded so that it overflowed its banks and came rushing into our compound. For three days we did not venture out, the thunder rattled and the lightning flashed and we were glad. We had some grave and gay experiences when we first sailed forth to look for the olive leaf but we always came back.

The day schools have done quite well this year and we think of a number of girls who have been transplanted out of their village homes to the broad life of a boarding school. To those girls, heaven would not be much more of a change.

The fall brought our busy time again of itinerating; we held special revival meetings all over the district wherever the women could be found; bands of the workers went around all the villages and their preaching was much blessed. Our hearts were gladdened by a visit from our new Bishop J. W. Robinson and it was good to hear the people say, "Why he understands us already." From that remark, you may gather that they with us like to be understood.
RECEPTION TO THE NEW BISHOP

(Baroda Girls in Foreground)
The District Conference in January was a time of great blessing, when again Bishop Robinson was present and brought messages of strength to all our hearts; his visit to our Woman's Conference and the fact that he said we were a fine lot of women pleased us all. Our Indian people have a way of expressing their love by giving a garland of flowers, and I have never seen a garland just quite like the one our new Bishop had, it was perfectly glorious. Perhaps the crowning blessing of the year has been the great Mela which is a union of all Missions in the Province of Gujarat, and was held at Nadiad. It was the first of the kind the writer has attended and can say she was never so tired in her life nor yet quite so happy; that sea of faces eager to listen to deep truths and the way of life was grand beyond words. Day by day the gospel in all its fulness was preached and one kept saying, Can it be possible that all these people are either Christians or desiring to be such? Now they are gone away into the different villages to tell others of the blessing they have received.

Mrs. Wood left us for the home land this year, and her work was taken over till Conference by Mr. Wood; we miss dear Mrs. Wood, always a friend of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and a loving worker for the uplift of the people amongst whom she labored.

Miss Godfrey came to us after much prayer that a missionary might be sent to help in the heavy work of the Ahmedabad District, and she is now busy studying the language of the people. We are confident that she has the divine call to this work and, worked out, God will be glorified in all.

Miss Sherman, though not strong in body, has done a good year's work, ever willing and ready to take her share of the work.

We finish our year with a number of baptisms and hope that now the famine is over we can have some baptised who have been asked to wait.

BARODA DISTRICT

BARODA

High School

Missionary

DORA L. NELSON.

So the torture of writing a resume of three hundred and sixty-six days of trials and triumphs has come. The initiated know that my statement is not over-drawn, but nevertheless it is good to have a checking up time to see how accounts stand.

Like the Apostle Paul said, we, too, are great debtors. First of all, we do not know how much we owe our Heavenly Father for His tender care over us the past year. So many prayers have been answered and the Holy Spirit has given much special guidance.
Some of our pupils have taken decided steps in Christian experience and their faces are so different.

Miss Chilson has been a great comfort and help. Since she took the responsibility of the Girls' Primary School I have had more time to study Gujarati. We are now taking our lessons together, and so have a little language school of our own.

We are again indebted to Mrs. Phillipps for patient work and kindly assistance. Mr. Langdon has also been on our high school staff since last November. The other teachers have all been faithful in co-operation and work.

Of our pioneer high school class, one boy is taking a business course in Reid Christian College, Lucknow; another is studying in the Theological School here; the other three are teachers. Of the latter, one is teaching in our own high school. So we are already beginning to supply one of our immediate needs. We have several other young people whom we hope to train as our future teachers. Two of them are girls capable of college training to become teachers in our "dream" high school for girls only.

Our average attendance the past year has been one hundred and three, less than a third being girls. Our enrollment is less now than ever before, because of certain restrictions as to age and qualifications required of those entering the high school. Not all who finish four years in the Primary Schools are fit to study English. Then too, they must enter high school as young as possible, because Indian children mature early, and so become inoculated with the St. Valentine germ in their early teens.

We have adopted the system of daily marks which tends towards better work and less cramming. The number of daily recitations is reduced to six, so that more time is given for preparation and recitation in each subject. Object lessons are given more attention; live objects like babies and squirrels are often used to stimulate powers of observation.

Our equipment is satisfactory according to the Educational Inspector. Our library is slowly enlarging. A magazine table has been established where teachers' papers, other magazines and a daily newspaper keep our teachers and pupils in touch with world events.

So our account stands much on the credit side and little on the debit. But we hope and pray that our high school may send out well-equipped Christian young men and women as part payment on our big debt.

Girls' School, Primary Department

Missionary

Elma M. Chilson.

Here, in the midst of missionary activity on the field, I look back upon my ignorance of missionary matters while in the homeland, with profound astonishment. One learns rapidly on the field. Things
which are indistinct in America, become distinct here, and many, many unsuspected things force themselves upon your notice.

One of the happiest features of this past year has been the hearty welcome given me by my fellow-workers. Everywhere one finds helpful words and actions. Being new and wholly ignorant of the workings of the great missionary machine, it is inevitable that we make mistakes, especially if we are given a great deal of responsibility at once. Therefore we appreciate the kind words of good cheer and advice given by our co-workers.

It is a cause of thanksgiving that I have not been overburdened with work this year, so have been able to devote much time to the study of the language. While I have not been able to complete the course, yet I believe that I shall know Gujarati sometime.

The Girls' Primary School is my delight. In it we have one hundred and two girls studying their mother tongue, i.e., Gujarati. These girls will leave us after six years, to become the wives of preachers. The wife takes the work of Bible woman, and often teaches a day school in the same village in which her husband is the pastor.

Thus by establishing a Christian home in that village we place an abiding influence there, much more far reaching than the occasional visit of any missionary can ever be.

The Kindergarten is also under my supervision. The little ones from both orphanages, together with many tiny folk from the camp, begin their education here. Marybai, a competent, trained kindergartner, is in charge. She is assisted by some of our girls who have studied in the Godhra Normal School.

In both schools we have nearly forty children, beside our orphanage girls and boys. Some of these are Christians, others are Parsees, but the majority are Hindus. They are taught the Bible and catechism just the same as the children from our boarding schools.

All the classes, except two, are under the care of trained teachers, who are faithful, loyal workers. I believe every teacher has the good wishes of her pupils and I know that the sincere desire of each and every teacher is that their pupils may improve both mentally and spiritually. One of the most pleasant things of the past year has been the co-operation of my teachers. Of course, all are Christians.

The past year has furnished many opportunities for meeting with fellow missionaries. Central Conference brought representatives from all parts of India to Baroda, and my regular summer vacation being spent in South India, I met a number of Methodist workers in that Conference. It was also a great pleasure to visit the Educational Work of our Mission in Hyderabad, Vikarabad, and Bangalore. Then the enforced vacation in October gave the opportunity of seeing the Schools in Naini Tal.

The District Conference brought all our workers in from the villages. In this way we began an acquaintance with our Christian people. I was very glad to know the mothers and fathers of some of
our small girls. Then, too, when I considered the ordinary village woman of this same caste (without Christianity) and noticed the superiority of her Christian sisters, I praised God for His almighty power and decided to labour harder to teach my girls, both by word and deed, the true meaning of Christianity.

Though one has been but a short time on the field, yet so quickly does the work become entwined around one’s heartstrings, that at once we begin making great plans for these our people.

In one short year the girls of the Primary School in Baroda have become so essential to my happiness, that I believe my one ideal is to see them transformed into pure, true Christian women.

We need a new school building: it is true, and we need it very much, but more than this, we need the Holy Spirit in the lives of our people. Will you not unite your prayers with ours, that this year we may have an especial outpouring of that Spirit in Baroda?

This report would not be complete without a word of praise to the great Master whom we serve here. He has been most precious and, as usual, has given great joy in the doing of His will: "His yoke is easy, and His burden is light", because He carries it for us.

Girls’ Boarding School and Zanana and City Evangelization Work

Missionary

HELEN E. ROBINSON.

