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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1955.

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."

II Cor. 5 : 18-20.

The Apostle Paul frequently spoke of joy in the ministry. He rejoiced in seeing fruit of his labor. It is apparent that his greatest joy was in the Lord; in the knowledge of sins forgiven, and of restoration to fellowship with God through the Cross. He also experienced a great deal of joy in those who had believed his message and found salvation and peace in Jesus Christ.

The Apostle spoke too of hardship and suffering in this ministry, at the hands of those who opposed him. He was often falsely accused. He was persecuted, beaten and imprisoned. His apostleship was doubted. He was accused of being insincere, and his principles of action were misunderstood.

His answer was, "The love of Christ controls us." The knowledge and acceptance of this love left no room for selfishness and dishonesty. Paul was no longer Saul. He had been made "a new creature."

“ Hark! the Church proclaims His honor,
And her strength is only this;
God hath laid His choice upon her,
And the work she does is His.

He, His Church hath firmly founded,
He will guard what He began;
We, by sin and foes surrounded,
Build her bulwarks as we can.

Though we here must strive in weakness,
Though in tears we often bend,
What His might began in meekness
Shall achieve a glorious end.”

Anonymous.

Since our last report some of our former co-workers on the field and in the homeland have departed to be with the Lord.

We would remember Rev. R. Rosenlund who devoted his whole life to the Santal Mission. He was taken ill while on a speaking tour in Denmark and passed away within a few days. Rev. Rosenlund was a sympathetic friend and wise counselor to nationals and missionaries alike. He was a learned man with great ability clothed in a spirit of humility and devotion to service. He served in India for nearly 40 years and was from 1923 till 1940 the field Secretary of the mission. His valuable contributions in literary work will serve the Church and community for many years to come.

To Mrs. Rosenlund and children we extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of a beloved husband and father.

Many of us had the privilege of knowing the Rev. & Mrs. Aage Krohn both of whom passed away during the year, in Denmark. They were the parents of our

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fellow missionary, Miss Elisabeth Krohn, and former missionary, Rev. Johs. Krohn. The Rev. A. Krohn was for some years the Home Secretary for the Santal Mission in Denmark.

We thank God for all that these faithful friends have meant to us individually and to the mission and church. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives and friends and in a special way to Elisabeth and Johs. Krohn, our co-worker.

The departure of those faithful servants is a great loss to the mission, but we are thankful for the memory of their devoted service, at home and abroad. Blessed be their memory.

During the year we had the privilege of welcoming one new missionary family to the field for medical work. We were happy to receive Dr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Scott and children, and we pray that God will bless them and give them much joy in the work out here.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. Fossland and children, the Rev. and Mrs. P. Pedersen, Miss Gunvor Clausen and Miss Elsa Pihlquist returned to India earlier in the year, and shortly before Christmas the Rev. and Mrs. S. Johansen arrived. We are happy to have them all back on the field again.

The following families have gone to their respective homelands on regular furlough: The Rev. and Mrs. M. Haugstad, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Petersen, the Rev. and Mrs. Ole Dordal, as well as Miss Karen Sindal.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. Pedersen and children and the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Hofrenning had to leave for home on account of illness, but we have been happy to know that their health has improved.

Early in the year, the Rev. and Mrs. K. Tromborg. Miss Erika Lowe and Miss Hildur Milde retired from the work after many years of faithful service. We are thankful for the years of fellowship we enjoyed with them, and for the work they so faithfully accomplished. They are held in loving remembrance by the people among whom they worked. As God blessed them in the work out here, so we pray His blessings may follow them in the days to come.

In mid—December, the Rev. and Mrs. Gausdal left India after 40 years in the work. During these years they have served at Basetkundi, Benagaria, Dumka, Grahampur, Koroya, Kaerabani and Mohulpahari. They have been in charge of district work, schools and printing press, and served as Mission Secretary and as the first General Superintendent of the Ebeneser Evangelical Lutheran Church. They have contributed much to the work in general and also to the literary work and the hymnology of the Church. We want to offer a special word of thanks to them and wish them many years of well earned rest in the homeland.

A number of our missionaries suffered serious illness this year requiring in several cases hospitalization and surgery. We are grateful that most of them have been restored to health, and that the others are improving.

On Palm Sunday missionaries Jens Sture and Kjell Torkildsen were ordained at a service conducted by the Rev. J. Gausdal in the Dumka church. We wish them God's blessing in their added sphere of service.

We are happy to have the Rev. Munshi M. Tuḍu back in the work after an absence of more than three years, spent in Europe and America. He was ordained March 13th at a service held in the Benagaria church, and married to Miss Elvina Murmu at Maharo-on

May 9th. Rev. Tudu is now teaching at the Divinity School in Benagaria. We wish them God's blessing and much happiness in their home and work.

The uncertainty which surrounds the future of the foreign mission enterprise in India has accentuated the importance of training national leaders for the work of the church. Mr. Anil Jha and Dr. Paul Murmu are continuing their studies in America. Mr. Gora Tudu has received his passport, after considerable delay, and will be leaving for America in the near future. A committee composed of one national member from each of the five Church Councils has been appointed by the Synod to select suitable candidates for study abroad. We have at present 7 young women and 17 young men studying in colleges in this country on mission stipends.

Upon invitation from the Santal Mission Board in Norway, Pastor Naran Soren and wife went to Norway in June. We are happy to hear that their visit and witness there is proving a blessing to the many mission friends they meet.

The Divinity Schools, Martha Mary Bible School, Middle and High Schools, teachers' and nurses' training schools offer challenging opportunities for training Christian leaders for the various branches of work in the Church.

The three mission hospitals, two leprosy colonies and all the dispensaries have dealt with constant streams of people in all kinds of physical distress. The Christian witness and service rendered at these places of mercy is of great importance.

Efforts have been made also this year to produce and distribute Christian and good secular literature in several languages. The need of good literature is still

far from being met, and the work is of greatest importance; as Charles R. Watson has aptly said: "No other agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly, and influence so irresistably as the printed page."

On September 1st the new nurses' home at Mohulpahari was dedicated. It was a memorable day, a dream realized. The nurses' home is a well built brick structure with asbestos roof. It houses approximately 6 nurses.

For many years the need has been felt for a Santal mission station in Malda, and we are happy that it is now a reality. On October 18th the new bungalow was dedicated. Built on a comparatively high piece of ground, formerly a haunt for wild animals, a substantial, well planned dwelling has been built. We pray that Bagsarai mission station may be a power house from which the Gospel light will be carried to the villages and homes round about.

A number of visitors have also this year been guests at various stations in our field. We gratefully acknowledge the encouragement and inspiration that has been received through such visits. Early in the year, Mr. & Mrs. Jensen in charge of the Danish school for missionaries' children at Kotagiri, and the Rev. & Mrs. Iveland in charge of the Norwegian School at Shillong visited some of the stations in Assam and Santal Parganas. During August and September a notable event was the visit from America of 22 Churchmen. Their visit at a number of the mission stations in Assam and the Santal Parganas was an inspiration and encouragement to many. At the close of the year we are happy to have Bishop and Mrs. Schioler and Miss Schmidt Pedersen from Denmark and also the Misses

Rasmussen and Walloe, missionaries in West Kandesh, Bombay State, among us. For a somewhat more extended visit, Miss Margurette Lofthus from U. S. A. is conducting teaching missions at a number of places in the mission, making use of the chalk-talk method of illustrating her lectures.

During the year some new members and officers have been appointed on two of our Home Boards. In Denmark, the Rev. Magnus Gottlieb was appointed as Home Secretary and Rev. Niels Petersen was re-elected as a member of the Board. In America, Dr. John Stensvaag is now President and Dr. O. Gornitzka, who resigned his position as President is now the Vice--President. New members of the Board are: Mrs P. G. Rasmussen, the Rev. Donald Ronning and the Rev. Floyd Lien. We are grateful for the valuable contributions made to the work of the mission by the retiring officers, and pray for God's blessing on the new members as they take up the work.

We wish to thank the mission Boards for their thoughtful concern for the needs of the mission workers and for all the encouragements given to carry on, the work of bringing Christ to the people of this great land. We also want to thank the many faithful intercessors and contributors for the important part they have had in the work during this year.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following special gifts:

From L. M. F. in Norway. Jubilee gift for Martha Mary Bible School.

From L. M. F. in Denmark, special gift for Narainpur Girls' School.

From the congregation at Elk Horn, Iowa, U. S. A. for funds for Church and Medical Unit at Parkijuli.

From the American Board for the nurses' Home
at Mohulpahari.

From a group in the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, U. S. A., for Tractors and equipment for the farm projects at Grahampur and Kaerabani High Schools.

From the American Board for a fine supply of the picture pamphlet:

"Jesus Friend of Children" with text. Printing has been done in three languages.

From the Gaustad sisters, New Plymouth, New Zealand for general work.

From K. L. F. in Denmark for Sevapur, Memorial gift for Dr. B. B. Bogh.

A substantial sum granted from Mornai Tea Estate profits has been a great help in the work. The Tea Estate has continued under the able direction of the Rev. O. Eie, Manager, and Messrs. Norinco Limited, Managing Agents.

Valuable grants have also been received and are hereby acknowledged, from the Governments of Assam, Bihar and West Bengal for a number of our educational and medical institutions.

Having been appointed by the Synod of our E. E. L. Church to succeed the Rev. J. Gausdal as General Superintendent of the Church, the undersigned placed before the Missionary Conference his resignation as Field Secretary and Manager of the Trust. The conference elected the Rev. A. E. Stronstad as Secretary and Manager for the next five year period. We thank you all most heartily for the confidence, friendship and co-operation you have shown us during our term as Secretary and we pray for God's rich blessing upon Rev. Stronstad as he takes up the work.

Respectfully submitted.
O. S. Bjerkestrand
Secretary.

WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS.

B A S E T K U N D I.

“Except Jehovah built the house
They labor in vain that build it
Except Jehovah keep the city
The watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1

It is with a feeling of one's own shortcomings that one begins to write an annua report. In the past lies an entire year—a year which has been broken up into many working days, but nevertheless, it seems like one long working day in which we have had the presence of Jesus even as He has promised His Own. Mission work has two arms, to work and to watch; like God's people of old worked and watched while they rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem. With the one hand they built and in the other they held their swords. It was under changing and varying conditions. But the secret of its success was that the Lord Himself was the architect.

In a time of transition and under varying conditions, we were allowed to remain here on our field of labor in this big land and build God's Kingdom. Several enemies attempted to “break through the walls.” We were lead to realize how important it is to watch while we build on. We had so many occasions and opportunities to expand the work, but when we look back we realize that the weakness has been with us. It was we who have fallen so far short and we must fully acknowledge the Apostle's words, “So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.” (I Cor. 3 :7)

With joy and a heartfelt thanks to God that we again were privileged to remain in this service, we can also witness that we were given opportunity to see God's Kingdom grow here in Sultanabad District. It was certainly not due to our ability, but God gave the increase.

A new congregation was started on the outskirts of the district. Several families have been baptized there in the last two years, and these new converts were eager and arduous to establish their own congregation and church. An elderly married couple gave the plot for the church. They have also expressed their desire to give their land and house to the church. It was not long after the church site was given that the Christians worked together to build the church, which is a mud house with straw-thatched roof. It was an inspiration to see the co-operation and zeal these new Christians showed. The church building was finished by the time the rains started and was dedicated by the General Superintendent, Johs. Gausdal, on the 4th of September, 1955. On weekdays, school is conducted in the church and there is good attendance, so that little church is filled to its capacity. A teacher was placed there this year. The congregation totals about fifty baptized members both young and adult, constituting ten families.

In another one of our parishes, the church was beginning to fall down due to a dilapidated condition. Together with the congregational members, it was decided that something must be done about the church. All agreed that the best solution was to take down the old and build a new mud house. Each family pledged ten rupees besides voluntary work. The pastors and elders (evangelists) in the district also promised to partake in the building of the Church and they really worked for one whole week. The roof was just on when the rain began. The remaining work had to wait until after the

rains. On December 18th the new church was consecrated and put into use.

Still another church building was consecrated this year, although the building was not a new building. It was an innovation that the mission bungalow at Haripur should be used as a church. Since Miss G. Holten left Haripur Mission station some years ago, the bungalow has been unoccupied and the work there has been under our district. The church building there was in a very bad condition and the congregation asked for help in repairing it. The building committee investigated the church and realized that there would be a big repair expense. The wood framework was all eaten by white ants. Therefore by decision of the Mission Executive Committee it was decided to permit the congregation to secure the mission bungalow as a church, since it would be very difficult to provide the necessary funds for the building of a new church. With a simple ceremony on 18th December, the mission bungalow was dedicated as a church for Haripur congregation, which this year has celebrated its seventieth anniversary.

In still another parish the evangelist's house was falling down and in such a state of condition it was dangerous to live in the house. This is a big house, and has room enough for two families, an evangelist and a teacher. These two families had taken shelter in the church, but this was not very satisfactory since school was held there on weekdays. At one of our monthly meetings we talked about what could be done for the house of these two co-workers, and all the pastors and evangelists decided that we should take one week's camping trip at that place and repair the house since we did not have money to hire laborers. With joy and enthusiasm we began the work which was bigger than we had anticipated. After a week's work it was evident that there was

much left to be done, and we had to promise each other that we would come back and continue the work. One difficulty was that there was no water on that place to fix or knead the earth. It was a long way, in fact, too long a way to carry the water, so I took the jeep to help. But then one day some villagers came who also took water from that place and they refused to let us get water there. Now it became extremely difficult and we had to go a long way off to a spring in a march, a place where it was impossible to come by car. The water had to be carried to the jeep and then driven to the building site. It was cumbersome and difficult. But there was no one that suggested that we should give up even when it became so difficult. Little by little the work went forward and we just barely got the straw roof made when the rain came. Thus, it was possible for these two families to live in the house. In the coming year we shall build a solid and good roof of brick tile.

It has been an inspiration to see the willingness among the co-workers by their own work to repair the houses of the parishes and in that way also reduce the church budget.

As far as I have been able to follow along in the work, it has gone regular and as usual. Sunday worship services have been held and there has been usually a good attendance. On the big festival days the churches are over-flowing; but otherwise there is little other interest for meetings in the parishes. In too many places Sunday is the only day that the Word of God is preached to the poor and hungering souls. Then when the Christians also are careless about church attendance, there is very little they are able to learn or to acquire of God's Word. Pastors and evangelists are not always so diligent in visiting the Christians in their villages as they should be and so they drift away. In one of our

congregations, we sense that there is antagonism against our church set up and this has shown itself in a weak leadership of the congregation's shepherd. In this congregation there has not been held regular Sunday Worship services. With sorrow we have discovered that sometimes it occurred that they only sing, read God's Word and pray out under a tree outside of the church. The ordinary collections which are given to the congregational work in our Circle have not been turned over to the district treasurer either.

There have been held some Bible Study Weeks around in the district, at which many people have gathered. The Christians have felt that they have received help and spiritual quickening through these meetings around God's Word and have asked that such series of meetings might be held more often. We have the impression that it is easy to gather people around God's Word and some really thirst for God's word.

Little has been done for the weekly women's meetings; but at several new places they have begun meetings this year. It is not easy to find those that will take the responsibility for these meetings without money or salary. It is a very great opportunity which should be more utilized.

Sunday Schools have not been held out in the villages or congregations. It appears that no one has seen the necessity for this work or felt it their responsibility and call to begin. Here in Basetkundi we have a Sunday School which is lead by one of the teachers in the Middle School. But, unfortunately, there are very few that come to Sunday School from the neighboring villages. It is mostly the boys from the compound boarding school that gather. The children and young people are like a big and unoccupied land which still lies open because we lack leaders and Sunday School teachers.

Six village schools and one bigger school have been running throughout the year, all of which are under the direction of the church. In some places there have been large enrollments in the schools, while in other places it has been pitifully small. It appears that it depends much on the teacher whether or not children come to school. If the teacher is indifferent and careless, then the school will also suffer, and we have had one sad experience of that nature in one of our schools. It is unfortunate that until now there is little progress to trace in our village schools. Just a few pass the examination for promotion to the next class.

The usual monthly meetings for pastors, evangelists teachers and Bible women have been held regularly. We have had a Bible Hour and otherwise consultation about the congregational work and sometimes we have also had problems to cope with. These gatherings have in spite of all, been encouraging and often been of a blessing. We have seen a willingness to come forward and co-operate in the work. The Circle Conference meetings have been held under the leadership of Circle President, Pastor S. Marandi. It has been a joy to see that our Christian brethren who have been voted members of this conference from the 13 congregations in our district have shown great interest to understand their responsibility and their duty in this conference, also to advance towards self-support of the church. When looking at the figures it may seem that the advancing is very poor and little, but there certainly is advancement to be traced.

A new feature in the congregational work is the youth work which has been started by the teachers in the Middle School. They have shown great interest for this special work and in this connection a Youth Convention was held here in Basetkundi during Easter. There

was a very good attendance and one noticed that the young people's minds were open and receptive. The course concluded with baptism of six young boys together with one family and confirmation of sixteen young people. They have also held young people's meetings around in all of our parishes and the attendance has been good. This appears to be a new responsibility and new opportunities laid in our path.

