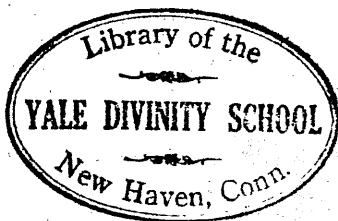


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"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen." (Rom. 11; 33-36.)

So much of anxiety and travail had for years been over all the world, that when the 8th of May, 1945 arrived and we here also could ring the church bells announcing the good news of the cessation of the warfare in Europe, we marvelled at the mercy shown toward us. Many a time we had feared that the strength of our established work would collapse before we reached this day, and we were therefore filled with unspeakable gratitude and praise. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it".

When messages started to come through from liberated countries, they were filled with similar expressions, such as "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes". And though the war in the East continued for some months more, we all knew that the peace was approaching. Through the world events, the Lord God, the Eternal One, had spoken once more, and this time to every tribe and nation on earth. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen walketh but in vain."

Up to that hot day of May, the Santal Mission had continued under the heavy clouds of anxiety and strain

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which are well known from previous reports. We had seen that the strength of the missionary staff was gradually sinking, in spite of all determination to carry through. We had seen that our resources were being further reduced, in spite of good response from many in our scattered communities; and, in some places, due to the increased supply of money, we had seen evil forces of vice creeping in. But, through it all, we had also seen the hand of the Almighty guiding us in such a way that the blessed work of the Mission and Church had proceeded from month to month.

Thus, when the great news of the war's end arrived, we joined in the celebrations in the different places, filled with sincere gratitude, and with the hope that soon we should see great changes in our conditions.

It was suggested that the Santal Mission should express this joy and gratitude by sending cables to the Kings of Norway and Denmark. The message of the cable sent to the King of Denmark was: "Santal Mission sends respectful congratulations on liberation of Denmark. The Lord be praised!" And His Majesty's reply was: "Heartiest thanks. Greetings. Christian R." The message sent to the King of Norway was: "Santal Mission sends respectful thanks and congratulations on your Majesty's and Government's victorious return to Oslo. The Lord be praised!" And to this, His Majesty replied: "I thank you for the kind greetings upon my return to Norway. Haakon R." As soon as possible, we also sent some messages to the Santal Mission leaders, both in Norway and Denmark.

Our optimistic hopes, however, that great changes would quickly follow, did not materialize. We waited expectantly week after week and month after month for more news and information, but when the end of September came, our financial status was reduced more than at any time during the years of war. But, though we

were unaware of it, help was approaching, and in due time, it arrived, first from Denmark and shortly afterwards from Norway. We were therefore enabled to inform the persons who had forwarded us aid from the Scottish Santal Mission and the Lutheran World Action that we did not require the subsidy for the fourth quarter of this year. The encouragement given from both groups amounts to even more than the money received, although that is great, and our gratitude goes out to those able Christian leaders who stood by us during the period of strain: "Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady." There certainly is something very great and marvellous in the Lord's work for those who see it! His Name be praised!

A very special word should be said about the Santal Mission Home Board in America in this report. It was natural that we on the Mission Field turned our eyes to that Board when the heavy stroke fell on Denmark and Norway in April, 1940. At our Executive Committee Meeting on the 18th of April that year, we earnestly discussed the situation, and agreed that it would be highly desirable to send a representative over there to explain our circumstances and find ways and means of coming to our aid. The Rev. B. A. Helland was almost due for his furlough and needed a change due to poor health, so he and Mrs. Helland were delegated to be sent. Apart from expenses allowed for missionaries home on furlough, the work on the field received in hard cash more than 452 thousand rupees during the six years from 1940-1945. This fact has added significance when we take into consideration that for the 15 years leading up to the war, namely, 1925-1939, the field received in all 476 thousand rupees. It is thus clearly understood that the war emergency has created new friends for the Santal Mission across the seven seas. We wish to thank every one of them for the great service they have rendered in upholding

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the work, and we wish them welcome as they continue in service for the Lord. There are great and wonderful opportunities here.

We wish to render our grateful thanks to the Government of Bihar and the local authorities for their continued liberal grants to our training schools and hostels connected with them, to village schools and the Industrial school, and to our Leper Colony at Saldoha.

We also wish to record our grateful thanks to the Government of Bengal for grants given to the Narayanpur School and to village schools in Malda, Rajshahi, and Dinajpur.

Likewise we extend our thanks to the Government of Assam for continued grant to our educational institutions there, as well as to the new Leper Colony at Santipara.

It is a humble duty, as well as a great pleasure, to place on record at this time that H. E. the Viceroy was pleased to award the Kaiser-I-Hind Silver Medal to Rev. Rosenlund, one of our senior missionaries, during the year under review.

Messrs, Norinco, Limited, Calcutta, has been the Managing Agent of the Mornai Tea Garden, and even through this year of greatly increased expenditures and labour shortages, the garden has given a good yield and also a fair net surplus.

The year under review has been a remarkable one. It was mentioned in the last report that missionaries from China had been visiting us and that more would probably follow. On the 8th of January, 1945, three letters arrived, through different channels, all saying that the military situation in Central China had deteriorated and that, consequently, the Norwegian missionaries had to be evacuated. After having had a talk with W. G. Archer, Esqr., I. C. S., Deputy Commissioner of the Santal

Parganas, a wire was sent to the Norwegian Ambassador at Chungking, saying: 'Accommodations for refugee Norwegian missionaries possible with Santal Mission'

It took some time before they started to arrive. We were able to have our Annual Conference the first part of February and the Santal Christian Council meeting a fortnight later. But from March to the end of the year, they have been with us in happy harmony at our stations. During the hot and rainy seasons, the greater number of them found living quarters at Landour and Darjeeling. They belonged to several different missionary organizations, but were one in having given their service to our Lord, and having been forced by circumstances to leave their work and belongings behind. Some were gradually able to proceed home, but travelling conditions continued to be so difficult that, even at the close of the year, the greatest number of the refugee Norwegian missionaries from China remained on Indian soil.

The great majority of them, no doubt, has felt the time to be very trying, as they have been unable to get in close contact with our local population, due to language barriers. However, several were able to utilize their time in ways which were of definite benefit to our work. Dr. O. Olsen stepped in at the Saldoha Leper Colony and has carried on the medical work there. Dr. A. Lende, likewise, took up duty at the Benagaria Hospital from August to the end of November, at which time they suddenly obtained passage; we had by then come to the conclusion that we had to temporarily close down some sections of the work there. Mr. Kristian Fretland most helpfully completed the Mission accounts for the year under review after Miss E. Sigurdson, having obtained passage, left us at the end of October. For the invaluable assistance received from these friends, we are deeply appreciative.

At our Conference in February, we set up a list of persons who should have the first opportunity to go on

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furlough, hoping that not only would the war cease, but that also when people could begin to leave for home, those missionaries detained at home for such a long time could also start coming out, thus preserving the continuity of the work. None was able to return here within 1945, but the following were able to sail for their respective countries: Misses Diesen, Sigurdson, Pedersen, and Malmstom, Rev. Kampp, Rev. & Mrs. Halvorsrud, and Rev. Pedersen & family.

At the same conference, a very unusual decision had to be made. The missionaries receive ordination for the Ministry in their home Churches under the arrangement of the Home Boards. However, our missionary staff in the Assam area became so small that the Conference resolved that the missionaries, Gunnar Fosslund and David Westborg, should be ordained. A cable was therefore sent to the American Board saying: "Conference desires Fosslund Westborg ordained. Will you sanction this since we have no connection with Norwegian Board" The reply was: "American Committee approves ordination Fosslund-Westborg" This ordination service took place on the 18th of April at Dunka in connection with a meeting of the Executive Committee.

It was at the same Conference that we had set apart time to take up the question of "New Tasks before our work, after the war" The Conference agreed that the work of this Mission has reached such a development that the years to come should show a rich harvest, if all the openings visible to us could be taken in and cared for. The news which we have received from all our home lands indicates that the missionary spirit is as active as ever, and that a band of young missionaries is eager to step into the opportunities.

May they soon come and have a long and blessed service!

J. GAUSDAL,

WORK IN BIHAR

KAERABANI DISTRICT.

The outstanding events during the year 1945 here in the Western part of our mission field, which should be mentioned, are the Convention and the Dedication of the church in Chaporia, both of which took place in March.

Koroya - Maharo - Dumka - Dhorompur people gathered here for a 3-day meeting, which was partly a devotional and partly a deliberating meeting. The programme was prepared without any help or advice from missionaries. The meeting became a great encouragement, and more and more Christian Santals began to think of the future and further development of self-support. As the Western part of our mission field has poorer soil, and, consequently, harder living conditions than other parts, such development is bound to be slower over here, and we need the encouragement which we received from that convention.

In the continuation of the convention, we had the joy of dedicating the Chaporia church. Our Bengali congregation there know Santali, and several of them speak it correctly and fluently; for many years, they have been partaking in the Santali service here in Kaerabani, and, as far as I have understood, felt themselves at home among us here. Still, it is quite natural that they should feel a longing for a service held in their own mother tongue. Rev. S. Johansen has, during the last few years, visited us once annually, at which time we have had a Bengali service and a meeting or two which have been of great encouragement and joy to all of us. But, as the congregation is too numerous to be accommodated in

a private house, the need for a church has been felt more and more keenly, so the collection of funds for a church building was started. The Principal of the high school here, in which some of our Chaporia friends are teachers, helped them to get timber for the roof; the rest of the church, however, has been built by their own exertions. Of course, Rev. Johansen came for the dedication, and we had a grand day. The Sunday services are being conducted by Prosonno Dutt, son of Boroda Dutt, and grandson of Bolae Dutt, whom some of our older friends will remember. Prosonno is a brother of Pastor Bosonto Dutt who has done good and faithful work in Saldoha and in other places, and who died when he was Pastor in Suri on the 9th of September.

Our Bengali friends in Chaporia and vicinity are now a congregation with their own church. But they are not a "separate" congregation. Their old home, the Kaerabani church, is still their home, and they partake in the service in the mother church occasionally. Their children are, in most cases, baptized in Santali. It has been our custom to have one or two Bengali Christians as members of the Kaerabani District Church Council. The arrangement is a happy one and we are convinced that it will continue to be so.

Then I should like to simply say: Please read the report for 1944; there is nothing more to tell about. But that would not be right. There is something in the daily life and conditions which has occupied our thoughts in 1945 more than before. Let me tell you about it.

A Santal widower is in greater difficulty than a widower in our homelands. He must have a women to help him with the daily work. There is a very sharp distinction between "men's work" and "women's work", and how silly it appears to us in some cases! But there is also usually some good sense, based on long experience, in the division of labour between the two sexes.

If the widower is in a position to remarry, he will do so. But a year must elapse before he can marry again—at least, that is what is considered the most decent. If there are small children he may remarry after a shorter time without being blamed by any one. Now, to be without a wife as helpmate during one year, really means a hardship, especially if it is in the field work season. A grown up daughter might help her father; but, a grown up daughter must be married and leave the father. Thus, there is a very strong excuse for the widower to arrange with a widow to come and, as his servant, help him with his work. After a short time, all the neighbours know that she has, in actuality, become his wife. She herself was perhaps also in a very difficult position, with very little encouragement to stay on in her deceased husband's home; perhaps she was driven out from there, or had run away, taking a baby along with her. Now, the two people, one or both of whom might be Christians, have arranged matters satisfactorily, for themselves at least. The neighbours keep quiet about the arrangement for some time, because they know that the missionary and the pastor will object very strongly to it. Children are born in that home, and the two parents, or one of them (the Christian husband or wife), will want them to be baptized. If both parents are Christians, and there is no legal hindrance of any kind, a Christian marriage might be arranged and "the word cleansed" But, if one of the parents is a non-Christian, the missionary and the pastor will hesitate to baptize a person in order to facilitate a real marriage; baptism of the children will, in most cases, appear to be a wrong use of that sacrament. So, what can be done? •

The Church Council is expected to find a way out of the difficulty, but very often there is none. If it appears that the motive for wishing to be baptized is only the need of having a legal marriage arranged, then the problem remains unsolved. Nevertheless, the children might, in

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some cases, be admitted to baptism, but not as a rule. The family will continue to be in a dangerous position, half inside and half outside the congregation, and more exposed to all the surrounding temptations than the "regular" church members. And besides that, a bad example is presented—a "shame for the congregation", as it is often called. Most Santals have a sort of belief that the missionary and the Church Council might, if they really so desired, think out a solution that would satisfy all parties. We have had to do some hard thinking in several cases of that sort, and we are not through with them yet.

Readers of our annual reports often have expressed a desire to know about our problems. Well, here is one of them, perhaps the chief one. And—dear readers and friends—you will have discerned a still deeper problem in this connection: What about the conscience of the individual? Is there not a danger that the Church Council becomes "keeper of the consciences" or a sort of "collective conscience"? Certainly, here is a very intricate problem. And the "making of a church constitution" does not eradicate that difficulty.

But this report is already too lengthy. I shall therefore only repeat that the mission work in and by the congregation has been carried on very much as in 1944. Very often I have been reminded of the wise doctrine and advice given us by Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Secretary of the National Christian Council: "The Church is not only the result of Mission Work, but the very Agency of Mission Work."

R. ROSENLUND.

KAERABANI SANTAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The war has been horrible, and the effects of the war equally so, but one good thing has come out of it—namely, that the Santals are beginning to see the necessity of education if they shall be able to cope with the situation of tomorrow. This conviction may not be very clear in their minds and may not yet have reached far into the villages, but it is growing. Further, the high prices for farming products mean more money for their rice and cattle. That has placed them in a position where they can afford to think about more than the next meal; they can also think about a future for their children.

The first thought then is: How the education should be given? Education means power and influence and a better paid job than that of being a shepherd in the village or a worker for the big landowner. They are also beginning to see that they cannot go on dividing the family land, because they will then have nothing to live on. They must find other means of living for the Santal youth, and for that, they must first have education.

The Government is planning to cope with this cry for education; the post-war plans are ready, and may, in the very near future, be put into use. Naturally, we will have to face a time of great confusion and difficulty. That is what we feel here at Kaerabani. The many Lower Primary and Upper Primary schools, especially the many Mission schools out in the Districts, are, I understand, filling every space, with the result that Kaerabani is getting the boys for further education. It is already a great problem (and it will become even greater in the future) to accommodate the boys and to find teachers for the school; and the problem of getting food and the money with which to buy it, for all the Hostel boys, is very difficult. It is hard to send away young boys asking for an education, yet we have had to refuse

admission to quite a lot of them. We have opened double sections in two classes in spite of the difficulty in getting qualified teachers.

