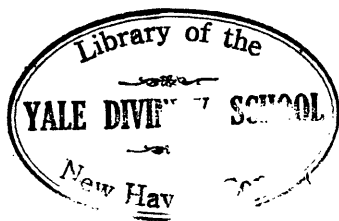


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“Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.” Math. 12, 18—21.

The Apostle who wrote these lines had walked with the “Man of Nazareth”, had heard the sound of His voice when he talked with the individual as well as to the crowd, had seen His acts under the most different circumstances, and — summing up everything — he had come to the conclusion that He was the Messiah about whom the Prophets had spoken. Thus when he was about the difficult task of writing down the Gospel message, the memory he had of His gentleness, His love, His mercy, seemed to him to fit into the prophesy as found in Isaiah, and the words in the 42nd Chapter, 1—4 came especially to his mind. And the Apostle was rich in his faith and in his knowledge. He had seen his Lord and Saviour and gave his testimony.

St. Matthew wrote the words in Arameic, wrote for the home people of the towns and villages of the land of his birth; but the passage he quoted included the vision of the far off surrounding Gentiles. And with fire did he as well as the other Apostles go out to the four corners of then known world to proclaim the good news. To look at the whole thing appeared to be utterly unorganized and

sporadic. Disconnected was their work; but the conviction that He was the Lord was one in all of them, and the knowledge that "He shall show judgment to the Gentiles" and "In His name shall the Gentiles trust" or "hope" urged them on.

The greatest and most destructive war of all time appears to be nearing its end. The enemy is cornered, the final victory is drawing near. But the destruction remains. Much of what was established has become disconnected and unsettled. Difficulties abound everywhere. And fear of the consequences of such terrible destruction causes everyone to shiver and to try to find our remedies how to circumvent the dangers ahead. And so man plan and put wise words on paper.

It is right that man shall strive to reach the best. But our Lord rules. And it is the quality of our conviction that He is the Messiah of all time and all nations that matters most in this our important age. Now the hindering barriers have been levelled down more than at any time before. Now is the greatest missionary age at hand. O come on all ye Apostles of our Lord, don't fear if the advance should look less planned than you like. Have faith in God and dare to proclaim it. He sent Immanuel as our Saviour, the "God with us"

With fear and trembling did we in the Santal Mission enter the year 1944. During the two previous years we had seen changes around us which caused us to fear. We had seen the dwindling value of money, and heard the cry from our workers, and though we set up a "relief budget" of our own, we did not know from where to expect the money. And thus, when we came to the last day of this year also, we could again say: "Praise the Lord for all His mercy". We have come through.

We have experienced the faithful support of our American Board, and the War Emergency Committee of

the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India, and received the continued liberal grants for a number of institutions from the provincial Governments of Bihar, Bengal and Assam, and also a very large special non-recurring grant for the Saldoha Leper Colony when food prices continued to cause difficulty. The Church of Scotland Santal Mission has likewise continued to support the Kaerabani and Maharo schools, and their Santal Christian community has continued to send us their quarterly self-sacrificing offerings. The Royal Norwegian Government in London remembered us with a donation this year also, and so did some individual friends. We are indeed indebted to high and low for so much help, support and encouragement.

Messrs. Norinco Limited, Calcutta, has been the Managing Agents of the Mornai Tea Garden, and even through this year of greatly increased expenditure and labour shortage the garden has given a good outturn and also a fair net surplus.

We came also through the year without any grievous loss to our missionary staff. As nearly all have been out more than what we are accustomed to call a period, we have continued to give some every year an extended stay in hill stations. A few have had to go into hospitals for treatment and have gained new strength.

Mrs. Landoy and little Anne succeeded in getting passage to go home to see their people in America. She had planned to go with the Ostergaard family, but Dr. Ostergaard fell seriously ill and was taken by an American ambulance plane to one of their hospitals. What a relief it was to us all when he was able to return to his family and they all could travel together to their home country. Eric Tromborg had made arrangements for his studies in America, and he also succeeded in getting passage and reached his destination safely.

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A few visits during the year impressed on us the extraordinary vicissitudes of our time. Dr. Ralph Mortenson of the Bible House in China was returning from North America via Argentine, South Africa, India, and he paid a brief visit at some of our stations and sung his song of "World Freedom" which he had composed on board a sailing vessel in the South Atlantic. Shortly afterwards the Rev. Edvard Sovik, Superintendent of the China Mission of the Norwegian E. L. Church of America came here on his way back from the field. He joined us in an ordination service and gave expression to the thought that we were exceptionally favoured in being enabled to carry on the Lord's work. The enemy had entered their field, and they had had to evacuate. And old love to the Santal Mission had taken him aside from Calcutta to the Santal area. A little later Rev. and Mrs. Hoivaag of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission stayed for some days at Benagaria and Maharo on their westward trail. But Rev. and Mrs. O. Karlsen of the Norwegian Missionary Society got more than three months with us before they could go further. Together with their four small children they had just managed to get off from their station before the Japs came there in April. By the end of July they had reached Calcutta, and when we returned from the hills on the 2nd of September they came here. In December they moved to Benagaria in case they should prepare for a longer time in India; but then suddenly they got visas to proceed.

At the time of writing we have heard about other Norwegian missionaries having to leave their stations in China and thinking of coming here. And all this impresses on us the words Rev. Sovik spoke that we are exceptionally favoured in being able to carry on. God grant that we should not show ingratitude in our action!

The Santal Mission of the Northern Churches has throughout these years of war managed to keep up the

church services and other beneficial activities, and in this way also effectively made a stand for law and order where placed. And the Santal name has been taken far and wide by its young sons in the services. In expressing gratitude for the Kaisar-I-Hind silver medal bestowed upon the present writer by the wish of H. E. the Viceroy, I do this as much on behalf of the Mission and the Santal Community as on my own.

We have heard very little from Norway and Denmark, but one piece of news giving us great sorrow has come through. The Rev. Arne Thu died in the Grini concentration camp some time in June. As our Mission friends will know, he was one of our missionaries for a number of years. During his first period he was stationed at Dhorompur, and during his second he was in charge of the Santal Divinity School at Benagaria. At the end of 1934 he retired home and became sogneprest at Vestby, south of Oslo. He was arrested by the Gestapo after his Christmas sermon in 1941, and when death came he had been longer in prison than any other Norwegian priest. Together we published a collection of sermons in Santali, and selected the name "Aboren Babañcaoiç Jisu Masi reañ GOHA PUTHI" i. e. Book of Testimonies about our Saviour Jesus Christ. Now he has given his great testimony for our own people at home. *Requiescat in pace!*

J. GAUSDAL.

WORK IN BIHAR

KAERABANI DISTRICT.

When reviewing the year 1944 I try to keep in mind that the purpose of an annual report should not only be to tell our friends how the work has been going on, but also to tell ourselves the same tale so as to notice our shortcomings. When now going here to specify one of them I am not denying that there are several, but an annual report should not consist of long dissertations. I shall therefore mention the one shortcoming which at the moment is hanging most heavily on my mind

Our Village School work is not what it ought to be. I am not criticizing our school masters. Personally I ought to have done more to help them in their difficult work. The trouble is that my understanding of school work is so small that I hardly know how to help them. The most essential point is that village school masters in their discouraging village surroundings need to be encouraged. But how? We started an experiment with having a school-committee. But the meetings have been few and far between as yet. An idea is dawning upon us that "parents-meetings" should be held in order to get the parents really interested in the work being done by the school master. To start with something must be done to induce the parents to come to such a meeting, tea and parched-rice or now and then rice and curry would have to be served out to them. And our budgets have necessarily in these times been cut to the quick. We need also more equipment for the school rooms, pictures etc. Refresher-courses for village teachers would also need some extra expenditure. Besides all that, we ought to

have more than the four village schools we have got in this large district.

As regards the mission work and the congregational work it should be mentioned that we have during the year got Babhondiha more adequately staffed. Pastor Karan Soren has been stationed there and also a Bible-Woman, Sukhi Marndi. Both these workers have in their childhood been living in this district, and the Santals like to have "their own" people to guide them. Pastor Naran Soren here and Karan in our Northwest corner have both numerous widespread small congregations to attend to. We look forward to getting two additional pastors over here, one for the Southeast corner and one for the far West.

The meetings of our church-council over here have been encouraging. People are getting accustomed to have their difficulties and disputes talked over by "their own" council in stead of having only the paid workers of the mission (among whom I am one) to handle and dispose of such matters. The "Church-idea" is being more and more grasped and kept in mind. That is certainly encouraging.

That a lot of young men have joined services in connection with the war is good and quite as it ought to be. Besides the useful work they are doing in that way, they are having an opportunity of getting their outlook widened and acquiring experiences of "team work" which might afterwards be of great value to themselves and their communities. They young men who after the war will come back and enter, for instance, into school work will be felt a great help towards more efficiency. But here I am talking of something that concerns our whole mission field.

Let me conclude with the remark that I feel confident that the work over here is progressing even if slowly in the right direction.

For particulars I refer to the statistics.

R. ROSENLUND.

KAERABANI SANTAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The food situation in this part of the country was better than in 1943 and the result was that many asked for admission in Kaerabani Schools. We could not take many of them, who in addition asked to be admitted in the Hostel, as we have decided not to increase the number before the financial situation becomes definitely more stabilized. Not many students joined the war service this year, but a rather big percent of the boys get direct or indirect financial help from relatives or friends in the war service.

We are very thankful to have been able to come through one year more of war without cutting the work down.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School (high & middle classes) had 266 students of whom 79 were in the four high school classes and 187 in the middle school section. Divided regarding religion in each class the following statistic shows the proportion between Christians and Non-Christians, and between Santals and Non-Santals:

	San. Ch.	San. Non Ch.	Other Ch.	Hin.	Mohm.	Total.
XI	10	—	1	1	—	12
X	8	2	1	5	—	16
IX	14	—	1	3	—	18
VIII	25	2	1	5	—	33
VII	26	4	—	7	—	37
VI	29	8	1	10	—	48
V	23	16	1	15	—	55
IV	21	8	3	13	2	47
Total	166	40	9	59	2	266

The work in the classes has been carried on faithfully by the staff and the results of the examinations were satisfactory. In the Matriculation examinations under

Patna University 71 % of the candidates passed; 2 of these in second division.

In the middle school examinations 34 students were sent up and 29 passed.

Some changes in the staff have been made during the year, but the greatest difficulty was a typhoid epidemic amongst the teachers' families. We are happy to record that they all came through the illness and that the work in the school did not suffer much because of this epidemic.

The annual prize-distribution took place on the 22nd March, 1944. Mr. Maguire, the then Superintendent of Police, Santal Parganas was so kind to preside, and Mrs. Margarith Robinson of Dumka gave away the prizes.

The Inspector of Schools, Bhagalpur, visited the school on the 1st July 1944, and inspected the classes.

We are thankful to the Government of Bihar for the grant we have received for the High School without which we should not have been able to come through.

GURU TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Training School Class finished its course during the year and 9 guru students appeared at the examination held in Kaerabani as a centre in December 1944. A new batch of students was taken in January, 1945.

We have received with thanks Rs. 600-0-0 in grant from the Government of Bihar.

THE LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The number of students in the Lower Primary School was increased to 130. As in previous years the work was carried on under supervision of Mr. J. Minz.

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

HOSTEL.

179 boys were living in the hostel of which 24 were non-Christians. The life in the hostel went on peacefully. The games and other activities were carried out under supervision of the Games Master. Our assistant teacher, Gora Tudu was living in the hostel block together with the boys and did a very good work in helping the boys to plan for the time outside the school hours in a practical good way. His supervision of the study hours resulted in better school work. His guidance and leadership in the prayer meetings and his devoting his time for the boys as their own elder brother have given them a good help in their Christian life as well as in their daily small difficulties. It is our hope to be able in the future to build a quarter near the Hostel for the Warden and the House father.

We are encouraged by the proof we are getting of the Santal Christian boys bringing a valuable spiritual gift from which they will draw in their later life. We hope that we in the future shall be able to do more to teach the boys to live a Christian life.

THE SCHOOL DISPENSARY.

We had some illness amongst the boys in the Hostel during 1944. In January & February we had cold and 4 pneumonia cases. During the whole year we had a lot of malaria and in April one big boy died from brain malaria. We had also a spell of chicken pox and mumps and in the rainy season we had typhoid fever in the compound but no boy was attacked. Further we had a real epidemic of broken arms.

Babu Mukut Shetal compounder left us to go to his home in Ranchi and we have not been able to get a new compounder and have carried on the work with temporary help.

JOHS. KROHN,

DUMKA DISTRICT.

The work in this area centres in the main round the Dumka station and three village churches.

DUMKA: Our Santal congregation consists of 29 families scattered in 11 villages. The workers have been Pastor Andreas Murmu and Raska Murmu, village headman of Kusumdi, and the Biblewomen, Rebeka Murmu and Randhon Marndi. Part of the year also Pastor Karan Soren and Sukhi Marndi were here; but in May both moved to Babhondia. Our Christians in the Police Lines and in the Offices are less associated with the congregational life than should be desired. A Santal Hotel has been started in one of our houses at Dangalpara. Mongol Soren and his wife are teachers of the L. P. school on the compound, and they have been doing a good work in a quiet way. The women's weekly prayer meetings and their 'cuput canda' system is the strongest expression of the spiritual life of our community.