With joy we have found some of the Christians willing to take part in the congregational work and to gather the Christians in the villages for meetings and devotions, and to visit the sick. We are very thankful for their willingness and service.

But there are still several villages in the district where there is not one Christian and where we as yet have no opening up for the Gospel. Drinking is a burden among the people and many Christians have fallen away because of Drink's death bringing poison to the spiritual life.

In our district there are 109 villages in which Christians live, totaling 1813 Christians constituting 402 families. There have been 41 baptized from among the non-Christians and 50 children of Christian families have been carried to the baptismal font. Eight hundred-six of the Christians are communicant members and there has been gathered in offerings and gifts in form of rice etc., Rs. 2068/2/0. We are very thankful that so much has been contributed to the work, but we must at the same time say that we need much more before the church here in our district will be self-supporting since these Rs. 2000/-- only amount to one-sixth of the total budget.

From the small dispensary we have here on the verandah of the bungalow, 3468 patients have received

medicine and help in time of sickness and we have sensed a spirit of great thankfulness from many for the help they have received. Especially during the rainy season, people are situated in a difficult position in time of sickness since here are no all weather roads, or railways and a long way to the nearest hospital. Rivers which are sometimes dangerous to cross and because of slimy and sticky soil it makes all kinds of transportation difficult.

But through all, both heavy and good days, we have experienced and sensed God's goodness and faithfulness and, therefore, there is a desire in us to give God the honor for that which has been built further on the "sure foundation" Jesus Christ.

We extend thanks to all, known and unknown, mission friends in the homelands for faithfulness in the service, love for the work and for intercession. We also thank our co-workers in India for intercession, help and fellowship in the work.

Rakel and Ingolf Hoyland.

B E N A G A R I A

The work has been carried out during 1955 without any great changes among our congregational workers. Lodo Hasdak', our elder in Sapadoha, was ordained as pastor in March, and our elder in Beldanga went home to his land in April.

The pastors, elders and Biblewomen have come to Benagaria for our monthly meetings. Here they have

given reports regarding their work. • We have been very glad to hear these reports. Through them we have come to learn of the life in the congregations throughout the district. They have reported their good experiences as well as their difficulties. According to these reports, the work is progressing in most of the congregations. In Murshidabad, fifteen non-Christians were baptized and in Benagaria five. Besides these, many people have received instruction for baptism, and as it appears, some of them will be baptized in the near future.

One of the main features during 1955 was the dedication of a new church in Surujpur. The congregation in this place is new and not very large. They live far from other Christians, and had a long distance to go on Sundays to attend Church Services. They decided to build a church by themselves, and on the 15th of May, Benagaria circle members together with some of the pastors, went to Surujpur for the dedication of the church.

The churches in Itor and Buruamchua fell down during the rainy season, and some of the other churches are in a very bad condition and need major repairs, which we hope to be able to carry out in 1956. In Dimbadoha the Christians have asked us to build a church in their village. In Belbuni the work has started, when this report is being written and we will probably get it finished before the rains start.

The women's work in the district is progressing. In many places they have started women's meetings. We went to a place in between the hills west from Benagaria. Here the women want to begin with meetings, but there is no one in the village who is able to read, and in other places too the women do not gather as there is nobody able to lead them. Here at

Benagaria the women have weekly meetings on our verandah except in the planting season. During harvest it is also difficult for them to come, so this year our Bible women together with Nikodem Pastor's wife went to the surrounding villages Sunday afternoons and had Bible hours with the women.

A few years ago work among the young people was started. We are happy to report that this work is progressing. Every Wednesday from forty to sixty young men and women come together for Bible studies. Very often they go out in the villages on Sundays after church service to visit the Christian homes. Sometimes up to forty take part in these visits.

About sixty children are attending Sunday School, but we hope that this part of our congregational work will progress during the coming year. We need the help of the Christian homes, that they may realize the importance of an early education in the Christian way of life. Our teachers in the school have been very faithful in this work, but they need co-operation.

Last year in June we received the Government's recognition of our Middle English School. Many new students enrolled making the attendance now at two hundred and thirty. Our teachers have been working hard to raise the standard of the school, and they have been successful. In connection with the school we have a small boarding. The students carry all the boarding expenses themselves.

BENAGARIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

The industrial school has a staff of four teachers, two in the carpentry section and two in the weaving section. Sixteen students have attended the school in

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1955, six in the carpentry and ten in the weaving section. Four of the weavers finished their course in December, three of them in second division and one in third division. In the weaving section the work has gone on as usual. There has been plenty of work. In the carpentry we have had some trouble in getting seasoned timber during the first part of the year, but now we have sufficient to carry on. Now our main difficulty is to get sufficient and proper tools. Many of our looms are worn out and the equipment for the looms is poor. In the carpentry section, too, we need replacements of tools and as we have accepted six new students, more tools are needed.

An evening school has been started for the students as many of them are not able to read or write. One of the teachers in our Middle English school teaches them. We hope to be able to raise the standard of the industrial school and for this purpose we have sent an application to the Government for a grant, but so far we have had no response.

THE ZEMINDARY

The Government of Bengal and Bihar have taken over the zemindary from January, 1956. In this connection we have been busy with preparing the necessary statements in relation to the property. Later on compensation is forthcoming.

BENAGARIA MISSION PRESS

During 1955 the following books have been printed :

Seren Puthi	5000 Copies
Nawa Din-Nawa Dare	1000 copies
Nawa Dare	1000 copies
Pahil Puthi	4000 copies

Girjak' Dhara	1000 copies
Panji for 1956	2500 copies
Hajri Khata	500 copies
Buj Rakap'	2000 copies
Chatka Puthi	2000 copies
Pahil Puthi (Serako lagit')	2000 copies
Gansheni Lirkornae	500 copies
Annual Report	300 copies
Nawa Din--Nawa Dare (Bengali)	1000 copies
Bar Gel Seren	3000 copies
Santal News Letter	500 copies
Dhorom Gira Seren	6000 copies

Besides these "Pera Hor" has been printed weekly in 1800 copies and "Phunni Hathorki" monthly in 500 copies.

Some of the books printed are for other missions and with the exception of three small books all the printing done was reprinting of old editions.

The need for new literature is greatly felt. We hope that the manuscripts will soon be available and as far as we know some are on their way.

The daily work in the press has been carried on by our staff of sixteen workers with Mr. Mongol Murmu as the leader. Furthermore, Rev. Ghose from Suri has helped us in many ways and for the help rendered we are very thankful.

The balance in the book sales department is very low due to a large stock of books and printing cost of Campbell's Dictionary which cannot be covered by grants allotted earlier.

Mrs. Ingrid Gausdal presented a manuscript for a Bible Concordance in Santali. It took eight years of diligent work to complete the manuscript and a great need has now been met.

Hanne and Aage Jensen

CHONDORPURA

It seems only a short time ago since I wrote the last annual report. Nevertheless, a year has lapsed—a year with all its days and each day has brought forth something new even though one feels that one's work only repeats itself from day to day. A prayerful sigh rises up to God, "May the new activities of each day be a manifested growth of God's Kingdom among the people here." Oftentimes it seems as if the growth of God's Kingdom among us stands still; and with great effort we try to keep the life going which has begun in the congregations. It is heartbreaking to stand face to face with that which has crumbled. In the past year there has been more than one instant in Chondorpura District where one who was once made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church, through Holy Baptism, fell away. But God be praised, we have also witnessed that stray sheep have returned. Then there was rejoicing among God's true children.

Again this year small children have been carried to the baptismal font and it was wonderful to remember again Jesus' words, "Let the little ones come unto me and forbid them not, for to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven." A few non-christian families have also been instructed and baptized. May they be strengthened to

meet the temptations which are always near and be kept steadfast in the faith. Then we thank God who gives us evidence that He has not taken His Spirit from us, but we pray for an awakening spirit over our congregations.

My thoughts go out to the villages where we have our Christian homes. I am so happy over each home that comes to memory, homes where the faithful ones seek the communion of saints in God's House at the worship service and at the Lord's Table. In all their daily strife for bodily sustenance yet they have their life's true strength in God's Word.

Church attendance has risen, even at Pandan it has been better than the previous year.

The same pastors and elders have remained. Among the teaching staff, Mary was married and moved with her husband to Benagaria where he is a student in the Santal Divinity School. The teacher in Chirapator, Johan, had to discontinue his teaching position because of immorality.

Women's meetings have been held around on the stations and in the villages. Most regular meetings have been held at Ranga out-station every fourteen days where Rebeka, the pastor's wife, is a faithful leader of the meetings.

Sunday offerings and the fall offering of rice have been a little larger this year than the previous year. At the congregational mela which is held every fall on three of our stations, the income has more than doubled itself in the last two years. So this year also we have been able to increase the contribution towards the congregation's support.

The new enterprise to report from Chondorpura District this year is the Bible School for Women which was

opened the 15th of January for one year's course. The school has fourteen students and was dedicated in February. It has been a pleasant working year among this flock. According to plans the course should have been discontinued in December, but since it is better to begin a new school-year after hot season vacation, namely in July, it was decided that this group should continue their course until April, 1956, a decision which the students welcomed. In July a Boro girl was admitted and since then the enrollment has been fifteen students. The day's program consists of classes in the morning and study and housework in the afternoon. The students have conducted Sunday School classes here on Chondorpura mission station and in Chondorpura and Ero villages. After their test examination in December, they had a one week's camping trip in Dherompur District. This tour was a joy and inspiration both to those who went and to those who were visited.

The students participated in the big yearly church convention for Jubdi and Sultanabad Circle which was held this year on an out-station in Saldoha District. At the morning worship services on Sunday the students have often favoured us with their nice choir anthems. Every Friday evening they have gathered in our living room for weekly prayer meeting.

In July, Miss Gunvor Clausen returned from Norway and thus we are two to share the work. When we sold so much nice handwork at the school sale in December, it was largely due to the efforts put forth by Miss Clausen in the handwork classes.

We pray that Martha Mary Bible and Domestic School, as well as our whole district may be under this God's promise: "that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ."

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone who faithfully from year to year are contributing also to this branch of God's vineyard with their prayers and gifts.

Gunvor Clausen and Magnhild Buttedahl

D H O R O M P U R

The work in the Dhorompur area has been in charge of the pastors Bajun Murmu and Nitanondo Marandi since the Rev. and Mrs. Aage Jensen moved to Benagaria early in the year. Together with some of the un-salaried lay workers the pastors have attended the Dumka Circle workers' meetings once a month, and there the problems connected with the work have been discussed and prayed over, following the usual Bible Study.

Sunday services have been faithfully conducted, and the sacraments have been administered in the four centers: Dhorompur, Kolha, Nijhor-Jetke and Honja Rampur. The pastors have also faithfully visited the Christian homes scattered in several villages, as well as telling the story of salvation through Jesus Christ to non-christians among the Santals and others.

Women's meetings have been continued in several places.

It has not yet been possible to arrange for land on which to build the proposed new church at Honja-Rampur. The money donated especially for this purpose is kept as a special fund to be used when the necessary arrangement can be made.

Since the construction work on the dam across the Mor River at Messanjor was completed, quite a large area of low lying land between Dhorompur and Kari-kador, and extending almost to Dumka, has been inundated. Villages in this area had to be vacated and the people moved to other places. Some of the members of Dhorompur congregation have also had to move. Government has arranged for giving compensation to the effected people, either in the form of cash, or land with help for buildings.

According to statistics that have just been received, there are in the Dhorompur area 54 families with a total of 257 Christians living in 20 villages. During the year, 19 were added to the Church through baptism. Of these 12 were children of Christian parents.

A Sunday School has been conducted for 15 children by Pastor Bajun Murmu. Three young people were confirmed.

A three day fellowship meeting sponsored by the Dumka Circle Conference was held at Dhorompur, 15-18 March. The meetings were well attended and it was felt that much blessing was derived from inspiring messages and the fellowship with the brethren.

Are you praying for the work in Dhorompur? We are grateful to all who remember this work and the workers.

Ole Bjerkestrand

D U M K A

A number of events that took place during 1955 had been anticipated. Others were unexpected, bringing with them joy as well as some concern with regard to the work. As we look back we can but say: "He has done all things well." The blessing of the Lord has followed those who faithfully served Him.

It had been decided in the Church Council that Elder Siblal Hasdak' should be transferred to the Jubdi Circle and assist his father-in-law, Pastor Tika Murmu, at Chirapathor. Likewise, the Council had decided that Lukhiram Murmu, who had served as Elder in the Maharo area was to move to Dumka. These transfers took place early in the year.

There have been a few changes in the teaching staff at Dumka and Dum Upper Primary Schools. As mentioned in last year's report, Bodro Soren came to Dumka from Dum, and Abraham Hasdak' was appointed to take his place at Dum. Lolly Marandi was married in May and left shortly afterwards for her new home near Basetkundi. Sugda Tudu joined the teaching staff after the rainy season vacation. Dhona Soren has been acting Headmaster of the Dumka School.

When an invitation was received from the Mission Board in Norway for Pastor Naran Soren and wife to visit there and speak to mission friends, it was considered a fine opportunity for our pastor and his wife. They gladly accepted the invitation and were able to leave in June. Reports of their reception and witness in various parts of Norway and Denmark have been very encouraging.

Meanwhile, the burden of the work in Dumka congregation fell on the Elder, Lukhiram Murmu. He

has the happy faculty of working well with others, and has had good co-operation and help from Mr. Raska Murmu of Kusumdih, Pastor David Jha of Dangalpara, Dumka, and neighboring pastors from Maharo and Koroya have assisted with baptisms and communion services.

The work in the Dum congregation has suffered much due to Pastor Chunu Murmu's inability, because of illness and other causes, to serve as expected. Chunu Pastor is now retired on pension.

At Chukapani there have been disputes among some of the brethren, apparently fostered by outside agencies. At present, matters appear to have been settled and normal work is again in progress.

At Ranga, the work under Baghrae Murmu, the elder, has been going well. A Sunday School and confirmation classes have been conducted,

As already indicated, the work in the Dumka congregation has been encouraging. A number of people who were under instruction for baptism, when the pastor and his wife left for Europe, were further prepared and many of them have been baptized. Classes of twelve girls and thirteen boys were confirmed.

The Sunday School and youth work has continued under the faithful and able leadership of Miss Naomi Torkelson. Sunday School Day and Youth Sunday services were occasions of joy and inspiration, in which many took part.

There has been good attendance at the weekly women's Bible Studies, and the hand-full of rice offering netted Rs. 476-13-0.

The annual mela was held late in November. There was a good attendance and the proceeds were better than average.

Statistics show :

Total number of Christians	968
Baptisms, Children of Christians	23
Baptisms, from Outside	35
Confirmed	25
Total Collections	1980 / 4 / 9

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph.” 2. Thess. 3 : 1.

Hazel and Ole Bjerkestrand

K A E R A B A N I

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.” I Cor. 15: 58.

Let this word of Saint Paul be our greeting from Kaerabani District to all of you who read this annual report. This word, to know that it is not in vain, makes us abound in the work. Very often, without seeing the results, we must only believe that it's not in vain. But, now and then, we get to see small glimpses showing that the Lord acknowledges the work.

The year 1955 has not been a year of great events here in this circle. We have, nevertheless, experienced

a co-operative spirit growing among our workers and honest efforts to accomplish something in the congregations. We believe that it is a good sign when the workers dare to stand up against what is destructing the Christian fellowship.

The workers' meetings which are held at the end of each month, at which pastors, elders and primary school teachers are gathered, have been found to be a good contact with one another. We first come together for several Bible lessons. After that we receive oral reports from each congregation and then we discuss both the problems and possibilities for progress in the work. At this time they also receive their monthly pay and the accounts from each congregation are checked and settled.

A few changes have been made in the teaching staff in the primary schools during the past year, mainly because of sickness. Guduc' Tudu' who has been working for several years in Kaerabani Lower Primary School, was found to have an advanced case of tuberculosis. He has been treated for several months in our district hospital and is still under treatment. For his replacement in the school, Bahalina Murmu who has had teacher's training in Maharo Girls' School, was appointed. After this appointment there now are three women teachers and two men in Kaerabani Lower Primary School.

Pito Soren, who was a teacher at Manpur, had to quit because of sickness. He had also reached retiring age. A young, energetic man, Silas Soren from Babhondiha was appointed in his place. The number of students has increased considerably since he began in September.

The school at Jambua was in great difficulty for several months since the teacher, Karan Murmu, was

ill. However, Pastor Mongol Besra and his wife kept the school operating all the time, and for this we owe them great thanks. We are very happy that Karan Murmu now is back in the work and that the school work is going on excellently.

At Dhobona they are continually asking for another teacher, but due to shortage of funds they received some help only for a shorter period of time this past year. Hiskial Hasdak' is doing a fine work, but one can imagine the great task for one man alone with sixty to seventy children.