The work of two appointments will be reported in one, because the two seem to go hand in hand now, when I think of it, although a year ago I did not see how there could possibly be any connection between the two. I thought the medical and city evangelistic work could be done together more easily than the former, because the medical work comes more in contact with the city of Baroda and the school with the villages, but it has been a matter of prayer all the year how I could do both kinds of work without conflict or how I could link the two. It did not seem to me there were any girls fit to do outside work or free to do it either, and I saw what an exceedingly difficult problem it would be to have untrained, unmarried girls do anything outside. Every year we have a few left on our hands who have not gained entrance to either the normal school or nurses’ training class or become pupil teachers but had to stay in the home industrial class and wait their chance to secure homes of their own. Year before last there were forty of these on the outside list where there were only twenty last year and eighteen at present. Along with their work in the weaving school I had them an hour every day studying for the District Conference examinations, or gave them help in their studies, and several passed in each year. Every day for two hours those studying in this class went out with me to the nearby bazaar or villages and preached and sang to the people who were resting in the shade, sitting around at
their work or passing by. Wherever we went crowds would come to hear what was going on and most interesting conversation and incidents occurred as object lessons to the girls. Some requested Bibles and bought Gospels and learned John 3:16 by heart. We had meetings or Sunday school on Sunday afternoons, but I never felt we were doing what we could do, and then I felt the need of a deeper work of grace in the girls' hearts.

After the harvesting in October we went out every Friday morning as well as each day to places further away. Of course we had Manibai and Marybai, two faithful workers, going out regularly every day in all directions, (and I think I have two of the best Bible women anywhere in Gujarat), but after District Conference when these girls had finished their Bible study for the year and taken their examinations, I was led to start an evangelistic campaign with them during the month regularly appointed for it and organized three bands with nine of the most intelligent of the girls, Manibai, Marybai and I leading with three each. The girls had developed in character all through the year. I had been through deep waters with them and they had proved loyal and faithful for the most part.

We spent at least five hours a day, going in all directions, far and near, visiting the places that had been opened by Manibai and Marybai during the year. Out every day, I made the rounds of these places with my band, visiting each place just once in the month and we counted up that in the 136 meetings conducted by the three bands we had had 1,425 Gujarati speaking women of all castes listen to the Gospel. The incidents of that month's campaign were all noted down when we came together to report our work and pray for it, and I think that much seed has been sown that will bear fruit if it is properly cared for. In a nearby village the head-man asked for a Bible in Gujarati and said he would put it in the library of the village. I gave him one all marked to show the way of salvation and the minute it was presented he climbed up with a number of others into an empty cart standing in front of his house and began reading aloud. The other day the Bible-women reported that passing through the village again by chance some weeks after they saw the same man reading that Bible to some other men. We cannot tell what this will lead to.

The evangelistic campaign led up to the Christian convention at Nadiad and did the girls a great deal of good. I really do not know whether the meetings those few days or the month of service for the Master, whose name is wonderful, helped them in the growth which was distinctly noticeable afterwards in comparing their former and present daily experiences, but I am sure that we shall strike the keynote of growth by having them Go Right On Working.

They are continuing this outside work by each giving two days a week to it, so that the two Bible women can do double work. As a result of that month's campaign we have planned how to reach thirty-six different wards or mohullas of the city and some nearby villages in this way once in three weeks, so if we had a few more Bible women
we could carry on the work more thoroughly. Of course we have no work in the city proper yet, for lack of workers and lack of funds. The population of the city is densest within the four gates where those of the high caste dwell. We work right up to the gates.

The school stands well financially just now. I think this is partly due to the careful economy of Miss Nelson and Miss Chilson in the educational finances, and to the number of girls being less than the scholarships. The highest enrollment during 1912 was one hundred and eighty-three and the average was one hundred and sixty-five. There have been seven babies on our rolls and five pupil nurses at the Butler Memorial Hospital; five girls are studying in the normal class in Godhra and one in Ahmedabad. Three have been consumptive and are at the Tilaunia sanitarium, one in the Blind School in Bombay. These are all on our own scholarships and the numbers in the compound are few compared with the room available. We should like to see large numbers of village Christians' children come here for higher education instead of being promised so young in marriage that we cannot take them. Our workers of course send their daughters and many are children of orphans who have left this school. But feeling very strongly that a campaign to reach these little girls would save many of them from the fate that so easily besets them I organized a Cradle Roll, and within a month, from one circuit of the twenty-two in Gujarat I have the names of twenty-three little girls under eight who will soon be ready to enter and I have the promises of the parents in writing that they will send them either here or to Godhra.

Ten girls entered in 1912, five died, eighteen were married, eight left for other reasons; but six more have entered since the beginning of 1913 already, so we may have our full number, 190, again, before the end of the year, especially if the Cradle Roll succeeds. The parents pay the fees gladly and if all the thirty parents, who can pay and who already provide their children's clothing, would pay regularly, we would be able to take in the amount of four scholarships a year, or pay part of the teachers' salaries, every one of which we have to squeeze out of the scholarships.

Again and again the original promise God gave me when I first came to take up the school work has come to me to clear away the doubt of discouragement and enable me to Crown Him Lord of all,—

"And they shall be mine in that day when I make up my jewels"

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**Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital.**

**Missionary**

**B. J. Allen, M.D.**

"Instead of the thorn, shall come up the fir-tree and it shall be to the Lord, for a name." Isa. 55, 13.

After six years, on the eve of furlough, one's mind very naturally turns back to the Then, as contrasted with the Now, not without
A SHEAF OF "FIRST FRUITS" OF THE MATERNITY WARD SERVICE
mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, hope and despair, pride and humility, over the privileges of service, over the Undone-Vast!

Browning was right, and comforts:—

"Ah but a man's reach should exceed his grasp
Or what's a Heaven for!"

In those days, the Hospital compound was only a thorn-grown jungle, frequented by pariah dogs and howling jackals. A dingy room sheltered our few in-patients, and out-patients were seen under trees on the roadside, or on the veranda. An empty oil tin served for boiling all the water used, which was carried in water vessels on the heads of women. A sauce-pan did duty as a sterilizer! Not an instrument, nor a respectable bed, nothing but empty willing hands and steady purposeful hearts. Surprising though it may seem, the same good results followed then that characterize the work now. Only a few brave ones came then, and there was first only a doctor, then a few girls eager to try the untrodden path of the nursing profession; later came those awful building operations, which even yet seem like a horrible nightmare! Then a completed building, then a trained nurse, a training class for nurses, with raw material, the eldest not more than sixteen, no knowledge of the English language, indeed, four languages, to contend with—Marathi, Gujarati, Hindustani and English; all opposed by habit and custom to touching any unclean thing; with never any thought of doing and suffering with, and for, others; with customs, but no manners; with an inbred conviction that cleanliness is a foreign superstition, that punctuality was meant only for the mail trains; that nothing really matters except escaping from notice of the vigilant supervisor! All this, and still the Training School for Nurses has grown apace under the skilful management of Nurse Law. She, herself, is the embodiment of the noble ideals of her profession. One who rarely talks ideals, but lives them, daily. One who steadily, patiently, gently, firmly, tactfully, doggedly leads her girls up, up to her own exalted ideals. The success of her work is a surprise to all who know it, and is best appreciated by those who understand from experience what real training means, in India. One of the very gratifying pleasures, during the year, was an opportunity to return a kindness, shown us in those single-handed early days, by the officials of the Salvation Army. One, too, which, incidentally illustrates how medical missions may aid practically in that much talked of unity of the present day. When two of our missionaries were critically ill with typhoid fever, an importunate appeal to the Anand Hospital brought promptly to our relief, their one European nurse! How much this meant only those know who have had experience in the lamentably understaffed institutions of the mission field!

She was none other than the sister of our own Superintendent! She spent two months with us, most acceptably, and we owe her unmeasured gratitude, as well for that service as for securing for us so able a worker.
Now, after all these years, a time of stress came to the Hospital at Anand, and we were able to send two of our best pupil nurses, for a period of four months, who served so acceptably that both the medical officer and the trained nurse wrote "too much cannot be said in praise of your two good nurses." The European patients have marvelled at the possibility of such service from Indian girls. One said, "You have a priceless treasure in that nurse," and the Doctor, herself, could not ask for better care than she had from her own girls during her illness.