Naturally, 1945 will be remembered by the many Kaerabani boys as the "Victory Year" Twice we have celebrated the Victory during the year. We are thankful to have come through the difficult years of war without having to cut down the work, and we hope that we may get help and wisdom to solve the many problems which surely will be ensuing in the near future.

The total number of students in Kaerabani in 1945 was 427; they were divided into the three schools: High School, Guru Training School and Lower Primary School.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School (high and middle classes) had 278 students; the four High school classes had 87 students, while there were 191 students in the Middle school section. Arranged according to religion in each class, the following statistics show the proportions between Christians and non-Christians. Compared with statistics for 1944, the population of Christians is nearly constant, while the non-Christian number has increased a little; it means that we accepted all Christians from our Mission who applied, before we gave room to non-Christians. The year 1946 will show increases in each group.

	San.Ch.	San.Non-Ch.	Other Ch.	Hin,	Mohm.	Total
XI	10	2	1	4	—	17
X	12	2	1	4	—	19
IX	18	2	1	1	—	22
VIII	16	4	—	9	—	29
VII	27	4	3	8	—	42
VIA	17	8	2	10	—	37
VIB	16	6	—	4	—	26
V	23	10	2	10	2	47
IV	15	8	2	13	1	39
Total	154	46	12	63	3	278

The work in the classes has been carried on faithfully by the staff, and the results of the examinations were satisfactory. An efficiency-grant for our good result was granted to the school by the Bihar Government. In the Matriculation examinations under Patna University, 91 % of our candidates passed the examination. The result of the Middle school examination, also under Patna University, was that 34 boys passed; it means that 85% of the students were advanced.

We are happy to notice that 37 Santal boys from this school were granted scholarships from the Government during 1945.

As mentioned before, it has been difficult to maintain a qualified staff. The province is experiencing a "teachers' famine", and we have felt it badly at Kaerabani. Teachers from the outside do not like a rural area; they can easily get jobs in towns and prefer that. We are thankful to our permanent staff for carrying on and for taking many extra burdens. It is due to their faithful work that we have had good results. Some changes in the staff have been made during the year.

The annual Prize-distribution took place on the 28th of March; Mr. G. S. Singh, Special Officer for Santal Parganas, kindly presided, and Mrs. Christanga gave away the prizes.

The District Inspector of Schools of Santal Parganas, Mr. R. G. Ghosh, inspected the school on the 28th of December on behalf of the Inspector of Schools of Bhaagalpur Division.

We are grateful to Mr. W. G. Archer, I. C. S., former Deputy Comissioner of Santal Parganas, for Rs. 500/- presented to the School Library for which to buy Text-books for the Santal students.

We are thankful to the Government of Bihar for the grants which have been received for the High School.

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GURU TRAINING SCHOOL

It is satisfactory to notice that 100 % of the last group of pupil teachers appearing for the final examination in November 1944, under Patna University, passed. We had only 9 students in the Training school in 1945, and they will appear for the final examination in November, 1946. We will soon find that the mission has no teachers for the many Lower Primary and Upper Primary schools. After we started the High school at Kaerabani, all boys prefer to go up for Matriculation. Very few, most of whom were dictated by poverty, formed the Guru Training. A call to the different Mission districts has not brought any results.

We have received with thanks Rs. 600/- in grant from the Government of Bihar.

THE LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The work in the lower primary school has gone on steadily during the year. The number of students was increased to 140, all of whom live with their parents or friends (all as day-scholars).

We have received Rs. 360/- in grant-in-aid from the local Government for which we are thankful.

The school was visited during the year by the Sub-inspector of Schools, Jamtara.

HOSTEL.

Approximately 185 boys lived in the hostel, and many problems turned up during the year. One of the most important was how to get food for the boys. Some boys were asked to leave the Hostel because of misconduct. Mr. Ram Murmu and Mr. Gora Tudu, with the help of four boys, elected by the boys themselves, supervised the Hostel and helped the boys in their many daily difficulties. Mr. G. Tudu supervised the study and morning gymnastics.

THE SCHOOL DISPENSARY.

During the year, 1676 persons came from the District for treatment. In addition to that, we helped the Government, during the Cholera epidemic here, by inoculating 1088 persons.

The health among the boys was fairly good. We had an epidemic of pneumonia during January and February, during which 18 boys contracted the disease and 1 died. In March and April, we had several cases of influenza. During July and August, an epidemic of cholera appeared in this district, but we were thankful that it did not get into the compound. Two day scholars died of cholera, however, during the year, one of whom was a Christian. An epidemic of "tropical ulcer" also came to this part of the country, and we had quite a few cases among the boys.

The vacancy, caused by the departure of Babu Mukut Shetal, was filled by a compounder from Benagaria Hospital.

JOHN. KROHN.

DHOROMPUR DISTRICT.

It was on the 12th of February, 1941 that Rev. Pedersen and family moved from Dhorompur Mission station to Tilabani. Since that time, Dhorompur has been without a resident Missionary, and the work has been supervised from Tilabani up until the end of November, 1945, when the Pedersen family obtained passage and were able to leave on a much-needed furlough.

The Government of Bengal has been investigating the possibility of damming the Mor river, a few miles below

this mission station, for irrigation purposes; if that scheme is ultimately carried through, Dhorompur mission station will be on the shores of a lake, and communication with Dumka will be by boat. It is not at present easy to judge how such a change will affect our work. However, the station should become a very beautiful one, with its background of hills and with the lake in the center of the landscape.

Pastor Johon Hasdak' has been in charge of the work on the Dhorompur side of the hills, and Pastor Bajun Murmu on the west side of the hills at Amgachi.

J. GAUSDAL

DUMKA DISTRICT.

In this area, the same workers as told about in the last report, have been carrying on the work also in 1945; but we have all felt that now we need some changes. Pastor Andreas Murmu has passed the age limit, and the Santal Parganas Church Council decided in its last meeting that when Pastor John Tujhar Soren returns from the service with the Santal Labour Forces, he is to be placed at Dumka. An active and well educated evangelist should also be placed here. Because of the town atmosphere and the Police Lines, it is surely urgent that we do something more than we have been able to do during the war years.

Galu Hasdak' has been running a Santal Hotel in a house belonging to the Mission and which is situated quite close to the Court buildings.

We have the impression that out in the villages it is the school work which is most promising at present. The

school at Ranga is now establishing itself as a Mission School in the village church. A new small class was started at Khayarbani in a hired house during the hot season. We have some Christian families in that village, and for one or more reasons, their Christian life has been on the down grade for years. Old age, leprosy, and other burdens have overtaken them. In Kathiajuri village also, there was an opening for starting a school, and we have encouraged a woman, who was educated at Maharo, to make an attempt.

This year also, our Mela in November was a great day of fellowship and rejoicing. We collected Rs. 77-5-3. The women's "Cuput' Canda" amounted to: Dumka, Rs. 60-0-3; Chukapani, Rs. 11-12-3; Ranga, Rs. 4-11-9; Dangalpara, Rs. 7-4-6; and Dum, Rs. 17-9-0. Total. Rs. 101-5-9.

One Santal, who holds the rank of Lance-Naik, is giving Rs. 10/- a month for a local preacher to carry the Gospel to the villages. The son of Bhoje Soren, who died in Nepal, was chosen for this post.

For ministerial acts, see the statement at the end of the Report.

It continued to be necessary to take part in committee meetings and other duties in connection with the welfare of soldiers. etc. The Red Cross Central for the Santal Parganas was at the Mission House from March to the end of the year, and it was with a great relief that we saw the last heavy boxes loaded on a lorry.

INGRID AND JOHANNES GAUSDAL.

DUMKA DANGALPARA CHURCH

Pastor Dhononjoy Jha has also this year served in this church. But realizing that he is to retire soon, he has built his own house in Dumka.

The Christians who gather in this small church know, as a rule, Bengali, Santali, and Hindi. Dumka, as a District-headquarter, draws Christians from other parts of Bihar also, and some of these know only Hindi. The pastor of this church should, therefore, in the future, preferably use Hindi, and also know Bengali, in order to be of the greatest service to the Lord.

J. GAUSDAL.

MAHARO GIRLS' SCHOOL.

It is a strange thing for me to sit down and write the annual report for Maharo M. E. School. But, as both Miss Diesen and Miss Sigurdsen, fortunately, got passage on a boat to go home (they needed it so much), I had to look after the school until the new principal, Miss M. Buttedahl, could come out. We hoped that she would be able to come in time to start the new school year, but she has not yet had a chance to come. But I am glad to say that both the lady teachers and the Hindi pandit are very faithful workers, so I am not afraid to go on together with them.

1945 was an unusual year in many respects. The big event of the year was, of course, the ending of the war, but what was felt most of all here in the school was that we had 102 new girls and that had never happened before. We had, therefore, 252 girls, besides 14

students in the training class, all boarders except 6 girls from the outside. It was really too many for the Hostels, but it is very hard to refuse admission to the girls when they are brought, and it has never been done for that reason.

Two girls left the training class during the year, one because of bad behaviour during the summer holidays at home, and the other because of illness, T. B. She hoped to be able to come back, but she is not well enough yet. One girl from class VII died in February in the hospital, and one class III girl died at home during the summer vacation. Otherwise, we had a very good year without much illness. We received, from our "American Friends" in Calcutta, Multivitamin Tablets for a two months' treatment, and this may account for the good health which both the girls and teachers enjoyed this year, and we are very thankful for that.

Our old faithful matron, Duli Hasdak', was pensioned from the first of July. She has worked as matron for 34 years. May God bless her and give her a peaceful "evening" at her village, Mangurdi, which isn't far from here. She has been so happy the times we have visited her. She was honoured with a little feast, together with Miss Diesen and Miss Sigurdsen, the day the latter two went home to Norway—Miss Diesen, to rest after 34 years of faithful service; we hope that Miss Sigurdsen will come out again when she has had a much-needed furlough after having had 12 years of hard work out here.

Our matron is now one of our teachers, Sorola Murmu. She began to look after the girls' work in the cottages $1\frac{1}{2}$ years ago, and little by little, she took over more work, and now when "Duli-go" left the work altogether, Sorola naturally took over the work. It is a great help to us to have such a young, willing, and faithful matron, and because she is a teacher (she is still managing to teach some classes in sewing), the children obey her

better than they have obeyed any other matron. Because of her, the cottages look cleaner and nicer now than they used to when we ourselves tried to look after them. Sorola knows how to lead their work, and we are very thankful for her. She is still living in the teachers' quarters.

As this is the first year in the training class, we did not have examinations in that class this year. But out of 15 class VII girls, 14 passed, 6 of whom passed with honour.

MAHARO CONGREGATION.

I am sorry to say that the work in the congregation and the villages is not getting the attention it ought to have from me. I am not able to walk as I used to do, for several reasons. But our pastor, Johon Murmu, is very faithful and is trying his best to take care of his flock. He has the same helpers as before, who are Lodhea and the two Biblewomen, Noha and Rani. They are working well together, and we have baptized 18 from the heathen in one village Haripur, from the Mahlies—people who are somewhat like the Santals. Their language is also somewhat like the Santali, so there is not much difficulty in that way. One boy was baptized in Kurua; he came home on holiday from war service and would not return without being baptized. The pastor had a talk with him and decided that we had to baptize him, so we did.

In Jalwae, the pastor's brother, Paul, and his wife are carrying on, and I believe they are doing good work. They have asked to get a new teacher for the children there, and they will get one this new year, for which they are very thankful. We baptized 10 there, two families in one village from the heathen; they hope to get more converts in that village.

At Assanthar, Dhanai is working on; he is a faithful worker. But the teacher, Samuel, lost courage to go on in the school. He could not gather the children, and so he is quitting; we are getting another in his place, Paulus Hasdak', and we hope that he will get better results. One family has joined the Catholic church; one man in the family was married, but the wife left him after a week; we tried our best to get her back, but without results; so they all became Catholics.

At Dumbria, we have a new leader, Chaitan Soren. He seems to be a good man; he has passed the Bible school at Chondorpura. His helper is the old worker, Shator, who is a very good and stable man.

May God bless all the new outcoming missionaries, that they may come out strong in the spirit! The work needs strong and vigorous workers instead of us old ones. May His Kingdom come!

D. NIELSEN.

KOROYA MISSION AND ORPHANAGE.

We have much to thank God for in looking back upon the past year. First of all, the terrible war has come to an end, and it seems as if everything looks brighter. God has indeed been good to us in bringing us safely through all these years of war.

In the beginning of the year, we had a very successful Mela here for Koroya, Majdiha, and Rajbon districts, and the people were encouraged to continue the work. Church attendance has been fairly good. None have been baptized from among the heathen, and we are sorry to say that two families have gone back to heathendom again.

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Our Sunday School and weekly meetings have continued as usual.

We are very thankful to Miss Ruspergard, "refugee from China" who has stayed here with us and helped us with many meetings during the year. We believe that God has spoken to the people, and we have felt His presence in our midst.

In the Orphanage, we have 23 children. Two of our girls were married during the year, and one little boy died. Four new children have been admitted, besides one boy who has been here before, but who had gone home to his father for a while.

We are so thankful for the good health which has prevailed; we have only had cases of a little fever now and then.

The school work has been carried on as usual, and attendance has been fairly good. Six pupils passed their U. P. examination, and one girl passed her M. E. in Maharo.

MAJDIHA.

The pastor and evangelists have carried on the work as before. Four have been baptized from among the heathen.

In November, we had a two weeks' time of camping up there, and Kalu pastor from Chondorpura helped us this year also with a two days' meeting. Besides that, Miss Ruspergard had several meetings for the people up there, and we are thankful for the blessed time we had.

The school is progressing, and six pupils passed their U. P. examination. We hope to build a small boarding house for the boys who come from far off villages and want to stay there; they will bring their own food.

We are thankful to all who have remembered us with their help and prayers.

LAURA LOHNE.

CHONDORPURA DISTRICT.

Jubdi is a district with many opportunities to work for the Lord; in nearly every village, the Christian message is eagerly listened to. Here are also many Christians, young and old, who need to be cared for, so that they may grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord, and walk worthily of their high calling.

But the Divinity School has had to come first, and therefore it has not been possible for us to devote much time to the villages, except the villages near Chondorpura, which were visited by the Divinity School students during the first half year. We have regularly tried to help and encourage the workers by monthly meetings, and by taking part in the Sunday services at the outstations whenever we could.