In the rest of the village schools they have been working faithfully with an equal number of students compared to that of the preceding year. The teachers are as follows: Somae Murmu at Babhondiha; Simon Murmu at Domkata and Manka Hembrom at Pahru-di who is also the bookkeeper for the circle accounts.

We have not yet succeeded in getting Government recognition for our Primary Schools with the exception of Kaerabani Lower Primary School. We are still working with the case and there is good hope of getting recognition for some of the schools.

At Monhorchok a new elder was to have been appointed this year, but as yet we have not secured a man. Pensioned elder Daniel Marandi is still working there. In spite of his age, he has been along on preaching trips in the villages and with his long experience he gives good advice in congregational matters.

As before, Elder Ram Murmu is working at Babhondiha, Elder Ranglal Kisku at Sagra, Elder Paul Hembrom at Dighari, and part time worker Sundar Murmu at Domkata. The congregation at Domburia has appointed Kistu Hasdak' as part time worker to succeed Mophon Hembrom.

Our three pastors, Suphol Hembrom, Mongol Besra and Munshi Marandi, have faithfully been carrying on their services in the congregations. The number of communion services in the entire circle during the year is one hundred and three, which means an average of ten times in each of the ten congregations. Forty-four children of Christian families have been baptized and seven persons from among the non-Christians. Thirty-nine have been confirmed during the year.

The Sunday School work has continued in seven of the congregations this year also, and one-hundred and eighty-four children have attended regularly. On special occasions such as Sunday School Day and Christmas Eve the Sunday School children have brought joy to the congregation at Kaerabani with their delightful small dramas and beautiful songs. We are also very thankful to the Hostel Boys' Choir for singing in church nearly every Sunday at the worship service.

An encouraging addition to the congregational work this past year has been the appointment of eight Biblewomen who for a small gift supervise the women's work and are placed as follows:—

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| 1. Mary Murmu | Kaerabani congregation |
| 2. Sankhi Murmu | Dighari and Manpur congregations |
| 3. Ruth Baskey | Jambua and Domburia congregations |
| 4. Elisabeth Hasdak' | Babhondiha congregation |
| 5. Esther Murmu | Sagra congregation |
| 6. Lily Soren | Dhobona congregation |
| 7. Martha Hembrom | Domkata congregation |
| 8. Nungia Soren | Monhorchok congregation |

These Biblewomen gather the women of their congregation for devotional meetings and visit the Christian homes as far as they are able. We feel that

such Bible women are necessary for the vigorous growth of the congregational life. Church attendance has increased since they began. The women's group here at Kaerabani Mission gather every Thursday with meetings being held alternately in the Kaerabani Church and in the villages.

As usual, the circle mela was held in the month of November and was well attended. The climax of the mela was the drama of the story of Samson dramatized by the hostel boys and some of the teachers.

Church offerings are not easily increased, but it is a step in the right direction when the total amount is a little above that of the previous year.

In our small district hospital we have started to admit tuberculosis patients for treatment in co-operation with the medical doctor at Mohulpahari Hospital. Several good results have already been seen from this treatment.

During the rainy season we were not able to make very many village visits. Rev. O. J. Landsverk, the principal of the high school, was at language school and it became necessary to remain most of the time on the station for school duties. It was an interesting and inspiring experience, however, to come into more direct contact with the boys in their daily life in the hostel, through the evening devotions or special song services either in the school hall or in the church. Such a group of boys are a wonderful field. Some of the students often go along with us to the out-stations on Sunday and take part in the service with songs and testimonies.

It has been a joy to visit the congregations and we have always been welcomed. In most of the non-christian villages too, they are willing to listen to the

Gospel message. May only a deep revival sweep through our congregations and raise voluntary workers to go into action! Help us in praying for this!

We want to thank all of you who have stood behind us also during this past year with your prayers and offerings. We shall all one day rejoice together, seeing that the labour was not in vain.

Gudrun and Hjalmar Kvam

M A H A R O

“It is God who worketh.” (Phil. 2:13)

How wonderful it is to reckon with Him. We would so very much like to see the fruits of the work which we do. But so often He causes us to be disappointed. Here it does not apply to losing courage, but to work in obedience and leave the fruits with Him who is the One who works.

The work in the district has as before been led by the two pastors. These two pastors are brothers of the pastor and his wife who are now in Norway and Denmark visiting. Chaitan Soren is Naran Soren's brother and Joseph Hasdak' is brother of Raode Hasdak'. Chaitan Pastor is placed here in Maharo and besides this congregation he also has charge of Jalwae. Joseph Pastor attends to the parishes in Nayadi, Asanthor and Dumbria. In addition to these, he also has communion services in Ranga in Dumka District after Naran Soren left for Europe.

In addition, we have Daniel Tudu as evangelist in Nayadi, Dhanai Murmu in Asanthor, and Bhaton Tudu

in Dumbria, and in Jalwae, Paul Murmu. Motilal Hasdak' has also lived here in Maharo and been of good help for the pastor in village visitation. Both of the Bible women quit at the beginning of the year, so we have had no one in that work this year.

In February we were in camp for one week in Morfa village near Nuni Hat. This lies near the boundary of The Church Missionary Society Mission and our mission. In this region there are no Christians. Elise Dragoy was with us. The pastors and evangelists went around in the villages and preached. They met multitudes of people who had never heard the Gospel preached. Due to opposition from the Hindus, we two ladies were quietly in the tent. There we had continually people on visit who wanted to hear the phonograph. We played over and over again the Santali records we had received from Gospel Recording. When I said good-bye to an elderly woman who had visited us daily, she rebuked me because I had not even given her a little "pan." (Something disgustingly red which they chew). That was her greatest desire, otherwise we could have the phonograph and Gospel in peace. I have the feeling that so many feel the same way. If there would be something to gain, then it could be something to think about. One becomes so poor and helpless when faced with this, but we have, nevertheless, the order to sow the Word, that Word which is powerful and living, that Word which God works through, not we.

The pastors' wives and evangelists' wives have taken the responsibility of the women's meetings on the various places. It is not always so easy to gather them all in all the places, but the work has continued.

In the beginning of the year, a woman was baptized from Tilia village near Jalwae. Her son is studying in Kaerabani and was baptized one and a half years before. Otherwise, there are only non-Christians in the family. In October a family of four were baptized in Haripur. They belong to the Mahle tribe. In addition to these, thirty children of Christian parents have been baptized.

The work of giving medicine to lepers who are sent here from Saldoha grows steadily. It began in 1954 with two patients. This is a work I am very happy to do.

The work in the village schools continues mostly in the same manner as previously. The school in Dumbria has not been started again since it was closed two or three years ago. The place swarms with children, but the people have apparently not awakened to the need of a school yet. Other places again they would rather have more schools. In Nayadi they have asked for a school, but for several reasons it has not materialized. In Burudi they would like to have the school enlarged so that they can have more classes. When they were asked to give some financial help, they turned to the Government to seek help. The Government has begun a number of schools in the villages, especially evening schools so that those who do not have opportunity to attend in the daytime, can have their chance.

Between Christmas and New Year we had Youth Day here in Maharo. Several hundred gathered and we had a wonderful day. It was planned to have been a breath of stimulation to the young people's work and time will tell whether it has helped or not. The situation is the same here as in other places, namely, that we see how badly we need to work with the youth.

But it is difficult to find anyone who is willing to offer his time and talents for this work. Our prayer is that God will drive out leaders, filled with His Spirit, not only leaders for the Youth, but for His entire Church out here.

Thanks for intercession.

Ragnhild Rein

S A L D O H A

Saldoha District is composed of three congregations out in the district besides the two congregations here. Salhae Marandi is the pastor here and he also has charge of the congregation in Musnia where they have a teacher and an elder who lead the congregational work. In Tarni congregation we have Joseph Pastor as pastor and he also has charge of the Bhalsungia congregation which has an elder to lead the daily work.

In Musnia parish, it was a big day on New Year's Day when five were baptized and taken into the congregation. The Christian families brought along rice and after the church service we gathered by the river bank for a festive meal. Later several have drawn nearer and desired to hear the Gospel. Some of these are now under instruction for baptism, among them an old medicine man.

In Bhalsungia we have received a new teacher who has just recently finished his training in Kae-rabani. Now we have two teachers at each of our congregations who have charge of the village schools.

Each year they bring the children to Saldoha School for the annual examinations.

Here in Saldoha we have an Upper Primary School with over one hundred students. Some of these live in the boarding, but most of them come from their homes here and in the nearest villages. We have five teachers. The headmaster does a good volunteer work in the congregation as treasurer and choir director.

Last year in Tarni they welcomed and entertained the yearly "sabha" for Jubdi and Sultanabad Districts. This lasted three days and great crowds of people gathered to hear the Word of God. At this same place a one week's Bible course was held for the congregational members. Joseph Pastor and pensioned-pastor Mansing Tudu conducted these meetings.

It is our prayer that God's Kingdom might come out here, that new souls be won and that the Christians may steadily be renewed so that they are impelled to work and win others.

Aslaug and Jens Sture

T I L A B A N I

During the last years mostly due to the Masanjor Project, great changes have taken place in this district. Throughout the district irrigation canals are being constructed. From the land which has been inundated, people have moved to our district so that new villages are visible everywhere.

As some Christians have moved here we must see that they receive the needed help for building churches

and receive elders to care for them. Unfortunately, lack of workers has been the difficulty here. Saona, who for many years has served as an evangelist and has done a good work, has been pensioned. In Sarsa, where they had been without an elder for some time, Kaje from Benagaria, together with his wife who is a teacher moved in and we hope that they will not only teach the children, but also herd the flock there.

Mongla, the elder who has been stationed at Bagjobda for many years, unfortunately, has not seen any fruit of his work there. Therefore, we asked him to come to Tilabani and try to start the school which had been closed. This he consented to do and he made a good start. Even the teacher whom we feared had been the cause of the school closing helped us to get it started. After the summer vacation we obtained a new teacher from Kaerabani, Samuel, to succeed Mongla as he wanted to return to Bagjobda and work as an elder among the Christians from the upper country who had settled near there.

Pastor Bhikulal Hasdak' has faithfully been doing his work alone without any help from an elder. Nevertheless, four or five families have been added to the congregation. During the summer vacation, we asked for help from Benagaria Divinity School to be able to prepare them for baptism this year, and two of their students gave their assistance as Catechists.

It has been encouraging to notice the eagerness with which the young people as well as the women went out into the villages witnessing instead of only having their meetings on the mission compound. Unfortunately, many young people left as they went for further training.

A definite hindrance for the progress of the work in this district has been the many changes that have taken place during past years.

Our Lord once said, "The harvest truly is plenteous; but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

P. R. Pedersen

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS.

SANTAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

During the year under review we have experienced many encouragements in the Divinity School. It has been a real joy to work with the students, all of whom are doing their best, and not one of them has disappointed us. The teaching staff has increased considerably and should now be sufficient for the present work.

Munshi M. Tudu joined the staff on the 15th of February after his return from America where he completed his Bachelor of Divinity degree and also had one year's postgraduate study at the Biblical Seminary in New York. He has a good education and is also endowed with extraordinary gifts for teaching. He has entered his work in a very co-operative spirit and shows great promises for the future in the Divinity School and the Church. Mrs. Krogh has returned from South India and again has been teaching the women from the 1st of July, 1955. At the end of the year a new couple has been appointed as teachers, Motilal Hasdak', and his wife, Esther Hembrom. They passed their examination from here in April, 1954, and he was appointed evangelist at Maharo. He had studied up to class 10 in high school, and for some years had been a teacher in Tilabani before he entered the Divinity School as a student in 1951. She had

taken her Middle English and also had her teacher's training at Maharo. Both of them did very well here and have now come back to help in the teaching. May God bless them in this task.

Pastor Kalu Kisku and his wife, Chundki Hasdak', have also been on the staff; but he was only able to teach one period a day. For the last half year he had to do it in his own house, as it was impossible for him to walk around much. He departed this life to be with the Lord in the new year on 14th January, 1956. His death could have been expected at any time, nevertheless, it came suddenly and we feel a great loss. I am sure, much will be written about Kalu Kisku in the mission papers, so I will only record here that he served in the Divinity School for seventeen years as a teacher and gave most of the present pastors and evangelists a very good and spiritual instruction. We also suffered a loss when Rev. R. Rosenlund was called home on the 10th of May in Denmark. Rev. Rosenlund retired from the mission field in 1951 after more than forty years' work, but up to his death he served the Divinity School with his theological writings. We are sorry he didn't complete his Church History, but we have the most important part. He succeeded in finishing a series on Luther. We hope to get the funds for printing his Church History, "The Church in Perspective." Also his other work, "Dogmatics and Ethics", should be printed without further delay. Blessed be the memory of these two faithful workers.

Rev. and Mrs. Gausdal left India in December, and we appreciate their service and thank them for the devoted manner in which they always were willing to help also in the Divinity School. Rev. Gausdal has from time to time given lectures in the men's department, and Mrs. Gausdal has been working regularly

in the women's class. We will remember them and wish them God's rich blessing in their retirement.

Two other members of our missionary family should be mentioned. Miss Milde visited us for a week and gave the students a much appreciated instruction on Evangelism, and Miss Helene Romer taught Hygiene and Midwifery in the women's class. It is very important for the women to know something about these subjects, so that they may be able to help other women, when they go back to the villages. We hope to commence this teaching again when Miss Romer returns from her furlough.

We have seen a development in the school in the past year. What we have planned and hoped for has become a reality. The previous three-years' course has been altered to a four-years' course, in order that we would be able to give the future workers in the Church a more thorough education. It was also decided to admit new students every year, so that from 1958 new workers can go out every year for service in our congregations. So in addition to the twelve families who are studying in their second year we admitted one new family: Johan Tudu and wife and one child from Chondorpura District. For 1956 we have already received several applications through their respective Church Councils. Thus it appears that we will get all the students we can possibly accommodate.

We also prepared a syllabus and hope to be able to work according to that. Several new subjects have been introduced, such as Greek, Hindi, Liturgy, Hymnology and Practical Theology. It is our opinion that at least some of the students should be able to read part of the New Testament in the original language. The demands on the workers in the Church will be greater in the future, and we should prepare them to

be able to meet it. Out of the present thirteen students ten are studying Greek. They also should know Hindi. Those who know Hindi before hand (eight in number) study Biblical Hindi, and the rest (five in number) study Elementary Hindi.

We have received several gifts of books. A friend in Denmark has sent us eight copies of Nestle's Novum Testamentum Graece. This is a gift for the students. As a gift for the library, we have from the American home board received "A History of the Expansion of Christianity" in seven volumes by Kenneth Scott Latourette, and several dictionaries and analytical lexicons in Greek and Hebrew. We are very grateful for these valuable gifts and hope that these and other friends will give us still more books. We have just started to move the Bodding Memorial Library from the General Superintendent's Office to the Divinity School Library, but we need more shelves before we can complete this transfer. When we have finished this task we will have a very good library, but we will always need more recent literature in theology.

We have all had a very happy year of work and next to God our thanks go to all our friends in the homelands. We thank them for their intercession without which our plans might not have materialized. May we all turn to God in praise and thanksgiving that He leads us onward.

Magda and Johs. Thoft Krogh.

KAERABANI SANTAL HIGH SCHOOL

Another year has passed all too swiftly for us. Partly due to our prolonged stay in Landour this

year for almost five months of Hindi Language School, we missed much of the close contact we sincerely enjoy in our work with the school and hostel residents.

During our absence we were capably assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. Hjalmar Kvam, who in addition to their district work, also devoted much valuable time in leading the school work from the opening of school in July until we returned in September. We want to express our sincere thanks to them not only for this period of needed assistance, but also for their co-operative spirit and willing assistance at all times.

The new enrollment from July totalled four hundred and ninety-two and by December the student body numbered four hundred and eighty-seven with better than 91% daily attendance for the entire year. We opened two sections in class IX now numbering seventy-two and we have applied for permission to open new sections also in classes X and XI from July, 1956. The Matric results were more encouraging this year than the previous year when fourteen out of twenty-two sent up for State examinations were passed; two in the first division, five in the second, and seven in the third division. This year thirty-two members of Class XI will appear in the State Honor Examination in March, 1956.

Our teaching staff has remained much the same, now numbering twenty-two in the High and Middle School. Mr. Stephan Hasdak', I. Sc., was accepted at Vellore Medical School in July where he is now preparing himself for medical service in our Mission. He was replaced by Mr. Parmanand Singh, B. Sc., who left us in November. He was then replaced by Mr. Prabodh Mondol, B. Sc., a local young man from Dumka, whom we hope will stay for some time. Science graduates have been difficult to obtain and for

that reason we still have not secured a B. Sc. in Agriculture, even though a number of attempts have been made to appoint one throughout the year. Almost all agricultural graduates are given Government appointments at higher salaries and rapid promotions. We have not given up, and we hope to get a graduate in agriculture in the coming year.

One of our senior teachers, Mr. Gora Ch. Tudu, I. A. C. T., was selected for a year of further study in the U. S. A. He received his passport in December after much delay and is now preparing to set sail sometime in March. He is being replaced temporarily by Mr. Abdul Rahim, B. A.