All the work of nursing as well as that of cleaning the wards, and much of the sewing is done by the pupil nurses, under Nurse Law's supervision.

Unfortunately, as yet, such excellence is attainable only with strict supervision. The senior girls are now able to take charge of the maternity ward, and cases requiring "specials" bring out the latent power of the potential nurse.

People have been willing, for the most part, to pay for good work, and the success scored is in large measure due to the efficiency of this perplexing, exasperating, interesting, discouraging, inspiring part of our work, for after all the work of the best doctors in the world may be ruined by careless inefficiency.

One of the most heart breaking experiences was the vain struggle with that grim, oft-present foe, small-pox, in its most virulent form. One of our own, dear Miss Connor, with her future all before her, so early smitten, and so violently! It was unspeakably hard to fight a losing battle and deeply did we feel the need of a faith tonic! to remember the call of the Christ is sometimes to service, always to sacrifice; that in such experiences, the disciple is not above his Lord, that it is but the pathway of the Man of sorrows, to appear to suffer failure, and yet to say, "I thank Thee, O Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight".

One of the many joys was to receive, as an in-patient, an orthodox Brahman woman, who was a paralytic.

In the beginning very strict rules were laid down, no one but a Brahman nurse should minister to her, and our own Krupabai, a Christian Brahman widow, formerly of Talegaon school, graciously given us by our Miss Lawson, was able to meet all their exacting requirements. No low class person must cross the threshold of her private ward, her own servants must do her errands, purchase her supplies, cook her food and draw her drinking water from our well. No outcaste, including the doctor, must cast a shadow, even, upon her food, either while being prepared or eaten,—or it would be promptly thrown to the sweeper!! What an interesting process it was to see that orthodox prejudice gradually wither away, as she watched the happy band of Christian workers ministering to needy ones, while she herself, also the object of their care and prayers, began daily to improve! Finally any member of the staff was welcome in her ward; the babies were
welcome visitors, her cook drew water for the low caste people to drink, and even was allowed to cook for one, and as she began to move about among us, she herself burst into songs of praise.

This picture she permitted us to take of herself and servants and those of the staff who directly ministered to her.

Well may we call Medical Missions the Dreadnought of Caste, for no other form of service, on the mission field, more speedily nor more effectually opens closed doors, or more tightly closed minds and hearts. As our Saviour went about doing good, He preached and healed, and surely while we do the one we ought not to leave the other undone!

Thousands of instances illustrate how accessibility and comprehension are secured, when the more direct message would fall like good seeds on stony ground. The divine order is first that which is natural then that which is spiritual; and hearts made tender and receptive by loving and skilful ministrations to the body, are approachable by a language any one can understand. The unselfish service is its own Gospel, in this land where the abstract philosophy has usurped the concrete harmonious life. Many and many a time from thinking men and women have we heard, "Yes, we have nothing like this!"

One of the distressing experiences was the illness of the doctor, after months of overwork, without respite. This lessened the number of patients, and deprived the hospital and the community of a doctor, as the Civil Surgeon, at the same time was, likewise, laid low. This emphasised, what the Medical Missionary Association, the Mott Conferences, and other less weighty voices have repeatedly advocated, namely, the necessity for at least two European doctors and two European nurses, in every hospital which attempts to meet the need of any locality, in a way that one need not feel ashamed of. Not only Indian people, but Europeans need us. Many of these are missionaries, whose care has been ever regarded as a sacred privilege. There are many others, strangers in a strange land, who need care, and surely it belies the very heart of our profession to say to any suffering one, be she European or Indian, "We have no time for you"—those of us who have been ill, alone, can understand! But this is a digression! Even this cloud had a silver lining, for the Salvation Army medical officer came to the rescue, and during the absence of our own doctor at Nadaid, on his sorely needed holiday, took the care, not only of the doctor, but all of her patients who were critically ill, and carried on his own large work at Anand as well. Grateful indeed are the memories of this generous friend in time of need!

One of the continuously interesting experiences has been to watch the progress of the Butler babies. Coming up, as they have, from starvation and disease, especially varied forms of spinal trouble, they are an attractive and promising feature of our work. They continue to supply that invaluable "point of demonstration" to a people who impugn our motives, whose ignorance blinds, whose fear dominates,
who cause the innocent to suffer, oh! so needlessly! Healthy, happy, attractive, interesting, instructive little tots, they have made friends for us, gained the confidence of doubtful patients, justified unknown forms of treatment, to the fearful and unbelieving, and illustrated often enough that "a little child shall lead them" even in things medical! The picture shows a few of our babies, with their mothers. The evangelist among these women workers report that they already see a great difference in the vigour of those who consent to leave home—only those who can brave public opinion and domestic inconvenience dare, as yet, to come.

Perhaps the most surprising experience was the summons, one evening, to the palace to attend His Highness the Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda. Although an enthusiastic advocate of work among "the Depressed Classes", and he himself perhaps the most advanced and practical reformer among the Indian Princes, introducing as he has the tram car, mills, banks and even compulsory education, we have often wondered why he has so persistently held himself aloof from the very practical form of work we carry on among his subjects. Doubtless the multitudinous affairs of State were too absorbing. However that may be, it was with no small amount of surprise that we responded to H. H. appeal. And no little pleasure, on the occasion of a quiet evening, at dinner, to have a glimpse of the attractive personality of the man; and to reply, in answer to his direct query, "What are your real reasons for being a missionary?" "Because of the call of Christ, and for His sake, humanity's need, since 'God hath made of one blood all nations of the earth.'"

Enough of retrospection! What of the prospects? Big indeed, does it seem with possibilities. The deep underlying yearning is to have this fir tree fulfilling the purpose of any living vital thing. "This is the will of your Father, that ye bear much fruit" said our Christ, and what more natural than that this fir tree bud and blossom and bear fruit in the shape of a city dispensary which will bring the people into closer touch with "the leaves which shall be for the healing of the nations". Four miles is a long way for the poor to travel and few can afford, even if they cared enough, to pay carriage hire.

Not only this, but as the nurses become ready, seedlings may be transplanted into the nearer circuit centres, later in the more remote ones; the resident doctors would have terms of alternate service, and the trained nurse and the school teacher and the Bible worker might be likened to trees planted by a river of water!

An American woman called to do the work of an evangelist—for ward work and for entering open doors, which the busy doctor, single handed, could not do! A children's ward where our little ones may be segregated. An infectious ward fitted to take care of European as well as Indian patients, for every one is liable to infection and of the 35 cases treated, all save one, have been from our Christian community. Not only must our fir tree bear fruit. It must not only
extend its usefulness but it must secure its own maintenance from the soil in which it grows—in a word self-propagation is as vital a necessity as fruit bearing, indeed this is but the perfection of the fruit. And in conserving of workers and disciples, it is surely co-operating in a very practical way with every other form of mission activity, from the cradle to the grave, quite regardless of race, creed, color or caste!

No one realizes the imperfections more keenly than those who have watched the plant from the seed-stage, but even with all the failure and disappointment, even with the staff inadequate as it is, when wards are filled, and even during the chaotic transition stage of our growth we are able to report the following data, which need no elucidation. We trust you will approve and recommend our request that the fees may be applied to The Children’s Ward Fund, which we see only in faith to-day. Yes, this fir tree “shall be to to the Lord, for a Name”, a tree of His own planting in this Garden of Baroda.

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**Hospital Opened, Informally, July 28th, 1910**

Physician-in-charge was warned, by an experienced worker of over twenty years’ experience, that she must not be disappointed, if she admitted no more than ten in-patients the first year—as the Gujarati people would not leave their homes. Total number of prescriptions, for out-patients 24,594.

**Compilation from In-patient Record**

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*Physician-in-charge ill and away for recuperation for three months.*
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* July 1, 1911. Money received from home exhausted, by providing medicine free. Alternative to close or charge or go in debt. Began first definite plans for self support, charging Christians no fees, but actual cost of medicine, and in cases of need gave liberal discount. All others were charged fees and cost of medicine.

* Special treatment for H. H. the Maharani Sahib.