The statistical returns of the year, submitted by the workers, show that the total number of Christians is over one hundred less than reported last year. The reason given is that so many have been lagging behind, not attending the church services, and even openly falling in to sin without showing any sign of repentance, that they are considered unworthy of being counted as Christians, even though they, officially or strictly legally speaking, might be termed so.

This is a sad fact indeed, and without trying to trace the reasons for this, we feel that it is an urgent call to us all to more devoted service, bolder faith, and more fervent

prayer that the Lord may send a sweeping revival to our field.

To be true, we must also mention that in spite of many disappointments, we have been permitted to see true repentance and lasting conversions which have given us new hope for the future. Another encouraging thing is that some young men, while serving in the Civil Pioneer Forces, have been baptised, and one young boy from Chondorpura viilage was recently baptized on returning to his home.

A few inquirers are reported from Chirapathor and Tarni.

The total number of baptisms is 31, which is the lowest for many years.

Two confirmation classes have been held during the year, one for boys during the hot season, and one for girls just after the rains.

The monthly women's meetings have been held as usual, and the wives of the students in the Divinity School have taken an active interest in these meetings. They have also once a week, during part of the year, visited the villages together with their teacher, Porimol Hembrom, and Mrs Stronstad.

For some years now the yearly "mela" here in Chondorpura has attracted great interest from all over the district. This year it was held in the middle of December, and the net profit was the highest so far: Rs. 136/14/6.

As indicated in the last report, Chotorchua is being raised to an Upper Primary school; 8 pupils were enrolled in class IV this year, and class V will be started in January. One new Lower Primary school was opened in Surjudi village (Tarni) with Anpa Tudu as teacher on probation. It started well with 30 children on the roll.

The other L. P. schools have carried on as usual, and the number of pupils is on the increase.

There have been some changes in the staff. Barnabas Marndi received a job in Katikund Government School, and Ramchoron Murmu took his place here in the compound school. Two Kaerabani-trained boys, Siblal Hasdak' (Chotorcua) and John Murmu (Gadiapani), and a Maharo-trained lady teacher, Emily Marndi (Chondorpura) have been added to the staff. The other workers were the same as last year.

We here also had the great joy, twice during the year, to hold thanksgiving services for peace on earth and victory over the forces of evil. But there is still so much to be done before the whole Jubdi has experienced that peace of heart, which only Jesus can give, and the victory over evil forces, which manifests itself in changed homes and villages.

To all faithful friends on the "home front", we extend our sincere thanks.

ALVHILD & A. E. STRONSTAD.

SANTAL DIVINITY SCHOOL.

The second year of the present course was opened on the 12th of January with the same 17 students as last year. The last week of February the students and their wives got 5 days off from their class work to attend the annual convention in Saldoha. Otherwise, the studies were continued uninterrupted upto the summer vacation.

On our return from the hills by the end of June, we were very sorry indeed to get the sad news that

Nona Tudu - the only Mahli student -- had died from typhus. We had hoped that he was the chosen tool in the hand of Lord to win many Mahlis for Christ, but God called him suddenly to higher service.

For some time, Rev. J. A. Howard of American Baptist Mission, Kharagpur, had wanted to send students to us. We had hesitated to admit them, simply because we had no place for them, and also because none of the young men he had selected, had the minimum qualifications required to join the already existing class. To run two classes concurrently was out of the question, because we have not as yet any facilities, nor sufficient staff, for that. But after repeated requests from Rev. Howard, in which he stated the desperate need for trained men in his "jungle churches", we felt that the only right thing to do was to help as far as we possibly could. And when the school opened after the summer vacation on July the 2nd, seven young men had already arrived, three Santals and four Kodas. Six of them were married, and five had their wives and children along with them. The old students willingly shared their living quarters with them, and by building in temporarily the small verandahs, we managed to provide shelter for them. Unfortunately, one of them had to leave the school after a few weeks because he was found to have leprosy, but during the Christmas holidays another young man has arrived in his place. They have all proved to be eager to learn, but only two or three of them have so far been able to take an intelligent part in the class-work, so instead of regular students we prefer to call them 'visitors'

Thus the year closed with 23 students, but only 16 regular students completed the whole second' year.

The theoretical and practical instruction has been carried on as usual. Lectures have been given in the following subjects:— Life of Christ, Dogmatics, Church

History, Old Test. introduction, History of Religions, Homiletics, English and Santali language. The practical training in village work, Sunday school teaching, preaching, and singing has been continued as last year. The students have in turn conducted the weekly prayer meetings and daily morning devotions. The close contact with the workers in the district has been a great help to the students, especially through the monthly meetings, when all the pastors, elders and teachers gather for two days. At these gatherings, we have had topical Bible study, social evenings, singing in four parts, 'news from many quarters', and profitable discussions.

Without mentioning names, I would like to note that it has been a great pleasure several times during the year to welcome so many missionary friends from China. Some of them have given lectures or messages to the students, which have widened their horizon and been a great inspiration to us all.

It has been a pleasure to work with pastor Kalu Kisku, who so faithfully and ably has continued to share the task of teaching with me. Part of the second term, a young man from this congregation, Mungsi Tudu, has worked in the office and also helped me to teach English. He had just passed Matric in Kaerabani; now he is studying theology in Ranchi, and we earnestly hope that he may be a future teacher in this school.

The instruction of the wives of the students has been continued regularly throughout the year. After Chundki Hasdak', the trained lady teacher, Porimol Hembrom, has helped Mrs. Stronstad to teach them. The work increased considerably with the addition of the five new arrivals in July, none of whom were literate, but we are glad to have noticed the steady progress they all, old and new, have made.

We have great pleasure in putting on record that Rev. R. Rosenlund has now completed his extensive MSS

in Santali on "Christian doctrine." We feel sure that this will be a standard work for Santal theological students for a long time to come. Rev. J. Gausdal has earlier given lectures in the school, and now he has presented the school with a MSS in Santali on 'The Christian Church in India' By courtesy of them both, we have been permitted to use these MSS in our instruction. We do hope that it will soon be possible to have them printed and made available to all.

The closing gathering of the year was held on Dec. the 12th, and the result of the yearly examination was as follows:— None of the students reached 1st. division (100 to 81 pct. of total marks), 6 passed in 2nd. div. (80 to 66 pct.), 8 passed in 3rd. div. (65 to 51 pct.) and 2 students did not reach the 50 pct. mark. Pastor Khudia Marndi acted as censor.

Next year we hope to get home on our long overdue furlough, and we have noted with great satisfaction that the Mission authorities have decided that the school shall continue, in order that the present batch of students may complete their course. We see in this decision a sign that the Divinity School, which undoubtedly is radically important for our work, is going to get out of its temporariness, and become a permanent growing institution from which our church may get future leaders, adequate in number and adequate in quality.

We feel keenly that we have not by far been equal to the task, but we consider it a great privilege to have been entrusted with the work among these young men and their wives, and we thank all friends who have upheld us in their prayers and supported us with their offerings.

ALVHILD & A. E. STRONSTAD,

SALDOHA LEPER COLONY AND DISTRICT.

The year under review has seen the end of hostilities in the world, both in the West and the East, and Victory day was celebrated with great joy here in the Colony. Looking back over the long dark years of war with their many difficulties, we are indeed thankful to God who helped us through. He who said: "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I shall deliver thee" heard the prayers of His children. May we not forget to return to Him praises of thankful hearts, and 'glorify His name'!

The aftermath of war is, however, still felt and it seems to take a long time before the world returns to normal. Ration, control of commodities etc., though beginning to be suspended, are for the most part still in force, and the scarcity of clothing material has never been more acutely felt than at present. We have with great difficulty been able to get a supply of cloth for the inmates and sufficient material for hospital use has also been hard to obtain.

The Government has also this year continued to help us liberally, and besides giving capitation grant on an increased scale, amounting to Rs. 21,625/- for the calendar year, we have received a large non-recurrent grant of Rs. 10,000/-. For these great contributions we are very thankful to the Government. The Mission to Lepers has also increased their grants during the war years. This year it amounted to Rs. 3657/8/-.

The medical work has, for the greater part of the year, been carried on by Dr. O. Olsen, a Norwegian missionary doctor evacuated from China. He very timely came to our aid when doctor K. N. Biswas, in the beginning of the year, discontinued his service here on account of ill health. Dr. Olsen, who is a missionary of the "Kinamisjonsforbundet" has done very valuable service and endeared himself to all in the Colony, both staff and

inmates, in his untiring patience and love for the sick people. Dr. Olsen submits the following report with regard to the medical work :

"The routine treatment of leprosy with hydnocarpus oil and esters has been carried on as usual.

The routine treatment of tropic ulcers has been slightly changed. Before, all ulcers were dressed daily, most of them with E. C. Last summer we started using sulphanilamide powder and often covered the ulcer with adhesive plaster. Dressing was done once or twice a week. The results have been encouraging, and besides, it relieves the dressers of much work.

In some cases of very resistant nerve pain we found that saline injections brought good relief.

Ten to fifty patients a day have come from the Colony to the morning clinic. All kinds of ailments, from toothache to pneumonia, have been treated, but malaria represents a big majority of the cases. During summer and fall, many patients suffered from kala-azar. The mode of transmission of this disease is unknown, so prevention is difficult. As a precaution against spreading the disease, we took all fresh cases into the hospital. In the last part of the year, the epidemic died down.

One interesting feature was found by the examination of stools. 80.9% of the new patients had hookworm. In October and November, all the patients in the Colony had their stools examined. 29.7% had hookworm. *Ascaris* was very rarely found. That is very different from China where 80-90% of the people were infested with this parasite. The difference in habits and food, however, explains it very well.

The more severe cases of reaction of leprosy and long lasting fevers etc. have been treated in the hospital. The hospital is much appreciated by the patients and

also by the doctor who finds the hospital treatment much more beneficial than the ambulant one.

Besides the inmates of the Colony, many patients of non-lepers from the surrounding villages and of the families of the staff have been treated in the Clinic.

In 1945, altogether, 450 lepers were treated in the Colony. 106 new patients were admitted and 99 left. Of these, 4 were declared arrested and 1 discharged under observation. 8 patients were under observation without having been discharged. One of these should be mentioned. He works as a compounder in the Colony and is a bright, intelligent young man. His wife, who also was a leper, was declared arrested last year. She has, since then been working in the children's home. She herself has two children there. Now the man has been allowed to join the family. It is a great delight to visit their home and see them all sitting around the fire — a very happy group.

The staff has done good work. Miss Holten's great experience and ability has been invaluable. The compounders have taken great interest in the patients and shown an excellent spirit of co-operation. It has been a great satisfaction to be with them in the work."

Again this year a "mela" was arranged for the patients and it is no exaggeration to say that it was an outstanding event and a great success. Besides giving everybody, staff and patients, a day off with an entertaining programme, the net income of sales from a variety of gifts brought by the patients, amounted to about Rs. 200/-. It has not yet been decided to what purpose this sum should be spent, but the suggestion has been made that it be put aside as a fund for brass instruments, to form a brass band amongst the leper boys. Such a band would be able

to give valuable service on festive occasions, and enrich the community life of the Colony.

The Colony has during the year been full to its capacity and a new ward with accomodation for 12 patients has been built in the southern end of the Colony on the Brahmini river bank. It was built mainly by the patients themselves and is a fine looking building. Building and repair work on the Colony houses occupy the time of many of the patients at certain times of the year, but the main occupation has, of course, as usual been agricultural work. New pieces of land have been added to the cultivated area, but fertilization is a great problem and the soil is of a rather poor quality. Rice is the main crop, but extensive vegetable gardens are also taken care of, and give the patients a much-needed supply of greens.

The schools for children have been carried on as usual and adult classes as well. The teachers are all patients, either under treatment or under observation, Many patients learn to read and write during their stay in the Colony.

We have had the joy of baptizing 19 of the inmates this year and amongst them a patient who has been here for many years. It is a special joy to see these come out for Christ. We hope he will be a help and encouragement to the small Bengali congregation here. Prayer meetings, Bible classes etc. have been carried on as usual.

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The District work has been carried on by Ruben pastor and his helpers. Also in this congregation a "mela" was arranged and was a great success. It netted Rs. 111/-, a great addition to the ordinary offerings. The school children entertained with recitation singing etc. and con-

tributed in making the day a real day of fellowship for the congregation.

Confirmation classes, Sunday schools and women's meetings have been in existence also this year, and the attendance at church services has been quite good. For further details, the readers are referred to the statistics.

We are happy to report some improvement in the school work. In order to serve the Christian community better, the Bhalsungia school was moved to Kaerasol and the Baromasia school to Kanhaidi. Especially the last mentioned school has profited by the change. The number of pupils has increased considerably and the standard raised. A fine school house has been built by the villagers with a little help from the Mission. At Kaerasol also a school house is under construction.

Our U. P. school here at Saldoha has had a fairly good year.

The work at Musnia is taken care of by the same staff as last year.

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“Now thank we all our God”—this stanza from the well-known hymn comes to mind as I close this report. We thank God for His sustaining grace, and thank friends for prayer support in the year past. May thanksgiving be the dominant note in our life and service in the year to come.

JOH. JOHANSEN.

Pera Hor

The Paper Control (Economy) Order of June 1944 has caused a great reduction in the size of papers in India, and in some cases papers have disappeared altogether. By special permission from the Government, we were allowed to continue printing Pera Hor in the old format and were promised sufficient paper to enable us to do this. Upto the 15th. of March this year no change was made. The paper quota actually allotted, however, turned out to be only about half of what was needed for the ordinary four pages size, so besides having to change to the use of newsprint instead of glazed paper, we also had to reduce the size by approximately 50%. How much longer this Paper Control Order will be in force is not yet know.

The number of subscribers has steadily increased and during the year Pera Hor has been printed in 3000 copies. This means an increase on last year by about 200. Everywhere Santals settle, Pera Hor finds its way, and the growing interest is most encouraging.

Economically, the paper has never had a better year. This is, of course, mainly due to the reduced size which it appears, and consequently smaller paper bills, reduction in cost of printing, etc., but partly also due to increased subscriptions. No subsidy from the Mission was necessary this year. It has, however, been drawn as usual, in order to have some capital at hand. If the suggestion, at last year's Conference, of making the paper appear weekly should be taken in earnest in a not-too-distant future, funds will be needed.

Mr. Nunku Soren has continued his efficient work as assistant editor.

JOH. JOHANSEN.

BASETKUNDI DISTRICT.

"Lord, leave it for this year, till I dig round about it...."
(*Luke 13 : 8*).