Two of our own graduates, Mr. John Hembrom, I. A. (Sanskrit) and Mr. Philip Hembrom, I. Sc., (fail), joined the staff this year replacing Mr. Silas Hasdak' and Mr. Patras Hasdak' who accepted positions elsewhere. In addition to the above mentioned changes in the staff, we also obtained the services of a former teacher, Mr. Prafulla K. Dutt, now B. A. Dip-in-Ed. for the headmastership of the Teacher's Training School. He has also given valuable service half-time in the High School from the time of his appointment in September.

The Teacher's Training School continues with a one year course for Primary School teachers. We are still awaiting final recognition from the authorities in Patna of the present Junior Basic plan now instituted since 1952. Now that all requirements are apparently fulfilled, we hope it will be soon forthcoming so we may get Government grants also for this department. Out of twenty--nine candidates completing the course in June, all passed the practical examination and all but ten passed the State Board Examination. From

July, out of ninety-five applications forty were selected for admission making an all time record enrollment in the training school. Retiring Headmaster, Mr. J. Minz, is continuing as a full-time teacher in the training school. We are thankful for "the grand old man of Kaerabani" as long as he can remain in active teaching. His service record of now twenty-seven years at this school continues to be a blessing to his co-workers and students.

The Lower Primary School continues also to be a vital witness for Christ to the children enrolled in class I to III. With the promotion of Mrs. Priscilla Soren, Matric, C. T., to Headmistress the school has shown a marked improvement both Scholastically and spiritually. The enrollment averaged one hundred and sixty-five with about 80% daily attendance throughout the year. In addition to the weekly Sunday School made up of largely Lower Primary School children a regular program of Bible instruction is also faithfully conducted by the teachers of the school. One of the teachers, Mr. Guduc' Murmu took sick with tuberculosis in September and was replaced by Mrs. Baha Murmu, Junior trained. This makes a total of three women and two men on the present staff.

Among special activities aside from the usual observances of Indian Republic Day on January 26th and Independence Day on August 15th, the annual Prize Day this year took place on May 17th when the local Block Development Officer gave a fitting address as guest Chairman for the day. The auxiliary Cadet Corps, a new organization, represented our school well at a Government National Social Service Camp at Kosi in North Bihar, April 21-May 12th. The Boy Scouts and High School Band took part in the annual Scout Jamboree held in Dumka February 16-18 and

on a number of occasions the athletic teams and band represented our school at various public appearances. On December 4th, perhaps the most inspiring event took place when twenty-six of our hostel boys were confirmed in a church service conducted entirely by our Indian pastors.

Looking back over the past year we are reminded that in spite of the trial and hardships that sometimes come our way, God has marvellously provided far above what we are able to ask. We want to express our thanks again to our fellow workers especially our headmaster, teachers, staff and others who add daily to the knowledge and spiritual nurture of our students; to the Government of India for its financial grants and co-operation in Christian education; to our mission friends both here and in our homelands who continue to remember our work in their prayers and gifts. Above all, we thank God for the health and strength that has been ours to complete one more year of service here at Kaerabani Santal High School.

Continue to pray for us and may we ever give the honor and praise to God for his constant goodness and mercy to us all.

Helen and Obert Landsverk

MAHARO GIRLS' SCHOOL

The new year here in Maharo marks its beginning when all who live here on the mission compound gather outside of the mission bungalow at 8 o'clock in the morning on New year's day to greet one another on

the occasion of the new year. Before greetings begin, however, a few songs are sung and the pastor or someone else in the group leads in prayer. The prayer usually takes the form of a thanksgiving to God for the year that has passed, and a plea for God's gracious help in the year which now begins. Four or five days later when the teachers and girls come back after Christmas vacation the year begins in earnest here in the school.

At the beginning of each new year the greatest desire is that this year may also be successful, and that our work with and among people may be well pleasing to our Heavenly Father and an eternal blessing for these people. Peter writes in his first letter, that a spiritual house is being built up of living stones. Our school work should be just such a building of living stones. This challenging question presses forward. Is the result a spiritual house? Or does our school work out here only mean that we give primitive people an opportunity for education, helping them to raise themselves intellectually, economically and socially. All this is good and well, but there must be something more in order to be the spiritual building according to God's Word; for man does not live by bread alone, or of the good things and the progress that this world can offer.

One thing can be said in sincerity of the past year, namely, that the good Seed was sown. Even if we that sowed were weak and failed in so many ways, nevertheless, we cannot but hope that some thing happened in young Santal hearts. Sunday, the 16th of November, nine school girls were confirmed here in Maharo. Many of their relatives and friends found their way here that day. May these young ones in the truth be "living stones" in God's building.

At the beginning of the new school year in July, all available room in the boarding school was filled. We had to send some home again because of lack of space. It was not pleasant to refuse these small girls who wanted to go to school, but it is impossible to provide room for over 270 here on the station. From July we also had the Matric Class for the first time. In all, we had twelve classes besides the Teacher's Training class. The six girls who took the Test Examination for Matric in December passed, but now is the question of what the result will be of the actual examination which is to be held in March, 1956. In the other three High School classes we have now thirty girls enrolled. The enrollment has increased steadily from year to year. Some of the girls have received great financial help by receiving stipends from Scheduled Tribal Stipends which the Government grants yearly. Likewise, twenty-five girls received help to buy books. The girls who sat for the scholarship examination in April have as yet not heard their results. The Government grant for the year was the same as for the previous year, and we are thankful for the support and sympathy which the Government thereby expresses.

The health of the girls has been good throughout the year. We would like to express our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Forman for their good help both when they came here for yearly medical examination and when we sent girls to the hospital in Mohulpahari.

At the turn of the year our "sordar" (supervisor) J. B. Hasdak' retired. He has worked here in that position for twenty years and was a good helper with insight into many things. Dewan Soren, who has been a teacher here many years and knows the situation

well, has replaced him. From July, Miss Niral Perti was appointed as a teacher in the High School, and as a part time teacher for the Matric Class. Bhadu Hasdak' has given us good assistance the last half year. When one of our older teachers became ill in September, Miss Lois Tudu came to substitute for her. She shall now continue as a replacement for our teacher who has now become our new sordar.

This year, too, our teachers have been very helpful with meetings and gatherings for the young people. A young people's group has its meetings every Saturday evening. The girls themselves have taken most of the responsibility for the programs. If it would serve to stimulate them so that later they would take their responsibility in the congregation seriously, then this small beginning would not be in vain.

We would also at the same time mention that the girls in the last two years have oiled all the doors and window frames in the school buildings. This is a small link towards the school's self-support.

From the beginning of the year until the middle of April the girls were very busy making a mud wall around their school garden. Many diligent hands were engaged in the work one or two hours daily, and thus the joy was great when the wall was finished. Since then they have kept their vegetables even though goats and small pigs graze around all day long.

In closing this annual report, I wish to express thanks to all you who stood together with us with your faithfulness and devotion from year to year. Under God's hand of blessing it shall bear everlasting fruit.

Edle Sigurdson

BASETKUNDI MIDDLE ENGLISH SCHOOL

School work has many enticing tasks and possibilities. It has also its difficulties and problems, however, and it is very evident to sense that in a mission school of today.

School work is a Sower's work. The seed is cast forth in the open earth day after day through ten months of the year. Children go to school here about six or seven years and many of these boys also live here in the school's boarding, which becomes a home to them. Both the school and the home has one common goal, namely, to help these children become good and useful citizens of their land. In this significant and impressionable time in their lives we also have the opportunity in our Christian schools to sow the Good Seed. We bear the desire in our hearts that these children may be useful for God and their fellowmen. We would so very much like to give them a good start "on life's pilgrimage", a ballast in their "life's ship"

It is by God's grace that we have been able to continue the school work without hindrances or difficulties during the year 1955. One hundred and fifty-nine students have been enrolled as regular scholars, but many children from the nearby villages have come now and then for instruction. Due to their irregularity and instability, however, we have not been able to enroll them as regular scholars of the school. It is depressing to see so many parents be so unconcerned about permitting their children to come to school and receive education when they have such an opportunity right in their midst.

The teachers have been the same also this year, and it must be said that they have carried on their work faithfully even though it would be desirable if a greater zeal had spurred them on to help the children learn. There has been a good spirit between the teachers and students and it has been easy to work together with them, for which we are very thankful. As far as we can see a good work has been carried out. The yearly examination has shown that there has been progress among most of the students. Two-thirds of the enrollment passed the Middle English examination and went on to higher schools for further education.

It has been an inspiration to see this big group of boys come to church services, and they usually comprise half of the gathering on the men's side in church. They have also favoured us with their choir anthems. One of the teachers has voluntarily rehearsed and conducted the choir. The older boys have also had their regular young people's meetings for which they have shown great interest. We have had a fine class of school boys for baptismal instruction and also a confirmation class. A high light for the young people was the Youth Course which was held here during Holy Week. The school was closed and all the older boys took part in the course. With the closing on Easter Sunday, six school boys were baptized and sixteen confirmed

All the boys who live in the boarding attend Sunday School, in all totaling 69 this year. The boarding is filled and it should be improved and enlarged. We have not the funds, however, because the mission budget we have, does not suffice for new buildings and so we must try and do the best we can with the boarding houses which stand at our disposal. The boys have

displayed increased interest in gardening and in addition to each one's little plot of land, the boarding also had its own garden which has provided the school kitchen with many vegetables. The boys also have had great joy to be able to eat that which they have cultivated with their own hands.

They have also shown great interest for sewing, weaving and carpentry. But when the funds we received from the Government as help for these projects were stopped, we had to discontinue with this instruction.

For the school we have received in this year rupees two thousand from the Government and for this we are very thankful. We also express our heartfelt thanks to the many mission friends in the homelands who have sacrificed and given and worked to make it possible for us to receive the necessary funds to carry on the school expenses. We give thanks also for faithful intercession for the school and for the work which is done here.

We have the class rooms full of healthy school boys and the boarding full of happy boys, which display an abundant amount of energy in their leisure time on the playground and in voluntary work. Several times at the end of the rainy season when the jeep was stuck in the mud, the school boys came and pulled the jeep out. They have also several times helped to clear the road and make it passable for the jeep, and have on the whole shown great willingness and helpfulness.

It has been an encouragement to us and shown us that the youth are willing to take their responsibility in the progressing work for development of their

own land. May God grant that India may have a big youth group, which is well founded on sure foundation and will faithfully do its duties.

It was resolved at last year's Synod meeting that from 1956 the church should take over the Middle School here in Basetkundi. This was also recommended by the conference.

We thank our co-workers and those who have shared the responsibility for the school and its welfare with us, both nationals and missionary co-workers, and we look forward to co-operation in the work in the coming year under the church's leadership. We offer ourselves willingly in the service as long as there is necessity for it.

"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 the glory in the church and Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever."

Rakel and Ingolf Hoyland.

MEDICAL WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS

MOHULPAHARI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper and I will not fear, what man shall do unto me? Hebrews 13: 6.

Again a year has passed and again we can say that the Lord has been our helper, knowing that we may not have been as bold as we should have been. But we praise and thank Him for his wonderful support from day to day.

The work has steadily increased both in the outdoor and in-door departments. The increasing staff and its good help has made it possible to carry the joint burden.

As usual, the Gospel is preached among the patients and their relatives. God will bless it and bring forth fruit in His hour. We thank Hildur Milde for her good help during May and June.

The new quarters for the staff-nurses was completed with the valuable assistance of the Rev. Tromborg and the Rev. Jensen. On the 2nd of September it was dedicated and the same day we had the joy of a visit of some American friends who were touring the mission fields around the world. Other visitors during the year

included Misses E. Schmidt Peterson, Inger Wallos and Inger Rasmussen from Denmark and Miss Marquette Lofthus from America who was here for a week. She brought us inspiration with her evangelistic messages, music and chalk paintings.

The construction of twenty new cooking houses has begun.

In the Upper Primary School the work is going on in its quiet and good way. The number of pupils could be increased, but we have not the funds for two more teachers.

Old Rev. Kudia Marandi finished his last year of a long term of service in the congregation. We had a little farewell party for him and at the same time welcomed our new pastor, Bhikulal Hasdak' from Tilabani. Khudia Marandi has promised to render his help whenever needed. He is an old man of high qualities whom we will always remember for his fine attitude.

Regarding baptisms in the congregation, see the report of the General Superintendent.

Sincere thanks to all who have been helping with their interest, gifts and prayers.

Ely and Otto Forman

A. OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

Out--Patients new	12.168		
Repeat Visits	9.002		
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Total	21.170		
Christians	14.0%	Laboratory tests	11.356
Santals	17.0%	Injections	3.677
Hindus	51.4%	Abscesses	340
Mohammedans	17.6%	Plaster of Paris	133
Men	54.4%	Tooth--extractions	254
Boys	11.3%	Other minor operations	481
Women	27.2%	X-Ray fluroscopies	1.514
Girls	7.1%	X-Ray photos	37

B. IN-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

January 1st, patients in the Hospital	42		
Admitted during the year	2.066		
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Total	2.108		
December 31st, patients in the hospital	60		
Christians	18.2%	Men	40.1%
Santals	20.2%	Boys	14.0%
Hindus	43.4%	Women	38.5%
Mohammedans	18.2%	Girls	7.4%

C. SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS

Major Procedures	767
Minor procedures	67
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Total	834
Normal Deliveries	96

(a) OPHTHALMIC	(86)	(g) GYNAECOLOGY	(132)
Cataract	49	Amputatio mammae	1
Other	37	Biopsy	1
(b) NOSE-MOUTH-THROAT	(18)	Colporrhapiae	9
Harelips	3	D. & C.	23
Nasal Polypus	11	Gillian Suspens.	31
Tonsilectomies	4	Hysterect. etc.	17
(c) NECK	(1)	Salpingect. oophorect.	
Tracheostomy	1	incl. ovarian cysts.	32
(d) GLAND AND SMALL		Ves. vag. fist	4
TUMORS	(39)	Other	12
Goitre	9	(h) UROLOGY	(5)
Tbc-Glands	2	Cystostomy	3
Other	28	Urolithiasis	2
(e) GENERAL ABDOMINAL	(163)	(i) RECTAL OPERATIONT	(23)
Appendectomy	4	Fist. reg. anal	12
Appen. pr. occasionem	42	Piles	9
Cholecystectomies	6	Other	2
Expl. laparatomies	12	(j) OBSTETRIC	(71)
Gast. jen. stom.	41	Abortion& D. and C.	23
Gastric resect	9	Extrauter. pregn.	6
Hernia epigastr.	3	Forceps&(cranio-clasi)	9
Hernia Ingv.	42	Ruptura perin.	5
Hernia Ingv. Incarc.	3	Ruptura uteri	2
Other	1	Retentio placent.	2
(f) ANDROLOGY	(156)	Sect. caesar	21
Hydroceles	116	Versio & extract.	2
Orchicedt. etc.	9	Other	1
Prostatect. (Freyer)	3	(k) NORMAL DELIVERIES	(96)
Scort. resect.	19	(l) BONE AND JOINT	(39)

Fractures	16	(o) SPINAL TAPS	23
Amputations	13	Others	30
Osteomyelitis	8	(p) ANAESTESY	(562)
Rib-resect.	1	Ether	28
Other	1	Chloroform	10
(m) SKIN	(34)	Ether & Chloroform	28
Injuries sutured	5	Loc. coc.	84
Keloids	4	Loc. Novoc.	61
Plastic operat after burns	8	Loc. Novoc. & ether	1
Skin Graftings	5	Spinal procain	425
Other	12	Spinal & ether	5
(n) ENDOSCOPIES	(16)	Spinal & Chlorof.	5
Cystoscopies	5	Spinal & chlorof. ether	4
Laryngoscopies	3	No aneesthesia	7
Rectoscopies	6	Deaths after operation	8

SALDOHA LEPROSY COLONY

Therefore seeing we have this ministry. even as we obtained mercy, we faint not. II Cor. 4: 1

With thanks to God we look back upon the year which has passed. On such a big place there will be both bright and dark sides, but through it all we have felt God's help and blessing.

When we took charge of the work here the 1st of January, 1955, it was a great help to be able to be together with the Rev. and Dr. Mrs. Haugstad at the begining. They gave us good introduction to this extensive work. We notice daily that those who have been here before have done much for Saldoha and the lepers. Their love for the work encourages us to continue.

For each day we pray for grace and strength to do this.

Leprosy is continuously a big problem. Sometimes one can easily lose all courage especially when thinking of those that we are not able to help. Here we can only accommodate about three hundred and eighty. In the course of the past year we examined six hundred and six new patients. Only seventy-one of these had been examined before, and of all these we could only admit one hundred and four into the Colony. Among these two hundred and thirty three were enrolled in our out-door clinics. The remainder live in places where they had no place to receive help. In the future we will have to have more out-door clinics. We have three namely, in Saldoha, Baromasia and Tarni, in addition to providing medicine for the dispensaries in Benagaria and Maharo which are led by the nurses there. It is a great improvement that more and more sick now come here for examination. News about the new medicine spreads. The patients who once a year are permitted to go home to visit their relatives, to make arrangements for their lands, and to get clothes, etc., often come back with others that they have met on their way. They have told them of the help which they have received and they are themselves a living witness to them.