RANGA: This is such a common village name that this place on the west side of the Mor river is commonly called Chundobha-Ranga. In three villages there are 15 Christian families. Baghrae Murmu has been the leader of this small congregation since June 1941. There used to be a Government village school, but that has closed down, and we have got Baghrae to start a school in the village church.

CHUKAPANI: The school building in this village was built for money said to have been given by a Norwegian authoress. From 1942 we started to have regular Sunday services also in this building and asked our Christians on that side to join up at this place of worship. There are now 19 families in 9 villages in this congregation. Boela is the school master and he takes also the service at times. Muni Hasdak' is the Biblewoman.

DUM: In this place Pastor Simon Baske and his wife Aeno are stationed. Nikodem Marndi and his wife Cura are both teachers of the school. There are 40 Christian families in 14 villages, and since this outstation now has come to lie in one corner of the parish, a new village church in the Kathiajuri-Kajisimal area should be aimed at.

In a total Santal Christian community of 524, 318 are counted as 'adults', and among these 318 are returned as literate in their own language. This comes to an adult literate percentage of 43.

The greatest show of our fellowship we had after the close of the rainy season when we had our "mela" to collect money for the work. For the third time it was directed by the Santals themselves and they managed to get in Rs. 70-5-0. The women's "Cuput canda" amounted to: Dumka Rs. 56-10-0, Dangalpara Rs. 7-8-0, Ranga Rs. 3-11-3, Chukapani Rs. 10-15-3, Dum Rs. 18: Total Rs. 96-12-6.

For ministerial acts see the statistics. But among those admitted to the congregation was one who had been reading in the compound school and got into the police force. Home on short leave he desired very much to become a Christian, and he was baptized on a week-day in his own village.

This year also we have tried to give of our time and service as demand has come. From April to September the Red Cross Central for Santal Parganas was in the Mission House, and the correspondence with Santals in the Companies has throughout been attended to.

INGRID AND JOHANNES GAUSDAL.

DUMKA BENGALI WORK.

Close to the Court Buildings and in the centre of Dumka town our Dangalpara property is situated. The dwelling house for the pastor is a spacious building. The church is small and is all the same as a rule large enough for the congregation, the greater portion of which is so closely connected with the Santal population that it understands this language also. Yet here is a very definite need for this branch of our work in Dumka, but whether the language used for worship in this place will continue to be Bengali, or change into Hindi, the main court language, the future will have to see. Pastor Dhononjoy Jha has continued in this charge.

J. GAUSDAL.

KOROYA MISSION AND ORPHANAGE.

Looking back upon the year 1944 we have not very much of great visible results, different from former years, to write about. But the seed has been sown and the church attendance have many a time encouraged us, as it has been better than the year before. Eight have been baptized from among the heathens and several families, in the same village talks about becoming Christians. Their relatives, who are in war service, have been baptized and that seem to draw them too to Christ.

We have kept on with our weekly meetings and Sunday School. It was a great loss to our village work as well as to the Orphanage, when our nurse and Biblewoman in October had to go to Saldoha for treatment.

But we hope she will get over the disease, as she was not very much affected. Her daughter is trying to help in the work here in her place. In the Orphanage we have at present 21 children. One girl finished her M. E. and one will begin in Maharo training class next year.

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Seven new children have been admitted beside two widowed mothers. It was a grief to us, when one boy suddenly died, probably from brain malaria. Two boys have gone home to their father. We have had much sickness throughout the year, and one little boy developed leprosy and had to be sent to Saldoha.

The work in the school has been carried on as before. Four passed in their U. P. examination and one got his U. P. scholarship.

MAJDIHA.

The work has been carried on by the Pastor and two evangelists.

We had a two days' meeting for the congregation there in February. Kalu Pastor from Chondorpura came and gave the messages. We had two blessed days.

In this place nine have been baptized from among the heathen and five girls have been confirmed.

The school is progressing and 5 passed in their U. P. examination.

We thank God and also our friends, who have enabled us to carry on the work this year too.

LAURA LOHNE.

MAHARO DISTRICT.

One more year has passed, and we are still under the shadow of war. But here we have had another terrible fight in our midst this year, and that through a source from which we would never have expected trouble in such a way. Our pastor had to be dismissed very suddenly, which meant Maharo congregation to be without leader for several months. Happily we had the pastor at Dumbria, John Murmu, who came now and then and stayed several days to help us out. He also baptized a family, who were under instruction and, in spite of all, became Christians.

At last Johon was transferred to Maharo for good, and Bhatore was then the only worker at Dumbria. We are hoping soon to get a helper for him there, though not a pastor.

At Jalwae, a brother of Johon, Paul Murmu and his wife, Raimoth as Biblewoman took charge of the work. We have recently visited them there, and, as far as we can understand, these two seem to be very fit for the work. Also there a family, in the same village, had asked for baptism for more than a year. They did not give it up though things looked very bad for a long time at Jalwae. Mirja had to ask for leave and was pensioned, and there was no leader, until at last Paul was sent there. The family was now baptized, when we visited the congregation for three days. The Christians there were very happy to get the "little brother" of the pastor, who was there for seven years, before Mirja and he changed places to give Mirja one more chance.

At Asanthar, Dhanai seems to be a fairly good worker. A young man has been baptized, but the school he left is suffering, as Samuel does not seem to be very successful, I am sorry to say.

Here at Maharo, we have had the same helper for the pastor, Lodhea, and the same two Biblewomen, Noha and Rani. I think I can say after the year, that Rani is very good. She has not learned very much, but can read, and she wants very much to be used by God.

We try to keep up our weekly meetings for the Christians in the villages round about and a monthly women's offering-meeting here at Maharo.

Johon wanted us to start again a monthly meeting for all our workers, not only with the pastor and his helpers and the Biblewomen, but also for the chosen village lay-workers and the teachers in the village schools. I believe this to be a very good help in the work. We are about 30, if all turn up.

In spite of what had happened both at Jalwae and at Maharo, I think I can say that the church attendance has been somewhat better this year, and the same can be said about church offerings. So we start the new year hoping for God's blessing on us and on our work thanking our friends at home for their help. We know that our friends in U. S. A. have been very faithful which has been seen in several ways. Thank you so much! And we know that our friends in Norway and Denmark, without being able to send their gifts, are still helping us all they can. God bless you all!

D. NIELSEN.

MAHARO GIRLS' M. E. & TRAINING SCHOOL.

When we think about the difficulties round about us, scarcity of food, high prices etc., it seems something of a wonder that we have got through another year lacking nothing. God is indeed faithful and a loving Father, and we praise Him for His love and faithfulness.

We started the year with 220 pupils on the roll, 210 in the Middle School and only 10 in the Training class. We wanted to go back to our former practise of having only one Training class at a time, and we therefore admitted no new girls in our Training class at the beginning of the year. 14 girls appeared at the Middle School Certificate examination last November and 11 passed. One girl attained Distinction in English and also passed with Honours. 2 girls got U. P. scholarships. It is quite exceptional for 2 girls of the same class to receive scholarship. We have heard that one of them stood first among both boys and girls in the district. The other stood first among all the girls. 2 girls appeared at the L. P. scholarship examination, but the result is not yet known. The result of the Junior Teachers Certificate examination is also not yet known. All who appeared the previous year passed.

One of our teachers, Miss Nemlota Modi, left us during the year in order to get married. She had been with us for $6\frac{1}{2}$ years and had done a good and faithful work. We are very thankful to our good staff for all their help in the work.

The health of the children has, as a whole, been quite good. We had some illness, especially after summer holiday, but only 2 girls were seriously ill. We were happy that both recovered.

In February we had Mr. Mondol from the Children's Special Service Mission with us for 10 days. That was a time of real spiritual refreshing, and we believe that many of our girls received help for their spiritual life. There was throughout the year a good spirit among the girls.

In November 25 girls were confirmed. We hope that the time of preparation and "the good confession they made before many witnesses" may prove a blessing to them.

A "Mela" in aid of the Red Cross was also held in the end of November. Mrs. Archer, the wife of the Deputy Commissioner of Santal Parganas, kindly presided and also spoke about the great work of the Red Cross. The profit of the "Mela" was Rs. 180/-.

We are thankful to all who have stood by us with their help and prayer, and we send them all our hearty thanks.

NANCY DIESEN.
EDLE SIGURDSEN.

DHOROMPUR, TILABANI, MOHULPAHARI DISTRICT.

During this year we tried to call together workers from our different congregations to meet here at Tilabani once or twice every month, feeling the need of solving together the problems that always confronts us and seeking to edify each other by the Word of God and strengthening each other through prayer, that we may be better instruments in His hands Who has called us. Since we, before going out to our task, started the daily prayer meeting for us few workers here at Tilabani, we have experienced how He answers prayers, strengthens our courage, and how He has added an increasing number of converts to the congregation year by year in different places. This has been the case with Sarsa congregation where the elder, Philip Hembrom, has been working faithfully. Several were baptized at Sarsa village (24) and at Sidha, an entirely heathen village, four or five families were baptized.

As some of last year's converts are able to read and write they may be of help to us as lay-workers. To encourage them for this we invited them twice to the conventions here at Tilabani, The first was held in January and the second in September at the time of the Santal festivals Sohrae and Dasae. Last time the attendance was about 20. Our hope is that it has not been in vain.

This year we had our first 'Mela' at the end of the year.

The attendance to the ordinary weekly women's meeting and the Sunday school that have been conducted by Mrs. Pedersen has been good.

With the new converts an increased understanding of the necessity to send the children to school has been felt. Philip Hembrom has therefore tried again to start the school at Sarsa beside his evangelistic work, and his wife the

women's meeting there. At Hirapur the work goes on as last year but we feel it difficult to manage the U. P. school with only two teachers. Here at Tilabani we have started a boarding. Sickness amongst the teachers (one was out of work for two months) has hampered the work and accordingly the examination results were not so good as the previous years.

MOHULPAHARI.

The school attendance has been good and the results of the examination too. At Ambajora we feel the need of one more teacher.

As it is only this year we have had to do with Mohulpahari district we have not as yet had occasion to enter into as close a contact with the congregation as we should like, but still we feel some of the problems confronting us, problems that have connection with the villages situated close to the main road, and not least, the two drink shops near by. The church attendance is fairly good and some have this year been added to the congregation, but we feel the need of a revival here as in our other districts, that they may be able to withstand temptations and new ones may be won into the congregation.

On account of Mohulpahari's central situation the big meeting for Christian Santal women was held there this year too, from 23—26 of October, and more than three hundred attended. Another convention was held at the same place in the beginning of March. It was the yearly convention we have together with Benagaria district.

KARIKADOR.

In more than one way things seemed to go wrong there. At the beginning of the year Anpa Tudu died, and the other elder was for several months confined to bed and unable to work. We have not been able to get new workers for Karikador as they are afraid of the place. The

two last months of the year elder Dhano Soren from Dhorompur district visited Karikador every Sunday from his home, and the two successive days the adjoining villages. As the greater part of the congregation is to be found at Babhondi and Pahrudi, situated quite distant from Karikador, the church attendance has not been good, and one layman has therefore assembled the people every Sunday to meetings in the school house at Pahrudi. A tendency to wish to be independent is noticeable there. That we appreciate, although it has not always been for the good.

Another place where we, this year, felt the lack of workers is Amgachi congregation in Dhorompur district. The best working months at the beginning of the year they were still without their own pastor, but as Pastor Bajun Murmu later on returned, they are now better off. From the next year they will have one elder more to help Coron Hasdak' in the south-eastern part of that district. And it is our hope that God will grant us a better harvest the coming year.

For amongst the few converts of two or three last years we have felt a new spirit of witnessing that gives hope for coming days. Our prayers for new workers over there has been answered and God has shown us that He is able to answer our prayers in other ways too, as one possessed boy, whom they had to keep in iron fetters, was healed after the congregation in Amgachi had assembled and prayed for him. The school that was started last year at Nijhor has got a better attendance of children, and at Dhorompur they have started a boarding too. From next year they will have one more teacher.

To Him that is able to supply all our needs through Christ be thanks and honours.

P. PEDERSEN.

CHONDORPURA DISTRICT.

Looking back on the past year we have to admit that again it has not been possible to devote so much time to the district-work as we would like to have done, because of our duties in the Santal Divinity School. There is so much still to be done, both for the Christian and non-Christian communities, still there are many villages with Santals or non-Santals where not even one family has as yet accepted Jesus as Saviour.

We have, however, carried on as best as we could, and even if much thorough supervising has not been possible, we have from time to time visited all the local congregations and taken part in their Sunday-services. The villages near Chondorpura have been regularly visited during the first half year. We have also tried to help the workers as in previous years by gathering them for two days once a month for Bible readings, prayer and consultations about their work.

In the beginning of the hot season the annual convention for Basetkundi, Saldoha and Chondorpura districts was held here. Several hundred Christians came together, and it was a time of real Christian fellowship through which we hope, many received great spiritual blessings.