* February 28. Placed on fixed deposit, at 5 per cent. Rs. 6,000—net earnings, for your 2½ years old fledgling, towards the Children's Ward Fund.

### Woman's Department Florence B. Nicholson School of Theology

**Missionary**

PEARL GOSNELL BISBEE.

The past year has been one of great blessing and full of encouragement. The Theological school opens at seven-thirty in the morning and closes at one o'clock. The women leave their homes, by way of the nursery, for the school with their books under one arm, and usually a baby under the other; they find their classes and assemble around their teachers in a semi-circle.

The woman's department consists of the Theological and Training Schools; the former students are women who have passed the sixth standard and study under the professors of the Theological school, while the latter take up the regular conference course, and are instructed by Jivibai Yusaf and Manjulabai Premanik. It is surprising to see the improvement three years of training makes in them; some cannot even read or write when they came to us, but they try very hard, and seem willing to learn. At nine forty-five all the students assemble in the chapel for daily prayers and scripture reading; the men are seated on one side of the room and the women on the other. We always look forward to this time of day, for we enjoy hearing them sing, and the earnest way in which they raise their hearts to God for guidance and blessing encourages us.

There are three things we try to insist upon here: Keep your houses clean; keep your bodies clean; keep your hearts clean. It is necessary to insist upon the first, because many of the women have come from places where this has not been insisted upon. When the women go to the villages their homes should be examples as far
A VILLAGE DAY SCHOOL, GUJARAT
as cleanliness is concerned; the second, because the health of the student depends largely upon the cleanliness of the body; the third, because as Christian workers and Bible women they need to live close to their Saviour and have a firsthand knowledge of the fact that their sins have been forgiven. The only way that a person can have a clean heart is by living in close contact with the Saviour, and this is only possible by having a family altar, so we try to have each home establish a family altar. By keeping their homes and bodies clean, and by having the proper food and exercise their bodies are kept strong physically; by studying in the school their minds are improved, and by living close to the Saviour and by trying to win others to him their spiritual life is raised to the New Testament standard of life and experience.

Year by year the Training School for women is becoming smaller, while the number of women in the Theological department is increasing; the reason for this is that many of our men are marrying women who have passed the sixth standard.

This is the only Theological School in India where the women study side by side with their husbands. It has been said that the women of India are stupid and cannot learn, this being especially true of the low caste women. The opposite has been proven in our school; women from the lowest caste have taken the Theological course and have proven by their records that they are just as capable of learning as the men. In a few instances the women have received higher marks than the men. So far we have had four classes graduate from the school; fifty-two men and thirteen women have completed the course, and this last year three women were granted diplomas by the Board of Trustees.

Our nursery is a "howling" success! Here the babies stay with the women who look after them while their mothers are at school. How brave a woman must be to leave her little ones to the care of another! But this is done day after day, and no doubt the women are glad to have a place to leave them while they are busy. When the babies find that their mothers have gone, sometimes their lusty little throats give forth sounds of alarm, and again when it is dinner time they cry very energetically.

In this same building we have a kindergarten for the older children and we have an experienced teacher in charge of them. Here from infancy the children are taught the name of Jesus.

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Evangelistic Work

Missionary Cora Morgan.

At the close of this wonderful first year after a furlough, I come again to the writing of "My Report." I received joyfully my appointment again to evangelistic work, and it has been a year full of happy work, with all along the assurance of the Saviour's presence and the evidence of His blessing. There has been much travelling to cover the large territory comprised in the Baroda District, sometimes
it seems we must spend an undue amount of time in travelling those many miles through the heavy sand, but the joy of meeting the village Christians and the workers in the distant villages pays for all the labor of the travel and we always regret that the visits have to be sometimes short and far between.

With the keen realization that very much more could be accomplished with more adequate supervision of the work we can still report excellent work on all the circuits, and real progress along several lines. The schools are being better organized with a school inspector appointed, and the Young People's work generally is being better looked after. It is a great encouragement to find in most of the villages from one to a dozen children who can repeat from memory portions of scripture and catechism.

Besides attending numerous quarterly conferences and meetings of various kinds in various places I have gone over all the district, twice visiting all the villages where our Bible women are appointed—once before the hot weather and again before District Conference in December.

Several Melas held during the year were well attended, bringing together not only large crowds of Christians but also large numbers of non-Christians of all castes. People everywhere seem eager to have the Gospel.

The climax of the year's itinerating was a large Christian Mela at Nadiad, attended by missionaries and Christians from all the Missions working in Gujarat. The meetings were good and all were united in a closer bond of fellowship.

Several village churches have also been dedicated during the year and the dedication services were most inspiring. The people have been loyal in their contributions to the building funds.

It has been our privilege to take several visitors and friends with us for short trips, and they are always charmed with the people and the splendid opportunities for work.

Miss Bailey, who has been my assistant for the past seven years, has just gone for a well-earned furlough. She is a very efficient helper and will be greatly missed this year.

There is great need for another evangelistic missionary and we hope she may soon be found. We enter the new year with greater hopes and stronger faith for the future of this great work.

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GODHRA

Girls' Orphanage and Boarding School

Missionary Elsie M. Ross.

"We know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
God's mercy underlies."

When I stepped on board the steamer Berlin three years ago, had any one said, "These will be the conditions and this will be your
responsibility," I wonder whether or not I would have had the
courage to face it. However I am glad to have been here and to
have had a share in the Master's work.

At the beginning of the year our school work was turned over to
Miss Connor and she seemed to enjoy it. She appeared so well and
happy, and what a shock it was to us all to have her so suddenly taken
from us. Why? We know not. Why? We cannot understand
and Why? We have ceased to try to understand, as it did not seem to
be the Master's plan for her to serve Him here, and thus He called her
to a higher and better service. How our hearts go out to those dear ones
in the home land and how we have longed to be able to comfort them.

Misses Morgan and Bailey made their head quarters here and
were glad to help in any possible way when they were in from their
village work. The teachers and servants almost to a man stood by
me faithfully and helped in every way possible, and we are glad that
things are in as good a condition as they are, and some things are
even better than we had ever dared to hope.

Normal School.—With all the extra things to be done last spring,
the Normal Class seemed to be most too heavy a load, but as I knew
that it was given as an answer to prayer and the labors of love and
time that had been given were far too valuable to let go to naught,
I felt it must not fail even though no provision whatever was made
for it. I helped the teacher all I could and together we carried the
work for the year.

In September the Government Inspector, Mr. Lory, came to see
the work. He felt that it was a grave mistake not to have had a
manager sent at once but at the same time was pleased with many
things. Shortly after that we received the first Government Grant
for our Normal School, with a promise of an increase as the school
becomes more efficient.

Examination time came and eight of our girls went up for the
Government Examination held at the College in Ahmedabad.
Through the kindness of some of the missionaries of the Irish
Presbyterian Mission these girls were given a room on their
compound in which to live while taking the examination. We waited
the results of those examinations with eagerness and when the report
came—"Four of them had passed," and better still, our dear girl
"Dhuni," who had taken the second year examination, had also
passed, tears of joy filled our eyes, for the Methodist mission in
Gujarat needs trained teachers if it ever needed any thing.

Our new Class has started with nineteen girls in the Godhra
Class, four in the I. P. Second Year Class and one in Mahalaxmi
Training College taking her third year. We are hoping for good
results this year.

Primary School.—The Primary School had a fairly good year.
The girls as a whole passed as well as usual and did especially well
in the lower standards. We hope this means progress for years to
come. Our kindergarten is a dear little company of dear little folks
whom you could'nt help loving without trying. At our prize distribution we had a nice time. We invited all the European officials and a number of Indian gentlemen and ladies. Twenty-seven visitors came. Bishop J. W. Robinson was in Godhra that day and he gave out the prizes. We had an interesting program in which girls from every standard took part, and after the program was finished our visitors looked at the exhibition of sewing, fancy work, writing, drawing and workshop products; they also visited the girls boarding department and several gentlemen expressed surprise at the happiness of the girls and at their comfortable home.

One Parsee lady gave us twelve beautiful little Gujarati books for girls of general proficiency, and the Head Master of the Garasiya Talukdari English school sent us a beautiful little English book, and we had the best wishes of all for a good new year.