Statistics which yearly are given to the Government for 1955 are as follows :

	Old	New	Symptom Free	Much Better	Some improvement	No improvement
Saldoha L.C	387	104	46	13	283	125
Saldoha out-door Clinic	70	63	11	3	65	43
Baromasia out-door C.	217	75	7	0	108	141
Tarni out-door Clinic	131	95	0	0	120	100

The total number of patients at the dispensaries increases steadily year by year, from 11,676 in 1954 to 15,165 in 1955. One could ascertain that the sickness is increasing, but the truth is that most of them do not hide their sickness any more. They come as soon as they notice a spot and also those that have hidden it for a long time come.

Dr. J. N. Roy has had charge of the treatments in the hospital and dispensaries. In addition to him, we have seven compounders as his co-workers who are non-leprous. In the hospital, Kari Ringheim is the supervising nurse. She has seven patients as co-workers who do the nursing care that they have learned here. Besides caring for the sick in the hospital they also have to dress the sores of all the women in the colony who need such help. These women come daily to the hospital. In the hospital we have place for thirty and in this year we have admitted about 223. Many of them are in the hospital for months, since we have room only for the most serious cases. All those who have big reactions or big sores, other sicknesses such as kalaazar, malignant malaria and other illnesses that need long treatment, are admitted. Sometimes serious cases from the out-door dispensaries are also admitted for treatment of their sores, so that often we need more bed space.

Approximately one-third of the patients are baptized, but most of the inhabitants of the Colony come to church on Sundays. This year two were baptized and there are now a number under instruction for baptism. Pastor Salhae Marandi is instructing a number of boys and girls. Mariam Marandi, an efficient and good Christian woman among the patients, helps to instruct the girls and women. Some who were baptized a few years ago have been attending the confirmation class.

It is difficult for the patients to live away from their families for a long time and many temptations are present. The hot season is a difficult time for them and they need much help and intercession. We are happy for the many that ask for help and desire to be Christians. Many have carried a testimony home to their families. There is a great desire for reading and it is an inspiration when they come and buy Catechism, Bible History and even the New Testament.

There are schools for the children in three different places in the colony with three patients as men teachers and one non-leprous woman teacher for the Santal girls. For the adults we have an evening school during the hot season with patients as teachers. Several have learned to read there. All patients have their daily work. They build and repair houses. Last year we built a new cook house for the hospital. Many work out in the fields and we thereby receive rice, vegetables, sugar cane, hemp for rope, cotton for hospital use and thread for the knitting department. New land is also cultivated. In the industrial department the weaving and carpentry work has been going well. At Christmas time each patient received their piece of cloth as usual woven by the patients here.

In the children's home for non-leprous children of leprous parents, no new ones have been admitted. On the other hand two girls were adopted by Christian families. One of the smaller ones was taken home by her sister so at present there are only five in the home. We try to have the mothers who are admitted into the colony make arrangements with their family for someone to care for the children as far as they are able. Thereby they keep contact with their family and the children grow up there. Lately several Christian

families have desired to adopt children. Sister Margit Hannevik has had charge of the children's home together with the dispensary and hospital for non-lepers. Here come many from the nearest villages and this year the total number of patients totalled 8933 of which 141 were admitted as patients in the hospital for a shorter or longer period of time.

We extend our thanks to all the mission friends in all of our three homelands for the love they have shown for the work among the lepers. Many have prayed for special ones among our patients. Since we are not able to write to each one about the individual ones this past year we take this opportunity to bring here a special thanks to all. The same is expressed to Mission to Lepers who also has supported with money and intercession groups for thirty to forty patients. A special gift at Christmas time enabled us to buy New Testaments and hymnbooks for many, which brought them great joy. Some of those without parents and older ones who have been forgotten by their families, received new piece of cloth.

We extend thanks to Government of Bihar for financial help in the year and their willingness to continue support.

But most of all the praise and thanks go to our God and Heavenly Father.

Aslaug & Jens Sture

BENAGARIA CHRISTIAN DISPENSARY

God is faithful, by whom you were called
unto the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. I Cor. 1:9

During the past year we have had in our dispensary a rich opportunity to help people whose health was poor due to infection, bad hygiene, and undernourishment.

The patients come from far away places. Our statistics show that they come from more than one hundred and fifty villages. Only a few of them are Christians, the greater part are non-Christians.

During the year we have had 7,146 consultations. The work among antenatal and maternity patients has increased from the previous year. A greater number of women have come for antenatal examinations and nineteen maternity cases have been taken care of in our maternity ward. Very often there are complicated cases as the so called "village dai" still has had a chance to do her destructive work. I have received the impression that among the Santals, as well as among the Hindus and Mohammedans, some have been interested in bringing their pregnant and maternity patients to our clinic. They gradually begin to realize that the main reason for the many still born babies in the villages is due to the unqualified help.

There have been many patients in our leprosy clinic with the weekly average about sixty. On the 11th of November, Rev. Sture and Dr. Roy from Saldoha had them for the yearly check up and at that time eighty-four were examined. It was a real joy to find that most of the leprosy patients were better due to sulfone treatment.

The year has been quiet and peaceful. My two helpers, compounder Paul Murmu and Nurse Jasmi Marndi, have been good and faithful fellow-workers. Both of them have shown great interest and have been very willing in their work. Jasmi has had as her special task the evangelizing work among the patients and their family members. We have a good opportunity as they gather on the big verandah while they are waiting to be examined.

Every Friday the Word of God has been proclaimed to the leprosy patients and in that work the Divinity School students have given their help.

It is my hope and prayer that the work here in word and action may help to pave the way for Him who taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come."

Helene Romer

WORK IN BENGAL

BENGALI WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS, BIRBHUM AND MURSHIDABAD

Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt
find it after many days. Ecclesiastes 2:1

When we think of the work throughout the past year, we are reminded of these words from the Bible.

About ten or twelve years ago a great number of families in North Birbhum at Dumorgram were baptized. At that time some other families who lived some miles away from Dumorgram also of the same caste had a chance to hear the Gospel for the first time. Not until this year, however, did we have the joy of being able to baptize some of these people. At the end of the year another family was added. Their courage had increased so that they asked to be baptized in the river just near the village. This was a wonderful witness for their non-christian neighbors. We had strong hope that some more will come as they like to listen to the Gospel preached. It is extremely difficult, however, for such a single Christian family surrounded by only non-christians. As yet they do not know how to read either.

There are also other places, too, where they have asked for instruction in Christianity, both among the Hindus and the Muslims.

In the north of Santal Parganas, just on the border of Birbhum, twenty-three Muslim families have asked us to visit them. We went there, but soon learned

that they were involved in a court case with their own earlier mulvies (muslim priest). We stopped going there in order not to get into difficulties by being mixed up in this matter. The Roman Catholics, however, who have some work near by, tried to win them by helping them both with money and in other ways. The result for them has been that they are not allowed to go there anymore. Meanwhile, we are waiting for the court case to be finished so we again can get in touch with them and preach to them. Join us in prayer for these people that they at last may find Christ as their Saviour.

This year we have conducted two Bible courses for those of our preachers who have not taken all of their examinations. The difficulties are that they cannot stay very long away from their homes. Therefore, we felt that the time for study is too short.

Our pastors and preachers have been in fairly good health throughout the year, and they have faithfully done their work. But we are in great need of more workers, both pastors and preachers. In two of our congregations we have no preacher at all, and many of the workers will soon have to retire.

We received a definite answer to our prayers in this connection last fall. A young Christian here in Suri, a clerk in the office of the Magistrate, came to us and told us that he had received the call to the ministry several years ago. But now he didn't have peace any longer by staying in the office. He had to surrender to God's call. Since he had done that he had received peace and he is now willing to give up his good paying job. At present he is studying at his own expense besides his job. He is one of our best volunteer workers in the Suri congregation.

We are also glad to know that the Divinity School in Malda will soon be reopened and a new class started.

Beside this we have another young Christian boy who is studying in the College. We understand that God is working in his heart too, and we hope and pray that he will one day also come into the Church as a full-time worker for His Lord.

Remember all these in your prayers that they may be true and useful vessels in God's service among their own people.

Together with the Rev. Kvam we have had several tours to Murshidabad to investigate the possibilities of getting a suitable place for the new mission station there as was decided at the last conference. We find it now impossible, however, to start due to shortage of money and the new situation in the country. We have come to the conclusion that the best is to try to strengthen and increase the number of our Indian preachers, and as far as possible to support them in their work.

The hostel for Christian high school students in Suri has been operating as before. All the boys have been in good health, and passed their annual examinations.

Besides visiting the homes and the women in the nearby villages, the work of the Women's Association in Suri has been carried on as previously. We have not always felt the same eagerness and interest among the members, but a small group has faithfully kept up the work. The sale at the end of the year brought in a nice sum to the church fund.

We should be thankful for the good opportunities and conditions we have in which to work. But we also from time to time feel an undercurrent of reluctance as for example we experienced this last Christmas. Everything was settled and arranged so that we should

have a loudspeaker outside the church on Christmas Eve and electric lights also. We were all looking forward to sing and to witness in that way to all the people in the town. But at the time when everything should be put up, the workers didn't come, without any real excuse. It was too late to hire other people. We felt it sad that they had managed to destroy this. We understand, however, that Satan has to work hard where God is working, so we felt it as a good sign that God is really working in our midst.

Therefore, we go on with faith and thankfulness to God who called us to this difficult but wonderful work.

We are also happy to have this opportunity to thank all of you our friends in the home countries, who are supporting us in work and prayers.

Kirsten and Peter Ludv. Lande

WOMEN'S WORK IN BRIBHUM AND SANTAL PARGANAS

"Have faith in God."

These words come back again and again, as we look back over the year that has just passed, and it is with thanks to God, that we remember all the times in the year where He has strengthened our faith and given us so much reason to believe that He is with us and will fulfill the work He has begun in the hearts of many women.

The work among village women often seems to be discouraging. Many of them are so tied up with the

daily duties, the children, and all the work in the house that what is outside of that often does not make any deep impression on them. As many of them cannot read, much of what is said is easily forgotten. Usually it is difficult to concentrate on what is being said as one child is crying and the others might be fighting or in one way or the other demanding attention. All this has to be taken into consideration when we visit them. Therefore, our message to them must be as simple and understandable as possible, and we believe that one day we shall see many turn from darkness to the living God. The work in the districts has been carried on in Santal Parganas by Mrs. Dutto, in Mohulpahari Hospital by Mrs. Das, and in Birbhum at Dumurgram by our two Biblewomen, Mrs. Biswas and Mrs. Das. Here in Narainpur, Miss Mullick and the Bible students work among the women in the Dispensary, conducting reading classes in Narainpur and doing house visitation in the nearby villages. This year some have been baptized in Murarai and others are under instruction for baptism. In Murshidabad no Biblewoman is placed, so the work there is more or less left alone. Some of our school girls have married and live there so we hope that they will be witnesses to their Lord in their home and in the church.

In February I had the privilege to go to Cooch Behar for a convention for women. It lasted four days and there were delegates from Assam and different parts of Cooch Behar. There were Garo women with their children tied on their backs and Bengali women in their beautiful sarees and they all seemed to get along very well together. It was a very inspiring time. The women would sit and listen for hours without being tired and it felt so good to be among them and share with them the wonderful riches we have in Christ. Short courses like that, I believe, have a very

great value in bringing women together. Taking them from the home and its problems and for a few days let them rest from thinking about food and clothing and to give them an opportunity to sing and to talk and discuss their problems as well as to give them some very simple messages about their Lord, who is always near and able to help them in every situation is beneficial. Besides Bible-study we studied the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. In the afternoon there were lessons in Hygiene. A course of the same kind has been held in Malda.

In the Dispensary the patients numbered 6010 many of whom were women. Many contacts were made and the gramophone with the Gospel records in three different languages has been used much and we pray that the seed that is sown will bear fruit. We have a little bookstall from which we sell books and distribute tracts.

We have now eight students for Bible training. The syllabus for their studies has been approved by the literature committee of the District Church Council and their Junior-Course is the same as that for the preachers. The syllabus includes Church History, Bible stories, Dogmatics, Hinduism, Islam and various other subjects along with Sunday School, and village preaching, etc. They all finished their Junior course in November. This is the first time in our Bengali women's work that anyone has finished the course, so that is the reason for our thanks to God that it has been possible to obtain trained Biblewomen.

Seven of these students will now go on to the Senior Course which will last two years. The syllabus has just been recommended by the District Church Council and will include the following subjects: The Gospel of Mathew, The Gospel of John, Galatians, Parts

of the Psalms, the Books of the Bible, Geography of Palestine, Dogmatics, Homeletics, Christian Giving, Subjects of Comparative Religions. The course should finish in 1957. It will require much concentration and work on the part of the students. But I am happy to say that they all work very hard and earnestly. We feel it a great privilege to have the Bible students among us. They make themselves very useful both in meetings and in the village work.

As we now enter into the new year's work we trust that your prayers will follow us as we go on trusting in God that the seed sown through weak and sinful children, still by His power, may bear fruit abundantly. Pray also that He will call more workers into this needy field.

Inger Krogh Nielsen

COOCH BEHAR AND DINHATA

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."
I Thes. 5:25

When we look back on the past year, we are filled with praise to our Lord because it is only His faithfulness that has carried us through and has given us hope and courage to believe that He is able to fulfill His work.

Though much of the plans and expectations with which we started the new year may not have been fulfilled, we still realize that God has been working out His plans and done more than we could expect. This we have seen especially in our Garo congregations

where a systematic Bible teaching has gone on during the whole year and where, therefore, the church has grown in spiritual strength although not in numbers. Filled with joy, many of the young Christians have become willing to go out and witness for Him.

Our annual Garo conference was held in January at Ninikutialerbas. As the Garoes had been suffering much, owing to the floods the previous year, the conference was not as well attended as usual, but still it was a time when we realized the blessing of God's presence. At the occasion we had the Scottish Missionary, Rev. McLaren, among us and his message about the love of Christ that seeks the lost ones was a blessing to all of us and caused us to pray for more of that love.

In February we had the joy of having Mr. Pandit from Children's Special Service Mission to visit nearly all our congregations together with Rev. Pedersen. He stayed here in Dinhata for two days and the songs and Bible verses he taught are still often repeated among the school children. His visit became a great blessing to us all.

In the same month a Bible course was arranged for women in Dinhata with Miss Inger Krogh Nielsen as the main speaker. The course was attended by about forty women, most of them coming from our Garo villages out in the jungle. They listened intently and certainly showed response. We thank our Swedish friends who so faithfully prayed for the course.

The 8th of May was a great day for us all because on that day our evangelist, Ajen Chisin, was ordained. Phuttimari, where Ajen Chisin has been living for some time was chosen as the place for the

ordination. Among the guests on that occasion was the General Superintendent Gausdal who performed the rite of ordination and Rev. Ghose and some other Indian pastors. Many of our Christians gathered to share the joy of seeing their beloved leader dedicated for congregational work. May God keep this His servant humble and burning and continue to make him a blessing to many.

In June the Rev. Pedersen with family had to leave to Norway owing to ill health. We thank them for four years of faithful service in Cooch Behar and Swedish K. M. A. and remind them of the word that "Faithful is He that calleth-- He will also do it."

Miss Elsa Philquist returned from Sweden in August. During her absence I was thankful to have Miss Gudrun Saether here studying Bengali and helping me in many ways.

The Bengali Church District Council had its meeting in Cooch Behar in October and it was a great privilege for us to become acquainted with all of its members. In this connection a four day's Bible course was arranged for our workers. The Rev. Ghose and the Rev. Kjolberg were richly used of God when giving Bible studies and lectures.

The school work in Cooch Behar and Dinahata as well as out in the Garo villages has been encouraging. The medical work out in the villages has helped us to make contacts with Hindus and Mohammedans and given us many opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. We regard it also a great privilege that we have been able help our Garo Christians who suffered so heavily during the floods by distributing milk and rice to them received from National Christian Council Relief Funds. It was wonderful to see how God carried them through the

difficult time and certainly they learned to know that "those who trust upon the Lord will never be ashamed."

Ada Wittander

N I M A S A R A I

"That we——may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Ephesians 4:15

The year 1955 was our first full year here in Malda and by and by we are getting to learn the district and the work here. Nimasarai is the center of many different activities, with all aiming at one thing—to build up a Christian church here in Malda.

In our institutions here in Nimasarai the work has continued as previously. In the boys' hostel there have been twenty-three boys with the majority of them non-Christians. They are all attending regularly the morning and evening prayers, Sunday School and church services. The primary school has had the same staff, namely, one lady and two men teachers. The school has had an average of seventy-five pupils during the year. Sad to say compulsory primary education is still only something on paper in India. When this is brought into effect, the number of children in our school will be multiplied many times.