The staff has decreased from last year because two of our younger elders, Raja Marndi and Joseph Marndi were admitted into the Divinity School. It is with sorrow we also have to report that Bhim Marndi, who was in charge of Amgachi, had to be relieved of his responsibility as elder. We have not been able to replace these three. The teacher, Paul Murmu decided to continue his studies in Kaerabani High School, and in his place was put David Murmu as a temporary teacher at Chirapathor. Otherwise the workers have been the same as last year. Our impression is that they are earnest men, who have

fulfilled their duties to the best of their ability, and we are particularly glad to say that they have all faced the present economic difficulties with patience and loyalty.

There is perhaps no outstanding achievement to report, but also this year a few have been received into the church through baptism, the total number being 53.

Monthly women's meetings have been held, and in conducting these great help has been given by the wives of the students of the Divinity School. It proves to be hard to get the young men gathered for confirmation classes, but classes for girls have been held here at the Mission station, and at Amgachi with a total attendance of 19 girls.

The work in the 5 L. P. schools has been carried on as usual, and it is gratifying to notice that there has been an increase in the number of children reading in our schools. Usually the infant classes are overcrowded part of the year, while the number of pupils gradually dwindles in the other classes, and in fact very few finish even their L. P. We have, however, noticed a change in this, more of the pupils now being eager to read on in the already existing schools, and by the end of the year applications were received to start 2 or 3 more L. P. schools, also to make Chotorchua a U. P. school.

It has not always been easy to be responsible for this big district with nearly 1500 Christians among whom the forces of evil sometimes have been very active in many ways, but it is well to rest in the assurance that the work is not only ours; it is the Lord's and "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. Brethern, pray for us."

Thanks to all friends and intercessors.

ALVHILD & A. E. STRONSTAD.

SANTAL DIVINITY SCHOOL.

We are glad to report that the school was reopened on the 13th of January with a new batch of students, and it was a great pleasure to have with us on that occasion Rev. & Mrs. Gausdal. Altogether 18 students were admitted, but unfortunately one of the most promising ones, Stephan Hembrom from Basetkundi district, had to leave the school shortly after the summer vacation, on account of illness. During the rains several of the other students or members of their families suffered occasionally from pneumonia, dysentery, and malaria, by which they naturally were interrupted in their regular studies.

Of the 17 who have completed the first year, 14 are from our own church, 1 from The Church of Scotland Mission, Bamdah, and 2 from The American Churches of God Mission, Bogra. Of our own students 4 Santals are from Santal Parganas, 1 Mahle from the Bengali section of our church, 2 Santals from Malda-Dinajpur, and the rest, 5 Santals and 2 Boros are from Assam. One of the Santals, James Soren, is an already ordained pastor, who because of the great need for workers in Assam, had been ordained before having had regular Bible training, which he is trying to make up now.

As to their previous education it may be noted that only one has read as far as class IX, 13 have read up to M. E. (Class VII), and 3 of these have also had teachers training. The limited number of applicants and the great need for training of more workers, forced us to accept 3 who had not reached the M. E. standard. All the students had been working for a shorter or longer time either as teachers or elders.

During the year we have gone through the Introduction to the New Test. according to Rev. Thu's book. In Church History the first three centuries have been covered. In New Test. we have introduced as a text-book Greaves'

Life of Christ and the four Gospels (Santali), and we have read upto page 157, which means that we have gone through approximately the first third part of the Gospels. Notes have been given on O. T. history and selected O. T. biographies upto the time of Solōmon. Twice a week we have studied Palestine's geography, and one period a week we have studied Santali grammar and composition. Instruction has also been given in English and song with choir practices.

During the first term the students were taken out on preaching-tours to the nearby villages each friday, and during the second term they have had class practices in preaching, their sermons being reviewed and corrected by the students under the guidance of the second teacher, pastor Kalu Kisku, who has taken an equal share with me in the teaching of the other subjects as well. Some of the more advanced students have occasionally conducted Sunday services at out-stations, and all the students have in turn been responsible for the compound Sunday school. On Sunday afternoons we have had a prayer meeting in the church, and these meetings and the daily morning devotions have been led by the students themselves. A new feature of the school life this year has been the introduction of what the students call 'Divinity Day' This is something like a social evening held once a month with a program and discussions of different subjects of special interest to the future pastors and Christian leaders. The students have been entirely responsible for the program and conducting of these evenings.

Out of the 17 students 16 are married, that means, that every available room in the compound is occupied, and in addition, a small house had to be built to provide shelter for all.

The wives have also had their regular instruction in Bible stories, catechism, hygiene, reading, writing, arithmetic, sewing and song, three periods a day for 4 days of the week, and one day a week they have been out visiting

and teaching the women and children in the surrounding villages. Chundki Hasdak' and Mrs Stronstad have shared the responsibility of teaching the wives. The bigger children of the student families have attended the L. P. school in the compound, and the smaller ones have been looked after by two ayahs while their mothers have been studying.

During Easter vacation Mr. S. K. Mondol of the C. S. S. M. visited us and held special meetings twice a day for 10 days, and in October, Rev. Karlsen, on his way from China, visited the school and gave an interesting talk on 'Chinese mentality'.

The examination at the close of the year gave the following results: 2 obtained over 75 pct. of total full marks, 10 obtained between 50 and 74 pct. of total marks, and 5 obtained less than 50 pct. of total full marks. Rev. Rosenlund, Rev. Gausdal and pastor Khudia Marndi acted as censors.

We do hope that the students may have been growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, and we earnestly pray that they may continue to do so.

ALVHILD & A. E. STRONSTAD.

SALDOHA LEPR COLONY AND DISTRICT.

Another year of war has passed and we are thankful for being able to continue the work here at Saldoha on the same scale as before. This has been made possible by a large non-recurrent grant of Rs. 14,341/- from Government and also by Capitation grant on the increased scale of last year. For these great contributions we are very thankful to Government. We also acknowledge with thanks the continued help of The Mission to Lepers and the special gift of Rs. 250/- from the Consul General of Norway, Calcutta.

During the year 428 lepers were treated as inmates of the Colony and 224 as outpatients. 6 patients were discharged as symptom free and 8 under observation. 21 patients were sent home as improved cases to give room for new applicants. In admitting new patients preference has been given to infective cases.

Besides the ordinary routine work in the hospitals the doctor has also treated a lot of people from the surrounding district. More than 40 cases of kala-azar have been treated. This seems to indicate a great prevalence of this disease in these parts.

The chief occupation of the patients has been agricultural work, and as usual, repair work on houses in the Colony has been done by the patients themselves.

All children attend school, and efforts have also been made to teach the adult patients to read and write. Some succeed every year and a fair percentage of the patients is literate. The spiritual work has been carried on as usual and 17 adults have been baptised.

The outstanding event in the social life of the Colony was a "mela" which took place in November. A good programme had been arranged and the patients thoroughly enjoyed it. They brought a variety of gifts for sale, such as brooms, rope, bedsteads, stools, spoons etc. all made by the patients themselves, besides eatables of different kinds. The net income was Rs. 68/- which was given as a contribution to the Mission work amongst Santals in Nepal.

The District work has also this year been carried on by Ruben pastor and his helpers, 1 elder and 2 Biblewomen. Confirmation classes both for boys and girls have been in existence and 6 have been confirmed. The Sunday School has had an average attendance of 40. Women's meetings have been held regularly every Thursday.

At Musnia Gomid Marndi is continuing the work. 9 have been added to the Christian community in the year under review.

The schools in the district are the same as last year, i. e., 3 village schools and the U. P. school here at Saldoha.

In closing we thank all who have remembered us in prayer.

JOH. JOHANSEN.

“PERA HOR.”

During the year 1944 Pera Hor has been printed in 2800 copies. There has been a big increase in the number of subscribers, in fact, the biggest in any single year of its existence. Last year we printed the paper in 2400 copies, so approximately 400 have been added to the list.

The Paper Control (Economy) Order of June this year made drastic reductions in the paper quotas allotted to periodicals, such as Pera Hor, but we are happy to report that by special permission from Government we have been allowed to continue printing it regularly. Only one issue i. e., the 15th September number, did not appear.

After several years of deficit we have been able this year to make both ends meet. The cost of publishing and printing 1 copy of the paper has been Rs. 0/11/6. Single subscribers pay 12 annas, but most of the copies are sent out in packets at the reduced rate of annas 10 a copy. A subsidy from the Mission of Rs. 400/- was needed to make it possible to distribute copies at the lower rate. Subscriptions etc. came to approximately Rs. 1,830/-.

Mr. Nunku Soren has also this year been the assistant editor and has given very valuable service.

JOH. JOHANSEN.

BASETKUNDI DISTRICT.

There is one strong point in Christian life and service that specially impresses one and comes to the foreground on occasions like this, when reviewing another year passed, that is *gratitude*. One can't help feeling that the Lord has been immensely good. And this is not put up as a phrase ; it is a fact that brings to one a new inflow of courage—to face the tasks ahead, old and new, that the new year brings with it.

The workers that have been in charge of the twelve local churches scattered over this mission district are now ten only, since one elder left at the end of June to settle on his land. For the whole year two of the churches have had no elder or pastor in their midst. Since year before last efforts have been made to make the local Christians take an interest in the life and services in the congregations of these two places. So far our attempts have failed. In the small Kormo church a Govt. Christian teacher was offered the whole year's collection of that congregation together with the additional amount from the Mission for leading these local fellow-Christians in Sunday Services. But he failed to understand why he should not be put on the list as a Mission worker with a monthly pay. In the other place, Rajpakur, the brethren rather chose to take on the burden of putting up a new house for a prospective elder than having one from their own midst to lead their services and now expecting the Mission to complete it (roof, doors, windows) and to supply the man. Both these churches have been looked after with Sunday services and occasional visits, respectively from Baromasia and the main station here.

More instances could be mentioned showing how far we are short of the goal as yet. The Apostle points to the right thing when saying to the Christians in Rome : “— it is high time to waken up, for Salvation is nearer

to us now than when we first believed” The goal is nearer, but that fact faces us with a great need: *awakening*.

A few families have also this year been taught and prepared and guided into the new life and fellowship with the local Christians. This is the usual job the elders and pastors have got to do, but besides that they have to make efforts to enable these new believers and also the old ones to keep steadfast in the midst of most trying circumstances. So when we, sometimes, are faced with disappointments, we have to be very careful in judging, and try to understand the real conditions.

Besides their regular duties in their respective local churches, the workers have this year been actively engaged in continuing our fight against oppression and extortions among the people by Rent Collecting Agents. We are glad that when we, early in the year, were called upon by the Government Authorities to look into and report on these troubles prevailing for years under a Receivership of the Zemindary in this area,—that we then responded to this call, and did it unreservedly. We were engaged for months in collecting reports and bringing out the real facts and the workers spent considerable time and energy in this undertaking. It is notable to what extent the people in common after all look to our Christian workers and other educated Christians as their real leaders and show their respect and confidence.

This year we did not manage to arrange the Bible Course for the elders and pastors, although earnest attempts were made. Neither did we succeed in arranging for a Refresher Course for the teachers in the hot season. And to call in young Christians from the congregations for Confirmation Class here has also been on our hearts, feeling the need for and importance of such arrangement, but we found no opportunity for having it realised. It had to be left to the pastors and elders in their local churches to undertake it this year also.

These facts mentioned are just a few of the failures and shortcomings that we have to admit. And, believe us, in doing so we do feel the burden of it. But for a Christian messenger, being out in a field full of many tasks, when reviewing things, he comes to the same conclusion as that great missionary, the Apostle Paul: "Not that I have already attained, but I press forward ... forgetting what lies behind"

As regards schools, we have now only seven village schools. Four of these have been run by untrained teachers with a smaller pay. Six of these schools had children in for annual examination of 2nd and 3rd class pupils here in December. In our compound school we have now in the year opened up 6th class, 1st year of M. E. School. We have for some time been preparing for this after receiving an application for same in July. It has also been recommended by the School Authorities. The Santal population in this area is contributing to have a complete M. E. School raised next year

The Adult Literacy centres, that we managed to start in February and March, more than fifty in all, were run for several months up to the rainy season entirely by voluntary teachers. But we are sorry that we have not succeeded in having them started again after the field work. Still we are determined that in the course of February next the work in these reading centres shall be taken up again, as we consider this to be a very important task.

So in submitting these lines we want to thank all friends for their share in making it possible for us to carry on the work in this rich and hopeful part of the land of the Santals.

ASTRID & HALFDAN KIPPENES.

BENAGARIA DISTRICT.

The Lord has graciously allowed us to work in His vineyard for another year. As we look back on it, these words come to our mind, "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits". We admit that we have been lacking in wisdom and ability in so many ways. The Lord has, nevertheless, permitted us to carry on here on this mission field and kept His promise: "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" He has set before us an "Open Door" where we may go in and out and find pasture and "Open Door" where we may go out and proclaim the Good Tidings to "all that labour and are heavy laden"

CONGREGATIONAL WORK :

We have no big progress to report. But here and there some have listened to the Word of God and asked for instruction. Fortyseven persons from amongst the non-Christian Santals have been baptised and admitted into the congregation. This is the same number as last year. Fortyfive children of Christian parents have also been baptised. Last year the number was fortysix.