Industrial School.—Our Industrial School is doing good work. It was a real pleasure to see the piles of tape and sheeting on the day of exhibition. There are fifteen girls enrolled and they spend five hours a day. We have had ready sale for all our extra products and some new folks have asked if they might give special orders for dusters and tea towels. They have made a number of extra things this year, such as bed spreads and some cloth that we could use for garments.

The girls who can do nothing else work in this school and it is a good training for them and also a supply department for some of our needs.

The Boarding Department.—Last spring our faithful Umibai relieved me of the daily routine in the girls' boarding department and as she knows the work and the girls so well, it was a real relief to me. The girls as a whole have been remarkably well and good. We had about twenty-five cases of whooping cough last fall but only one child was very ill. Some of the girls seemed to realize in a measure the weight of the work and did their share to make it as light as possible, and some of the girls seem to be growing step by step toward that high ideal we have for them—"Noble, honest, Christian Women."

The little folks continue to come and they are of the greatest interest. How we long for many, many more of the children of Gujarat who never go to school and who never hear of the Master who came to save them.

A number of our girls who have been in the Normal Class have gone out to teach. Two of them are teaching in Bombay and Miss Abbott's report of them is a good one. These two girls came home to Godhra for Christmas and they were so well and happy and glad to come home that all were delighted with them. One of the girls in a letter written shortly after Christmas said—"We have heard so much about education not being good for Indian girls, and that they cannot learn, but when we look at Mani and Ruth, the girls home from Bombay, we change our minds and believe that education is good for us as it helps us to fight the battle of life."

Another girl who has nearly finished her education, was asked if she cared to get married, when she finished. She said, "Yes, I do
want to get married, but I would like to teach for two or three years in Godhra before I get married."

Six girls have been married, four have gone up for higher education, two have died, and thirteen new children have come in. Two new Hindoo children are attending school as day pupils.

Our Christmas was a delightful one. The girls were eager this year to help others. They made one hundred work bags for Miss Morgan's Bible women and gave some gifts to each other and some to other folks.

Miss Newton, our new Missionary, was our best Christmas gift as she reached Godhra at eleven o'clock on Christmas and she received a cordial welcome. She is now giving all her time to the study of the language.

The old year, with its sorrows, cares, responsibilities and pleasures has gone and the new year has been ushered in with all its opportunities. How will we meet it? We want to make the most of it?

So much at hand to do; so unworthy of such responsibility, and yet ready to do our little best for this the greatest calling of all the callings of men.

Hold thou, my hand
In thine, O Lord, for thy great hand is strong,
And many are the stony places set
For my unwary feet, the way along,
And myriad the trials to be met,
Hold thou, O Lord, my hand.

Hold fast my hand;
Then shall I walk a down the year serene,
Grow old as swings the pendule to and fro,
But fearing not, though all may not be seen
Of where I travel when the sun drops low,
Close held by thy strong hand.

Ay, hold my hand;
Be paths where I shall go or rough or smooth,
Be men whom I shall meet or foe or friend,
Be days with tempest drear, or calm to soothe,
I care not—so through all until the end
Thou hold, O Lord, my hand.

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BOMBAY DISTRICT

BOMBAY

Bowen Church

Missionary

Mrs. A. N. Warner.

The past year has been one full of interest, full of work, and we believe partially full of success. The Lord has been with us and has blessed us, but we believe He has much greater things in store for us if we only continue faithful. Our hearts are filled with praise to Him for all His blessings!
During the year which we have spent here, it has been a great pleasure to have a part in the Sunday School and League work, both of which are doing good, practical and spiritual work. Our Sunday School numbers on the roll one hundred and fifty, having an average attendance of ninety. It is really a bright and happy meeting. We have a good Sunday School library and those of the children who read take a great interest in it, and we feel sure are much benefited. Our Sunday School is helping to support a little girl in the Anglo-Indian Home at Poona by sending ten rupees a month to Mrs. Hutchings; we also help what we can in other ways. Our Children’s Day collection always goes to this Home; this year it amounted to 750 rupees.

The Epworth League is well organized, having a membership of forty-four. The meetings throughout the year have kept up in interest and fairly well in attendance. Each Department has done well. We are interested in a Gospel Hall in Byculla, in which are held services in the vernacular. Towards the support of this we give 500 rupees a year. The Lord has blessed the work in this Hall this year, and there have been a number of conversions. The Junior Epworth League has just been organized and has very bright prospects ahead, but as yet they have not begun any special outside work, so the report will be more definite next year, we hope.

Our Church work is in very good condition. The services are very well attended and the Lord has graciously blessed in some of them. The visiting is no small part of the work here, however the Lord has given us strength for it, and has blessed the efforts put forth.

The coming of Miss Davis will mean much to the work, and we feel sure that if we do our part God will graciously do His, so we are expecting rich blessings for our church and community in the future.

KARACHI

English Church

Missionary

C. A. FAWCETT-SHAW.

There is nothing new or startling or tangible perhaps to record as a report for 1912. The usual share of work that falls to every pastors’ wife in English Churches has been mine; visits to the sick and needy; a practical helping hand wherever or whenever required; advice and counsel and inspiration when those were necessary and sought for by young and old, and the use of one’s experience in Sunday School, and Epworth League, the definite and clear witness for principles: all these come in the day’s programme to those who give themselves their time, mind and strength, though these do not go to make reports as such.

Just the simple doing of one’s duty in that state to which God hath called us—that is all—and helping on the work of our beloved Church and people to whom we have given our life service in His name.
POONA

Taylor High School for Girls

Missionaries
MRS. ELLEN H. W. FOX.
MISS ANNIE GOODALL.
MISS VIDA STEPHENS.

An event of very special importance in the past school year was the safe arrival, on December 12th, 1911, of Miss Annie Goodall. For this re-inforcement we are truly thankful.

At the close of 1911, two teachers, Miss Blake and Miss H. Chatterton, left to take positions in the railway school at Dhond. Two other teachers, Miss Atkin and Miss Eaton, joined the staff, the first in February, 1912, the second, in June. The latter is one of our own girls. She matriculated and also passed the High School in 1910. We are especially pleased to welcome our old pupils back to the school in the capacity of teachers. With the above exceptions there were no changes in the staff till the beginning of the present school year, when Mr. Ranade left and Miss H. Chatterton returned to her former post as kindergarten teacher. The Staff is now quite full and efficient.

With the exception of one, all our drawing candidates passed the examinations of the Art School of Bombay. Without exception, all our music pupils passed the Trinity College Examinations, all but one gaining honors.

The results of the Cambridge Local Examinations are not yet published, but we confidently expect a good report.

On the 31st of August, Miss Goodall had her tonsils removed, as they were greatly enlarged and were giving her much trouble. A few days later fever set in, and thinking it was due to the operation on her tonsils, she went into the hospital, and it soon became apparent that she was suffering from typhoid fever. She grew rapidly worse, the fever being complicated with pleurisy, pneumonia, and bladder trouble. For two weeks her life hung in the balance, the doctors and nurses regarding her case with the gravest anxiety. At the suggestion of the doctor and head nurse, I remained in the hospital day and night during those two weeks, only going to the school for breakfast and dinner. Most of this time, as well as many other days, she was unconscious, and since her recovery has no recollection whatever of events that transpired in those days. Her recovery is regarded by many as an answer to the prayers of her many friends. For thirty-three successive nights, she had a special night nurse who attended to her alone. After three months in the hospital, most of the time hovering between life and death, she was discharged in a very emaciated and weak condition, still suffering from a troublesome cough, but now after three more months rest and recuperation, we rejoice to be able to report a gradual and steady
improvement, and we have every reason to believe that a change to
the hills for the hot weather will ensure a complete and permanent
recovery.