The Bengal Divinity School has not started yet since the departure of the Rev. Kampp. It is, however the desire of the Bengal District Church Council that the school shall start again in 1956.

In our district work we have had the same number of workers, two pastors, nine preachers, and two Bible-women. Unfortunately, one of the preachers had to be discharged during the year. In the hot season we were out camping in different places. With the help of the magic lantern and flannelgraph the Gospel was preached to big gatherings. We have this year for the first time used the new Gospel Recordings in Bengali, Santali, and Hindi, and we have found them to be very useful in the village work.

In Nimasarai one Bible Course was held for all our workers and one convention for the whole district. For the convention we this time had the help of the Children's Special Service Mission evangelist, S. Pandit. We had hoped that more Christians would have come. We had a blessed time together.

Towards the end of the year, Miss Lilly Petersen was released from the work at Santipara Leprosy Colony and could take up her district work among women and children in Malda. We are happy to know that someone now at last can take up this task. It is a very necessary work indeed. In five congregations we now have "Mohila Somities", weekly women's meetings and they all need help and encouragement. The same is the case with our Sunday Schools which we have in seven congregations. In our Sunday School at Nimasarai we have introduced flannelgraph. This has been found to have been of a great help in the teaching of the children. We hope to teach more of our workers to use Audio-Visual aids.

One problem has especially occupied our minds during the year. It has been discussed in our local council and also through correspondence with the Bengal Christian Council. It is the great poverty of most of

our Bengal Christians. This is one main reason why our congregations are so weak and have made so little progress. Intellectual and spiritual work will not grow well founded on poverty, neither will the work of God's Kingdom. Few of our Bengal Christians have any rice land of their own and even if they have some, it is not sufficient for them to depend entirely on. They have to take what work they can get from day to day and many of them are often starving. Under such conditions it is difficult to awaken the spirit of giving and to form a self-supporting church. Attempts have been made during the year to try to provide more land for our Christians and some of them have received help in order to start different crafts. But still the main problem is not solved.

Through American gift parcels we have been able to distribute quite large quantities of milk powder and butter oil, especially to the villages around Nimasarai. From the Government we have received cheap clothes for free distribution.

Another problem which is linked up with the first one is the illiteracy of our Christians. During last year, we had four night schools in which adults could learn to read and write. For this work we have received grants from the Bengal Christian Council, but still approximately 75% of our Christians are illiterate. This is a big hindrance for the growth of our church.

Among our young men in Nimasarai from time to time come expressions of willingness to do more for the building up of the church. For some years they have had an "Ujog Somiti", a Christian youth organization here in Nimasarai. Through their efforts now two more such organizations have been started in the

district. We welcome this activity of our young Christians. If the children and the young boys and girls in our congregation can be won for Christ, it is hope for the future of our church here in Malda.

At last we want to thank all of you in the homelands who faithfully have supported our work by your prayers and your offerings.

Solveig and Per Kjolberg

SANTAL WORK IN NORTH BENGAL

Looking back upon the past year we are happy to report that the new mission station for this area is built. Besides the mission bungalow there are two houses for compound workers, a house for our evangelist and a good encased well that holds water all the year round.

Having no church building, the Sunday services are held on our verandah. Some Christian Santal refugees from Pakistan have settled nearby so that we already have eight Christian Santal families and a similar number of Bengal Christians who have lived here for many years. The Sunday services are held alternately in Santali and Bengali. Just before Christmas the congregation decided to build a small church. Having very little money it was decided that the members themselves should build the mud walls. That work has now been started. As help towards the roof the Synod granted rupees three hundred and fifty. May God bless and our brothers and sisters pray for, the new mission station and the work that will be done from here in years to come.

The new church at Khoribari is completed. The Christians there built the walls themselves and received a grant from the Synod for a tin roof. It is quite a nice building. The dedication service took place on the 11th December and on that occasion the house was filled.

In April the new church at Narayanpur was completed. The church was built in a similar manner as the one in Khoribari. It is smaller than the original one Jalpa pastor built many years ago, but it suits its purpose as quite a few of the Christian families have moved away to other places.

In Duba Narayanpur, too, the congregation started building their church. The old one was completely damaged in a heavy storm two years ago.

In Jotmani work on a new church building has begun. The old one collapsed owing to the congregation not taking care of it.

Here in India a mud building must be repaired every year after the rainy season and the Christians can do this very well with a little effort. In many places where this yearly repair was not carried out the result was that the building got damaged beyond repair. Then the congregations asked the mission to build new churches for them. As this money was not granted several congregations little by little began to realize their own responsibility in their respect and started building by their own effort.

We do hope this will be contagious. Here we do not need cathedrals. We need small buildings in country style which the Christians are able to keep in the future.

On the whole the work has gone on as usual with regular services, women's meetings and Sunday Schools.

A large women's meeting was held in the first week of March at Eklakhi. The meeting was for both Santal and Bengali women. There were about seventy women all the time. The main speakers were Miss Magnhild Buttedahl and Miss Ada Wittander. All went home or back to work again after three happy and strengthening days with the wish that there would be another meeting next year too.

As we have seen some small signs of voluntary spirit as regards new church buildings, it is to be desired that some signs of voluntary spirit with regard to proclaiming the Gospel will soon be noticed among the Christians. This work is mostly understood to be work only of Pastors and evangelists, that is, in other words, "paid workers" We hope and pray for a change also in this respect that every Christian should be a witness at home and among others.

Pastor Munshi Murmu in Narayanpur asked to be released from the work as he is growing older and not too well either. But not having a suitable candidate for the present, the Church Council asked Munshi Pastor to continue his service for another year to two.

From the part of our field which lies in Pakistan, the reports are few. We have not been able to visit our brethren over there this year, but have plans of doing so in the coming year.

From Rajshahi, the southern district, reports are quite good. The work under supervision of Pastor Budhrai Hasdak' has gone on as before even though there is great need for one more pastor in this district. We have as yet not found the right man for this rather heavy task.

In the Northern district, East Dinajpur, the work has not been so good. Pastor Bajnath Baske who was or-

dained to work as a pastor there came back to India in June, saying that he could not get his visa renewed. The real trouble is, we think, that he had not the heart for the work in Pakistan having his land and other ties on the India side of Dinajpur. It is now decided that Pastor Baske shall be suspended from his job. The question of finding a new pastor in his place, however, is very difficult. May it be solved quickly to the best for our congregations in East Dinajpur.

Everytime we meet some of our Christians from Pakistan they ask us, "When will we get a missionary?" What shall we answer? If we cannot take care of our congregations over there properly we had better tell them so. Then they might seek contact with the mission societies all ready working in Pakistan. We feel we have to ask the homeboards once more to consider this matter and make a definite decision on this point soon.

We send our heartiest thanks and greetings to all mission friends in the homelands. The Church is here, established among the Santals and growing, even if slowly. God be praised.

Tineke and Kjell Clausen

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN BENGAL.

EKLAKEHI MISSION GIRLS' SCHOOL

"Come, come, come" the church bell was calling for the first time a rather hot Sunday morning in February. The call was carried across the dry fields into the many villages, calling the children of God to come and worship before Him. It was a day of thanks and joy, but not without some sadness. The Rev. and Mrs. Tromborg spent their last Sunday in India with us that very day.

Mrs. T. Clausen was in charge here until July, when I took charge. We want to thank her for her good service in this place. The Rev. K. Clausen also deserves a hearty thanks for the bell-tower and for other, not less important, buildings and for the looking well after the never ending repair work. The Clausens were certainly missed when they moved to Bagsarai.

It is a blessing for a school to have a good and faithful staff. Here in Eklakhi we have been fortunate to have some good and devoted teachers who have been with us for years. I want to thank Sneholota Sircar, Rahel Murmu, and Sumoti Marndi for their care and interest in the school and the children. I also want to thank Koruna Tudu for her service in our school. She resigned in December in order to be able to help her mother.

There was an average of eighty-six children on the roll. Only seventeen were day scholars and the rest about seventy were boarders. The boarding was quite full, but we would like to have more day scholars. We did not send any children to Malda for the scholarship examination this year. The result of the annual examination was satisfactory.

We received a gift of Rs. 500/-- for a radio set for the boarding from the Tribal Welfare Department, Malda. We are very thankful for the gift, and the children are delighted as well as enlightened.

This year also we have been receiving a Government Grant-in-Aid of one hundred rupees per month. Together with the teachers' Dearness Allowance and Development Grant we have in all received rupees two thousand five hundred and eighty for which we are indeed very grateful. We also want to thank all the officials we have had to deal with for their helpfulness and forbearance.

Before the roads were open for traffic after the rains, we had the joy to have the Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Bjerkestrand with us for one day. In December, Miss Schmidt Petersen from L. M. F. in Denmark paid a short but appreciated visit to Malda.

In March we had a women's meeting here in Ek-lakhi. It has been encouraging to learn that so many are asking when we are to have it again. L. M. F., the teacher's mission society, has held its meetings regularly on the last Saturday of the month. They have from their funds helped some girls with stipends. The children have had their Thursday meetings and the women their Wednesday meetings as usual throughout the year. Every day the Word of God has been sown to everyone in this place. Sometimes it takes a long time

to grow and bring forth fruit. Sometimes one wonders if all the seed has fallen on the roadside, or if one has not prepared the ground well enough, or if one has not cared well enough for the young plants. Sometimes one seems to forget that it is God that gives the increase. "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." (I Cor. 3: 7)

We also want to thank you dear friends at home for your gifts and prayers.

Eldbjorg Gulbrandsen

NARAINPUR GIRLS' JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."
(Proverbs 1: 7)

This word has come to us again and again, and as the result of it we have decided to have it painted in the new school hall as an aim for our work. May the children who come into our school understand that God is the main factor in their life and that all real knowledge starts from knowing and fearing God. This knowledge must be seen in our life if it is to work.

We are thankful for a very good group of Christians teachers, who work together and are devoting all their spare time for the benefit of the school. The school teaching material has been improved considerably without expense because of the teachers' efforts.

The individual child has been given the needed extra help and the examination results are better than

previous years.

The keeping up of the boarding and compound has also been taken over by the teachers. The children are divided into groups each with a teacher as their captain. They choose their own name and colours on a badge. A silver cup was given at the end of the year to the group who had obtained the highest marks according to the daily judgement of the headmistress.

The teachers' weekly Bible Study group and monthly L. M. F. meetings have been a great help to all.

In 1955 we had 124 students on the roll. Among these twenty-two were Santals and one hundred and two were Bengalis out of which twenty-four were Hindus who joined us as day scholars. The number of Hindus from the villages has increased very slowly, but by the time of writing this report we have had more admissions from the village than any previous year. At present we have over fifty Hindu students as day scholars. It is a great opportunity as they all attend the Bible classes.

Sixteen students sat for the Middle English Examination and all passed. Four students were sent up for Government Scholarship Middle English Examination, but as yet the results are not known.

This year five students have been sent to Ushagram Girls' High School to continue study for their matriculation examination after which they plan to take the Senior Teachers' Training.

One of the projects of 1955 has been to gather money for our church fund. Our present church building is old and it is not recommended to spend much

money for a big repair or extension. As we cannot all be in the church at the same time, our hope is to get money enough to build a new bigger church. Everything has been used to obtain money for this purpose. The girls and teachers also performed a Biblical drama about Job. It was played at Narainpur and at Rampurhat where about 200 Hindus saw the play.

We have been very short of accommodation in 1955, but we look forward to the completion of our new school building. We are thankful to all friends of the Santal Mission and L. M. F. in Denmark for this great gift.

Ellen Laursen

MEDICAL WORK IN BENGAL.

RAJADIGHI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

“Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts to give light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
II Cor. 4: 6

At the beginning of the year we had a dispensary building completed and an unfinished ward with beds for 6 patients and not one cook house. Many patients were admitted so it was with great joy when in March we received news of a new grant of Rs. 9,600/-- from the Tribal Welfare Department of the Government of West Bengal. This sum represented 80% of the sum estimated for completing the buildings, and with the remaining sum granted by the mission, the building work was started. During the rainy season the work was completed and we returned from our summer vacation to a new ward with twelve beds and cook-houses for the same number of patients.

We want to express our thanks to Government of West Bengal and the Mission friends who have helped us build this ward.

In the beginning of the year, Miss Rahel Soren came to work with us. She is a matriculate, but has no specific training for hospital work. Some day we hope to be able to send her away for such training. In addition to her the staff has consisted of Renu Sarcar and two nurses' aids and the two missionaries.

Santals and Bengalis have formed a very happy team and they have all done fine service.

The out-dispensary department has been visited by an increasing number of patients, mostly women and children. Altogether there were 14,716 consultations during the year. Out of these 7,313 were repeat visits. Among them 28% were Hindus, 57% Mohammedans, 12% Tribals and 3% Christians. During the year 243 patients were admitted as in-patients. Out of these 53% were Tribals, 18% Hindus, 23% Mohammedans. Twenty-two per cent were in-patients out of which some who have been classified as Tribals were also Christians. Forty-one cases of Kala-azar were treated as in-patients. Twenty-four delivery cases were admitted during the year and seven cases of eclampsia were admitted during the year. Two of these, one postnatal and one prenatal, died immediately after admission.

From October we have started an antenatal clinic on Thursday. It is very difficult to make village women realize the importance of coming for examination as long as they feel well.

Tuberculosis is also a great problem. During the year we diagnosed twenty-three new cases of lung tuberculosis and one case of bone tuberculosis. Some of these patients are receiving treatment, but we wish that we could do more for these patients. Most of them are ambulant and young. They do not seem to have much resistance and the disease often makes a very rapid progress. From the Government we have received large amounts of butter oil and powder milk, a very good addition to the diet of these and many other patients and children. The hospital operates a milk canteen every afternoon except Sundays where children get one-fourth liter milk each.

As usual there have been morning and evening prayers in the hospital waiting room. Our Bengali preacher, Lokhon Babu comes twice weekly to talk to the men waiting on the hospital verandah. A young Santal boy who had tuberculosis and has been with us for a long time is under instruction for baptism.

May the Light of God shine in our hearts and through our work here shine for all who have not yet seen that light.

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WORK IN ASSAM

BONGAEGAON

The year 1955 has been a quiet year for the work without any out-standing events. The work in the congregations has been carried on by the part time preachers, two full time preachers, and our two pastors, Malsing Mosahary and Biswanath Narjary.

In February we had a well attended women's meeting at Rangijhora village. As this was our second women's meeting in Bongaegaon circle, it was a joy to notice the growing interest among the women and to listen to the testimonies given by them.

Interest for the churches seems to be growing. In one congregation they collected money and build themselves a big solid church with corrugated iron roof. That set a good example so now four more congregations are collecting money for the same purpose.

On the 9th of October we had the joy of dedicating our new church here at Bongaigaon. We could not manage alone as they do in the villages, but we collected part of the money. The congregation is growing as more people from outside find their way to our services.

In the villages, Government is opening more and more schools and so we have had two schools less this year. In future the church may have to find other means of giving religious instruction to the children. Sunday School and Bible Classes will be needed in every village. This year we have had twelve Sunday Schools with two hundred and sixty-five children.

Bongaigaon School has been carried on with three teachers. The boarding boys have been farming the land this year also. In that way they earn something for their board and it also keeps up the interest for village work.

Statistics :

21 congregations with a total number of	2322	members
Baptized children of Christians	96	„
Baptized from non-christian community	13	
Church collections including teacher's paddy	Rs.	
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Scfie Nasset

DARRANG CIRCLE

Darrang Circle is like a young man building his own home and little by little overcoming the difficulties. The work in the six congregations has been carried on by the part time preachers and Durgachoron Mosahary who is full time preacher and treasurer for the circle. He is a faithful and conscientious worker, who has a gift for leadership and he takes very good care of the money collected by the congregations.

Last year in the report it was mentioned that a full time preacher was to be placed at North Lakhimpur. Birendro Bosumatary moved there on the 1st of April. Two months later they had built three small churches and wanted the pastor immediately for dedication of the churches. He want in the end of May and from then there have been three congregations with a total

number of one hundred and nineteen members. These are not new converts, but Christians who moved in and have found each other and have now received a spiritual home.

Statistics :

Darrang and North Lakhimpur congregations	9
Church membership	610
Church collections	Rs. 1456--8--6

Sofie Nasset

D I N G D I N G A C I R C L E

(B E N G A L I W O R K I N A S S A M)

“For he is faithful that promised.”
(Hebrews 10: 23)

With a glance back over the year that has passed, it is God's faithfulness that comes to the foreground. The times change, the opportunities vary, but He is as faithful today as before.

The work in Dindinga Circle has gone on in its still usual way. Biswas Pastor has been sick much of the year, but he has worked faithfully as long as health and strength has permitted him to work.

In our Kamar congregations out in the colony, Sona Ram Mukdiyar has worked steadfastly and faithfully. He has also diligently visited non-christian Kamar villages. In the neighborhood of Sasugutu there are now several Kamar families being instructed for baptism.