Of the new Christians nineteen persons live in BEDIANAGAR AND SAHARDANGA in the Burdwan District. Previously mission work in these places was done by the Church of Scotland Mission of Kalna. Sometime ago a request came to us to take over the supervision of these places. The matter was brought up at the meeting of the Santal Christian Council at Pakur. The request was supported by the S. C. C. and since that time we have had some of our workers visit the Christians there. Pastor Peter Murmu of Beldanga usually goes there once a month.

This new work by us, in a way, point to a big field. At present we are the only Mission, as far as I know, doing work among the Santal population from Benagaria

district all the way down towards Burdwan. We have, of course, been able to do very little, but there is an urgent call from this whole area to give them the Gospel. Not that the people in the district call on us to come, although a few emigrant Christians have done so. But this big field with so many Santals who have moved down from the Bihar area is a strong urge without words to start effective mission work where the doors are open.

A series of special meetings were conducted here at Benagaria in the middle of November by Mr. S. K. Mondol of the "Children's Special Service Mission." The attendance was good and people listened eagerly. We felt that Mr. Mondol's messages went right into the hearts of our people and we believe that God used the messages of His servant to give His blessings to us. We are very thankful to Mr. S. K. Mondol for visiting us.

The working staff is the same as last year with a few alterations. Mohon Hembrom of Sulunga has been appointed as an helping elder at Gamarpahari. Musuc' Marndi has been appointed as elder at Narayanpur

At Belbuni outstation the work has been carried on this year also. But in the new year—as this is being written—we have started to make new houses for an outstation at Adolphahari which would be better situated than Belbuni for our work in that part of the field.

SCHOOLS :

We have tried to carry on with the Village Schools to the best of our ability—although we are far from satisfied with the progress. We think it is of great importance to meet the children with the Gospel and make them able to read their Bible and Hymn Book. During the year 11 village schools were working with 12 teachers and 248 pupils enrolled. 169 appeared for the examinations and 127 passed.

The U. P. SCHOOL for boys and girls here at Benagaria has done very well. There were 7 teachers and 162 pupils on the roll. 145 appeared for the annual examinations and 101 passed. We are thankful for the monthly grant of Rs. 60/- from the District Board for this school.

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL :

The work in the two sections of this school has been carried on under the same difficult conditions. Still we have been able to keep the school going and we hope to continue in the new year. We tender our thanks to Government for the annual grant of Rs. 2800/- and to the D. B. for the monthly grant of Rs. 8/- toward an Evening L. P. School.

THE PRINTING PRESS & BOOK-SALES DEPT.

This has been our slackest year in the press for more reasons than one. Not that we lacked work, but the introduction of the new "Paper Control (Economy) Order of 1944" in the middle of the year made it nearly impossible for us to undertake any printing projects requiring new supplies of paper, and even resulting in irregularities in the publications of our two Periodicals, "Pera Hor" in Santali and "Bongo—Bondhu" in Bengali. It seemed for a while as if these publications would have to be sooner or later discontinued, but after months of negotiation through correspondence and by personal interviews we are happy to be able to report that we have been permitted to continue publishing these with some limitations.

Although we are not permitted to undertake any printing work on a large scale owing to shortage of paper, yet we hope to be able to do some of the most needed works with our fixed quota of paper in the new year.

The Book—Sales dept., on the contrary, has done very well and the sales income amounted to Rs. 3278/12/- which is an increase by about Rs. 1150/- over that of

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the year 1943. The usual grant of Rs. 1000/— from the Mission was received.

ZEMINDARY :

The work in the Zemindary has been carried on as usual and the annual rent collections amounted to Rs. 7977—9—6. For a detailed account please refer to the account appendices.

In closing, we send our greetings to all friends who have remembered us in prayer and supplication and made it possible for us to carry on the work.

LOLLY & K. TROMBORG.

BENAGARIA CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

The work at the hospital has been carried on as usual during the year 1944 in spite of various changes.

Dr. Ostergaards got permission to try to get home during the year. They were booked to go in the latter part of June, but that had to be postponed due to serious illness of Dr. Ostergarrd. We are glad to report that he was well enough to travel by the end of October and we have welcomed the news of their safe arrival in their homeland. We hope they will soon regain their strength there.

It has been impossible to secure the permanent help of any doctor to take the place of Dr. Ostergaard, so the burden of the medical side of the work has been more or less on Dr. B. Chatterjee, with one of the old Compounders helping him seeing patients in the out-door department. We are glad to have the help of Dr. Mrs. Q. Snook M. B., B. S. during the three winter-months.

The number of in-door patients have steadily increased during the last years, the highest yet being in 1944 when we had 1,483 admissions. The out-door attendance for the year has been 34,163 of which 4,115 were visits to our Leprosy Clinic held twice-a-week.

Operations : Major 287, Minor 1013, Total : 1300.

Confinements : Normal 31, Abnormal 11, Total : 42.

MAJOR OPERATIONS :

Eye	113	Others	25
Glands & Tumors	14	Gyn. & Obstetrical :	
Bone & Joint	8	Hysterectomy	3
Abdominal	3	Oophorectomy	6
Para-rectal sinus	3	Suspension	3
Plastic	4	Fibroma	2
Hernia repair	16	Forceps Delivery	5
Hydrocele	73	Others	9

The year 1944 also saw the forming of a Hospital Managing Committee with three members elected by the Missionary Conference, 2 members elected by the Santal Church Council and 1 by the Bengali Church Council. The Secretary of the Mission is Convener and the Hospital Superintendent, ex-officio, is Secretary of the Managing Committee. We welcome this new project and hope that it will prove a real help in the management of the hospital. One meeting has been held during the year. The present members of the Committee are : Rev. J. Gausdal, Rev. S. Johansen, Rev. K. Tromborg, J. Johansen Esq., Mr. K. Ghose, Mr. Bihari Murmu and Rev. Sodayondo Baske.

The evangelistic work in the hospital has been carried on as in previous years, though the need of having a Santal preacher is felt more and more.

We wish to extend our thanks for the following grants and donations to the hospital received during the year : To the Government of Bihar : Rs. 7,000 for Maintenance ;

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Bihar Leprosy Relief Committee : Rs. 105; The Deputy Commissioner, Mr. W. Archer, I. C. S. : Rs. 225 for Hospital Equipment, and for general fund from Mr. R. Martin, Dumka Rs. 300.

We also wish to thank Rev. S. Johansen and Rev. Sotanondo Baske for their help with Bible classes for the Compounders since Dr. Ostergaard left.

Most of all, we thank Our Lord and Master Who has been with us from day to day and given the necessary strength and courage and means to carry on the work. May it be to His Glory!

On behalf of the Managing Committee,

E. KROHN
HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENT.

WORK IN BENGAL

NARAINPUR BENGALI WORK.

Our main efforts during 1944 may be characterized by one word—consolidation.

Consolidation of the new village-congregations especially, was felt both necessary and important. Important because the aim of all missionary work is to build an indigenous Church, strong enough to face any situation and with sufficient evangelistic fervour to grow continually.

Necessary, because a rather rapid advance into new communities and new areas had made the old arrangements for Church-services and shepherding of our Christians inadequate. The urgency of this problem became acute after the famine of 1943 had scattered many of the new Christians and brought want and suffering into the homes of our workers.

Since we came here to Mohulpahari we have been in more intimate contact with the majority of the new Christians. Most of them are now able to attend regular Sunday services held at places of worship, under a tree or in small village Churches.

A new Church building has been dedicated at Kusumba (near Saldoha) where the need of it has been acute for years. Church buildings have also been started at Karudi and Jamkandor, and land has been bought at Muraroi.

Babu Daniel Jha, an experienced and tried worker of our mission, was ordained as pastor. He speaks both Bengali, Hindi and Santali and is well qualified to take

care of the strong, growing congregations of Baniapasar & Karudi.

By re-grouping of the workers it has been possible to arrange for more adequate shepherding of the new Christians and to organize new congregations.

In these congregations the religious life seems to have grown considerably and some fallen Christians have returned and restored their fellowship with the Church. May God Himself strengthen them and build His Church of the future.

The following table shows the distribution of the Christians by race :

IN BIRBHUM :

<i>Congregations</i>	<i>Bengalis</i>	<i>Mahlis</i>	<i>Santals</i>	<i>Total</i>
Suri & neighbourhood	118	—	13	131
Rampurhat	63	—	18	81
Nalhati	12	9	—	21
Muraroi	71	—	—	71
Madhabpur	19	—	—	19
Narainpur	31	—	—	31
Total	314	9	31	354

IN SANTAL PARGANAS :

<i>Congregations</i>	<i>Bengalis</i>	<i>Mahlis</i>	<i>Total</i>
Benagaria	77	—	77
Jamkandar & Mohulbona	5	61	66
Asanbani & Tilabani	27	24	51
Baniapasar	44	178	222
Saldoha & Kusumba	38	53	91
Latakandor	—	90	90
Total	222	428	650

The evangelistic work has been carried on as usual and the response to the Evangel has been good.

IN BIRBHUM :

The movement among the Muchis of Muraroi is continuing, mostly underground. Some Muchis have made public confession of Christ and been baptized this year. Internal difficulties, slowing down the movement for some time, have been cleared away, and the prospects are good again.

Nalhati has for years been a hard field, but a new opening this year gives us some hope. A few Namasudras from the nearby Gopalpur village have been baptized and a further ingathering from this caste seems probable.

The baptisms in Birbhum are as follows :

<i>Congregations</i>	<i>From heathen</i>	<i>Children of Christians</i>
Muraroi	8	3
Nalhati	3	0
Rampurhat	0	2
Narainpur	0	2
Total	11	7

These new Christians are by origin: Muchis 8, and Namasudras 3.

IN SANTAL PARGANAS :

The Mahlis are still on the move towards Christianity. In a few villages practically all of them have become Christians. Invitations to start work in new villages have been received, and we hope to get time and workers to follow up the movement into these places. Even the Mahlis living in Burdwan, Murshidabad and other places beyond the border of our mission field are calling and want to become Christians. Some of the Mahli leaders expect that the whole tribe may become Christian in future. There are now 437 Christian Mahlis in our congregations; 9 live in Birbhum and 428 in Santal Parganas. This district seems to be their home—the centre being probably somewhere

to the north-east of Dumka. In the north-western part of the field they speak their own language which is related to Santali, but full of Aryan words. At the centre they have preserved some of their tribal customs, but are even there more Hinduized than the Santals. To the south-east the Hinduisation and use of Bengali increases until this process seems to be complete and the tribe has become a "depressed class" within the Hindu society using Bengali only.

A new movement has recently started among the Jadupatias. They earn their livelihood by making utensils etc. and have been trying to form a religion with elements from both Hinduism and Islam. Some families have become Christians this year and contacts have been made in several villages.

Also among other tribes and castes of Santal Parganas the response to the Gospel has been encouraging.

The baptisms in Santal Parganas are as follows :

<i>Congregations</i>	<i>From hea then</i>	<i>Children of Christians</i>
Benagaria	0	2
Latakandor	1	6
Baniapasar	23	4
Karmataur	4	2
Mohulbona	8	2
Asanbani & Tilabani	12	0
Saldoha & Kusumba	9	4
Total	57	20

These new Christians are by race or caste origin : Jadupatia 25, Mahlis 23, Dhubis 6, Kamar 1, Teli 1, and Ghatwal 1. Compared with previous years the baptisms of Mahlis are on the decrease, but baptisms of Bengalis on the increase, Neighbouring Santals too have been influenced by the witness of the new Christians. In one village at least the whole population may move towards Christianity.

The work this year confirms the impression that there are good prospects for an advance among non-Santals too in Santal Parganas, and that there is an urgent need of a new mission station in a central place in this district.

Let us thank God for this opportunity and ask for His guidance in future.

With thanks and hearty greetings to all friends of our mission.

SOLVEIG & SIGFRED JOHANSEN.

NARAINPUR MISSION GIRLS' SCHOOL.

When the school started in the beginning of 1944 the Johansens were moving out and I took over the school from them. As the staff of teachers was insufficient it was decided to appoint one more junior trained teacher. Miss P. Dutto, who had just finished her training in Maharo, applied and was accepted as 4th teacher from the beginning of Febr. But in the meantime the head mistress, Miss P. Patra left the school; so again we were one teacher short, and it was a serious handicap throughout the whole year that we could not secure any Matric, Senior-trained teacher. However, the school was carried on by the faithful endeavour of the remaining three teachers.

At the end of 1943 the school, for the first time, sent candidates up for the exam at the end of class VI, two for the M. E. and one for the M. V. Only the two who sat for the M. E. exam passed; one of these got a scholarship. The four girls who sat for the Primary Final Exam, all passed in Ist Div. with English.

Again this year 3 girls were sent up for the exam at the end of class VI, two for the M. E. and one for the M. V. The results of the exams are not yet known. Two girls sat for the Upper Primary Final Exam and both passed in I Div. with English.

The number of pupils in the school greatly increased. There were 65 on the roll in the beginning of the year. The number dropped somewhat after the summer vacation as several girls failed to return.