We have an overwhelming feeling that this text for the last day of the year shall have to head the report for Basetkundi this time. It might have been more pleasant to write it if we could have put up some fine results of efforts and attempts made. But for one thing we are extremely thankful—we have had strength and health enough to carry on through strenuous days. And there is another happy circumstance—the future prospects are really hopeful in so many ways in the field of work in this area. These facts make us look forward with much hope and courage.

In this district, we have still a couple of local churches without any evangelist to take care of the Christians and lead their services. We go on encouraging and reminding them that they should also try to take a share in the responsibility. But in these attempts, we have for another year realized our own shortcomings in leading them into a deeper Christian life. To find out how or from where to get trustworthy, educated Christian leaders is a problem so big that we dare not expect our Church Council, in this area at least, to contribute very much to the solution of it. This big concern still rests, with us missionaries. And now we look forward with much expectation, anxious to see that "a great door and effectual" (I Cor. 16 ; 9) will soon be opened up in this respect. By that, we mean to say that we are earnestly hoping that our Bible School at Chondorpura, in the near future, will have a wide open door, welcoming a considerable number of young men who respond to the call for Christian service among their own people, Santals and others, in this land. And in this our hope, it would be serious not to include all "laymen" We are thinking of the many Church Committee

members round about in the local churches ; there should be a possible arrangement for annual practical Bible training for them, aiming at the deepening of their own Christian life and making the life of the church real and interesting for them. We add, that if we should fail to make such arrangements—namely, education and training of future elders and pastors (Divinity School), and Bible training for the lay members in the churches (Bible School)—then, we are afraid that, at least in this corner of the field, the congregational work will be at a crucial point. However, we hope that in the future, we will be more able than we have been so far to contribute our share towards having such plans realized.

Many tasks have been pressing on also this year and they have appealed to the heart and will to go on and have things accomplished. But again and again we have been humbled, because we realize that so many times regarding both time and strength, we have been extremely limited. So often it is so painfully difficult to make the right choice. But when we have concentrated on raising the school here up to Middle standard, with all the preparations and extensions which would be necessary to have that undertaking accomplished, we believe that we have done the right thing. By this, we hope to help many a hopeful Santal boy in this vast area to get a chance to go to a school worthwhile reading in, and to be educated and trained for a life that is worthwhile living. So we dare to believe that what is now coming up like a tree, with every sign of being a good and fruitful one, will show forth its fruit in days to come. But it is a young one now, so we shall have to pray, "Lord, another year, and we shall dig round about it....."

One thing which has helped us greatly in the task is the interest which the school authorities are taking in these efforts, and the encouragements which they have given us. And next, we would mention what a help it

really has proved to be to have a task that will keep one busy and occupied during the months of depressing climatic conditions. But what is persuading us and stimulating us more than anything else in this undertaking, is the fact that the church in this corner of the field needs an institution, even if it shall be a small and simple one.

We are glad to say that, as this report is being written, the number of boys in the hostel, 48, has not quite doubled. We would be too short of rooms to keep them in until the new boarding house is erected. When it now is possible for us to keep our 6th class boys (and what a fine selection of Christian Santal boys they are) to read in class VII, then we are very thankful to our Mission for granting us the support, and also for the confidence shown us in allowing us, this coming year, to have the Middle standard completed. Above all, we are thankful to the Lord, Whose goodness was again realized, in the middle of the year, in a new way when the ban of war was lifted and the way again opened up for contact with the friends at home. What an inflow of hope and courage it brought to all of us.

And in this spirit of hope and courage, we look forward, thankful for the opportunities that are still open before us in this country. When, this year too, the baptisms have been rather under the mark (cf. statistics), we include in our earnest hope for the days ahead, that He will grant us grace to give our Santal fellow-workers a fuller and richer share in that Inspiration from above which is the secret of all progress in the Kingdom of God.

ASTRID AND HALFDAN KIPPENES.

TILABANI DISTRICT.

Rev. Pedersen and his family had to leave the station rather hurriedly. The Royal Norwegian Consulate General at Calcutta sent information that passage was available for them in November, and as they had been out for nearly 12 years, it would not have been advisable to let such an offer pass by. So they hurried off and reached Oslo safely in January.

It was fortunate that Joseph Pastor had been working there since 1941, so that he now was well acquainted with the congregation and the workers. He reports that "the preacher at Karikador has been suffering from T. B. and therefore has not been able to do much work. In the Tilabani area, some of the new Christians are being persecuted by the heathens. In the Lotabani and Bagjobda area, the country is wide and the Christians few, and the one single preacher is asking for help. In the Haripur area, some young men from heathen families have been baptized, having been influenced by their Christian school teacher there; but they are the only Christians in their families, and it is not easy for them to remain faithful to the Lord. In the Sarsajol area, there is a great need for a preacher, as the teacher alone is not able to cope with both the school work and the shepherding of the flock.

MOHULPAHARI DISTRICT.

Khudia Pastor has been looking after the Mohulpahari congregation since 1939. He has undergone many trials, because it is here, as it is everywhere in our older congregations, that moral lapses cause fresh problems, both for the leader and the congregation. The years of war have accentuated this difficulty. There has also been some Roman Catholic activity in this area which occasionally

creates problems of its own. The pastor, however, has been able to give a good account of the work for the year 1945. Two families were being given instruction at the close of the year.

Mohulpahari has a good U. P. school, and Moisa Soren is a better teacher than the average.

J. GAUSDAL.

BENAGARIA DISTRICT.

By the grace of the Lord we have been permitted to continue for another year here on the Mission field. As we look back on the days gone by, the searching questions come to us: What progress have we made? What are the results? — They are not easy to answer. Often the progress seems to be very slow. Sometimes we have been in doubt as to whether or not we are progressing at all. Statistically, the results appear rather small in many places. Did the seed fall by the way-side, or upon a rock, or among the thorns? — Yes, some did.

And yet, we do not despair. We are here in obedience to the order of our great Lord and Master. We believe He is doing greater things than we can measure or put down in statistics, although we are very grateful when He allows us to see visible signs of the progress of His Kingdom. We are eager to see and count those who are willing to come out of the heathen community and get into the Christian fold. But we know that it means quite as much, yea more, to help those who have already come into the congregation to grow and develop into a richer life — into branches that bear fruit.

Without having had any outside hindrances, regular Sunday services have been conducted here at Benagaria, or Ebenezer, as we often like to call it, as well as at

ten Out-stations in our district. Four pastors and seven elders have been visiting many villages and preaching to Christians and non-Christians, instructing those who have accepted the invitation and desired baptism. Besides the preachers, the village school teachers and the eight teachers in our school here at Benagaria have conducted daily classes for more than 400 children in secular subjects, as well as having given them Christian instruction. Many of the teachers have also been doing some preaching.

If there is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, we should greatly rejoice that we have been permitted to find some 17 souls from amongst the non-Christians, who, as far as we are able to judge, were earnest in desiring Christian instruction and baptism. Last year the number was 47. The number of children of Christian parents baptised is 36. Last year the number was 45.

Together with the rest of the world we waited with great anxiety and received with great joy and enthusiasm the news of the ending of the great war, both in Europe and in the East. Festivals were arranged, and great numbers joined in the celebrations, — nearly a thousand each time. Many non-Christians also took part in the thanksgiving and the celebrations.

The annual convention for Tilabani, Mohulpahari and our own district was held here from the 23rd to the 25th of February. We had a large number of Christians present during those three days who had gathered for Christian fellowship and edification.

A convention for Christian women for Santal Parganas was also held here in Benagaria from the 16th to the 18th of October and more than four hundred Christian women were assembled to learn more about the Word of God and His Kingdom. Mr. S. K. Mondol of Calcutta (from the Children's Special Service Mission) came to both of the conventions and brought us heart-felt

messages for which we thank him; we also thank the Lord who made it possible for him to come.

A short Bible and Refresher course was held from the 10th to the 22nd of September for our preachers and teachers. Everyone seemed to appreciate the privilege of being able to take part. Bible study and Refresher courses for our preachers and teachers are very important, we believe, and should be arranged each year, but with more extended courses and with better preparation than we were able to do this time. We are very thankful to Rev. Kalu Kisku of Chondorpura and Rev. J. Ostarvik (on his way from China to Norway) who gave such good help at this gathering.

BEDIANAGAR AND SAHARDANGA: the two places which were taken over from the Church of Scotland Mission of Kalna in Burdwan district, were mentioned in last year's Annual Report. Pastor Peter Murmu of Beldanga (Murshidabad) has continued to visit the Christians there once a month, as far as has been possible. The Christians there seem to be very thankful for the little we have been able to do for them, and the work is encouraging.

In the whole area from Benagaria to Burdwan there are some lonely Santal Christians scattered here and there who have hardly any connection with any Christian congregation. Some have sent word to us to come and visit them. We hope and pray that the small beginning this year may develop into regular visitations in many places where there are Christians and also non-Christians who are willing to listen to the Word of God. As far as I know, no other Mission Society is doing anything for the Santals who have emigrated to Birbhum and Burdwan districts.

The paid staff in the congregational work is very much the same as last year. Pastor Mongol Hembrom at Jithia, where he was stationed to be near Birbhum and

the area south and east of our district, has gone to his home near Katikund, The doctor advised us to let him rest. Pastor Munshi Hembrom has come back from his work as Army Chaplain in Italy and has again taken up his work with us here in this district. We are very thankful to have him back from the war. Abraham Murmu, who was trained in the Bible School, has been appointed as elder at Benagaria. Our elder, Daniel Murmu, has been doing work as preacher in the Benagaria Hospital for the many patients who come for treatment.

As the airfield near our Out-station, Belbuni, was never used for military purposes, we have continued to hold Sunday services there. In the meantime we have also secured ground and built a house for an elder at Adolpahari, as a substitute for Belbuni. At present we have conducted a school at Adolpahari. We will have to learn by experience whether we should make a church at Adolpahari, or continue at Belbuni.

SCHOOLS :

Our Village schools need improvement in every way and we also need a number of better trained teachers. But, in spite of the shortcomings, we try to carry on, as we consider it very important, to start early if we want to influence the present generation. From the point of view of our evangelizing work it means a lot, even if the children only learn to read, because it will open up the Bible and the hymn book to them. We hope, however, that they will get more, — that many of our 200 or more children in the Village schools will hear and understand part of the wonderful "Story of Jesus and His love" from their very childhood.

BENAGARIA U. P. SCHOOL FOR BOYS & GIRLS has made good progress during the year. The enrollment has increased from 162 to 225. In a competition with three other U. P. Schools, our school won the first prize and

a reward of Rs. 50/-. We congratulate the Headmaster and the Staff for this achievement. It is really ready to be made into a Middle English School.

BENAGARIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL has continued under difficult conditions. We were wondering for a while if we should have to close that part of our work. For the Weaving section it was difficult to get yarn and the necessary dye-stuffs. For a while we have had enough yarn, but were rather short of students.

At the time this is being written the prospects are better. We have now as many new students as our funds will allow us to take into the school. We think the Industrial School is a good way of training these young people into useful work, as weavers and carpenters. In the evening classes the boys learn to read and write if they did not know how before. As they live here at the mission station, we have many opportunities to influence them spiritually and offer them something higher than they have ever known in their life in the villages. As far as I know, all the passed students of the Carpentry section have had plenty to do as carpenters the last years in the villages and in government work.

BENAGARIA MISSION PRESS & BOOK-SALES DEPT.

This has been another slack year in the press, due not so much to the paper situation, as to the shortage of skilled workers and irregularities on the part of the existing staff. The paper situation has continued to improve and we were able to procure most of our requirements for the year; we had a surplus to enable us to undertake more printings in the coming year. Printing of material for the Mission Literature Committee, the Joint Literature Board and for the Santal Education Committee has been undertaken according to the capacity of the staff and the resources available.

By a special allotment of a quota of Newsprint paper from Govt., we were able to publish our two periodicals, "Pera Hor" in Santali and "Bongo-Bondhu" in Bengali, almost regularly throughout the year.

The Book-Sales Dept. has functioned as well as it could with a gradually depleting stock resulting naturally from the slack time in the press. The income on sales at the end of the year amounted to only Rs. 1799/7/3, which is about Rs. 1500/- less than that of last year. We have, however, secured a stock of paper and will be able to reprint some of the urgently needed publications of which the supply has been exhausted. Among these, the reprint of a 3000 edition of our hymn book is in good progress at the time this is being written. The usual grant of Rs. 1000/- from the Mission was received. For a detailed statement of account, please see Account Appendices.

ZEMINDARY ESTATE :

The work in the Zemindary has been carried on as usual and the annual rent collections amounted to Rs. 8296/- For detailed account, please refer to the Account Appendices.

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Before closing this report, we want to mention our thankfulness to the many missionary guests, approximately 150, who visited our field this year. As the air service from China to Calcutta brought them near our field, many from Norway and a few Scandinavians from America visited us. All of them seemed to count it a great privilege to see the places where Boerresen and Skrefsrud had worked, and to view their last resting places beside the Ebenezer Church at Benagaria.

In March, about fifteen families and a number of nurses and single men of "Det Norske Lutherske Kina-misjonsforbund", more than 80 in all, were evacuated from China to Calcutta by air service, and most of that group

came to stay at our stations in the Santal Mission. A great number of them remained in Benagaria, and many others stopped here on their way to other places. It has been a great experience to meet them, and we are grateful that our Mission was able to offer them place to stay while they were awaiting passage to Norway. Particularly do we want to thank the five or six families, who have stayed with us for several months, for their testimonies in word, in music, and in daily Christian-living. May God bless them all and be with them always!

In closing, we thank all our faithful friends who have been with us in prayer and in loving service. May God reward you all according to His riches in Christ Jesus. We thank Him who has called us and who has been with us; He is the Lord and Master of the service where He has placed us.

LOLLY AND K. TROMBORG.

BENAGARIA CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

The year 1945 has seen various changes in the work at Benagaria Christian Hospital, the most pronounced being the closure of the In-door department on the 1st of December, 1945. This step was decided upon by the Executive Committee who also expressed the hope of reopening the hospital as soon as help, in the form of doctors and nurses from home, was received.

The hospital work has been going on steadily during the year, the admissions up to 1/12/45 being 1357.

For the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ months of the year, we had the help of Dr. Mrs. Q. Snook, M.B., B.S. Then, for a period of 4 months, Dr. Chatterjee carried on the medical work alone. From the middle of July to the 1st. of December,

we were so fortunate as to have the help of Dr. G. Lende, M. D., who was on his way home from China and offered his help in the hospital while staying at Benagaria. We extend our hearty thanks to Dr. Lende for his able assistance in the medical work as well as with advice about many things concerning the run of the hospital. Since his departure, Dr. Chatterjee has been carrying on alone again, but this time only with the dispensary.