Ganga Ram, a younger brother of Sona Ram feels a strong call to be an evangelist. It also appears that he has talents along that line. He has voluntarily done a great deal of evangelistic work this year.

It has been a great joy for us to welcome two new workers to our group. They are Kamal Roy and his wife. He is the son of the pastor in Cooch Behar. He has studied up to matric and after that completed the Divinity School in Malda. His wife is a teacher and a daughter of one of the mission workers in Santal Parganas. They seem to have made a good beginning among our Christians here and we hope and believe that their work will be a blessing and prove to be a progress for the work.

To give a true glance back over the past year we must, unfortunately, mention that Nahor Munshi and family have gone back to Mohammedanism. We hoped for such a long time that it would not happen, but when it happened, it did not come unexpectedly. There have been many things working together for this. We can mention among other things the strong pressure from the old Muslim community. We heard earlier that one of the leading Muslim priests had said, "that he would not give in until those Christians from the Muslim community had been won back again."

Concerning the life out in the congregations there are several impressions which could be mentioned. Among other things, two churches have been dedicated in the past year. The first church was dedicated in Dhubri between Christmas and New Year and the second church at Chirugutu (near Rantzapur) the last day of the year. Bishop Schioler from Denmark who was visiting Assam at that time dedicated both churches. At both dedicatory services many people gathered as well as missionaries from the nearest mission stations.

The great desire for learning both among young and old of our Christian community also needs to be mentioned. We have tried to satisfy this desire somewhat. Several of our people have attended shorter Bible courses in Cooch Behar, and several have taken part in Bible courses in Joema. Kamal Roy and his wife have also regularly given instruction to some of our congregational workers this fall.

In Sasugutu they have started a primary school. They began of their own accord, but have received some help from the Circle to support the teacher. We hope that the school will bring forth good results.

At the beginning of the year we had the visit of two Nepal missionaries and two Nepali evangelists. At that time we visited a number of Nepalese villages. Also during the year we have visited non-christian Kamar, Rabha, Muslim and Hindu villages. Now it is our sure faith that this Word that is being sown shall bear forth fruit in its time. "For he is faithful."

Brit and Olav Hodne

G A O R A N G

We entered the year of 1955 with great hopes for the work at Gaorang and the work carried on by the Boro Church Council, and we have not been disappointed. It has as a whole been a good year and we have enjoyed the work. Apart from some set backs, the work has prospered. There is one case of strife and unrest that has not been settled yet, otherwise the different circles have been able to meet their economical obligations and carry their burdens. One of the circles may have a small deficit at the end of the

year, but we hope that they will be able to make up for it during 1956.

THE GAORANG MISSION

The Gaorang Mission is a pleasant place situated not very far from the Reserve Forest and the Gaorang River. It is a quiet and enjoyable place and there is also some land attached to it. When the Gaorang Girls' School and their land is included we have about fifty acres. We have not been able to utilize the land as we should, but now we hope this will be possible. A good friend in Norway gave us a six horse power Rotary hoe that arrived just before Christmas. Sukbar Iswary, our handyman, has already plowed a good deal of land which we plan to use for ahu paddy. This will prove a great help as the price of paddy has risen sharply, partly due to low yield and partly because thousands of workers have arrived to make a diversion of the Champamati River.

Our workers' quarters are in need of repair. We hope we shall be able to undertake some of it during the next year.

Years ago there used to be a boys' school and a hostel here at Gaorang, but it was closed when the Gaorang Girls' School came into being. Now, however, the old boarding comes in handy for Bible Courses, Council meetings and the like. To improve accommodations the Church Council put in beds during the year.

The work at the mission itself has consisted of women's meetings, Church services, church meetings, Sunday School services, the teaching of converts, conversations, council meetings, Bible Classes, and confirmation classes conducted once or twice a week.

There have been sixteen students in the class and confirmation will take place sometime in March.

There have also been several inquirers during the year, among them some Muslims. Especially one of them was very eager, like the rich young ruler that came running to Jesus. He brought also others along, and we were invited to their village where many were gathered listening attentively and asking questions. But sorry to say, in the end it appeared that they had come for the sake of personal gain more than for spiritual enlightenment. So, finally, they turned back. They were too rich in spite of being poor and needy.

Then a Boro girl, Phujati, aged 20, came one day from her village and asked for instruction as she wanted to become a Christian. She had earlier attended the Gaorang Girls' School for several years. When she got back into her village she did not feel at home with the old ways of life and talked with her father. As he had no objections, she was given instruction and finally baptized on the 29th of May.

A young Boro all the way from North Lakhimpur came later and asked for instruction. He has also been baptized. We hope by and by that he will be a great help in the work as he is a most unusual man in many ways. His life and joy is in communion with the Lord.

At Christmas we had a most interesting gathering. Apart from Boros attending our church service on Christmas Day, we had one Chinese, one Madrasi, one Manipuri, two Garoes, one American, one Dane and some Norwegians who all spoke English. We had them for coffee after the service. They had some interesting stories to tell, which were stranger than fiction.

BORO CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers of the council during the year: President: Rev. David Westborg, Vice President: Mr. Thaniswar Boshumatary, Secretary: Mr. Dinesh Chandra Narjary, Treasurer: Miss Sofie Nasset.

The church council met twice during the year, in January and October. The Executive Committee met four times, in January, April, November and December. No great changes were made in the present set up.

BIBLE COURSES

The following Bible courses were conducted:

For preachers and elders from 18th to 24th April with 16 attending.

For teachers from 24th to 29th May with 20 attending.

For preachers and elders from 9th to 16th November with twenty-four attending.

For pastors from 12th to 17th December with all pastors attending.

THE BORO LITERATURE BOARD

The Scripture Gift Mission sent us "Every Day Life" for translation into Boroni. We are grateful for that. Miss Nasset and Rev. Malsing Mosahary had it translated and it is now ready for the press.

Ruph Narayan Mosahary, Mothambil, has been at work on a Boroni-English Dictionary, but the work is not yet completed.

We also want to express our thanks to friends in the U. S. A. for "The Life of Jesus", Bible stories

with pictures which have been translated into Boroni by some of the teachers at Gaorang Girls' School.

Phungni Hathorkhi, our Boroni paper, has been published six times during the year. After the Rev. H. Halvorsrud, the Rev. Malsing Mosahary, Bongaigaon, was chosen Editor. Mr. Dinesh Chandra Narjary is Assistant Editor.

THE BORONI EXAMINATION BOARD

Miss Elly Binderup, Bongaigaon, has passed her second examination in Boroni.

ANNUAL SABHA

The annual sabha was held at Jharbari village, Gaorang Circle in February. It was well attended. As guest speaker we had Mr. Subha Pandit from the Children's Special Service Mission with us. He gave us some interesting, spiritual and edifying lectures.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Mr. Birendro Boshumatary who was appointed inspector has visited all our village schools in Gaorang, Bongaigaon, Kamrup and Darrang Circles.

RETURNS FOR THE YEAR

Returns for the year under review have not yet reached us from all the circles. But from Bongaigaon and Kamrup we have received encouraging news. Eighteen non-christians were baptized in the former and thirteen in latter circle.

For Easter we had the joy of having the General Superintendent, the Rev. and Mrs. Gausdal with us, and toward the close of one of our Bible courses the Secretary, the Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand.

The vice-president of the Danish L. M. F., Miss Elisa Schmidt Petersen together with Miss Inger Walloe and Miss Carla Rasmussen from Khandesh also paid us a short visit.

Just after Christmas the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Schioler from Denmark together with the Eies came to see us.

We are grateful for these and other visitors.

With heartfelt thanks to all friends and intercessors.

Anne Helene and David Westborg

J O E M A

It is only one month ago since we took over the district work after the Rev. Dordals. It will take time to learn to know the many faithful workers and come into contact with the many congregations scattered all over this vast district. It will, therefore, mostly be a report based on impressions from some few workers' meetings and a few visits to different congregations.

I understand that Pastor Arjun Murmu, who during this year moved from Joema to the congregations to the northwestern part of the district, has together with others done a splendid work as many have asked to be instructed in the Christian faith. Pastor James Soren has taken his place in Joema. He will also act as a teacher at the Bible courses here.

The workers in Assam have shown great interest in these courses which have been conducted under Rev. Dordal's able leadership. The committee arranged for three Bible courses this year in Joema. The first

was held in March for local church elders and other lay workers, with the attendance averaging forty-five. The next course in April for the village teachers was attended by thirty-eight. The third course was held in September for pastors and catechists, with the average attendance of thirty. The language used on all these courses has been Santali as the Boro Church Council decided to arrange their own for this year.

Those that attended in April have asked us to extend the course to two weeks or that they may have two such meetings each year. During the courses in March and April only local people had been used as teachers, however, during the course in September the Rev. M. M. Tudu from the Santal Divinity School visited us. It was decided by the Assam Church Council this year that the council should take over the responsibility of the Joema Bible Courses from 1956. A committee was elected with the Joema missionary as convener. The other members were the following: Pastor James Soren, Mongol Besra and Pastor Chotto Murmu. In addition to these courses a seven day's course was arranged in Sohorpur in February with good attendance.

We have not been able to solve the problems in connection with the Joema School. The local people want it to be a Middle English School. But an additional class and a qualified headmaster will have to be provided, but as we have no house for a headmaster, we are not able to come to a decision. We have too few children in the upper classes to get help from the Government and as long as we have too few qualified teachers we may even be forced to operate the school only as a lower primary school. Two of the teachers are getting part of their salary from the Government and for that reason they are only allowed to work in the lower classes.

The work done by the village teachers is of greatest importance as they are teaching our Christian children the principles of our faith and helping them to read their Bibles in their mother tongue. It is very encouraging to meet all the church elders that faithfully conduct the Sunday services and are helping our few pastors in many ways. The same feeling we have concerning the work the women are doing as a number of them every Friday are calling the other women together for meetings.

Therefore, we may expect fruit for eternity and that all their work shall not be in vain.

P. R. Pedersen

M O R N A I

As we look back over the year of 1955, the first thing that comes to mind is to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and mercy upon us. Thanks to Him who Himself has been along in His work and blessed it. Thanks also to Him because He has been along with and led us so well through the year that has passed.

Taking the practical side first there was a good tea harvest. Many people were thereby able to earn their daily bread and at the same time they together with their families have had the benefit of living in a predominantly Christian community. The Gospel has been preached in our congregations and also to non-Christians without any difficulties.

Besides the nearly two thousand people living within Mornai's boundary we have also been able to

give work to many from the Santal Colony most of the year. Sometimes so many came here as daily workers that our working staff averaged 1400 daily which is perhaps a record total of daily workers. Because of a poor rice harvest, there has been a state of near starvation in the part of the colony which is near Mornai. The help which people could obtain by work here was of invaluable importance to them. In order to help them a great deal of work was done which at the present time was not desperately necessary, but was beneficial to the tea garden.

The Governmental labor legislature following modern patterns, has made progress and many new reforms have been carried out. Since the very beginning it has been the aim of the mission to make the tea garden a good home for the workers and we find that many of the new reforms already have been enforced in Mornai for many years. A great deal of new improvements do come, however, and we are ready to improve along all lines as long as the economical situation makes greater expenses possible.

A new reform introduced in 1955 was the founding of a saving fund for all the workers. The workers contribute one-sixteenth of their salary monthly and the tea garden contributes an equal amount. This will result in the fact that all workers will be paid a sum of several thousand rupees when they become old and unable to work anymore. The money can also be paid out earlier to those who leave the tea garden. This is a good help toward self-support and naturally gives the workers a feeling of security when looking into the future.

Our old system of giving all workers pension when they are unable to work anymore must naturally

continue for many years yet since many of the elderly people will not have accumulated very large funds on the new system. Our pension system is one of the improvements that the mission introduced many years ago.

The building of better and more up to date houses for the workers goes forward. Little by little the Santals and Mundas learn to appreciate a house with windows which let in the light and give more air circulation in the rooms. Some also begin to appreciate the beauty of, for example, curtains and pictures on the wall and the cozyness which it brings into the home. But the thought of the house as a home or a place to stay for the family during the daytime still is strange. One stays on the verandah or the courtyard and uses the house as a storeroom for food and other possessions as well as a bedroom.

This year we decided to take a definite fight against lung tuberculosis which in the new time in India spreads with amazing speed especially among the aboriginal people to which the Santals and Mundas belong. In connection with this plan we built a village on an isolated spot where at present there is room for ten families. It was difficult to make them understand the necessity of such isolation, but we have seen good results already. The patients themselves are beginning to understand the benefit of staying in such a healthy place where there is sunshine and fresh air. It should reduce the danger of exposure when we in this way isolate some of the more serious cases.

An assembly hall was put into use during the year. We have regular meetings, educational lectures, entertainment and things of that nature for the workers.

We try to get the congregational leaders interested in all that takes place in social activities here so that

the church leaders take the natural position as leaders in all activities. The church must continue to be the center of activity and that is also the desire of the workers, which only seems natural to them.

Many have been treated in the hospital and dispensary during the course of the year. There have been 34,709 consultations of which 212 have been admitted into the hospital for treatment. Dr. Bose who had worked here for over ten years left in August to go to a Hindu convent. Our new doctor, Dr. Goldsmith, is a Christian, and comes from a well-known Christian family in Assam belonging to the Baptist Church.

During the past year a number of non-Christians have also been baptized. The Gospel has been preached in different languages at the worship services and meetings and we believe that it does its work in the hearts of men. The responsibility for the work has rested on the same leaders, Lokhon Hembrom among the Santals, Nehemias Topno among the Mundas, and Pastor Jacob Biswas among the Bengali speaking people. The congregational workers are now entirely paid by the funds gathered by the congregations.

It has been a great help that Missionary O. Hodne and his wife have lived here temporarily in Mornai this year. That way they have been able to do a good work among the Bengali speaking people of the tea garden of which there are quite a number. Even though they have supervised the Bengali work of the entire district, the Bengali congregation here in Mornai has benefited greatly from their stay here and for that we are very thankful.

The Sunday Schools within the tea garden with about 250 children enrolled is steadily an encourage-

ment. Our headmaster, Gabriel Marandi, has as before shown great interest in this work.

There has been good attendance at women's meetings on Friday. A large portion of the income for the church comes from the rice which the women offer at their meetings.

Our day school and night school is also an important instrument to give the children more Christian instruction. In the day school there are 215 pupils with six classes and 8 teachers, men and lady teachers included. At present all the classes are so over filled that we have had to refuse some applications from children outside of Mornai who in some way or other have some relationship with families living here. The school is first and foremost for the children of the workers here in Mornai and we have now introduced carpentry as a subject to be taught to the boys.

We would close this annual report with an expression of thanks to all friends in the homelands who help the work on with their gifts and intercessions.

Ingeborg and Oluf Eie

P A R K I J U L I

There are two rivers near Parkijuli and during the monsoon it is difficult and sometimes even dangerous to cross. There have been trials and dangers in the work and in our own lives the past year at Parkijuli. It all makes us recall these words of Scripture, "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee and the rivers shall not overflow thee when thou goest

through the fire thou shalt not be burned." Surely through the waters God has been with us and we praise Him for it.

NEW CHURCH

We had the joy of seeing the new church dedicated on March 27, 1955. For the occasion we were very happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. Eie, the Rev. Dordal and Miss Elly Binderup with us. The new church was a gift from the congregation at Elk Horn, Iowa, and is greatly appreciated. These friends in Iowa have also contributed funds for a medical unit at Parkijuli. There is a considerable amount of lumber left from the building of the church which can be used for the medical project. The office building for the church is located 100 yards away from the church and is completed with the exception of the walls.

DISPENSARY

The new dispensary building which was completed in May, 1954, enabled the compounder to work more effectively. The building was planned and partly completed earlier and was originally intended as a sordar's house. A cement floor was laid this year in the room used for in-patients which has three beds and also on the verandah. The compounder has been carrying on a good work and Mrs. Hofrenning has assisted him with practical nursing care whenever possible. Dr. Sarmah, Assamese medical officer from Kamarikata which is six miles away, has examined the in-patients. He has assisted us in so many ways during the past year as well as with laboratory work. The doctor at Menoka Tea Garden has also helped us occasionally during Dr. Sarmah's absence.

THE BORO WORK

A weekly Bible Study and prayer meeting was begun after the dedication of the new church. A small num-

ber has been gathering and we pray more will attend and that it will be used to bring about an awakening. The evil one had been working but these meetings seemed to improve the spirit as well as unite the Christians closer together.

A daily Bible Class for Boro women was started in June. They gathered on the verandah each morning to learn a new Bible verse, songs and the women took turns leading devotions and prayers. We have been informed by the Bible woman that the daily classes are continuing.