We are indeed very thankful for a year full of happy work, for faithful service of co-workers and for the knowledge that an opportunity is given here to the girls of the Bengali Christians to get better fitted to go back to their own community and serve it and act as leaven for the good. We only ask that we may become better fitted ourselves to be more useful co-workers of God in His work here.

I. MALMSTROM.

NIMASARAI.

1944 will have to be called a difficult year in our work here. So we thank God that He has brought us well through it now. The famine of last year has ended and the economic conditions are now far better. It is true this is now the fifth year we have had far less than normal rain in this district, particularly in the middle part of it, so the water level in tanks, wells etc. is now very low indeed. Still the harvest this year is not so bad. But very many people are still suffering from the after effects of the famine. Prices are very high, so it is difficult to buy clothes as well as household utensils, bullocks, etc., that had to be sold for food last year and also to repair or rebuild houses left damaged since then. And many people are physically weak from undernourishment during the scarcity and thus very easily succumb to various diseases. Through the Bengal Christian Council Relief Fund we have received money and clothes (from friends in America) for distribution among the most needy (in all about Rs. 3000/-). Most of that had to be spent among the Christians. The local authorities have supplied us with some malaria medicine for gratis distribution.

The physical weakness affected our mission workers seriously. Nearly all of them suffered from prolonged illness for months. So the mission work may almost be said to have been at a standstill for a long time. Perhaps that is why the number of baptisms is lower than for several years past, namely a total of 25 only, of which 8 were children of Christians. Not a few have died and more of the Christians have scattered in search of work and food, so we hardly know where they are, or whether they may come back here. For that reason our statistics of total number of Christians are very uncertain and more likely to have decreased than increased.

On 16. 7. 44 *Horku Babu* (Hiskia Horoknath Pramanik) was ordained pastor. Shortly after he moved to English Bazar as preacher in order to act from there as the pastor of the congregations east of the Tangon river. Unfortunately he has been ill all the time since and is still very weak. In his place *Lokhon Chondro Konai* has come to *Eklokhi* as a "student-preacher" *Mrs. Premlota Khan* with her assistant *Phulmoni Nag*, has moved from there to Nimasarai, where they are continuing their work as Biblewomen. *Johon Choron Sonkata* has moved to Potra trying to continue and develop the work there.

Two young men have been helping one another to run the school at Nimasarai. A number of boys returned to the hostel here after the worst of the scarcity was over. The same is the case with the two other hostels for (Santal) boys at our Santal stations in North Bengal. Some of our preachers (or "students") are still very poorly equipped for their pastoral work in the congregations they have to look after, and for preaching to those outside. In order to help them with their Sunday sermons we have during the year printed short sermon outlines for each Sunday beforehand in our monthly "*BONGO BONDHU*".

As in previous years I have had to take part also in the Santali work in these districts, paying visits to

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some of the Christian Santals (mainly) and their pastors and receiving them on visits here for various consultations, taking part in meetings and committee and Council deliberations with them as well as in their successful convention at Potra Mission in March—and attend to the daily correspondence with them and more.

Also I have, as usual, spent a few periods during the year on visits to Cooch Behar and the Swedish Mission there. Thus I am conscious of a feeling of having largely failed or having succeeded in doing only a very small fraction of the work for which there were opportunities and open doors in this extensive field.

H. P. H. KAMPP.

EKLAKHI SCHOOL AND MISSION.

Famine, the whole world over, is usually followed by epidemics, so also in Bengal, and we suffered our share of it. First a very severe kind of measles with complications, and then severe cases of dysentery followed. Miss Pedersen worked day and night, together with the nurse, teachers and the girls from the practical class, to alleviate this condition.

Since the Mission began at Eklakhi, none have died in the boarding or in the compound, until this year, when three children died, one of dysentery, one of malaria and one, a tiny new-born, too weak to live.

The number of children in the school has never been so high as this year, though the average number does not show it. Many children did not come back after the vacation, but this was partly offset by new pupils. Some rumours about the school was spread by the father of a pupil, and that kept a group of girls from returning. Some of this group wanted to return so badly that they came alone all the way from Khoribari District.

The average number in the Primary School was 54 and in the Practical class 9. Six from the Primary School went up for the Government Scholarship examination. All the older girls who wanted to be confirmed were instructed for several months, and on the last Sunday of the school term, 11 girls were confirmed and one girl baptised. The same day one family working in the compound was baptised.

The Government has been liberal giving dearness allowance to the teachers and besides that an additional grant. From the Relief fund working through the Bengal Christian Council a generous gift was given to all poor, who needed clothes, brass plates and bowls.

The school gardens where the girls before had flowers only, have been changed into vegetable gardens, where they grow vegetables for the boarding. The benefits derived from this change are twofold, firstly, the vegetables grown are a welcome addition to our fare. Secondly, it has given the girls practical experience in raising fruits and vegetables.

In spite of sickness, trials and death we have much to be thankful for. During all the tribulations the workers in school and compound have done their share in the work for "His Kingdom." For one week in November the whole school and all in the compound went out in groups to preach the gospel to all the heathen in the surrounding villages, and did it very zealously.

Through this we should like to thank all, who have helped us to get all we needed, and for faithful prayrs.

E. LOWE.

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

When we reported about this work last year, Bengal had passed through a year of famine, a time when even the ordinarily well to do rayot of the soil became empty-handed. And the year 1944 was the year of the after-effect of that great calamity. In our small Christian community in this entirely rural area the church returns show 60 cases of death, about three times as many as during the normal years before the famine. Another major thing to note about the year is that Santals from this area also have joined up in different types of war service, and thus many of the young men are far away from their homes and their congregations. By doing so the Santals have received more attention from Government also; Special Officers knowing their language have been set apart to deal with their problems. In the district of Dinajpur a special Educational Committee has been formed where our old and pensioned Pastor Jalpa Soren also is appointed a member. This is for the good, and the Santals well deserve this reward for their active loyalty.

BADHAIR :

There are 10 small congregations in what the Santals call the Barin country, and Pastor Budhrai Hansdah has continued as their leader. The total Christian community does not quite reach 300, and there are only four schools with about 100 children. The pastor complains that some difficulty has been caused by the former pastor of this area. He had to be relieved of his work on account of drink, and now he tries to interest others, said to be Adventists, to work here—but I really do not know how much there is in this.

KHORIBARI :

Pastor Simeon Murmu was permitted to take over the work in this area because he is nearing the age of being pensioned, and he has land and house in this village. There are in all five village congregations with a total number of 318 Christians. The school at Khoribari has not been flourishing, as it used to be some years back.

POTRA :

Pastor Gulu Murmu is constantly complaining that Potra is not the suitable place for the Santal pastor to live in. There are in all ten congregations in his charge, and the biggest consisting of 20 families is in Rotonpur village. Three schools with 76 children are reported.

EKLAKHI :

Jonas Hansdah took over the work at this place from the beginning of the year, and after a short while a petition was received that they wanted him ordained as pastor. This was done on 16th of July at Dumka when Superintendent Sovik from China also happened to be present and took part in the service.

RAUTNAGAR :

Pastor Mongol Kisku is getting old, and he has been ill part of the year, and therefore there is not much to report from this place.

PHORIDPUR :

The Pastor of this area, Modhu Sudon Kisku, has not been in the service at all. He has been with his father-in-law where his wife had been taken when she fell seriously ill. The Narayanpur pastor has occasionally paid a visit to the place and tried to shepherd the flock.

NARAYANPUR :

Pastor Suphol Hembrom took over at this place at the beginning of the year. He is a young and able person,

and that is certainly needed when 15 village congregations has to be looked after. Apart from the Narayanpur school with about 100 children there are four more village schools with 60 pupils.

For more information about the Santal work on the North Bengal plain the reader is referred to the congregational statistics at the end of the report.

J. GAUSDAL.

COOCH BEHAR.

When we look back upon the last year with its many difficulties, sickness, shortage of workers etc. we can only praise God who has carried us through. "His mercy endureth forever"

In the spring we had a very severe epidemic of small-pox in the town as well as in the whole of the State. This made the evangelistic work very difficult. In fact it was a test of faith which, sad to say, many of our workers failed to pass. It is easier to believe in the protection of God while sitting in the house than while going out and in amongst the sick ones. By the relief money we received from Sweden we were able to help many sufferers. Miss Martensson who has great experience in this kind of work from her time in East Turkistan had many patients to nurse during that time.

This year we have felt very much that we need more workers. In Nov. our Biblewoman, Amy Ghosh, retired with pension. Being one of the orphan children adopted by the mission during the famine of 1901-1902, she had grown up here and served as a Biblewoman more than 25 years. We miss her service much. In her place we have got a young widow, Mridusila Das, who is still under training. May she turn out to be a faithful servant of our Lord.

One evangelist left us in Oct., but we have not as yet got anybody in his place. We do pray that God may send workers in His harvest.

On the 25th-26th of March we had a great occasion while we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of our Homeboard. Many came in from the outstations to join in the Church service as well as to take part of the feast for the occasion. During one of the meetings testimonies were given by some of the older workers. They expressed their thankfulness for what K. M. A. in Sweden has done and is still doing in this area

The number in our Garo as well as our Boro congregations has decreased much. The scarcity of food has forced many to seek a new place of living. Some non-Christians have moved into the Garo colony and we had the joy of baptizing six of them during the year. Let us pray that more will come forward and decide for Christ.

In Nov. the High school celebrated its 20 years' jubilee. His Highness of C. B. favoured us by presiding at both the prize distribution and annual sport. It is a great disappointment for us that we have not as yet succeeded in getting a new Christian Headmaster for the School. The post has been vacant more than a year. During this time two men were appointed and had accepted, but just at the time of joining they cancelled their coming. This uncertainty is very trying and, of course, not good at all for the school. We therefore pray that God may soon send us the right man.

E. PIHLQUIST.

S. MARTENSSON.

WORK IN ASSAM

SANTAL COLONY.

*"Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for
thine inheritance"* *Psalm 2: 8.*

It is only through faith in Him, Who promised to give unto those who ask that we can look on the work with a fair degree of optimism. Evil forces served by nominal Christians as well as by non-Christians have shown themselves strong and increasingly bold. Much human weakness has been apparent and of many Christians it might be said, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" We sometimes wonder if the testing by fire as experienced by the churches in Europe and elsewhere will be required to bring new life into being among us. May God in His mercy visit His people and lead us all into His paths.

The work in the congregations has been in charge of the same Pastors and their assistants as last year. They have worked faithfully.

Two young men from the Colony, Chatur Soren (younger brother of James Pastor), and Budhan Hembrom are attending the Divinity School at Chondorpura.

Church attendance has been quite good, but there is considerable room for improvement.

Twenty from the non-Christian community and one hundred and thirty seven children of Christians have been baptized during the year. One hundred and thirty young people were confirmed.

Church collections have increased—the amount donated from each congregation being: Manjadabri Rs. 675/3/6; Rantzaupur Rs. 850/-/3; Haraputa Rs. 1255/15/6; Grahampur Rs. 1180/12/6. Totalling Rs. 3961/15/9.

The women's work has continued as last year with Friday meetings in the majority of villages. The "handful of rice" offering amounted to Rs. 78/- in Manjadabri; Rs. 208/5/- in Rantzaupur; Rs. 222/4/9 in Haraputa and Rs. 390/1/9 in Grahampur.

Economic conditions have been better this year. Quite a number of men from the Colony have joined the Pioneer Force connected with military operations. The greater portion of these men's salaries have been sent to their families and thus many have received extra help. Ratia Pastor of Haraputa and Cyril Hasdak, our clerk at Grahampur, have visited the Santal Pioneer Camp and held services for the men.

The Santal Colony Co-operative Store organized at the beginning of the year has been a help to many. Controlled and rationed commodities and other goods have been distributed from the store.

Our Village Schools have presented quite a problem. It has been difficult to obtain suitable teachers, as many of these have gone for military service. Attendance has been affected by illnesses, caused mainly by malaria and dysentery, and in many cases the children have been kept at home to herd cattle, and care for younger children.

In the Middle English Boys' School the attendance has again increased. There are now 155 boys on the roll. With the exception of the teacher of Class I, the staff has been the same as last year. Kandon Murmu of Lousepur village has been temporary teacher in Class I. 13 boys took the M. E. School Examination; 7 passed.

We are grateful to the Government of Assam for the regular Grant-in-aid as well as for the Special War time grant for the M. E. School; and to the Local Board Dhubri for grant-in-aid for five of our village Schools.

We send our sincere thanks to all who have had a part in the work through prayer and gifts.

HAZEL & OLE BJERKESTRAND.

HARAPUTA GIRLS' M. E. SCHOOL.

At the beginning of 1944 it looked as if the work here at Haraputa was on the decline instead of progressing as this kind of work ought to do. The number of boarders had decreased slightly from the previous year, and 2 teachers had to leave the School. All roofs were leaking and no workers to be had for repairing them. No firewood was left and no carters were available to bring it from the forest.

But from April it took a turn for the better. Two young people from the community who had some High School education took the place of the two teachers who had left. Many new girls came to school, the villagers helped with the firewood, and our compound workers managed to repair the roofs for the time being. In April and May we had some sickness in the boarding, an epidemic of measles followed by dysentery. Fortunately all the children recovered.