In October, plague rats were found in Number six, the breagalow
occupied by the small boys. At the suggestion of the doctor, the boys
were removed to the girls' compound, and a few days later, one of the
boys was attacked by the dread disease and after five days of suffering
was cradled "safe in the arms of Jesus." On the fly leaf of his Bible
he had written the following:—"On the 29th September I gave my heart
to God and Jesus. I am willing to die for my Saviour who gave Him-
self for me." The only other case was the nephew of the coachman,
which also proved fatal. The above are simple statements, meaning
very little perhaps to an outsider, to one not especially interested, but
to those intimately connected with the school, they recall an occasion
of fearful foreboding and suspense, as well as great loss financially
and in numbers. One who has never been called to go through such
an experience, can have only a very inadequate idea of what it really
means.

Every year for the last six successive years we have been thank-
ful to be able to state in our annual report to Government that no
case of plague or any other contagious disease had occurred in
the school premises. The next report, due in April, must tell a
different story.

At the time of the breaking out of plague, the Principal was
away, attending the meeting of the Commission, appointed by the last
Central Conference to consider the advisability of forming an
English Conference, and, as Miss Goodall was still in hospital, the
responsibility of taking action at this critical moment devolved upon
Miss Vida Stephens, and fearlessly and ably she met the emergency.
So, also, the members of the Staff nobly stood by and those who
were in charge of the Cambridge candidates remained to teach,
while the others, with the remaining pupils, by order of the Canton-
ment authorities, left for their respective homes for a few weeks till
the danger of infection was past. To our pastor and his wife, Rev.
and Mrs. Clarke, and many other friends in Poona, our warmest
thanks are due for their friendly assistance in our time of difficulty.
On November eleventh, the school was reopened, though with greatly
reduced numbers, partly because parents were afraid to risk infection,
and partly because of the expense, the time being so near the Christ-
mas holidays, when the railway expenses would have to be incurred
again.

The diminution in the number of boarders, owing to the plague
scare, has been a great trial to our faith, but God is answering our
prayers and sending back some who were withdrawn and also sending
in new pupils. No day scholars were withdrawn on account of the
plague. At our Annual Conference held in January, 1912, in order to
provide for the vernacular work formerly under the care of Mrs.
W. H. Stephens, who was then about to go on furlough, the supervision
BOYS' HOME, TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL, POONA
of the Marathi Day Schools was added to the appointment of the Principal, and the evangelistic and medical work at Loni to the appointment of Miss V Stephens.

On the outbreak of plague, in obedience to orders from the medical officer and the Cantonment Magistrate, all our buildings in the two compounds were thoroughly disinfected and renovated. The ceilings in Number six, the boys' home, were all taken down and the whole building unroofed, new timbers substituted for defective ones, and the large dormitory room in the rear was re-roofed with corrugated iron and tiles, without ceiling cloths, thus removing all danger arising from hiding places for rats and squirrels. The entire bungalow was paved with Shahabad stones and freshly colorwashed without and within. All the out-houses in the same compound were re-roofed and whitewashed.

The expense involved in these improvements has been very heavy and has greatly reduced the little sum we had been depending upon to help us in re-roofing Number nine, the large school building, which is imperatively demanded, since the building will be unsafe as it is, during another monsoon.

In September, the evangelistic services conducted in our Church by Rev. Stanley Jones resulted in great spiritual blessing to our pupils, especially the boarders, all but one of whom took a decided stand for Christ.

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**Anglo-Indian Girls' Home**

*Missionary* E. H. Hutchings.

It is a pleasure and privilege to present my nineteenth report of the work of the Anglo-Indian Home. The numbers do not vary much keeping at about eighty (it is impossible to have increased numbers without increased accommodation). Of this number nine attend the Taylor High School for Girls and three the Bishop's High School for Boys, the remainder as far as Standard VI are taught in the Home School. As at present we are unable to teach beyond this standard, one of the boys has been sent to Kalimpong where he will be able to finish his education.

A second boy through the kindness of Dr. Harold Mann has been allowed to join the party of boys and girls going out to New Zealand. He had about six months' training at Kalimpong, previous to going, in farming, etc., so that he might be better equipped for his new life. He starts with excellent prospects. On arriving at New Zealand he will enter the service of a farmer who will undertake to teach him all that a farmer should know. Then after a certain number of years, if he works well, he will probably obtain a piece of land for himself. His ambition is to do this and then send for his two brothers who are still in the school. He is the sort of lad who is likely to do well in the colonies. The one girl who has finished her education during the year has joined the staff of the Home School. The Teaching Staff has
undergone a complete change since our last report, every member having left from various causes. Miss Jones felt the need of further training in the art of teaching and so left us. Miss George, who rendered faithful service for twelve years, needed a long rest so we regretfully had to part with her. Miss Willbond resigned through ill health, while Miss Daroux, Miss O. Willbond and Miss Wickham all decided to pass through the fascinating gate of matrimony.

The New Staff.—In April last we were delighted to welcome Miss Taylor from England, a fully equipped educationalist. She comes as a missionary to take up this particular phase of the work, and was most certainly sent to us in answer to prayer and will I am sure be greatly used in helping our young people both spiritually and intellectually. Our other teachers are Miss Luxa, Miss Penner, Miss Curtis and Miss Ryan. These during the short time they have been with us as teachers have shown a deep interest in their classes and have cheerfully done their utmost towards making the school year a success. The matrons too have done good service among the children as usual caring for the physical needs and generally taking an interest in their welfare. We have greatly missed the services of our dear fellow worker, Miss Ward, who for so many years has been untiring in her zeal and love for the Home. The Lord has laid her aside from active service for several months, but we rejoice in the measure of restoration He has vouchsafed to her and are thankful that she is still able to enter into and assist in the work of the Home. The needlework department and the care of the boys are still in the hands of Miss Merrett, whose success is seen in both branches of work.

The trend of the School has been steadily towards improvement during the year. This is very marked in the condition of the exercise books, etc. The Inspector expressed his satisfaction at the improvement of the school as a whole. One girl was sent up for the Drawing Examination, Grade I, and passed. At the recent school examinations eighty per cent of the children passed into higher standards. One of the Sixth Standard girls, Emerald Smith, won the Silver Medal for coming first in the Intermediate Division of the All India Sunday School examination held in July last.

The health of the children has been remarkably good, only one case of serious illness has taken place during the year and that little one has made a good recovery.

In April and May last the usual visit was paid to Lanowli through the kindness of Mr. Fritchley. The children went in four companies of twelve days each and needless to say they had a delightful time and returned to Poona invigorated and strengthened.

It is with sincerest regret that we are called to bid farewell to our District Superintendent, the Rev. C. B. Hill, who has taken such a deep interest in and worked so hard for the home during the years he has been in Western India. At the same time it is good to know that he is going on a well-earned furlough. We wish him God speed and a swift return to India.
We have lately suffered a keen disappointment. Arrangements had been made for a new and commodious building and we had hoped that it would soon be in process of erection, but the money that was expected has been turned into other channels and our way for the time is blocked. However our trust is in Him with whom nothing is impossible and to whom belongs "the silver and the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills."

Just a word with regard to finances. The cost of the Institution is Rs. 1,000 per month, which includes food, clothing, education and all other incidentals. I should like to thank all present who help in any way towards raising this amount. The Children's Day Collections have been a tremendous help this year. Poona raised Rs. 1,500 and the two Bombay churches together Rs. 1,640 giving a total of over Rs. 3,000. In this and other ways the needs of the Home are being supplied.

My thanks, too, are due to many other friends who help in various ways. Dr. Wadia as usual has been most kind in attending to our sick ones and the physicians and nurses of Sassoon Hospital to those who have been in their wards. For gifts of clothes and other things we give most hearty thanks.

I close this report with our Home motto "Ebenzer."

BOMBAY MARATHI DISTRICT

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Zanana and Evangelistic Work, and Day Schools

Missionary Anna Agnes Abbott.

"I had fainted except I had hoped to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Truly had not our hope been in God the year's work could never have been carried forward, for there were many times when we were nigh to fainting. It has been a time of change and uprooting and unsettling of long established plans and ways, not from choice but from necessity. First the greatest change perhaps has been in the staff. The year closed with very few of the same workers with which it closed last year. Death has reaped a rich harvest from among our number and illness has caused other changes to be made while removal from the city has taken still others out of our midst. Very early in the year Krupabai Chovey, one of the oldest and best of the workers, was called home, and shortly thereafter, Yashodabai, one of our most faithful Bible women, and still a little later, Sagunabai, the choice of all the teachers, went to join the company over yonder. Illness kept several other workers away. One of the great problems has been the filling of these vacancies, and some times it seemed impossible, but yet God has not failed and He has sent those to take
the places in almost every instance who seem thoroughly qualified
to do the work and we close the year with a full staff.