The evangelistic work has been carried on, as usual, with Babu Atul A. Biswas working amongst the Bengali-speaking patients and a new Santal evangelist, Daniel Murmu, amongst the Santals.

Nimbai Hasdak', one of our old Compounders, died in September. He had been working at the hospital from the very beginning and was a great help to us. Most of his time was spent in the Laboratory, but lately, and especially the last year or two, he was often called upon to help see patients in the Dispensary, when there was too much work for the doctor; so we miss him very much.

Another hospital worker, Babu Gopal Ch. Das. died the 7th of December. He had been with us for about 6 years, writing tickets for the Out-door patients and helping with statistics, etc. He did his work faithfully right up to the day before he died, and we shall also miss him.

Now, by the end of the year, with the In-door section closed, we have a surplus of Compounders and Nurses and we are trying to make arrangements for them. Some of them will get work at other stations; some will, if possible, go way for further training; and some of the Nurses will go home for the time being, but we will keep enough of them on hand for the day when the hospital will open again.

Bible classes for the Compounders, as well as for the Nurses, have been held during the year, with Pastor Sodanondo Baske conducting those for the men.

We wish to extend our thanks for the following grants-in-aid and donations received during the year : The Government of Bihar Rs. 7000-0-0 for hospital maintenance; Bihar Leprosy Relief Committee Rs. 240-0-0; and Dr. Mrs. Q. Snook Rs. 125-0-0 for making pucca floor on the Leper Clinic; the floor, however, has not yet been made, due to the fact that cement has been unobtainable.

Our thanks are also due to the American Friends Service Committee (Friends Ambulance Unit), Calcutta, for the free and generous supplies of sulfa-drugs, medicines, Vitaminous tablets and powdered milk etc. which were received here for distribution to the poor and deserving cases. These have been used with good results and we feel very thankful for the help we have been able to give to the people through the generosity of these "friends".

In conclusion, we wish to thank our many friends who have done their share of the work by upholding it with their prayers. We ask them to continue their intercession so that the work may be done to the glory of God our Father.

On behalf of the Managing Committee,

E. KROHN.

WORK IN BENGAL

NARAINPUR BENGALI WORK.

“He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him”. — Heb. 7 ; 25.

It has been a great experience to see this word become a reality also in the lives of Bengalis.

Our great sorrow, caused by the sudden death of Bosonto pastor, turned into joy when we thought of the victorious end of his life. By his life and death, he proved himself to be a keen Christian and a prominent evangelist, pastor, and builder of the Church of Christ in our area. Upto the very end of his life, he gave witness to Him who is able to save to the uttermost, and it made a lasting impression on all kinds of people. Converted individuals, growing congregations, and young men dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ, remain where Bosonto pastor worked. Blessed be his memory !

The Mahli Christians are especially remembering him with thanks to God for what he meant to them. They just loved him. A young Mahli, Nuna by name, who became a preacher due to his inspiration, later became the first Mahli student of the Divinity School at Chondorpura. But he also died suddenly. Why? We don't understand it now, but may later on.

For the last few years, Nuna had tried to win some of the relatives of his wife for Christ, and he had also given them instruction for baptism, but they were not

able to make the final decision while he was alive. After his death, the seed which had been sown, has borne fruit, and many of them have become Christians. A fresh awakening of the Mahlis of Jobo and neighboring villages is now taking place, and we hope that a new congregation will grow up in that area.

From other parts of the district also, new openings among both the Mahlis and other communities are reported.

An Imam (Mohammedan preacher) from a village near Mohulpahari has become a Christian and is now studying the Bible in Urdu with great interest. As this language seems to be common among the educated Mohammedans of this district, we understand how complicated the language question is for our work.

In Birbhum, the movement among the Muchis of Muraroi is continuing, and the work in Suri and near-by villages is promising.

The baptisms are as follows :

IN SANTAL PARGANAS :

<i>Congregation</i>	<i>From Heathen</i>	<i>Children of Christians</i>
Benagaria	1	4
Latakandar	2	0
Baniapasar	1	2
Karudi	12	2
Saldoha	7	3
Kusumba	19	1
Karmataur	8	0
Mohulbona & Jam- kandar	20	1
Asanbani	1	1
Total	<u>71</u>	<u>14</u>

IN BIRBHUM :

<i>Congregation</i>	<i>From Heathen</i>	<i>Children of Christians</i>
Rampurhat	5	0
Nalhati	0	0
Muraroi	6	3
Madhabpur	0	1
Narainpur	0	0
Total	11	4

The consolidation of the new congregations has continued this year also, but not without difficulties. Some times it has been very hard to introduce Christian standards of marriage, burial, etc. Lots of instruction and encouragement is needed in order to help the new Christians to leave the old heathen customs and live as true followers of Christ in daily life.

Both the evangelistic and the congregational work suffers due to the lack of workers. The need for a Bible School for our Bengali field has been acutely felt for years, and we hope that it will soon be possible to start one.

Very few Christians from our village can read and write. Less than 8% of the adult Mahlis are literate. We have tried to do something for them by the help of village schools in Latakandar, Jamkandar and Baniapasar, but the result is not very encouraging yet.

Our Christians are praying for a boys' boarding school, and we hope that something may be done about this in the future.

NARAINPUR GIRLS SCHOOL.

As Miss I. Malmstrom has gone to Denmark on furlough, we have had to look after the school again, but the efficient staff is doing practically all the work.

The new Headmistress, Miss P. Misra, B. A. with honours in Bengali, joined the work in August and is doing well.

Three girls appeared for the M. E. and one girl for the M. V. examinations, and all these have passed. Two girls appeared for the Primary Final Examination, and both passed in the first division. This is the third year that all the girls who appeared for this examination have passed in the first division, which proves that the teachers are turning out very good work.

Miss S. Das is in charge of the boarding department. She is very faithful in her work and interested in the spiritual welfare of the girls. The income of the boarding from fees has increased considerably.

The Assistant Inspectress of Schools has recommended the school for Government grant and recognition as a Primary-Middle school.

We thank Miss I. Malmstrom for her faithful work at Narainpur, and we do hope that one or two lady missionaries will soon come out and take charge of the school.

We extend our hearty thanks to all friends for their prayers and support.

SOLVEIG & SIGFRED JOHANSEN.

NIMASARAI.

When Pastor Maharaj Bhandary sent the Church Statistics for the year 1945, he also enclosed a report from which the following is taken :

"The Bengali work here has been carried on since 1936, so it is about 10 years since it was started. Previous

to that time, Rev. H. P. H. Kampp had visited this area from Narainpur and had also baptized a few. But in 1936 he started to build this mission station in Rangamatia, village near Old Malda, to open up the work in this area. He was very energetic, and founded congregations in many places and placed them in the care of elders. Before that time, there had been only a small amount of work done among the Bengalis in Malda, and that was carried on by the Baptists among the Kamars (blacksmiths). Now, by God's great mercy, many more have become Christians, most of whom are Kamars, but also some Pooli (Rajbonsi) and other tribes. But, although the number of Christians has increased, there are yet not very many, and we hope that a great number more may be won.

After the war started, political conflicts came into some of the congregations, and some were influenced to return to the Hindu religion; even now, such activity is going on, but without success. Due to many hindrances, not many have joined us this year, yet, in some congregations, new adherents have been added, and the outlook is good. Because of poverty, some have migrated to Nepal during the war, and some to other missions. During this last year, however, there was no great difficulty for our people. Our sorrow is that only a few were won for the Lord. In this new year, we hope that, with the help and blessing of God our Father, many heathen may enter the Kingdom of God. It is, indeed, a great joy when many believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and live Christian lives"

J. GAUSDAL.

EKLAKEHI SCHOOL AND MISSION.

In spite of high prices and rationing, we have been able to get the necessary food and clothes for the boarding and for the workers in the school and compound. The diets of all weak children and adults were greatly improved by help from the Friends' Ambulance Service, which gave large quantities of powdered milk, egg powder, Multivitamin tablets, and medicine, all of which were free. In the month of February, the Government Relief Fund provided a large quota of clothes for free distribution to all poor people in the district, and the Mission received part of it. In the cold season, the Friends' Ambulance Service, through the Bengal Christian Council, gave 400 blankets for distribution all over the Dinajpur-Malda districts.

We are very grateful to our friends in America and to the Government for all their help.

There were 58 children in the school at the beginning of the year and 51 at the close. Two new teachers joined the staff, and together with Sara Murmu and Santi Biswas, did faithful work, with the result, that at the final examination only 5 pupils failed. The whole school rejoiced when the result of Class IV's examination in 1944 was received; all 6 pupils had passed and four with scholarship. Besides the primary school, there was a practical class for four months for older girls. One of these, a Christian girl, had her wedding at the school, as she came from a heathen home.

On the prize-giving day, Rev. and Mrs. Gausdal were present, and Mrs. Gausdal distributed the prizes. On the 7th of May, which was the last day of the first term, we had a grand sports day, in which every one in the school and compound, big and small, joined. We had received no news of the liberation of Norway and Denmark yet, so without knowing it we had our festivities in

advance, but at the same time as our friends at home had theirs. The next Sunday, there were Victory and Thanksgiving Services in all the churches. After the vacation, we again had Thanksgiving services, this time for the Victory in the East, and the joy was greater this time as the people knew that this peace would bring their own folks home who had been in the Army for many years.

The Bengali teacher, Santi Biswas, who has worked in the school since it started seven years ago, was married during the summer vacation, but came back to work for a few months. We are thankful to her for all that she did for the children and for her fellowship in the work both in the school and congregation. She was a member of the Church Committee and was treasurer for some years. Miss Pedersen also left Eklakhi, as she obtained passage home. For nearly two years, she worked hard to improve the health of the boarders and the people in the compound, and great numbers of villagers came to her for help and treatment.

For the first time in the history of the school, we had a visit from the highest Government official in the district — the Magistrate, Mr. Singh Kahlon and his wife. They showed a real interest in the children and in the work, and promised to give their help in the future. The children had an extra day off and used it for a picnic to the ruins of Adinagarh and Pandua.

The older girls had instruction for confirmation, and on the third Sunday in Advent, 7 were confirmed.

One of the joys of the year was when we were able to get in contact with the mission friends in the homelands, and innumerable letters showed, what we had also felt, that they had been with us in prayer during the long and difficult years. We want to thank them for all their help and love.

ERIKA LOWE.

SANTAL WORK IN THE DISTRICTS OF
DINAJPUR, MALDA, PURNEA, RAJSHAHI, BOGRA,
AND RANGPUR.

The Santal work on the North Bengal plain is one which clearly demonstrates the great confidence that has been established between the Santal Christians and the Mission leaders. In their own primitive way, the Santals have taken care of this work from the beginning. Not everything has been up to the standard one would like, and the need for doing something more in helping them has been repeatedly expressed. But, in coming to their aid, one should try to avoid altering the basic principle, that the work is cared for by the Santal leaders themselves.

BADHAIR :

Pastor Budhrai Hasdak' reports "that the work has come through well this year also by the grace of God"; and so, he reports one thing for which the Church as a whole should praise our Lord and Saviour. Eleven years ago, the pastor who was then at Pipra, Champai Hasdak', lapsed into old drinking habits, and on New Year's Day after services, he led the whole flock on a drinking bout. Now Budhrai reports that he is repenting of his sins and is asking to be readmitted to church membership.

KHORIBARI :

Pastor Simion Murmu asked to be placed here the last years before his retirement, as he has some land close by the Mission and has built a house on it. He reports that about 10 miles to the north from Khoribari, a new small congregation has sprung up during the year. Khatil is the name of this new place. Since last year, they have been in contact with people there, and so this year 13 persons were baptized in the village.

EKLAKHI:

Pastor Jonas Hasdak' is our youngest pastor under this Church Council; but as he is being placed at Eklakhi, there is help at hand from the missionaries. It is a great joy to hear that he can report better life and conduct in the Jotmuni village congregation. It is also one of his duties to visit Santal Christians inside Purnea district—a work which previously was attended to from Rautnagar.

ROTONPUR:

In the country to the north of Malda, we have a number of village congregations, but the pastor who was shepherding them was at one time placed at Choksadula, later at Potra, and now at Rotonpur. This is the strongest congregation with 124 Christians. But the pastor, Gulu Murmu, has been ill for the greater part of the year, and naturally the work has suffered.

RAUTNAGAR:

From here, the snow-clad Kinchinjunga range of Himalayan mountains can be seen when visibility is good. Pastor Mongol Kisku is getting old, and there is not much to report about the work.

PHORIDPUR:

Madhu Sudon Kisku was placed here in 1942, and worked well for some time. But he had set his heart on being called to Narayanpur, and when that failed, he and his family sought haven with his father-in-law at Gilambad village. During the course of the year, he has found work with another Mission.

We are in need of a new pastor for Phoridpur, but so far the Church Council has not proposed any. To the northwest from Parbatipur railway junction, a group of 5 families of new Santal converts are building their own

village church, and their baptism has been postponed so that it can take place on the same day that their church is dedicated. Suphol pastor from Narayanpur has been shepherding the Phoridpur area also.

NARAYANPUR :

Pastor Suphol Hembrom reports "that in some places it can be seen that the heathens have become alert, and we have some taking instruction again now."

What we definitely lack in this place is one of our own people as headmaster of the school. But, unfortunately, we have not as yet been able to raise one in our own local community, and to import from other areas is no easy matter. Let us hope that the day will come when this school will become of still greater importance.

TARAGANJ :

Since Suphol at Narayanpur had very much to attend to, I told him to get help from the old and retired Jalpa pastor for the western congregations. The old man is still both able and willing to help, and he has been around visiting the Christians and administering to their needs.

J. GAUSDAL.

COOCH BIHAR.

Another year, during which we have experienced God's great faithfulness to our Mission, has come to a close. Though we have not much to report in the way of success and fruit, we go forward knowing that our work in the Lord is not in vain.

Throughout the year, He has supplied our material needs in many different ways. In the spring, thanks to the bag of Sulphur we received from Mornai, we were able to help hundreds of sufferers from scabies. By the thousands of vitamin tablets received from the American Friends' Ambulance in Calcutta, many of our Christians, as well as outsiders, received new strength and were healed from their sores. The fever patients were helped by the Mepacrine tablets which came from the same place. With the money given us from B.C.C. relief fund, we were able to help many famine-stricken children and widows. It is an encouragement to see the expressions of fear and hunger give place to those of joy and contentment after a few weeks of proper feeding.

In January, Miss Dawson, who is doing temperance work, visited our Mission and gave several lectures both for the congregation and the students in the High School. Having consecrated her life to our Lord, she is able, not only to stress the necessity of temperance, but also to lead the people forward to Him who can give them the strength needed for the victorious life.