From April till the end of the year the school work was carried on by the following 7 teachers:

Mr. B. B. Barui (Head Master), Mrs. B. B. Barui, Mrs. Sorola Murmu, Mrs. Thakran Marndi, Mr. Rajen Ch. Das, Miss Manjhan Murmu, Miss Susila Bosumathari.

The number of children on the roll was 133. The average number of boarders 85, which is a little higher than of any previous year.

5 girls appeared for the M. E. Examination, 4 passed. Of those 5 girls, 3 entered nurse's training at the Mission Hospital, Gauhati, and one went to High School at Gola-ghat. The fifth had to stay at home this year, but she hopes to go to High School next year.

It is difficult to make the children from the nearest villages attend school as day scholars. The parents want them at home to herd the cattle and do the house work. We therefore continue our work with Sunday schools in the villages every Sunday morning so that the smaller children can learn at least some Bible stories and singing.

With the help of a Biblewoman I have conducted the confirmation class for girls and the Friday meeting for women every week.

Even if it looked so hopeless at the beginning of the past year, we can now look back upon it with thankful hearts. We have more than ever experienced the truth of the word :

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

SOLVEIG SOMMING.

ASSAM MEDICAL WORK.

In our work we often wonder if we are doing it in the right way or if we are doing the right things. Then when I turned to the Scriptures to seek help to see my way, I found this passage which gave me much comfort. Micah 6-8. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good ;

and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God”.

Our work this year has been less arduous in that we were able to obtain drugs with less work. More Atebrin or Quinicine has come this year from America, so that helped out to relieve the shortage of quinine. That has been a great relief. Everything is still hard to get and at a price many times what it was.

The dispensary work and village work goes on as usual. I have the same workers as last year. Besides the work here we have been looking after the medical work in Joema this year.

The work slowly increases; this year we have had some over 14,000 patients. There has been a great deal of bad malaria this year and also dysentery. Scabies has been less this year. No cholera or smallpox in our vicinity, although it was raging elsewhere.

The girls in school have been fair; some malaria, colds and dysentery and measles, but no serious illnesses.

One thing we need very much is a small hospital for the boarding. When we have a hundred children to look after there is bound to be some sickness off and on. When the sick ones have to stay in the big room with all the other children it is not good for them, and there is also the danger of infection in some cases.

Then another crying need is a maternity ward and an operating room in connection with the dispensary. If this were a reality much could be done to save the many many women who die in childbirth every year.

The women's work in the congregation goes on as usual. The Biblewomen gather once a month for Bible reading and prayer. This last year our women's convention was held in connection with our regular mission meeting

to which all our Christians both men and women came. The women had their separate meetings in the forenoon, then in the afternoon they attended the general meeting. We feel that these special meetings for the women are a great help to them.

We wish to thank all our friends. Thank you for your help and inspiration to us all out here in the field; we need it, and your prayers also.

DAGMAR PEDERSEN.

JOEMA DISTRICT.

Joema Station has been without a resident missionary since the death of Rev M. Landoy. This has been keenly felt by the Santals at Joema and throughout the District, as well as by the missionaries. It is difficult to understand why the Lord removed from our midst our brother and co-worker at a time when he was needed so much. But we know that his call to higher service, our loss, is his gain. Brother Londoy left an example of devotion and faithfulness in service that will long be remembered. Blessed be his memory.

Mrs. Landoy and little Anna left for America in August. We are thankful that they reached home safely.

Two of our Santal workers died during the year. Pastor Paul Murmu of Sohorpur passed away one of the last days of February, and Elder Simeon Murmu of Amguri died a few months later. We are thankful for the work done by these men during the years they were in the Lord's service.

Pastor James Soren and Choto Murmu and their wives have attended the Divinity School at Chondorpura during the year. We are happy to hear good reports of their work there.

Pastor Ruben Murmu was transferred from Jolesor; to Gaorang in order to take charge of the area left vacant by the departure of Paul Pastor.

Elders Ratu Marndi and Sirmath Marndi were ordained to the Ministry during the Convention at Mornai in March. Ratu Pastor has been stationed at Joema and Sirmath Pastor at Hingaon in Darrang.

All the pastors have been faithful helpers. They have travelled much, making regular visits to the congregations in their respective areas

At Amguri a new church was built by the people of the congregation. We had the dedication service on December 17th.

Ram Soren has been appointed Elder at Amguri since the death of Simeon.

Some changes have been made in the staff of the Primary School at Joema. Samuel Ahmed is Head Master. Jetha Hasdak' and Rothindra Kisku assist him in the work. The enrollment has increased and at the end of the year we had 65 boys.

We are grateful to the Government of Assam for regular and special Grant-in-aid to the school.

Compounder Pandu Marndi was transferred to Santipara Leper Colony early in the year. The Joema Dispensary has since been in charge of Dr. Dagmar Padersen.

Fifty one-children of Christians and 27 souls from the non-Christian community were baptized during the year. Eleven were confirmed.

Church Collections amounted to Rs. 1167/8/3.

In closing our report for 1944 it is our desire to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the unmerited grace and boundless love of our Heavenly Father. We thank

Him for supplying all our material and spiritual needs, and for giving strength and courage for the tasks of each day.

We thank all mission friends for their part in the building of Christ's Church in this land.

HAZEL & OLE BJERKESTRAND.

MORNAL.

The majority of people working on the Tea-garden remained here also during 1944. Some, especially single men, left for other places; we have again experienced a keen competition for labour in this locality, and though we have lost some we are glad the majority stayed on, thus making it possible somehow to manage the various works connected with the tea and tung oil cultivation.

It has been possible to obtain just the minimum requirements of foodstuffs and clothing for the workers, all of which had to be supplied at concession rates. Generally the health of the people does not appear to have deteriorated much though we certainly notice that the endurance of the workers has been somewhat reduced, probably due to the fact that many of the foodstuffs they used to get were not obtainable.

Again a year has passed in which we were permitted to reap the fruit of our labour, to dispose of our products and to maintain this institution with its various activities. This is much to be thankful for in these days of uncertainty.

This is mainly to be a short report on the Mission and congregational work carried out in and from Mornal.

As may be well known from previous reports, we have Church services in three different languages in our two churches: in Santali, Mundari and Bengali. The three

congregations each have their separate leaders and council. Once a month there is a meeting for all both paid and voluntary workers where all matters of importance are being discussed in common. There being no ordained men in the Munda and Bengali congregations our Santal Pastor, Jatu Murmu, is performing church functions in these two congregations as well as among the Santals. Johon Topna is still the leader among the Mundas and Jacob Biswas and Satsoron Sen are looking after the Bengali work.

In the villages near the tea-garden, which belong to Mornai congregation, there are voluntary Elders and Biblewomen. This is also the case in the villages inside the Garden. These people are conducting prayer meetings in their respective villages. In each village there is a house built and maintained for such gatherings.

Special women's meetings are held on every Friday and the offerings of rice collected on these occasions are a substantial part of our church collections.

In altogether five places more than 200 children gather for Sunday school service. It is an encouraging part of the congregational work.

School attendance is compulsory, though in some cases exemption is granted, especially for families with many small children where the bigger children are much needed to look after the smaller ones while their parents work in the plantation. Those children who are exempted from the day school are generally attending evening schools.

Some years ago Mornai was asked to supervise the work of the Dhorompur congregation, situated about 12 miles from here in the forest close to Basbari Railway Station. Many Santals have now settled down in other places in these forest areas and at the beginning of 1944 a Santal preacher was sent out to work in that locality. His name is Sundar and he has been a voluntary worker

in Mornai for some years. We hope he will be able to do something for the Santals out there, both Christians and others.

In these same forests are living a number of people of other races, mostly Rabhas. Jacob Biswas and Satsoron Sen have paid occasional visits to them. They have their own Rabha language but understand Bengali as well. Some of the Rabhas are Christians who formerly belonged to the Baptist Mission and a few families were baptized several years ago in our Mission. We hope to find a suitable man who can stay and work among these people.

In addition to the usual work among Bengali-speaking people, there is now a small congregation in Samaguri inside the Colony, which is being supervised by our Bengali workers.

We heartily thank all our friends who have been sympathizing with us and remembering also this work in their prayers during the past year.

INGEBORG & OLUF EIE.

THE BORO WORK.

We are thankful that we have been able to carry on through one more year of war with all its complications and uncertainties,

The present conditions cause many extra problems and in some ways also seem to hamper the progress of the Christian congregations. But there are still many opportunities for the work among the Boros. May God make us faithful in His great work.

THE BORO CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Council met four times during the year and decided on many matters relating to various branches of the work.

According to application from the Council Surendro pastor has been reinstated in service. He will start work from January next year.

Because of the difficulties of the village school teachers it was decided that the village people should pay their part of the salary in kind, at the rate of 20 mds. of paddy a year.

Some new members were selected for the next three years' term. It was found difficult to arrange a special convention for the Boros, and we were very thankful for the opportunity to join the Santal convention at Mornai.

GAORANG DISTRICT.

The number of people baptised this year is 104 children of Christians and 40 from the heathen. About 50 are under instruction.

The congregations now number 18. The new congregation at Jharbari, north of Patgaon, is growing. Some Christians have moved in and some new ones were baptised. The same is the case at Ghaksa, near the Sankos river in the west. This congregation was nearly disrupted by floods some years ago. At some places a few people went back to Hinduism. At Bhurpar near Ranikhata some families became Roman Catholics, because a proposed marriage with a Roman Catholic boy was not approved of on our side. Even so the congregation there seems to be more consolidated.

The new church at Gothaibari was dedicated on the 27th February by the Secretary. Many people were present. The preacher and one member told the story of the building of the church. Smaller church buildings were dedicated at Bhatarmari and Panbari.

There are now nine village schools. In Bhurpar and Jharbari new ones were recognised by the Council, and

one was re-established. Some help has been given to a new private school in Ghaksa. The standard and number of students of the schools varies a lot, but as long as the village people do their part in order to keep the schools going, we think it is necessary to support them.

One senior teacher has inspected all the schools twice during the year.

Contributions from congregations amount to Rs. 2931-9-6. Practically all congregations gave their "yearly chanda", mostly in paddy. A big part of other collections to village schools, church buildings etc. are not recorded.

KOKRAJHAR CHRISTIAN HOSTEL.

There have been 6 high school students and a few boys reading in middle school on the roll. The boarding house was destroyed by a storm and this made accommodation very difficult. As a small church has been built in Bhatarmari nearby the boys go there for Sunday services. Rs. 123-0-0 have been collected for the hostel during the year.

BORONI LITERATURE BOARD.

The committee consisting of the missionaries and Boro members met twice. Manuscript for a small primer was sent to the press. Bigger manuscripts will probably have to wait for a while. The committee has decided to make some changes in the spelling of the language. We have also had talks about this with missionaries of the Scottish Mission and been in correspondence with the Boro pastor of the Baptist Mission, and there is every prospect of an agreement on a common spelling. The Scottish Mission has decided to use the roman script for its Boro work.

ANNA & HAKON HALVORSRUD.

BONGAIGAON DISTRICT.

The year 1944 has not been easy, especially on account of the higher cost of living which has made it difficult for our workers to get along on their present wages.

This probably accounts for the poor health of our workers, in particular here at Bongaigaon where no less than 3 deaths occurred in our own compound in the course of the year. First, the wife of our gharwan passed away followed by Daoid, Bhuben pastor's son, and Komari, Moniram teacher's wife.

The causes of death were mainly malaria, combined with anemia and dysentery. In order to restore the rest to health, liver injections, atebirin, quinine and emetine were administered which taxed the medical account heavily.

The total number of deaths is 47 in the District with Koilagaon topping the list with 8.

Fortunately we have had no epidemics this year. To avoid any recurrence of the cholera epidemic of last year which swept over the area north of the Ai river, our Christians were inoculated for a small fee before the dangerous season set in. We have had no cases of cholera this year and the administration of vaccine is to be repeated next year as well.

A disaster befell Koilagaon when it was badly flooded. After the flood, the fields were covered with sand and stones and hardly fit for cultivation. Our Christians have therefore decided to move to Aidubri some time next year.

The number of congregations has dropped from 20 to 19 because Panbari in the Bijni area has been taken off the list. The work there had not come up to our expectations. Panbari is far away and difficult to reach, but we hope to place a preacher at this village in the near future.

Soulmari congregation, which dates back to 1942 only, had a new church dedicated on February 6. The work has been encouraging with the church collections exceptionally high.

Singaon congregation, Darrang District, which has 72 adult members, has also built a new church. Collections amounted to Rs. 284/- for the year.

Kamrup and Darrang, being without a pastor, are in dire need of one. The congregations have finally decided in favour of Maguram Mosahary, and our Christian Boro Council might eventually appoint him.

Reports from our congregations state that 55 heathens and 88 children of Christian parents have been baptized.

Two new Christian families, one at Tilapara and one at Nangdorbari, have been persecuted. After making protests to the people concerned the situation has improved, but is not altogether satisfactory.

There is a great shortage of able teachers. Returns of Village schools and Sunday schools are accordingly under the mark.