I cannot but give thanks to our good Father for sending Mrs. Paul
to help in the work just at the time when He did, for she has not only in
a most efficient manner undertaken the visiting among the homes where
Krupabai was so well known and loved, but has in a peculiarly
capable manner been able to bring home to the women in these homes
the truth of the gospel which Krupabai exemplified in her own life and
which she loved to teach. In addition she has been a great blessing in
that she took the responsibility as very few possibly could have done
for the teaching of the Bible to the other Bible women. Then, too, in
the emergency which made it necessary for me at least temporarily
to leave the bungalow, she came to us and lived there, thus enabling
me with quietness of heart to leave the workers, both Bible women
and teachers, living there, knowing that they were in the safest of
care in her hands.

Very early in the year Miss Barnard came to us to take up the
work that has been carried on for so many years among the Mahome-
dans. She has been able to do this most efficiently because of the
fact that as a girl she was first educated in the Isabelle Thoburn Girls'
School, living with the Indian girls there and learning the Urdu
language as they knew it, and next she continued it as her second
language in the high school in Cavnpore. She has been most helpful
in every way and we are thankful that God sent her.

The fact that there has been a great turning to God in this city
among the high class Mahomedan men as well as high caste Hindus
this year (quite a large number having been baptized while there are
still other inquirers) makes it imperative that we strengthen the work
for women in order that we may be ready to do our share for them
as well. At this stage we cannot afford to do less than we have done
in the past but ought to strengthen and enlarge. There have been few
changes in the zenana work, most of the same families are being
visited, only a few new ones having been added and occasionally an
old one dropped.

Among the Israelite families was one with a member who had
quite gone out of her head. She was a source of great trouble to her
family and was kept under lock and key much of the time. Some of us
visited her, and in response to her expressed desire to "be better" we
joined in prayer with her that God in the name of Jesus would heal
her, and as the name of Jesus was spoken she wept bitterly. We left
her committing her to the Lord and were unable to return again for
about two months, but on going back found that she was in her right
mind, God having fully restored her.

A number of women have been baptized from among the lower
castes where we visit this year, and several children from the city have
been sent to our Boarding school in Talegaon; among these were two
little girls from a Maratha family, a good caste, the father and mother
and children having been baptized a short time before.
The schools have had very little supervision this year, but despite this fact the growth in them and the general improvement has been exceptionally good. Madanpura has more than doubled its regular attendance and Tardeo has also practically doubled its attendance. The former quite outgrew its old quarters and the new rooms taken at the beginning of the year are quite inadequate for the present number of children. There have been several children with their parents baptized from the schools and a considerable increase has been made in the grant-in-aid from Government.

Colaba school has had an exceptionally good year, having maintained last year's high average attendance and the Inspector put it on the list as being entitled to an increased grant next year owing to its attendance as well as efficiency. The Gujarati department has had two girls from the Godhra school who had one year of Normal training each, and they have been most satisfactory in every way.

Tadwadi was put on the grant-in-aid list, but that is one place where we have not been able to secure a satisfactory room up to the present time. We are waiting and hoping and praying for that. The room we have is splendid for preaching services and for Sunday School after meetings, as it is right on the street and very near the police station where scores of all kinds of people are passing continually. Many of these come and listen to the lesson being taught in the Sunday School and continue to listen while the story is then told them. Recently the teachers arrived at church very late and on inquiry being made they said they could not get away from the Sunday School as so many came to listen at the door that it was two hours before they could close.

All of the Sunday Schools have been well attended and some few of the children went up for the All India Sunday School Examination and passed.

With one missionary left to do the work that has always been done by two, none of it has had the care and attention that it should have had, especially as that one is also secretary and treasurer of the conference. Sometimes I have been ready to say with Tennyson,

"Oh! who would cast and balance at a desk,
Perch'd like a crow upon a three-legg'd stool,
Till all his juice is dried, and all his joints
Are full of chalk,"

for there is so much of clerical work to be done that often there seems little enough time if any left to do the work for which we are supposed to be here.

The most serious problem of the year and the one that is still unsolved is that of a dwelling place. The iron foundry that has been erected adjoining the mission property has made our house unfit to occupy; for the winter months we have enjoyed life in our tents under the palm trees, and have recalled the stories of former days as related in the Old Testament in connection with Abraham sitting in his tent door in the cool of the evening. This however is only a
temporary respite and we are already preparing to turn our faces backward toward the noises, with our problem, that of finding a new residence still with us, but we know that as surely as it was said by the Psalmist that “He led them forth by the right way” so surely “He will be our guide,” and that “The Lord our God in the midst of us is mighty” and we trust in Him and wait for Him. “Neither know we what to do but our eyes are upon Thee.”

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**IGATPURI**

**English Church and Vernacular Circuit Work**

*Missionary*  
*Florence E. Hansen.*

This our second year at Igatpuri has been a good one. God has blessed us with good health and strength, for which we thank Him.

There have been a number of changes in the Church during the course of the year owing to members being transferred from the station. Death has visited us and has taken one of our bright young workers. Our loss, but Heaven’s gain.

Our Sunday school steadily progresses. On “Children’s day” both the English and Vernacular Sunday Schools united; the children did well with their recitations and songs. The songs by the Marathi children were much appreciated by the English congregation.

Our Christmas tree for the children was a happy event, and much enjoyed by all; one hundred presents were distributed.

We have recently organized the Epworth League, with a good number of young people, and hope to enlist the interest of all the young people in the station. Our weekly prayer meetings have been increasing in attendance and our Sunday services have been well attended. Our staff of Indian Workers at Igatpuri consists of a Pastor, a Catechist, two school masters, two Bible women and one Voluntary Worker. Regular meetings are held in the bazaars and in neighbouring villages. Interest is shown by attentive listening and earnest inquiries. At Kasara, one of our stations, the zeal of our workers has given rise to persecution: only two nights ago one of our Christians, who is employed as a porter on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, was taken and brutally beaten for drawing water from a well, but all things work together for good and instead of diminishing it evidently has increased their zeal.

Our two schools are progressing nicely; it is of special interest to visit the school at Kasara and hear the children sing Christian hymns and repeat scripture verses. Sunday schools are established in several villages. The Bible women are doing good work. They carry on a regular round of visitation and are faithfully sowing the seed which we feel sure cannot be lost.

We have every reason to be thankful for the past year and are expecting great things from God this current year.
Dispensary and Evangelistic Work

Missionary

V. Stephens.

As I look back over the year that is past there are many things that I should like to have seen done that have not been accomplished, but for the results that we have had I thank God.

While the dispensary at Loni is not a large one, all the drugs being in one “show case,” yet they have most of the common drugs and during the year that is past we have had some twelve hundred patients come to us. The compounder—who, after the dispensary is closed in the morning, does evangelistic work—usually has his pockets full of bottles containing the ever necessary eye drops, fever mixture and itch ointment! These he takes into the villages with him.

It has been my privilege to make numerous visits to Loni and some of the surrounding villages, also to start a new school at a place called Phursungi; this was done after some hesitation on account of funds, but the people were pressing and so after having received a long official looking petition from the men of the village I started it—and it is good to see the little ones in the heart of a native town repeating not only their “ABCs” but also our own Bible stories and hymns—in fact the last time I visited them, they were so full of their new stories, that it was hard to get them to stop.

A few months ago I made quite an interesting tour through a number of the surrounding villages, in which tour I rode in a bullock cart every day—walking where I could not ride—rowed over a river and slept in my dispensary where I burned castor oil one night because our oil supply had run out (much to the disgust of my compounder; however I made good the oil I had used). But best of all and more thrilling by far than any other thing was to see the people leave their work and listen to our story. At one place the people were making rope, and an old man tried to initiate me into the rope-making mysteries; and I in turn tried to tell them my “business”, and as he heard it, he sank down on his haunches, the rope apparently forgotten, to listen, and at the end he said “It is good.” How my heart ached for him.