A Bible course for the workers was held in March. The Bible studies given by Rev. Kampff were very much appreciated. In this connection, we want to express our thankfulness to him who has, during the last years, rendered such a valuable service to this Mission. He has now left India for a well-deserved furlough, and we wish him a happy time together with his family in Denmark.

We have had the joy of welcoming Mr. P.K. Adikari, M.A.,B.T. as headmaster in our High School. Having prayed and waited nearly two years for a good Christian man to join the school, we believe that he is the man sent from God. During these few months, he has shown himself to be capable of running the school, and he is very concerned about the Christian influence in the school.

A new Bible teacher was appointed in the beginning of the year. So far, he has progressed well with the work. We have 512 students on the roll.

During the past year, we have often been busy with the entertaining of American soldiers, both in the Canteen and here in the Mission. It has taken much of our time and strength, but it has also brought much joy to our hearts to see their thankfulness. We believe that even this kind of work for our Lord will bring forth fruit in due time. For Indian soldiers stationed here in Cooch Behar, we have arranged services in Hindi on several occasions. Being separated from their own communities, they have appreciated joining the Christians in this place.

The evangelistic work has gone on as usual, though the shortness of workers is felt very much. Gospels have been sold in "hats" and melas. Nearly every Sunday we have visited the prisoners in the Jail, and the work, especially among the women, has been very encouraging.

Rev. and Mrs. Brandt, who have been in Sweden for nearly seven years, have not been able to return yet. But we hope the new year will open with them in Cooch Behar. They are very much needed for the work here, especially as we two expect to leave soon to enjoy a delayed furlough.

E. PIHLQUIST.
S. MARTENSSON.

WORK IN ASSAM

SANTAL COLONY.

The end of World War II has brought relief and hope to millions throughout the world. Our people in the Santal Colony also rejoice that deliverance has come to the people of the occupied countries.

In the spiritual realm, however, a fight continues, a fight that will go on till the end of time, between light and darkness and between good and evil. In this struggle there can be no laying down of arms without suffering harm.

We observe this struggle here in the Christian community of the Santal Colony. We are glad that many continue fighting for all that is good. We see them in their homes and at the church services, followers of Christ and seekers after the truth, who hear the Word and desire to follow its teachings. But, alas, for many the battle has been too difficult. Some have quit — having, so to speak, signed an armistice with the enemy and laid down arms. We hope it is only for a time and that they will realize their mistake and re-enter the fight on the side of the Christian soldiers.

Some have become traitors and have gone over to the enemy. They are now fighting against their Saviour and King.

We continue to pray for revival and new life, and ask our friends to continue with us in intercession.

Church attendance has been quite good. 136 children of Christian parents and 22 souls from the non-Christian community have been baptized. 103 young people received

instruction and were confirmed. Where Sunday schools have been held, attendance has been good. Church collections amounted to Rs. 2,893-1-6.

Our workers in the congregations have continued as before with Pastor Ratia at Haraputa, Pitor at Rantzaupur, Lokhon at Manjadabri, and Kanhu at Grahampur.

Our clerk, Cyril Hasdak', was seriously ill during the rainy season and we are thankful for his recovery.

Benjamin Hembrom continued to work faithfully in the Dispensary. 1801 patients were treated.

Early in March a well-attended convention was held at Haraputa. As guest speaker we had Mr. S. K. Mondol of the Children's Special Service Mission. His messages were heart searching and inspiring. At evening sessions he gave illustrated Bible lectures.

After the convention Mr. Mondol continued his good work in the Colony for three weeks. He had ten-day sessions with the school children at Grahampur and Haraputa. He also conducted a course for Christian workers. We felt that his meetings brought much blessing and we look forward to having him with us again.

It is regretted that the village schools have had inadequate supervision. We are greatly in need of trained teachers. Now that the war is over we hope to send some of the teachers to training school. A village school was started at Kemolpur, and we now have 2 two-teacher schools and 5 one-teacher schools in the Colony.

In our Boys' M. E. School at Grahampur we have two hundred and fourteen boys. One hundred and seventy are in boarding. Twenty boys have this year been preparing for the Middle English examination to be held after New Year. Last year eight boys took the examination. Five passed, two in first division (both received Government Scholarships), two passed in second division, and one in third.

A greater desire for higher education has for some time been manifested among the Santals, and the fact that a high school in connection with our Middle English school was needed has often been mentioned. Boys from our school have for many years been sent to other Mission high schools or to Government schools. Last year it was decided to raise funds for the proposed high school. Nearly Rs. 3,000/- have been collected and the work is being continued. Six boys were admitted into first year high school here at Grahampur last April. Our teaching staff and equipment have not been adequate, but progress has been made. We expect to add second year high school in April 1946.

We acknowledge gratefully the receipt of the regular Government grant-in-aid to our M. E. School; also the special war time grant to the M. E. Schools at Gaorang, Haraputa and Grahampur. And to all mission friends we extend our thanks for gifts and for help received through intercessory prayers. The work is not in vain, but "the harvest indeed is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest."

HAZEL & OLE BJERKESTRAND.

MORNAI.

There is certainly reason to give thanks to God for the fact that we were again, during the past year, able to safely carry through the work of this institution and at the same time to make known the Gospel of Salvation to the Santals, Mundas and people of other races who reside here.

With regard to our congregational work, there have been difficulties of various kinds, but this is, of course,

what we must always expect and be prepared for. But the Gospel has been proclaimed and the invitation sent out to enter the great fellowship of Christ's Church. Though church attendance has not always been what we could want it to be, usually the people who gather are very attentive, and many of the Christians are giving a good deal of thought to religious matters. We think this fact promises good for the future.

In the Santal congregation 15 persons have been baptized. As in many other previous cases the credit for winning them over has, humanly speaking, been that of Sam Hasdak' and his wife. Sam has his work in the Tea-garden and has never received any salary from the congregation. He and his wife are Christians who are always ready to work and sacrifice in order to win other Santals for Christ.

In the Munda congregation, a family of five has been baptized. The young man and his wife were born and have grown up here in Mornai, but they lived with their non-Christian friends until they decided to become Christians. It has not been easy for them; may they be preserved and strengthened in the faith.

At Dhorompur and in the surrounding small villages, work was carried on by Sundar preacher. His wife was, however, ill and they returned to Mornai at the end of the year. It is extremely difficult to find a worker who is willing and capable of going about in these large and dense forest areas. It is a wild and unhealthy locality, but quite a number of non-Christian Santals have settled down there, making it a great field for work.

Among Bengali-speaking people, Jacob Biswas has been supervising as usual. Pauspur congregation is situated at the outside of the Tea-garden and Samaguri is a small congregation in the Colony about 4 miles from here.

Women's meetings on Fridays have been held in all villages. The women take a good deal of interest in these gatherings and a fair quantity of rice has been brought as offerings at these occasions. In all our church activities, women generally show more keenness than the men.

Sunday schools have again been a source of inspiration, having been attended by more than 200 children. Looking at these children who come fairly regularly, one feels a great hope for the building up of the future congregation.

Our day school, with an average attendance of 110 children, is no doubt also a very valuable help from the point of view of the congregational work.

In these ways the seed is sown through the various activities, and we know it will not be in vain.

In conclusion we thank all our friends for their prayers and gifts and all friendly thoughts during the past year.

INGEBORG & OLUF EIE.

ASSAM MEDICAL WORK.

At the beginning of the New Year we sometimes wonder how we are going to get through the year with all the troubles and difficulties we encounter in these days. Then as we go on from day to day, we find that the Lord's promises are fulfilled. For He has said, "as thy days are, so thy strength shall be" Our work goes on and the troubles we looked forward to either disappear or they are overcome. So it has been this past year.

We seem to have a little different run of diseases from year to year. This year we have had so much of Kala-azar and pneumonia. Other years it may be more of dysentery or cholera. Scabies has been much less this year than for the last few years. We find more the type of troubles that come from the lack of vitamins. I expect that is because although rice has been cheaper this year, the "dals" have not, and other foods, and apparel are very expensive.

Our out-door patients number slightly over 14,000. But I had expected a little more increase, as this year we have been able to get quinine and other drugs much more easily than before.

One of the compounders was away in the Army in hospital work most of the year. He came back in November. Another one has gone to Joema to look after the work there. The others are the same as last year.

The women's work has gone on the same as usual. But we need more Biblewomen in the villages, as there are several villages in which there are none. Then the women do not gather as they should. Again this year we had women's meeting at the general mission meeting. We feel this helps us all to feel that they are part of the congregation, and that they also have a responsibility in the work of God's Kingdom.

Now my prayer and hope is that we will soon have more help in our work here. We are expecting a doctor and one or two nurses, and then, of course, the hospital for which we have waited so long.

Thank you all for your help and prayers for us. We need them.

DAGMAR PEDERSEN.

HARAPUTA M. E. SCHOOL.

The work in the school has been carried on this year without any great changes in the staff. One untrained teacher, Susila Bosumathari, has gone to Calcutta for her teachers training, and another Haraputa girl, Kapra Marndi, is working in her place. In July, our Headmaster, Mr. B. B. Barui, B. A., left to take his B. T. Degree, but we hope to have him back by the end of April, 46. In the meanwhile, Mrs. Barui and I are looking after his work.

The last year we had 152 children on the roll. In the boarding we had 110 girls and 3 boys. As the boarding houses are built for 100 children, they were quite crowded, so we hope to get the funds and materials for building a new boarding house in 1946. We also hope to get a Kindergarten building in order to accommodate all the little children of school age from the neighbouring villages. It seems that the village people are slowly waking up to see the necessity of giving their children some education.

5 girls sat for the M. E. Examination, 3 passed, one with honours.

6 girls sat for the Primary Examination, all passed.

12 girls took their Primary Diploma in needlework.

2 Boro girls got tribal scholarship, one middle and one primary.

The confirmation class and the women's Friday meetings have been held regularly. Chita Murmu, a former teacher of the school, has been in charge of that work. One teacher and the big girls have conducted Sunday school in the nearest villages every Sunday morning. And another teacher has been in charge of the Sunday school here in the compound.

In March the Santal convention was held here. We were fortunate to have as speaker Mr. S. K. Mondol from The Children's Special Service Mission, and he also held 10 days' meetings for the children afterwards. The meetings were very well attended, and many received great blessing from hearing his message.

In closing I want to thank all friends who have been faithful to us during the trying war years.

SOLVEIG SOMMING.

JOEMA DISTRICT.

The work in this field is promising, and the comparatively little time we have been able to give to the work has given us much joy. We hope and pray that a full time missionary can be stationed at Joema soon.

We have full or part time workers in all 21 congregations in the Joema District, which includes the work in Kamrup and Darrang. There are, however, only three ordained Santal Pastors in this large field, and the elders in the various congregations are, for the most part, men of little or no training. We are still looking forward to the time when a Bible school for the training of Christian workers will be conducted in our Assam field.

There has been some progress in the work this year also. Church attendance has been good. Eighty children of Christian parents and 61 souls from the non-Christian community have been baptized. Church collections amounted to Rs. 1,118-8-9.

New churches have been built and dedicated at Mandaria, Galajhora, and Sapkati. At Sohorpur the church and dwelling house for mission workers were destroyed by

fire last February. This station is surrounded by heavy jungle and the danger of fire is great. A new church is being built.

A few new schools have been started, and we now have seven teachers working in village schools in the following places: Hingaon in Darrang, Dobragaon, Siripur, Sohorpur, Pakrigari, Kolabari and Mokrambel.

At Joema we have four teachers in the primary boarding school with 50 boys in attendance. We have promise of enrolling quite a few more in the coming year.

We acknowledge with thanks Government grant for the Primary School at Joema.

To all our friends and supporters, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

HAZEL & OLE BJERKESTRAND.

SANTIPARA LEPER COLONY AND DISTRICT.

The new year started with a good augury. It was a day of great rejoicing when Dhormokanto, the leper children's school master, was admitted into the Christian Church by baptism. Many years ago he was a student of Cotton College, Gauhati, and while he was there, he discovered that he had this dreadful disease, leprosy.

It is difficult to describe how happy we all were when the message came that the Germans had laid down arms, not only in Denmark, but also in Norway! The Christians and others gathered in the afternoon of that day in our little church for a Thanksgiving service. The long-promised Victory Bhoj (festival meal) was given a few days later.

367 leper patients have been under treatment at Santipara and the out-clinics this year, of whom 21 cases were discharged as symptom free. Besides the leper patients, a number of people from the surrounding villages have been treated for malaria, dysentery and other diseases. From the Government of Assam 1000 quinine tablets were received for free distribution to indigent malaria patients. We hope that a much greater quantity of quinine may be granted for this purpose in 1946.

Dr. S.M. Ganguly has also this year taken great interest in the work and we are thankful for his service. One Santal girl who was taking nurse's training at the A.B.F.M. hospital had to come here for treatment of leprosy. She has, since she came here, worked as nurse in the hospital.

Repair of houses and agricultural work have as usual been the main occupation of the lepers. After the rainy season, some of the patients have been busy collecting building materials for the new leper wards which we plan to build as soon as we can find carpenters. The Forest Department has kindly given us a free grant of 20 sal trees for building purposes.

We again want to express our appreciation to the Government of Assam for their recurring grant of Rs. 1,250/- and the emergency grant of Rs. 6,372/-. Besides the grants from the Government, the following donations have been received for which we are very thankful: From the Mission to Lepers, Rs. 1,331/-, Christmas gift to the lepers and staff, Rs. 75/-. From the Assam Christian Council Rs. 276/10/-.

THE DISTRICT:

In April, Mr. S.K. Mondol of the C.S.S.M. visited us and held meetings twice a day for a week. A good number of people attended the meetings which were of great spiritual blessings to all of us. In October the elders and

teachers gathered here at Santipara for a Bible study course. It was then discovered that some of the elders who for years have been engaged in this work, know very little about the Bible and Christian doctrines. We sincerely hope that a Bible School may be started before long somewhere in our mission field in Assam.

We know there are many friends in the homelands who faithfully have remembered our work in prayers during the past years of war, and to all of you, and to all the supporters of both the leper work and district work, we extend our heartfelt thanks!

BERGLJOT & GUNNAR FOSSLAND.

THE BORO WORK

The past year, on the whole, proved to be better than the previous one. Prices have come down, the war is finished, and we are once more able to keep in touch with our dear ones and loved ones at home. Men and money should soon be available so that we may extend the present work.