The number of students at the Boarding School dropped from 22 to 14 owing to increased cost of living. Our Council therefore decided to move the school to Ladanguri when the necessary buildings have been erected. The plan is to turn the Bongaigaon Boarding School into a Middle school when circumstances permit.

Bhoben pastor is also moving to Ladanguri by and by in order to be closer to our congregations and of more service to them.

Church collections amounted to Rs. 2029-0-4, an increase of about Rs. 100/- over the previous year, in spite of shortage of small coins.

In conclusion, we want to extend our heart-felt thanks to intercessors and supporters everywhere.

ANNE HELENE & DAVID WESTBORG.

GAORANG GIRLS' M. E. SCHOOL.

The past year has been a quiet and good year for the school work. Except for one case of typhoid, we have had no serious illness in the school. The teachers have all been well and carried on faithfully.

In April we got Nokhi Bosumatary as new teacher. She is the first of our Boro girls to get her M. E. and teachers training, so both we and the children's parents were glad to get her on the staff. She has read both here and in Haraputa, and she took her training at Nowgong Mission Training School.

This year we had the first students up for the M. E. examination. Out of five four passed. Two got Government Scholarship, and are now reading in Golaghat High School. One got a Government stipend and is at Nowgong for training and one is helping in the school here.

Sunday school has been carried on by the teachers. After the rains we often went to the surrounding villages on Sundays to sing and talk to the people about God. These visits were much appreciated and we were always asked to come again.

This year the parents have been better than before to bring paddy or money for the boarders. Therefore we have not felt the economic difficulties as bad as last year.

Average number of boarders 38.

Average number in school 48.

SOFIE NESSET.

SANTIPARA LEPER COLONY & DISTRICT.

The year 1944 has been quiet and uneventful at Santipara. The patients have been working very well. Most of our patients were as usual occupied in farming. We are specially thankful for the faithful work carried out by the little group of patients engaged at the Dispensary & Hospital.

We are sorry to report that our best compounder, Choron Murmu (Chotrae Des Manjhi's grandson) is unable to continue his service here.

Number of cases treated during the year :

Santipara, in-door	95.
Santipara out-door	19.
Gaorang clinic	74.
Gurubhasa clinic	128.
Non-lepers	1665.

Compared with last year's report fewer patients attended the Gurubhasa clinic. We are aware that the system of home visitation of the patients is of great importance, the aim being to encourage the patients to come regularly to the clinic. This year this work has been neglected which was mainly due to paucity of staff. The Assam Government offered to employ a compounder at Gurubhasa. We were asked to find a suitable man for the job. We have found one and now we are anxiously awaiting the Director of Public Health's order for this man to start work.

On the 11th of November the Colony was inspected by Colonel W. E. R. Dimond, I. M. S., Inspector General of Civil Hospitals, Assam. The visit was one of great encouragement to us.

We wish to extend our thanks for the following grants and donations received during the year: Rs. 7600/- from the Assam Government, Rs. 1,332/- from the Mission to Lepers. + Rs. 60/- Christmas gift to the patients and Rs. 58/8 from the Assam Christian Council.

THE DISTRICT.

The eagerness to work which was shown by our elders two years ago has not been felt this year.

For a while it seemed as all the Christians of Nagdalbari and Udalguri had chosen to live a life to the honour of God, but lately things have happened in both congregations which are very disappointing. At the time when this report is being written we are praying that God may in His own way awaken these communities.

A new nice church was dedicated at Moknaguri on the 19th of December.

During the year 14 non-Christians were baptized and 20 children of Christian parents. 18 have been confirmed. Church offerings amounted to Rs. 855-7-9 (offerings in kind and money for new church at Moknaguri not included).

BERGLJOT & GUNNER FOSSLAND.

TIBETAN AND BHUTANESE WORK.

No Lutheran Mission or any other Mission ever established any work at Kamrup and Darrang Districts, Assam, for the benefit of the Tibetans and Bhutanese until Rin-chen Lama, a Bhutanese, joined us, soon after we arrived from China.

I went to work in Eastern Tibet at the beginning of 1939, but due to circumstances over which we had no control (the war in Norway and later on the war between the Allies and the Japanese) this work had to be discontinued.

At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbour my wife and I were staying at Canton from where we were repatriated. Finally we arrived in India toward the end of 1942.

We were engaged by the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches and took over the Bongaigaon Mission to carry on work among the Boros, but the Mission also gave us a free hand to work among the Tibetans and Bhutanese in whom we naturally were greatly interested.

The first time I visited the border of Bhutan I got in touch with Rin-chen Lama, mentioned above, without any effort of mine. He just seemed to be there ready to enter into this difficult, strenuous and interesting mission field.

As no money was available for sufficient support, we gave him a small allowance, and our Christian Boros fed him. But prices soared and our Christians were unable to support him. Meantime, to our great satisfaction, he kept on faithfully as best as he could under the circumstances.

Finally the Lutheran Federation came to our rescue granting us Rs. 240/-. Although this proved insufficient it enabled us to carry on.

Rev. Gausdal, our Secretary, who always has been eager to extend the boundaries to include other tribes and other peoples, pointed out the importance of linking up this new enterprise with the already existing Boro Church which has local churches close to the border of Bhutan.

This plan is apparently being worked out successfully as one of our Christian Boros has been travelling and working with Rin-chen Lama along the border. The Boros, Tibetans and Bhutanese are racially closely related.

But it is obvious that this work at present depends on one man: Rin-chen Lama, and on his attitudes.

It affords me great pleasure to report that his conduct so far has been blameless according to our Boros with whom he lived and worked for several months before he was allowed by the Bhutanese authorities to carry on his work within their sphere of influence.

Catholic fathers have been busy persuading him to join their church. They have offered him better pay and better facilities than we have been able to give him. But in spite of all this he has continued faithfully and earnestly in our service.

Rin-chen Lama is now about ready to open a school. We have obtained text-books in Tibetan, and the Bhutanese authorities have favoured our work by admitting Rin-chen Lama within their domain.

We have received tracts from the Scripture Gift Mission, and some I brought along from China have been distributed as well.

The Secretary of the Scripture Gift Mission is interested in printing tracts in Bhutanese, but no tracts or

scripture portions were ever printed in this language as far as I have been able to find out. But it is possible that Rin-chen Lama, who commands Tibetan and Bhutanese alike, could translate some tracts from the former. In fact he is already at work translating "The Way of Salvation" into Bhutanese.

Bhutanese is different from Tibetan, but the Tibetan script or characters are used in writing, so it should not prove too difficult.

Rin-chen Lama has also studied enough medicine to work as a compounder, if necessary.

Last Spring there was a bad small-pox epidemic on the border of Bhutan. As the Government compounders from Kamrup refused to climb the mountains and administer vaccine, a certain magistrate sent an application to us for help.

After having obtained vaccine, Rin-chen Lama inoculated 750 people, and the epidemic stopped.

A governor and a magistrate of Bhutan sent words of thanks and announced that they would come down and pay us a visit during the cold season.

Whether they will come or not remains to be seen, but any way it goes to prove that the authorities we have had any dealings with so far have taken a favourable attitude to our work. This is much to be thankful for, and it might serve the Gospel in years to come.

Closing, we want to render our thanks to all our intercessors and supporters.

ANNA HELENE AND DAVID WESTBORG.



“Such is the kingdom of God, as if a man put seed in the earth, and went to sleep and got up, night and day, and the seed came to growth, he had no knowledge how—” (Mark 4, 26—27 Basic) these words come to mind when something has to be recorded about the Church for the year 1944. Most people would just say that we have carried on as usual. But that means that the sacred Word of God has lived among us at Sunday services in 238 places, at meetings under so many different circumstances and in diverse places, at marriage festivals and at burials. The holy seed has certainly been “put in the earth” by the 500 Congregational workers as well as by the foreign Missionary staff. And we trust Him for the growth Who has asked us to do His work. The more than five thousand Christian families in 1022 villages clearly reveals the possibilities of the Lord’s harvest here.

The Synod met at Dumka on the 19th of April, and before finishing its work also recorded: “When the European war has come to a close the Synod should be called to plan for the future and decide the time and programme for the Maha Sabha.” For we have now

reached such a stage in our constitutional work that as soon as we can get into contact with our Home Boards in Norway and Denmark also, we would be most happy to convene a general Maha Sabha to mark the inauguration of the formally organized Northern Lutheran Church.

The Santal Parganas Church Council had two meetings during the year, and the main thing considered was transfer and appointment of pastors.

The North Bengal Santal Church Council held three meetings, and being without a resident Santal district missionary received much valuable help and guidance in its deliberations from Rev. H. P. H. Kampp, he being its Vice-Chairman.

The Assam Church Council held two meetings during the year, one of which was in connection with their Sabha held at Mornai when my wife and I also had the opportunity to be present.

The Boro Church Council has also held its meetings and appears to get established as a needed body in the life of that branch of the Church.

The Bengal Church Council has up to now on account of so many difficulties conducted its work through its different mission station area Branches.

Cautiously we have come so far along this road of establishing in practice what we in our draft Constitution has called District Church Councils, and it seems that they have in them the possibilities of attaining such authority and ability that they can be of service in building up the living Church.

On the recommendation by the Assam Church Council two pastors were ordained at Mornai on the 2nd of March. They were

Ratu Marndi for Joema,

Sirmath Marndi for Hingaon, Darrang.

On the recommendation by the North Bengal Santal Church Council a new pastor, Jonas Hasdak, was ordained for Eklakhi here at Dumka on the 16th of July. At this ordination service Superintendent Edw. Sovik of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America China Mission was present and took part in the service.

On the recommendation by the Bengal Church Council two new Bengali pastors were ordained at the same time. They were

- Daniel Jha for the work under Narainpur

Horoknath Pramanik for the work under Nimasarai

And now referring the reader to study the tabulated matter under the Congregational Returns, it must be stated that the total number of Christians falls short of what it should be, but we have no knowledge of the number serving with the different units in the many types of war service and it therefore must remain as it is.

At the request of the Provincial Christian Councils it was in 1944 decided to collect information about adult literacy in our community, and the result is printed in the tables. No doubt the missionaries will go into details and compare the different station areas, but for the general reader I shall give here the percentage for Church Council areas only :

The Santal Christian community of Santal Parganas (with only a few small congregations inside Bengal) is the oldest part of our work, and of 5626 recorded as "adult" 2812 were said to be literate. This comes exactly to 50%.

The second area of the Santal work, that on the plain of North Bengal, shows 1281 as adults and of these 517 as literate, i. e., 40%.

The third area of the Santal work, the Assam area, has returned 4935 as adult Christians out of which 1505 are said to be literate. This comes to 30%.

The Santal work taken as a whole found that among 11842 adult Christians of our congregations 4834 were literate which comes to just about 41%. As we have a good number of our young men with the Forces, and these are almost all literate, the percentage is in reality higher than the above. Remembering that the written and printed Santali came with the missionary activity every one will agree that a real constructive work has been done.

Though the first Boros were baptized as far back as 1888, it is only since 1928 that our mission has been able to take up this branch in earnest. The work there is thus young, and this is fully demonstrated in the returns. 1934 were listed as adult, and of these only 385 were said to be literate, i. e., 20%.

For the Bengali area it is profitable to study the figures closely. While the average adult literacy of the whole group stands at 40%, there is great difference between old and new work: Suri 76%, Cooch Behar 65%, Dumka Dangalpara 46%, Narainpur 33% and Nimasarai 28%.

The adult literacy percentage of our Church stands according to the collected material at 38.

For the rest the Congregational Returns fully demonstrate that we continue to have the opportunity to do the good work of our Lord among men. And it may be pointed out that the Church collections have increased from Rs. 9,691/- in 1942 to Rs. 17,865/- in 1944. This may reveal change of value, but certainly also continued devotion.

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” (Eph. 3, 20-21)

CONGREGATIONAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1944.