A woman came to me one evening as I was going to bed and told me she wanted to come with me; I told her I would take her, but she would have to give up her old life and begin anew and she said she was willing. She slept in the room with me and she moaned nearly all night, but in the morning she went away; evidently the price was too great, but how I have prayed that God would some day lead her with many others into a willingness to leave all and follow Him.”
POONA

Evangelistic Work, Training School and Village Work

Missionary

BERTHA LEE CLARK.

The Training School has been open all the year; here the Bible women have had regular and systematic teaching in the Scriptures, and in addition I conducted weekly courses in Church History and Comparative Religions; these have proved very edifying as well as interesting to the women. Keen interest has been shown throughout the whole course, and they have realized the unique position their new faith holds among all others.

The girl, mentioned last year as being in training, is now at a small village eight miles from Poona; here she met with a great deal of prejudice, but tact and kind sympathetic Christlike ways have won for her a cordial welcome into every home during the course of a few months. Wasantakibai has developed into a very good preacher, holding the attention of men and women as well as young people while she delivers the message. I have put another girl in for training who promises well; she is bright, intelligent and blest with a good memory; Kasturibai will be a capable worker in the days to come.

The Bible women have done good work this year; besides their usual city work they have visited some of the villages. The plague epidemic was not severe, but the city was visited by cholera, which caused a little unrest, and for a few days the workers found the people were timid and nervous about the regular visits but this however soon passed. One of the women in her last report says, “They avoid every occasion of worshipping their idols and performing their religious ceremonies; this is the effect of our teaching.” Another relates the impression left on a grandmother after the Bible woman had prayed with the grandchild, who was ill with cholera. Thus the good sisters are doing a work whose influence the Almighty alone can measure.

The dispensary under the management of the nurse, Ruthbai, has been helping forward the Kingdom in its way; during the year over two thousand persons have been treated for slight ailments, many have been visited in their homes, and the nurse has also visited the villages where we have work; I rejoice that much relief has thus been afforded by the “Rice Memorial Dispensary.”

Marathi Day Schools

Missionary

MRS. ELLEN H. W. FOX.

It was a real pleasure to have the privilege again of visiting officially the Vernacular Day Schools in the City, which were under my care ten years ago. The personnel of the schools has completely
changed during the interval, even the youngest among the former pupils having left not only the schools but the homes of their parents to assume the responsibilities of wife and mother.

A considerable number of those who were at the last annual Government inspection in 1912, will not be presented at the next examination, because they are already married and must go to live in the homes of their mothers-in-law and give up all chance of continuing their education. They have good memories, and we trust will carry away with them many precious thoughts from the Word of God as well as from the hymns they have learned to sing. Their memories are really surprising. About fifty per cent of them, including some of the very smallest children, can repeat, at the close of each quarter, without mistake or prompting, the twelve golden texts of the quarter.

Cholera, plague, and smallpox have all appeared the past year, claiming numbers from each school, and many more from their homes. Some of our children have been bereft of both parents through the terrible ravages of these contagious diseases, and at the present time not a few are suffering from smallpox, which has been unusually severe this year.

The photos of the two vernacular schools in this report, show portions of the two school houses where these children gather for instruction on week days and Sundays. These two school buildings and one other are mission property, built by the late Rev. D. O. Fox. Each is divided by a moveable partition into two rooms, one for the boys, and one for the girls, which, when occasion requires, can be turned into one large audience room for preaching services, lantern lectures, etc.

From one of our schools, several girls have been promoted to Miss Lawson’s Boarding School in Talegaon, and some boys have been promoted to our Boys’ Boarding School in Wanowrie, Poona, under the care of Rev. and Mrs. W. Lee Clarke. We rejoice in these promotions, especially as by this means these children will be under direct Christian influence all the time, not simply during school hours.

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**TALEGAON**

**Ordelia M. Hillman Memorial School**

*Missionary*  
*Christina H. Lawson.*

Though the outlook at the close of last conference was anything but bright and encouraging, we can now look back over the year and declare it to be the best year we have ever had, for truly the clouds were big with mercy and broke in blessing.

Early in the year Mrs. Crisp resigned on account of ill health, and as no one could be found to take her place, I had to teach her classes in addition to my own and assume many of the duties of
which she had relieved me, but in July we secured the services of Miss Cazalet, a young lady from Kirkee, who comes daily to teach the English of the higher classes, and in September we were glad to welcome Mrs. Crisp back.

One of the pupil teachers went to Poona for Normal training and another left. Their places have been supplied and another pundit has recently been added to the staff, the addition of the seventh or matriculation standard making this necessary.

The hot season was spent in supervising the erection of our new school-house, the Hillman Memorial; the only dissipation indulged in was an outing in the Lanowli woods, where we took the girls, who had to remain during the vacation, for a picnic. The building was completed and opened September sixth by Bishop J. W. Robinson. New quarters for the teachers were opened in December and the compound has been enclosed by a stone wall. It is impossible to express how grateful we are for these new buildings and how much is added thereby to the comfort and usefulness of the school.

An epidemic of chickenpox in March and April interfered somewhat with lessons; we were visited in June by cholera, three cases occurring, and at the time of writing we have one case of smallpox. We think we have had our share of infectious diseases this year but are thankful to record that for three years we have not had one death in the school.

There have been six marriages, three have gone out as Bible women or teachers, and one has been transferred from a scholarship to the position of school nurse. Six have been withdrawn, but there have been thirty-one admissions, fifteen of these being from the Puntumba Circuit, thus our numbers have been increased by fifteen and we have enrolled at present eighty-two.

During the time of the special evangelistic campaign in March the school was visited by a revival in which the spiritual life of the girls converted two years ago was deepened, and fifteen others were converted. There were two baptisms and thirty of the girls have been admitted to full membership in the church.

Last but not least of all our gifts and blessings this year is Miss Mayer, the long looked for, long prayed for help-meet, sent to us by New York Branch, and who arrived in Talegaon Christmas morning. She is now busy making herself acquainted with the beauties and difficulties of Marathi.

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**Evangelistic Work**

*Supplied by* Christina H. Lawson.

Mrs. Crisp's resignation made it impossible to carry out our cherished desire to tour in the villages during the first months of the year 1912, but we determined to concentrate prayer and effort on Talegaon and the near villages during the evangelistic campaign. Pundita Ramabai very kindly sent us Miss Stroberg, one of her
workers, and a band of trained and spirit-filled girls to help. These
with my Bible women and the pastor visited the villages in the early
mornings and when not engaged in special meetings at the school we
joined them evenings with a band of school girls and the men workers.
Although we saw no conversions at the time, we believe we shall yet
see a harvest of souls from the faithful sowing of the seed, for God's
promise is that His word shall not return void.

August 22, Gaobai, one of my Bible women, an indefatigable
worker, went to her rest. She had been with us three years. We
have not been able to find the right one for the place and hence only
the nearer villages have been visited since but these have been visited
regularly.

A few months ago an old man came to us from Induri and
begged me to give him some medicine for his little grandson who was
very ill with fever. Taking a few different medicines I drove out to
this village and found the child in a tiny hut, laid close to the fire, and
burning with fever. Leaving a dose to be given at night and pro-
mising to send another kind of medicine the next day, I suggested
prayer and they were willing. A friend who was with me and I
prayed for the little one. The next day I sent the medicine by my
Bible woman, but they refused to give it to the child saying that the
prayer had cured the child. These people are heathen but their faith
courages us to believe there are hearts almost ready for the
kingdom.

We have taken over the Induri day school where there are twenty-
five children enrolled. A Sunday School is held there regularly and
these children are getting scripture into their minds, which we trust
may get into their hearts and lead them to become followers of Jesus
instead of the false gods of their fathers.

The District Conference held in Talegaon in January was a great
blessing to all and we go forth into the new year believing for greater
things than we have yet seen. God is able.
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