God has indeed been faithful and gracious. His promises have come true. So, encouraged, we go forward trusting Him "who giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might increases strength." (Isa. 40: 29).

The first part of the year did not look too promising. Rev. and Mrs. H. Halvorsrud in charge of Gaorang Mission were taken ill and had to leave toward the end of May, first for South India, and later on for Norway.

It gives me pleasure to report that their health has improved greatly. Mr. Halvorsrud has been busy lately revising the Gospels of the Boroni New Testament.

This unexpected change left Miss Nessel and ourselves alone with the whole Boro Work. No doubt many things could have been done better, but we have carried on as well as we have been able to under the circumstances.

The Evangelical work may have been neglected. However, Mr. S. K. Mondol from the Childrens' Special Service Mission stayed with us for some time at Gaorang and Bongaigaon conducting Bible Classes with heart-searching subjects and giving most interesting and edifying Biblical lectures with lantern slides.

A Convention Sabha was held at Karigaon in spite of difficulties resulting from rationing and dearth. Attendance could have been better, but the weather was uncertain.

We moved from Bongaigaon to Gaorang at the beginning of June and tried hard to get into as much of the work of this district as possible before we left for the summer vacation.

The greatest event of the year took place on the 1st of July when Maguram Mosahary and Upendro Mosahary were ordained by our Secretary, The Rev. J. Gausdal. The Gaorang Church was filled to capacity on that occasion.

By this new addition of pastors we have six in all, three in the Gaorang District, two in the Bongaigaon District, and one for Kamrup and Darrang.

The congregations at Kamrup and Darrang started their own local Church Council from the 1st of July. They receive Rs. 30/- a month as a contribution from our Mission. They wanted Maguram Mosahary for their pastor and got him.

THE BORO CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Council met four times during the year.

Alichoron Pastor was sent as representative from our Church Council to the Assam Christian Council which met some time in August.

The Bongaigaon Church Account showed a deficit toward the end of the first half of the year. This was due to expenses incurred by building Bhuben Pastor's house at Ladanguri; Suren pastor had re-entered the work and got a full time preacher in his district. To remedy this state of affairs it was decided to cut down on the wages of the full time preachers in Bhuben Pastor's district, where there were far too many in comparison with the other districts, but it should not take effect till the end of the year. The result is that this Church Account has a deficit of close to Rs. 500/-.

A strong protest was launched against making the Grahampur High School co-educational.

Collections are to be taken up among the Christian Boros only for a Girls' High School or Teachers' Training School at Taijoubari.

A Boro is to join Rin-chen Lama in the work among the Bhutanese and Tibetans provided the right man can be found. The expenses involved are to be shared by the three local Church Councils jointly.

BORONI LITERATURE BOARD.

The Committee met only once, but a sub-committee consisting of Rev. H. Halvorsrud, Bhuben Pastor and Mr. Motilal Narjary from the Scots Mission, got together and started revising the Boroni New Testament which is out of print. We still have some copies left here at the Mission, but very few. Meantime, Mr. Halvorsrud has been busy revising the Gospels on his long journey home, and we hope Mr. Malme will bring them along when he comes out, so that we may at least have the Gospels printed soon.

Luther's Small Catechism is also out of print. It has been revised by Bhoben Pastor and should be ready for the Press next year.

The paper situation is better, so we hope to get the Tract, "The Way of Salvation" from the Press some time in January. It is the Scripture Gift Mission that is paying the expenses for this.

Mr. Ole Ledang from Det Norske Lutherske Kinamisjonsforbund has been working on harmonizing our Boroni tunes. We hope this will be completed before long.

GAORANG DISTRICT.

As we took over here only six or seven months ago we are not well acquainted with the congregations of this District. But we have a feeling that the Church is growing steadily. No doubt there have been set backs and unrest in certain localities, but these seem now to be quiet.

Dhumbajhar, a village numbering 14 families with a total of 82 Christian members, who severed their relationship with our church at Motambil more than a year ago, have applied to our Council for readmission. This was granted provided the preacher apologizes and turns over the entire church collection for 1945 to our Council.

The Congregations number 18 and the Christian 2101. 60 heathens and 74 children of Christian parents have been baptized. This goes to prove that the number of converts from among the non-Christian community has been exceptionally high with no less than 18 at Gotaibari Church.

The new pastor seems to be doing good work there as well as in the other congregations under his care. He certainly knows how to take care of his accounts and other work appointed to him. May God keep him and sustain him.

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The Church at Gotaibari, which cost Rs. 2,500/- to build, had a debt of Rs. 530/-. On application to the Secretary this sum was granted in order that they might pay off the debt.

The number of Village Schools is ten. The one at Ghaksa was finally admitted this year. Mr. Dines Goiary has twice visited all our village schools in the Gaorang and Bongaigaon Districts. The standard is rather low and will remain so, I am afraid, until we get more capable and interested teachers.

The importance of Sunday Schools is not understood and much work has to be done in this respect. The same may be said about Confirmation classes. Only one has been confirmed throughout the year if the reports are correct. But there is a good Confirmation class at Taijoubari conducted by Miss Nessel. Confirmation will most likely take place on the first Sunday in February.

11 students have stayed as boarders at the Kokrajhar Christian Hostel, 6 of them attending High School. But conditions are not so satisfactory in several respects. The Council decided, therefore, to move the students to the Bongaigaon Mission where the Boarding House is empty. The students will then be able to attend High School at Bongaigaon,

Church Collections amounted to Rs. 2,501-9-3.

BONGAIGAON DISTRICT.

The number of congregations is 20 with 1852 Christians, Kamrup and Darrang Districts included. 39 heathens and 101 children of Christian parents have been baptized.

A new church building has been dedicated at Ladanguri. Bhuben Pastor moved there with his family and lives now right in the middle of his congregations, no further away than that he may visit all of them even during the rainy season.

Suren Pastor took over the congregations west of the Buri Ai River from the 1st of February.

There has been some trouble at Tukrajhar and Soulmari. This has been settled and we hope it will remain so.

The persecution at Tilapara kept on far into 1945, and the Police had finally to be called in, as the Hindus killed a pig of one and burned down the house of another who wanted to become Christian. A lonely man, who has held out now for two years in spite of opposition and persecution was finally baptized this year. He is the first-fruit of Tilapara and we hope more will follow.

Gandabil, our biggest congregation, which has been weak for some years owing to internal troubles, seems to be awakening. Several of the church members have recently confessed their sins and asked for pardon.

The Boarding School moved from Bongaigaon to Ladanguri some time in March. The number of students at Bongaigaon, which dropped to 14 because of the high cost of living, has shot up to 40 since the school has been moved.

We have 9 Village Schools which are weak as a whole.

We have been spared from any epidemics this year, and our Christians appear to be in good health.

Church Collections amounted to Rs. 1.628-15-9. Apart from this, special collections were taken up for the Naga and Manipur Hills which amounted to Rs. 22-4-0 and Victory Chanda Rs. 25-14-0. These sums have been turned over to the Secretary of the Assam Christian Council and the Red Cross at Shillong respectively.

In closing, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our intercessors and supporters everywhere.

ANNE HELENE & DAVID WESTBORG.

GAORANG GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The work this year has been carried on by five teachers. Florida Boroah left us at the end of March after two years of faithful service. We missed her very much, and the burden fell heavily on the two remaining senior teachers, as it was impossible for me to get a teacher again who could help in the upper classes. Next school year two of our own girls, who are studying in training school, will come back, and then I hope it will be easier for us.

This year the health has been very good both among the teachers and children. Dr. D. Pedersen gave each one a medical examination for which we are very thankful.

The Sunday School has been carried on as usual. On Saturdays we have a meeting conducted alternately by the teachers and the big girls. It is voluntary, and they choose their own subjects for the meetings. Another great blessing was the visit of Mr. S. K. Mondol from the Children's Special Service Mission. He stayed a week, and the children's interest grew keener every day. We all felt the Spirit of God among us, and many took a definite stand for the Saviour.

The Confirmation class is attended by 14 girls

This year we were allotted a grant of Rs. 340-0-0 from the Special War Emergency Grant, and a Maintenance grant of Rs. 50/-. For both, we are very thankful to the Assam Government. Four girls are holding a Primary Scholarship.

The average number on the roll is 60, and the average number in boarding is 38.

Our hearts are filled with thanks to God who carried both us and the work through these difficult war years, and gave us hope for the future. May we be faithful in His service and always eager to carry out His will.

SOFIE NESSET.

TIBETAN AND BHUTANESE WORK.

Thanks to the Lutheran Federation, which gave us a grant of Rs. 350/-, we were able to get through yet another year.

Rin-chen Lama has kept on steadily and faithfully in spite of difficulties and disappointments. His patience has been put to the test, even so much that he some time ago wanted to quit work and move to another locality, because no visible results had become apparent. But Maguram Pastor, one of our Boros, who once was a sadhu himself, comforted him and encouraged him to carry on.

Tibet and Bhutan are stoney fields which need much cultivation before things may begin to grow. Even so, they need the Gospel, and it is our duty to bring it to them, and it should be enough for us to know that the Lord is leading the way and opening closed doors.

As I am writing this report, things look brighter and more promising than they have done for some time.

We tried long and in vain to get Rin-chen a companion and collaborator, but just as suddenly and unexpectedly as we got in touch with Rin-chen Lama himself, so I recently met a Christian Boro named Khogendro Goiary who immediately was willing to join in the work. He speaks Bhutanese fluently. Years ago he suffered from epilepsy and went therefore to stay among the Bhutanese hills where he became entirely well by the cool weather and the medicines he was given. With this additional worker the future looks more promising and a word from the Bible has repeatedly come back to my mind:

“Fear not, but be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things.”

Last Spring Brohmo Sadhu, a Nepali, worked with Rin-chen for some time among the Bhutanese and also among the Nepalis who live at the foot of the hills.

The Bhutanese Authorities are friendly and agreeable. I had recently the pleasure of visiting Minister Shongar Jongpon from Chungkar who is in charge of the Mela or Market at Darranga Hat in Kamrup District this year. He welcomed the idea of our opening a school and dispensary at Dewangiri although it was not in his power to finally decide on the matter. He also invited me to his castle which is situated 6 days' journey beyond Dewangiri.

At about the same time the Magistrate of Dewangiri, Mr. Sang-Tsi-rig and Lama Dorji Demba paid me a visit at Patkijuli Village and asked us to open the said school and dispensary as soon as possible. This will be done when the Assam Government gives its consent.

Epidemics have also this year taken a heavy toll from among the hill people. Rin-chen was called in for help and vaccinated 2500 people at Ambatal and the surrounding villages. As this proved to be expensive, we had to borrow Rs. 150/- from the Bongaigaon Mission.

In the meantime I consulted a Government doctor at the Mela about the possibility of obtaining gratis vaccine from the Government, and he promised to do what he could about it.

Rev. Fossland and I made a survey of Darrang and Kamrup Districts to find out what would be the most suitable place for a new Mission Station. We found that Darranga Hat in Kamrup District, mentioned above in several places, is preferable to any other locality. Here

the Bhutanese and Tibetants come down practically all the year round to sell their goods and to buy necessities to be brought back into the hills. The great Mela at the same place attracts thousands of people during the cold season.

In closing, we want especially to render our heartfelt thanks to the Lutheran Federation for help extended to us during the critical years of war. Thanks also to those who have remembered this work in their prayers.

ANNE HELENE & DAVID WESTBORG.



When the Synod met on the 19th of April, 1945, it was expected that the war was coming to a close, and, filled with hope, the Synod meeting recorded :

“Anticipating that the approval of the Constitution is received from all Home Boards in time, the Synod recommends that a joint meeting of the Maha Sabha and the Missionary Conference should be convened before the the middle of March, 1946, in order to enact and sign the Constitution of our Church.”

The war did come to a close, but normal communications could not be restored at once. When the Executive Committee of the Mission met on the 28th of November, it had to resolve: “Since no information has been received from the Boards in Denmark and Norway regarding the contemplated Church Constitution, the joint meeting of Maha Sabha and Conference, suggested by the Synod, can not now be called.”

Postponements had become desirable for other reasons also. The more detailed working rules for congregations and Church Councils have been under discussion from time

to time. At the same meeting of the Synod, the proposal from the special committee was on the Agenda, and was referred to a new Committee for further revision. Rev. Rosenlund, Convener of this special Committee which was considering the working rules, reported after their meeting in the rainy season, that they had become aware of great difficulties, especially because the property question had entered in.

On the 24th and 25th of July, the Bengal Church Council held its first joint meeting at Nimasarai, and resolved:

“This Council proposes that before a joint meeting of the Maha Sabha and the Conference be held, the Constitution and By-Laws should be agreed to by the Synod and the Conference, and then sent to the Home Boards for their approval. This Council also proposes that representatives of the Home Boards be invited to attend the joint meeting of the Maha Sabha and Conference which is going to enact the Constitution and the By-Laws.”

Because of these considerations and proposals, it became apparent that it was necessary to postpone further action until the vision cleared.

Meanwhile the living Church, which has been established by faith and service, came through the year 1945 also with rich opportunities to proclaim the name of our Saviour. The Christian Community of about 27,000 people gathered in 242 places of worship; 739 children of Christian parents were baptized, and 586 were admitted to the fold by holy rites; 493 were confirmed, and 313 couples were blessed. The total offerings amounted to Rs. 16,999-6-10½. When taken into consideration that this community is to be found in 1,069 villages and in 5,107 families, the great possibilities ahead of this established Church becomes apparent. This is not any more specially nourished ‘Mission-Station-Christianity’; it is the Church militant in its

struggle under the many circumstances encountered in the village life. 505 people were taken off the church register—probably due, in most cases, to non-attendance at church—, and 154 were readmitted to the fold. 569 were buried.

Among those who departed from this world was also pastor Bosonto Dutta, who died at Suri on the 9th of September, 1945, from typhus and pneumonia. He had only five years of service as pastor, but those years proved to be of blessing for the work and, no doubt, for himself also.

On the recommendation of the Boro Church Council, the following two new pastors were ordained at the Gaorang church on the 1st of July :

Maguram Moshahari, for the congregations in North Kamrup and Darrang.

Upendro Moshahari, for the most western Boro congregations north of Haraputa.

The interested reader is invited to study the Statistics also. Some may first look at the total number of Christians and wonder that it should show a decrease for the last three years. This is due to the fact that so many have gone into the war service. Others may start to consider the size of the Christian families. According to the Church returns for 1941, the average turned out to be 5.27 persons per family, and the 1945 figures give 5.16. So there is no great difference when the community is considered as a whole.