STATION	COMMUNITY						WORKERS						MINISTRATIONS				SUNDAY SCHOOLS		EDUCATIONAL			CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND OTHER OFFERINGS		
	Congregations	Villages with Christians	Christians Families	Total number of Christians	Adult Christians	Literate Adults	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.
																						Rs.	A.	P.
Kaerabani	10	71	284	1477	776	353	2	7	12	3	3	27	30	17	40	17	4	76	5	18	441	834	4	0
Dhorompur	3	21	55	230	147	62	2	6	1			9	6	7	6	5	1	16	2	2	45	46	10	6
Dumka	4	37	113	524	318	138	2	2	1	3		8	12	17	9	8	2	23	4	6	119	496	11	9
Maharo	4	44	115	661	427	256	1	4		4		9	10	10	32	6	6	118	6	18	343	311	15	3
Koroya	3	38	101	482	250	123	2	2	1	1		6	10	19	5	5	1	23	2	7	133	111	15	3
Condorpura	9	88	285	1483	994	482	5	6	9			20	38	15	24	10	1	22	5	6	120	627	4	9
Saldoha	3	27	89	482	347	185	1	2	1	3		7	27	29	7	4	16	77	5	11	179	467	9	6
Basketkundi	12	97	316	1496	844	381	2	8		3		13	35	40	25	13	1	38	8	12	199	214	14	3
Mohulpahari	1	20	77	399	273	155	1	2		2		5	7	11	6	5	1	27	2	6	124	50	14	9
Tilabani	4	23	71	259	166	91	1	7	2		1	11	1	56	7	6	1	23	2	4	123	259	5	9
Benagaria	13	86	423	1790	1084	586	5	7	3	9		24	45	47	15	17	5	135	12	14	489	601	5	3
Diaspora				999			3							18										
TOTAL FOR AREA	66	552	1929	10282	5626	2812	27	53	30	28	4	142	221	286	176	96	39	578	53	104	2315	4,022	15	0
Badhair	10	24	60	291	173	95	1	7	2	1	4	15	9	7	2	4			4	4	101	55	8	3
Khoribar	5	27	43	318	184	80	1	5			1	7	6	11		1	1	12	1	2	35	163	10	7½
Eklakhi	7	18	46	234	107	44	1	6		3		10	1	13	9	3	5	67	1	5	58	121	15	9
Potra	10	21	61	362	200	63	1	10	1			12	7	1	1	2	1	15	3	3	76	52	8	0
Rautnagar	6	10	35	241	112	52	1	7	1			9	3	3		1	1	6	2	2	42	25	0	6
Phoridpur	4	6	51	255	147	65	1	4				5	6	1		4	2	30	3	3	52	72	6	3
Narayanpur	15	30	115	583	358	118	1	17	1	10	1	30	13	13	7	7	2	60	5	11	163	112	12	0
TOTAL FOR AREA	57	136	411	2284	1281	517	7	56	5	14	6	88	44	49	19	22	12	190	19	30	527	603	13	4½
Assam Colony	4	38	924	4723	2844	901	4	2	38		30	74	137	20	130	49	15	422	8	21	440	3961	15	9
Mornai	5	20	205	983	544	207	1	4	12		12	29	35	11	21	12	7	204	1	6	119	1155	2	6
Joema	20	52	377	1859	1119	262	3	9	12	1	1	26	51	27	11	27	8	103	4	6	108	865	8	3
Santipara	9	20	132	670	428	135	1	4	6		4	15	20	14	18	6	6	75	5	5	79	854	7	9
TOTAL FOR AREA	38	130	1638	8235	4935	1505	9	19	68	1	47	144	243	72	180	94	36	804	18	38	746	6,837	2	3
Gaorang	18	51	338	1944	993	214	2	18	7	2	8	37	104	40	22	20	6	85	9	9	125	3054	9	6
Bongaigaon	13	26	223	1461	735	134	1	13				14	66	45	5	14	7	97	7	7	95	1620	12	4
Kamrup-Darrang	6	9	62	363	206	37		6				6	22	8		6			2	2	20	408	4	0
TOTAL FOR AREA	37	86	623	3768	1934	385	3	37	7	2	8	57	192	93	27	40	13	182	18	18	240	4,675	5	10
Dumka	1	6	14	57	43	20	1				1	2	1									22	11	9
Narainpur	12	51	194	873	443	146	3	8	13	2	4	30	29	68	6	12	5	108	3	5	83	694	10	1½
Suri	6	9	32	131	93	71	1					1	5	6		3	1	14				97	13	6
Nimasarai	14	42	122	639	315	90	2	13	3	3		21	14	19	5	6	1	12	1	2	25	539	8	6
Cooch Behar	7	10	75	315	141	92	1	7	1	4		13	11	26	2	3	3	38	9	28	583	171	15	
TOTAL FOR AREA	40	118	437	2015	1035	418	8	28	17	9	5	67	60	119	13	24	10	172	13	35	691	1,526	10	10½
TOTAL FOR 1944	238	1022	5038	26584	14811	5637	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
" " 1942	218	1003	4926	26044									813	770	417	272	78	1588				9,691	3	3

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 1944 as follows :—

The General Cash Book has been examined with the subsidiary Books and Vouchers, excepting Saldoha Leper Colony, and is 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 outstandings have been agreed therewith.

The Investments of the Indian Workers' Pension Fund as detailed in Cash Book Folio 135 and the other Funds as detailed in the separate Funds Book were verified with certificates from Bankers, Government Securities, Fixed Deposit Receipts etc. and found to agree therewith.

Calcutta,

13th February 1945.

Lovelock & Lewes (Sd.)

Chartered Accountants

Registered Accountants.

Statement of General Mission Account

RECEIPTS

	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance in hand on 1/1/44	17,261	12	7½
„ Passage money on Mission c/a	18,000		
„ American Board per Treasurer 56,239	10		
„ From Mr Julius Skovholt, U. S. A.	165		
„ Money sent out to Dr. E. Ostergaard	164	8	
„ „ „ „ from Rev. B. A. Helland	329	8	
	<u>86,898</u>	10	
„ From America thr/ Rev. Oscar Bakke, N. Y.	1,647	8	
„ „ „ „ thr/ Danish Club, Tyler, Minn.	81	2	
„ Profit Mornai Tea Garden	150,900		
„ From Lutheran Federation	52,000		
„ „ „ „ tow. Indian			
„ Workers' Dearness Allowances	5,224		
„ „ „ „ for Tibetan Work	240		
	<u>57,464</u>		
„ From the Royal Norwegian Govt. London	19,166	11	6
„ „ Zemindary	12,000		
„ Church of Scotland Mission for Kaerabani & Maharo Schools	3,600		
„ Collections by Church of Scotland Santal Christians.	523		
„ Government Grant to Benagaria Hospital	7,000		
„ From Miss Henriette Hansen, Thorshavn	665	8	2
„ „ Mr. Oskar Kaaber	332	12	
„ „ Kvinnliga Missions Arbetare, Stockholm	300		
„ „ Laerarinnornas Missions Forening, Sweden	388	6	7
„ „ Mr. & Mrs. S. Gylseth to Saldoha Leper Colony	250		
„ „ Mr. Gronnevik, Ceylon	9		
„ „ 2nd Officer R. Hovland	100		
„ „ Miss Johanna Gaustad, Urenui, New Zealand	33	2	
„ Refund of income tax	1	2	
„ Interest on c/a.	56		
	<u>376,678</u>	10	10½
Total Rs.			

1st January—31st December 1944.

EXPENDITURE	Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Missionaries in the Field	48,000					
„ Children's allowances	5,670					
„ „ School & travelling	2,488	7				
„ Missionaries' income tax	1,876	3	6			
„ Hill Allowances	7,350					
„ Hospital, medicine & cycle all.	3,545	4	6			
„ Passages to America	8,029	8				
				76,959	7	
„ Kaerabani District				3,633		
„ „ Dispensary				1,000		
„ „ Santal High School				15,392		
„ „ to Provident Fund				250		
„ Dhorompur Mission				1,197		
„ Dumka Mission				3,320		
„ „ Rep. of red bungalow				1,000		
„ „ Bengali Work				400		
„ Koroya District				1,380		
„ „ Orphanage & School				3,806		
„ Maharo District				1,600		
„ „ Girls' School				12,560		
„ „ Dispensary				400		
„ Mohulpahari Mission				2,383		
„ „ Dispensary				660		
„ Tilabani & Karikador Districts				2,927		
„ Chondorpura Mission				4,342		
„ Santal Divinity School				4,815		
„ Saldoha District				1,236		
„ „ Leper Colony				10,000		
„ Basetkundi Mission				6,591		
„ Benagaria District				10,472		
„ „ Industrial School				1,000		
„ Benagaria Hospital				15,000		
„ Narainpur Bengali Work				7,755		
„ „ Girls' School				2,457		
„ Nimasarai Bengali Work				5,536	12	
„ Malda Bengali Women's Work				1,196		
„ Eklakhi Girls' School				3,294		
„ „ Dispensary				600		
„ Dinajpur & Malda Santali Work				13,600		
„ Santal Colony, Assam				9,501		
„ Haraputa Girls' School				4,392		
Carried over				230,655	3	

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RECEIPTS— <i>Concluded</i>		Rs.	A.	P.
To :	Brought forward	376,678	10	10½

Total Rs ... 376,678 10 10½

EXPENDITURE— <i>Concluded</i>		Rs.	A.	P.
By Brought forward		230,655	3	
„ Haraputa Medical Work		1,300		
„ Rep. of Haraputa bungalow		4,000		
„ Joema Mission		7,446		
„ Gaorang Boro Mission		5,612		
„ „ Girls' School		3,116		
„ Bongaigaon Boro Mission		6,970		
„ Tibetan Work		240		
„ Santipara Leper Colony		8,587	8	
„ „ District		792		
„ Indian Workers' Dearness Allowances		47,348	4	
„ Donation to missionaries from Royal Norwegian Government, London		11,725		
„ Passage money placed on c/a with National City Bank of New York		27,970	8	
„ Mission Station Rent		1,400	9	1½
„ Contribution to Indian Workers' Pension Fund		1,320	5	
„ Paid pension contrib. for two pastors in Santal Labour Corps		13	15	
„ Conference, committees, travelling & moving exp.		2,159	11	6
„ Civil Surgeon's fee		801		
„ Office & audit expenses		1,560	15	
„ Secretary's travelling		1,600		
„ "Pera Hor"		400		
„ Stipend for Santali school children in Santal Parganas		1,200		
„ „ „ „ „ in Assam		1,200		
„ „ „ „ „ Bengal		200		
„ Stipend for Bengali Children		500		
„ „ „ College Students		1,500		
„ Lutheran Federation		145		
„ Bengal Christian Council		48		
„ Santal „ „		180		
„ Calcutta Tract & Book Society		5		
„ Santal Literature Committee		1,000		
„ Gift to Saldoha Leper Colony from Mr. & Mrs. S. Gylseth		250		
„ Boro Literature Board		200		
„ Printing Annual Report etc.		308	4	
„ Payment on behalf of Rev. B. A. Helland		329	8	
„ Money sent out to Dr. E. Ostergaard		164	8	
„ Legal expenses		16		
„ Bank charges		64	13	
	Rs	372,329	15	7½
Balance in hand pr 31/12/44 :	„	4,348	11	3
Total :	Rs	376,678	10	10½

Indian Workers' Pension Fund on the 31st December 1944.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Capital on 1st January 1944	40,205	8	5
Contribution from mem. 1,396			
" " Mission 1,396			
Nett interest on capital 1,151 6 7	Rs. 3,943	6	7
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Less Expenditure :			
Paid pensions " 3,461 15 9			
Refunded previous mem. 344 14 9	,, 3,806	14	6 136 8 1
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	Total :	Rs. 40,342	0 6
 <i>Invested in this way :</i>			
1 As inscribed Stock with Reserve			
Bank of India, Cawnpore :			
3 % Rupee Loan 1896-97, Certificate			
CA 87 Nom. Rs. 19,000/-			
	at cost Rs. 15,628 5 4		
3½% Rupee Loan 1900-1, Certificate			
CA 769 Nom Rs 3,200/-.			
3½% Rupee Loan 1854-55, Certificate			
CA 507 Nom. Rs. 1,200/-.			
3¼% Rupee Loan 1842-43, Certificate			
CA 473 Nom. Rs. 6,600/			
3½% Rupee Loan 1865, Certificate			
CA 782 Nom. Rs. 4,000/			
	at cost		
	14,472	11	0 Rs. 30,101 0 4
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2 Post Office Defence Savings			
Account at Dumka 3,539 12 4			
	Interest 88 7 7		
			,, 3,628 3 11
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3 On Fixed Deposit with Messrs.			
Mahadeolal Prabhudayal, Dumka 5,388 3 9			
	Interest 232 10 0		
			,, 5,620 13 9
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4 On Savings Account with			
Messrs. R. J. Himatsingka, Dumka 1,131 0 0			
	Interest 33 4 0		
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	1,164 4 0		
Less Withdrawn 31/12/44	200	0	0 ,, 964 4 0
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Cash in hand 31/12/44			,, 27 10 6
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	Total :	Rs 40,342	0 6

Indian Home Mission Zemindary Estate

INCOME :	Rs.	A. P.
To: Balance of 1943 br. fr.	1,710	1 9
„ Rent collections for 1350 B. S. & Arrears	7,977	9 6
„ Nazarana etc	239	4 0
„ Refund of costs from Court	97	2 9
„ Sundries Collections	1,709	0 0
„ Expropriation Fees (Belbuni)	4,130	1 0
Total Rs.	15,863	3 0

EXPENDITURE :

By: Paid to Mission Treasurer	12,000	0 0
„ Khajna to Hetampur & Others	791	15 6
„ Road Cess to Mohonto	500	0 0
„ Legal Expenses	317	11 3
„ Staff & Management	1,416	8 0
„ Sundries Expenses	696	5 3
„ Balance in hand on 31/12/44	140	11 0
Total Rs.	15,863	3 0

Book—Sales

INCOME :	Rs.	A. P.
To: Balance of 1943 br. fr.	823	0 0
„ Income from Sales	3,278	12 0
„ Grant from Mission	1,000	0 0
Total Rs.	5,101	12 0

EXPENDITURE :

By: Cost of publication of books pd. to Benagaria Mission Press	521	3 0
„ Books bought for re-sale	176	3 6
„ Postage & Sundries	306	9 0
„ Discount on Bills	61	6 9
„ Balance in hand on 31/12/44	4,036	5 9
Total Rs.	5,101	12 0

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