Recruiting started among the Santals in May 1941, and during the following years their service was asked for in many quarters and in many different ways. Naturally, our young Santal boys lined up, but notice the results at the home base: While the size of the family among the Boros has increased from 5.67 in 1941 to 6.23 in 1945, and among our Bengali Christians from 4.41 to 4.77, the size of the Santal family has decreased in all areas—in Assam, from 5.63 to 5.50, in North Bengal, from 5.3 to 4.8, and in Santal Parganas, from 5 to 4.71.

Still others, in studying the Statistics, may start to compare the local church offerings, and they will notice differences in the relative amounts. Pondering over this, we have come to the conclusion that, in some areas, leaders and community together have discovered that a devoted Christian life leads to sacrificial giving and that it is stimulated by placing their offerings on the Lord's altar, while in other areas that vision has not yet come.

We are conscious that the work is full of opportunities everywhere, and the reader is asked to join in our prayer for the Church:

"O God, look in mercy upon Thy Church. Protect it, and sanctify it by Thy truth. May Thy Word be taught in its purity and Thy Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Thy Church faithful pastors who shall declare Thy truth with power and shall live according to Thy will. Send forth labourers into Thy harvest, and open the door of faith unto all the heathen and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Thy Church, and grant to them repentance unto life. Amen."

CONGREGATIONAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1945.

STATION	COMMUNITY				WORKERS						MINISTRATIONS				SUNDAY SCHOOLS		EDUCATIONAL			CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND OTHER OFFERINGS		
	Congregations	Villages with Christians	Christians Families	Total number of Christians	Pastors	Elders	Unpaid Elders	Biblewomen	Unpaid B. women	Total workers	Baptized Children of Christians	Baptized Heathens	Confirmed	Married Couples	Teachers	Children	Schools	Teachers	Children	Rs.	A.	P.
Kaerabani	10	77	302	1543	2	7	2	3		14	28	16	80	17	4	91	7	24	501	876	7	1½
Dhorompur	4	16	39	173	2	4	2	2		8	2		2	4	1	16	2	2	31	27	3	0
Dumka	4	35	123	535	2	2	1	3	1	9	11	27	13	10	2	23	5	7	137	501	9	0
Maharo	4	42	137	680	1	5	2	3		11	21	28	15	7	6	169	6	18	399	445	4	1½
Koroya	3	37	104	487	2	2	1	2		7	13	3	2	2	2	22	2	7	137	226	7	7½
Condorpura	9	84	270	1361	5	7	5			17	22	9	22	15	2	30	6	8	186	782	4	3
Saldoha	4	26	86	535	1	2	2		1	8	14	18	6	4	6	88	7	13	192	732	0	10½
Basetkundi	12	98	334	1537	3	8		1		12	22	54	26	8	2	36	8	12	299	268	14	3
Mohulpahari	1	20	79	409	1	2		2		5	3	7	10	6			2	5	142	56	11	3
Tilabani	6	33	86	329	1	5	1	2		9	12	8		3	1	12	3	5	96	207	13	4½
Benagaria	13	88	423	1761	6	6	2	7		21	36	17	35	17	5	110	11	21	470	759	4	10½
TOTAL FOR AREA	70	556	1983	9350	27	50	16	27	2	122	184	188	201	93	31	597	59	122	2590	4,883	15	9
Badhair	9	27	66	305	1	7	3	1	2	14	10	5	3	4	1	5	3	4	115	67	5	9
Khoribar	6	29	69	345	1	6			1	8	10	25	13	4	1	18	1	2	35	112	2	6
Eklakhi	11	29	69	293	1	10	1	4		16	7	13	11	5	4	39	2	5	64	203	5	4½
Rotonpur	9	21	67	348	1	9			1	11	7	3	30	3	1	20	3	4	84	67	7	3
Rautnagar	2	5	23	110	1	2				3	2		5		2	13	2	2	56	15	2	3
Phoridpur	5	7	48	208		5		2		7	8		11	2	2	40	4	5	93	76	14	9
Narayanpur	10	21	80	399	1	10	1	9		21	8	2	8	3	3	59	3	9	136	125	6	3
Taraganj	6	15	41	215		5		1		6	6	16	5				2	2	36	22	8	6
TOTAL FOR AREA	58	154	463	2223	6	54	5	17	4	86	58	64	86	21	14	194	20	33	619	690	6	7½
Santal Colony	4	40	869	5559	4	1	30		31	66	136	22	103	48	16	255	9	25	572	2,893	1	6
Mornai	5	17	156	803	1	3	13		14	31	31	20	30	25	7	210	1	5	121	1,026	0	0
Joema	15	51	258	1374	2	15	4	2	2	25	72	54	31	26	6	80	7	10	151	797	5	6
Santipara	9	22	136	672	1	4	5		4	14	16	9	12	10	5	59	4	4	81	724	7	3
Kamrup-Darrang	6	18	99	481	1	6	3		4	14	15	15		10			1	1	30	321	3	3
TOTAL FOR AREA	39	148	1618	8889	9	29	55	2	55	150	270	120	176	119	34	604	22	45	955	5,762	1	6
Gaorang-West	11	28	235	1429	2	11	13	3	3	32	56	31		21	6	122	5	5	85	1,483	10	3
Gaorang	7	17	114	672	1	7	1		4	13	18	29	1	10	5	70	6	10	172	1,017	15	0
Bongaigaon	13	28	205	1395	2	12			1	15	64	19		23	2	34	6	7	84	1,323	4	6
Kamrup-Darrang Hill Work	7	10	80	457	1	6	1		1	9	37	20		1			2	2	33	305	11	3
TOTAL FOR AREA	38	83	634	3953	6	37	15	3	9	70	175	99	1	55	13	226	19	24	374	4,130	9	0
Dumka	1	7	15	62	1				1	2	2	4		1						73	4	6
Narainpur	14	54	204	959	3	9	11	2	2	27	18	82	13	13	5	106	4	7	124	799	6	6
Suri	1	7	25	121	1					1	8		5	1	1	14				134	14	3
Nimasarai	15	48	115	501	2	13	3	4	2	24	17	20	9	8	2	25	2	3	61	356	14	3
Cooch Behar	6	12	50	308	1	7	4	4		16	7	9	2	2	6	95	9	24	725	167	14	6
TOTAL FOR AREA	37	128	409	1951	8	29	18	10	5	70	52	115	29	25	14	240	15	34	910	1,532	6	0
TOTAL FOR 1945	242	1069	5107	26366	56	199	109	59	75	498	739	586	493	313	106	1861	135	258	5448	16,999	6	10½
" " 1944	238	1022	5038	26584	54	193	127	54	70	498	760	619	415	276	110	1926	121	225	4519	17,865	15	4
" " 1943	235	1000	5190	26981	51	197	123	46	87	502	810	672	525	218	75	1582	112	233	4313	14,314	11	10½

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Auditors' Certificate.

Certified that we have checked the books of the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches for the year ended 31st December 1945 as follows:—

The entries appearing in the General Cash Book have been examined with the subsidiary books and vouchers and, with the exception of the transactions relative to the Saldoha Leper Colony and the Tea Garden Accounts which, we are informed, will be separately audited, we have found to be correct. The Bank Pass Book has been checked and agreed.

We have examined the Zemindary Accounts and have ascertained that all remittances have been accounted for in the General Cash Book.

The Colony Cash Books have been checked as follows:—

Such vouchers as are available have been checked and all remittances from the Mission have been seen to be duly entered, all postings of the Loan Books have been checked and the total balances of loans and deposits outstanding have been agreed therewith.

The Investments of the Indian Workers' Pension Fund as detailed in Cash Book Folio 165 and other Funds as described in the separate Fund Books were verified with certificates from Bankers, Government Securities, Fixed Deposit Receipts etc. and found to agree therewith.

Calcutta,
1st April, 1946.

(Sd.) Lovelock & Lewes
Chartered Accountants
Registered Accountants.

Statement of General Mission Account

RECEIPTS :

	Rs.	A.	P.
To: Balance in hand on 1/1/45	4,348	11	3
„ American Board	66,100		
„ Danish Board	266,118	15	3
„ Norwegian Board ... 266,204 8 1			
„ Messrs. G. Lochen & Co., Calcutta 20,000			
	<u>286,204</u>	8	1
„ Lutheran Federation ...	40,248		
„ Augustana Synod thr. Lutheran Federation	49	6	9
„ Church of Scotland Santal Mission	2,700		
„ Collections by C. of S. Santal Christians	325	11	0
„ Mornai Tea and Tung Estate ...	150,000		
„ Zemindary	7,000		
„ Rev. Oscar Bakke, New York ...	1,647	8	0
„ Miss Henriette Hansen, Thorshavn	665	8	3
„ Dean G. Jacobsen, Kvalboe, Faeroe Islands	598	15	3
„ Miss Gausted, Urenui, New Zealand	26	8	0
„ Kvinnliga Missions Arbetare, Stockholm	400		
„ Lararinnornas Missions Forening, Sweden	312	7	10
„ Government Grant for Benagaria Hospital	7,000		
„ Loan from Passage Fund ...	10,000		
„ Assam Leper & Hospital Fund ...	5,923	0	4
„ Rev. S. Johansen : Paid back on Dentist Bills	200		
„ „ „ Paid on Bills from Norway	100		
„ „ „ Sold car ...	1,000		
„ Bank Interest	39		
Total carried over Rs.	851,008	4	0

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RECEIPTS—*Concluded*

	Rs.	A.	P.
To: Brought forward	851,008	4	0

Total Rs. 851,008 4 0

EXPENDITURE--*Concluded*

	Rs.	A.	P.
By: Brought forward	264,798	10	0
„ Bongaegaon Boro Mission ...	7,380		
„ Tibetan Mission ...	312		
„ Santipara Leper Colony ...	14,290	14	4
„ „ Village Work ...	792		
„ Indian Workers' Dearness Allowances	61,176	9	0
„ Missionaries' Christmas Gift ...	13,650		
„ Placed on Central Obligations Fund	300,000		
„ Refunded Assam Leper & Hospital Fund	15,000		
„ „ Passage Fund ...	10,000		
„ Mission Station Rent ...	1,305	15	4
„ Contribution to Indian Workers Pension Fund	2,400		
„ Pension Contributions for Munshi & Jujhar Pastors	13	15	0
„ Conference, Committees, Travel & Moving Exp	2,518	0	3
„ Civil Surgeons' Fee ...	800		
„ Office & Audit Expenditure ...	1,561	5	0
„ Secretary's Travel ...	1,600		
„ "Pera Hor" ...	400		
„ Stipends for Santals in S. P. ...	1,200		
„ „ „ „ Bengal ...	400		
„ „ „ „ Assam ...	1,200		
„ „ „ Boros ...	600		
„ „ „ Bengalis ...	500		
„ „ „ College Students ...	1,500		
„ Refunded Lutheran Federation Study Help received	1,800		
„ Lutheran Federation ...	145		
„ Bengal Christian Council ...	48		
„ Assam Christian Council ...	60		
„ Calcutta Tract & Book Society ...	5		
„ Santal Literature Committee ...	1,000		
„ Boro Literature Board ...	200		
„ Printing Expenses ...	317	8	0
„ Legal „ ...	79	9	0
„ Benagaria Well Digging ...	900		
„ Gothaibari Church ...	530		
„ Bank Charges ...	51	14	6
„ Balance in hand on 31/12/45	Rs. 708,536	4	5
„ „	Rs. 142,471	15	7
Total	Rs. 851,008	4	0

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Indian Workers' Pension Fund on the
31st December, 1945.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Capital on 1st January, 1945			...	40,342	0	6
Contributions from Members	1,169	14	0			
" " Mission	2,473	11	6			
Nett Interest on Capital	1,149	15	8			
Inc. Tax Refund, 1942-43	256	10	0			
1943-44	270	9	0			
1944-45	307	14	0			
				5,628	10	2
Less Expenditures :						
Paid Pensions ...	4,205	7	0			
Repaid contributions	992	13	3			
				5,198	4	3
				430	5	11
Capital on 31st Dec. 1945	Rs.	40,772	6	5		
<i>Invested in this way :</i>						
1 As Inscribed Stock with the Reserve						
Bank of India, Calcutta :						
3 % Rupee Loan 1896-97, Certificate						
CA 87 Nom. Rs. 19,000/-,						
at cost Rs. 15,928	5	4				
3½% Rupee Loan 1900-1, Cert.						
CA 769 Nom Rs. 3,200/-						
3½% Rupee Loan 1854-55, Cert.						
CA 507 Nom. Rs. 1,200/-						
3½% Rupee Loan 1842-43, Cert.						
CA 473 Nom. Rs. 6,600/-						
3½% Rupee Loan 1865, Cert.						
CA 782 Nom. Rs. 4,000-						
at cost Rs. 14,472	11	0				
				30,101	0	4
2 Post Office Defence Savings,						
Dumka	3,628	3	11			
Add Interest ...				90	11	2
				3,718	15	1
3 On Fixed Deposit with						
Mahadeolal Prabhudayal, Dumka	5,620	13	9			
Add Earned & Accrued Interest	252	14	9			
				5,873	12	6
4 On Savings account with						
Mr. R. J. Himatsingka, Dumka	964	4	0			
Add Interest ...				28	14	9
				993	2	9
5 Cash in hand on 31st Dec., 1945			...	85	7	9
Total : Rs.				40,772	6	5

Indian Home Mission Zemindary Estate

INCOME :

	Rs.	A.	P.
To: Balance of 1944 br. forward ...	140	11	0
„ Rent collections for 1351 B. S. & arrears	8,296	0	0
„ Salami	75	0	0
„ Refund of court costs ...	157	8	3
„ Expropriation fees (Belbuni) ...	2,595	15	0
„ Petty collections	368	0	0
Total Rs.	11,633	2	3

EXPENDITURE :

By: Paid to Mission Treasurer ...	7,000	0	0
„ Khajna to Hetampur & Others ...	691	11	6
„ Legal Expenses	985	9	0
„ Staff & Management	1,428	12	0
„ Sundries expenses	857	9	6
„ Balance in hand on 31/12/45 ...	669	8	3
Total Rs.	11,633	2	3

Book—Sales

INCOME :

To: Balance of 1944 br. forward ...	4,036	5	9
„ From Mission	1,000	0	0
„ From Sales	1,799	7	3
Total Rs.	6,835	13	0

EXPENDITURE :

By: Cost of publications of books paid to presses	3,535	0	0
„ Books bought for re-sale ...	52	0	0
„ Postage & miscellaneous	295	4	6
„ Balance in hand on 31/12/1945 ...	2,953	4	6
Total Rs.	6,835	13	0

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