The school has had its trouble and since so many have been involved in a court case concerning a canal, there has been the lack of funds and interest in keeping it in good repair. The villagers say that they want better buildings and we are inclined to agree with them when we see the poor condition of the mud and thatched school houses. The school has been blessed with some good teachers, however, and the children have been receptive. Miss Rupasrie Borgwary, the headmistress left for Bible School in Bihar in July. We are so happy to know that God has called Rupasrie for special service and also Susila Barlo who left for nurses' training at Mohulpahari. We were thankful that Mr. Berin Bosumatary, school inspector for Boro Church Council, came as the new headmaster. He has a keen interest in the Sunday School also and the attendance has grown.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK TO TRIBAL PEOPLE IN NORTH KAMRUP

Mr. Immanuel Barlo, evangelist to the Hindi speaking people was called home to heaven in August. It seemed a great loss for he was a gifted evangelist and also as a personal worker. He worked with Mr. Dann

at the mela among Bhutanese and also went to the heathen Santal, Mundari, Nepalese villages and markets as well as to Bengali refugee camps. He also had a small congregation of Mundari Christians at a nearby tea garden. Mr. Hejon Bosumatary who knows Santali well went to a number of Santal homes with Mr. Barlo.

There were numerous Gospels distributed in various languages. There seemed to be a hunger to know the truth and people attending outdoor meetings in villages and markets were eager for Christian literature after hearing the messages.

The following books have been printed for the spreading of the Gospel among heathen Boros and for the edifying of the Christians.

1. Reference helps in First John in Boroni
500 copies
2. Topical Reference Study in Boroni
500 copies
3. Undai Royubgra Bijap (Gospel Songs and Choruses) 2nd edition 1000 Copies

THE BHUTANESE WORK

I am reminded of the words "Despise not small beginnings" with regard to the Bhutanese work. There was a house rented again last season at the mela for our workers. We have a contract for the same house for the year 1956. There was daily preaching and small informal groups often came to hear the new gramophone records in their own mother tongue, Gongar. There was opportunity for distributing considerable amount of Christian literature in Tibetan and in 1956 there will be literature in Bhutanese, among these people whose interest seems to be growing. We believe that the Holy Spirit is working in hearts to lead them to true

repentance and true faith. Soonam Paul is the only baptized Christian so far from the Gongar tribe. There was one man before that who has gone home to glory. There is an elderly woman who wants to be a Christian and a sixteen year old girl who is an honor student and says that she is a Christian in her heart also, but neither of them have been baptized as yet. Soonam Paul is growing spiritually and is at present attending school at Dr. Graham's Home in Kalimpong where he has Tibetan Christian friends and is friendly with many Bhutanese of his own tribe who live in Kalimpong.

Mr. Dann has continued good work at the school in Dewangiri, Bhutan and at the mela. He came down in June to work full time for two months with us on the Gongar language which is the eastern dialect of Bhutan. We completed over forty pages of vocabulary and grammar in the Roman script plus fourteen hymns and five choruses.

During our stay in Kalimpong during the summer we met a number of Bhutanese through Soonam Paul. One of these was twenty-nine years old Mr. Gysetchen who is a well educated Bhutanese of the Yonkay tribe. We are so thankful that Mr. Gysetchen has expressed the desire to become a Christian. He says that it was the power of God's Word working in his heart convicting of sin and showing him the way of salvation as he daily studied and translated it. Mr. Gysetchen left with Mr. Dann later for a visit at Gaorang Mission, where he hopes to be baptized. He has a burden now to translate into Yonkay, the national language of Bhutan. Pray much for the new and prospective convert.

We now have the following literature in the Gongar dialect of Eastern Bhutan.

1. First Gongar Hymn Book 1500 copies
2. Class A reader with alphabet, consonants vowels and diphthongs in Bhutanese, Tibetan script and last half includes Bible stories 1000 copies
3. "Love of God", Way of salvation 3000 copies.

We want to express our thanks to the many friends who have been praying for us and for the work. Due to illness it seems to be God's Will that we go home on furlough one year early.

We thank God for the Westborgs who will undertake the mela and the work at Parkijuli now. May God continue to bless them and continue to use them as He has in the past. We welcome the Haugstads to the work at Parkijuli and we know God will use them in many ways. Their knowledge of Santali will enable them to reach the many non-christian Santals living near Parkijuli.

Joyce and Ralph Hofrenning

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN ASSAM.

GRAHAMPUR HIGH SCHOOL

For the third consecutive year now we have been able to send candidates to the Government Matriculation Examination, and the newness of the school is still evident in the spirit of staff, students, and the public. We thank God for His ever-loving care, for by His mercy alone are we able to report that we have had a very good year. Many factors point to the happy realization that the school is becoming more and more useful as an instrument of His Church. The staff has been steady, and with the exception of the resignation due to ill health of our science teacher in the latter part of the year, no changes were made. The student body increased from 150 to 175, a healthy growth which we were anxiously predicting, and without which cause for serious worry might have arisen.

We have had excellent support from the Government of Assam, not only in terms of increased financial aid but also in the all-around co-operation received from the Educational Department through its officers who have been gracious in understanding our shortcomings due to inexperience, and in giving us much needed advice. For all this help we are indeed grateful. Examination results were good. 23 out of 42 candidates in the Govt. Middle School Examination came through successfully, and two of the three sent up to the Matriculation Examination passed, the third being allowed to appear in two subjects only at the supplementary exam.

The Boy Scout Troop has now been officially registered. Teachers Lokhon Baskey and Ruben Tudu are in charge. The Annual School Mela was held in March. Attendance was very good this year at both the afternoon and evening programs, and profits came to a total of Rs. 1150/-. In this connection our special thanks go to the friends at Mornai T. E. and Sevapur Hospital who contributed much to make the Mela a success.

In general, the health of the students has been fair. Malaria still accounts for a heavy toll of sick leaves and among the boys in boarding hook worm is not uncommon. It is our hope and plan to better the living conditions in the boarding through expected income from increasing cultivation works on our Mission property. In the latter part of May we received from the Youth Organization of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church a Ferguson Diesel Tractor with several implements, and throughout the remaining part of the year have we been reclaiming land from the jungle undergrowth. Only a small part of approximately 40 acres of land here is left to be cleared now, and already a good portion is under cultivation. In the coming year we expect to get cultivation rights of an additional 50 to 60 acres, and once all the jungle is cleared the first major step of making the school self-supporting will be accomplished. Once again we give our heartfelt thanks to this group of young people in America, the same group that is sponsoring our Grahampur teacher, Anil Jha, now studying in the U. S. A.

During this past year we note that three Grahampur graduates, Santal boys from the Santal Colony, were sent to receive higher education. One young man is preparing himself for the ministry and two are in regular college. We hope that the future will

bring a large increase in enrollment, especially from our Christian community. Both the Boro and Santal Church Councils of Assam are offering stipends for deserving students, and the Government too is giving financial aid in the form of freeships.

May God add His blessings to the human efforts being expended here, that many more may come to know Him through the witness that is given in the name of Jesus Christ.

Mary and Harold N. Riber

HARAPUTA MIDDLE ENGLISH SCHOOL

The year 1955 has in many ways been a year of trials for us here in Haraputa. Because of illness, I have been away from the work for many months and it is difficult to reconcile oneself to being placed outside like that. But one certainly learns that the world goes its way nevertheless. And that may be good to realize, even if it is humiliating, yes, almost seems that one feels incompetent and unnecessary. On the other side, however, it gives one's co-workers an opportunity to show more what they are able to do on their own initiative and that is a good experience for them. We were so fortunate to have Miss Krohn here and she has been a good help for them in the school and they were not left all alone. She took charge of the school for several months and we are very grateful to her. Nevertheless, however, the teachers received an extra chance to show forth their abilities to work independently and to display their loyalty, and we are thankful for the good manner in which each filled her place.

We began the year with a very poor enrollment, but it became better by and by. In the rainy season a number of the students were away, but some visits in the neighboring villages helped a great deal. The average enrollment was 134. In the boarding we had an average of 63 children and six to seven adults. We moved out of the old boarding since it was extremely unsafe and we now use only three boarding houses with cookhouses. It is the plan that the old houses should be torn down and new ones built, but as long as the enrollment is so low there is no great urgency to have it built. It seems, however, to be a little change towards the better concerning sending children into boarding. So we are a little more optimistic than in previous years.

There has also been a change in the teaching staff. Debila Singh who has been helping us temporarily left us at the end of January and Sorobala Soren, wife of one of our compounders was appointed from the first of February. She has a good education so she is able to teach in the upper classes. She arrived just in the right time and we are very thankful for her. A temporarily appointed teacher quit in the end of June to take teacher's training. The two girls that had been sent before came back and began their work here. They are Kusum Murmu and Elisabeth Murmu. The first of them was appointed by the school committee in September as Assistant Principal and the appointment was sanctioned by the Director of Schools. A third new teacher was also appointed, Emily Soren. She is very young and works mostly as an assistant teacher and substitute. But she was a good student in the teacher's training school and is keen and interested in her work, so we hope she will make a good teacher.

We sent eleven girls up to middle school examination and seven passed. That is the best result that we

have had for a long time and we are glad and very thankful for that. One of them is now studying at the Bible School for women in Santal Parganas, Martha Maria School, five of them are studying at high school in Tajoubari, and one should have gone to teacher's training school, but was not able to go because of the floods. She hopes to go in July of 1956. None of our students received stipends from the Government. In December, 1955, we sent up another group to middle school examination and the result will not be known until sometime in April. We also sent three students to the Primary School examination, this time boys. It is the first time in the school's history that we sent boys up, so we are very anxious to know whether or not they were successful to get stipends. These boys are going to study further in Grahampur High School. It will, perhaps, stimulate the people around here to let the boys stay on longer here before they transfer them to Grahampur.

Four students received their middle school diploma in sewing and seven received their primary school diploma at the end of the school term.

As usual, the school celebrated the 26th of January, India's Republic Day. On that day we went to the neighboring congregation, Rantzapur. There we had arranged to meet with several village schools. We had food along and the congregation gave us tea. We had a festive meeting with songs and speeches and drills. The village people came and they seemed to enjoy the program thoroughly.

The 2nd of April we had the yearly school festival with prizes being given to those who had received the highest marks in their last yearly examination. There was also competition with prize giving. In the beginning of May we celebrated the twenty-fifth jubilee of our school. We had a very successful day and the people were very happy.

our church here. There was a festive worship service with festival meal afterwards.

Another activity beside the regular school work was the meetings the girls held on Saturdays. They faithfully kept on with them throughout the year. The Sunday School was carried on well. The teachers were Sorogini Soren and Kusum Murmu. In the past year the Sunday School work in the villages improved and it appears that there will be Sunday Schools in most of the villages. There are children enough if only someone would take care of them. We have begun going through the texts once a month on the station and that seems to be an encouragement for them.

The teacher's L. M. F. meetings were also held, but not as regular as before. They seem to value greatly the opportunity to come together. We helped also this year one of the teacher's training students with L. M. F. funds.

The economical situation of the people in the colony was very poor this year due to a bad crop of rice. Many suffered want and several had to postpone payment of boarding fees. But it is to their honor that practically all paid in 1955 the boarding fees. It is encouraging to see the willingness to pay and to take their responsibility.

This year we have also received eighty rupees grant from the Government monthly.

Then at the end, I would close with this word which has become our church's name, "Ebenezer" hitherto has the Lord helped us. He will also after His promises be with us in the coming year. Under the shadow of His wings we find shelter like we sing in one of our songs out here. He Himself will strive for us and we can depend on Him. May He so win

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in the fight for young souls so that they may be with Jesus both when they are here and when they go out to stand by themselves in the world. Let us stand together in prayer for those that have already gone out. There are so many temptations and they are so weak. Pray also for those that are under the influence of God's Word that they may bear fruit unto eternal life. We send our hearty thanks to all friends who support us with intercession and financially. Let us also in the year which comes stand together in assurance that God has given us the work and has called us to be his co-workers.

Borgny Austad

MEDICAL WORK IN ASSAM

SANTIPARA LEPROSY COLONY

The thing which made us very happy when we came from Norway to Santipara in January was the many evidences we found which portrayed Solveig and Kurt Petersen's love for and interest in this work. On behalf of the patients and the co-workers we express our thanks to them.

Dr. Edwin Goldsmith, L. M. P. who has been the Colony's doctor since 15th of August, 1951, discontinued his service here on 23rd March, 1955, to continue his medical studies. It is remarkable that a young man such as he has continued in this work so long. It seems, namely, to be a common view that leper work is a disrespectable medical service. Up to the present time there have been very few who have wanted to specialize in this field whether it concerns the medical opportunities or the surgical opportunities.

During April to June, the time of the year when we most often are the busiest in the clinic and the hospital, we did not have a resident doctor. However, Dr. Johs. Andersen from Sevapur was willing to make some visits to Santipara which was a great help to us. Dr. S. Majumder, B. Sc., M. B., B. S., was appointed as medical officer as of the first of July.

All in Santipara were very happy in September to see Diaconess Sister Lucile Frickson come back into the work after her long period of illness. Diaconess Sister Lilly Petersen worked here the year Sister Lucile was

away. We thank Sister Lilly for her willingness to leave the work to which she felt called to in Malda for a time and for the wholeheartedness with which she entered the work here.

Compounders Mosoram, Komol, Immanuel and Johan have given themselves unsparingly in their daily demanding tasks. Their sense of responsibility has been great, especially noticeable the time when we were without a residing doctor. One of our patients, Clement Sangma, a medical student, has done all of the laboratory work. He has been an example for us all in efficiency and readiness to serve. We are happy that he is improving medically. It is our hope as well as his, that he will become well and can complete his medical studies. One time during the rainy season we almost lost him. He was bitten by a cobra snake and swayed between life and death for two days. Ruben Murmu, a son of the first one to take up residence here in Santipara has this year been a teacher for the leprous children. He has also aroused great interest to learn to read among the adult patients as well.

The home for the healthy children of leprous parents was completed according to Kurt Petersen's plan and was put in use about Easter time.

Two new houses for co-workers was completed and moved into after the rainy season.

The old storehouse for rice (paddy) was torn down and the materials were used to build a new house for eight patients.

Dr. Majumder has strongly advised that we build as soon as possible a special ward for our patients that have tuberculosis. Our application to the last missionary conference of sanction of Rs. 8000/- which

would have made it possible to build such an addition together with another house for patients was rejected. The reason for rejection was that the missionary conference felt that the mission friends in the homelands would not be able to supply the extra funds necessary in addition to the regular mission budget.

It was a great encouragement to us when on the 30th of November we received a gift of Rs. 4000/-- from Mission to Lepers and Rs. 4000/-- from American Leprosy Mission, Inc. for the construction of a long needed home and school for our leprous boys.

Electric lights have long been desired at Santipara. Now there is hope of that coming about in the near future. From the Central Government we have received Rs. 9500/- for this project, and the Executive Committee has granted Rs. 5000/ from Mornai Tea Estate Charitable Fund. Since all electrical material is expensive, unfortunately, these funds will not stretch as far as the wires need to stretch in order to have electricity in all houses of the colony.

In November before the rice harvest began the patients did a great deal of road making in the Colony. Numerous tractor trailer loads of small stones were cumbersomely gathered from a river bed near Santipara and brought here for road surface. Most of the patients' working time has been spent for the field work. A greater part of the rice needed to feed the 210 mouths is raised on the colony land. Due to a loan from Mornai Tea Estate in 1950 we were able to by a Ferguson tractor. This year it has been to the repair shop for the first major repair. This year again Mornai Tea Estate has willingly given us a loan this time to purchase a Diesel Ferguson tractor. We thank Mornai's

manager, Rev. O. Eie, and Managing Agents, Consul General S. Gylseth, for the interest they have shown in Santipara in this way. We have been of the understanding that some mission friends in America gathered some funds in 1950 for the purchase of a tractor for Santipara. If that is so we hope that these gifts will be sent out in 1956 to help repay the last loan.

It has been a joy to see the state's strong growing interest for the work among lepers in this state. We desire to express our sincere thanks to the Government of Assam for all confidence and economical help in 1955.

In Norway we meet some mission friends who had worked for Santipara for years. We have not had an opportunity to meet Santipara's friends in America or Denmark, but we have strong proofs that this leprosy colony has friends and intercessors also in these two homelands. We send our heartiest thanks to all mission friends who this year have prayed for and carried forth this work.

After having attended the All India Leprosy Workers Conference in Jamshedpur from 2--6 March, we were invited to The Mission to Lepers Conference in Purulia which was held from the 7--9th of the same month. The fellowship in Purulia with fellow workers in the mission leprosy work from India, Pakistan and Burma is one of the most interesting and one of the richest experiences we have had since we began this work. We express our thanks to Mission to Lepers for help, good advice, fellowship in the work, and that this year also they have increased their allotment to our working budget.

The word from the Bible which was sounded first here in the church in Santipara on New Year's Day

was Apostle Peter's witness about the Nazarene, Jesus Christ. "And in no other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven that is given among men, wherein we must be saved." Some of those who come here believe that witness. Others depend securely on the many ways and opportunities which are self invited ways by which they hope to find the ultimate goal.

The year closes with the Christmas Season which lasts one week. Christmas comes also here with a heavenly message of peace on earth and in men His Good Will. His Good Will also in those who of the fellowship are looked upon as the unclean, the out-caste, and the most unfortunate in the land. Therefore, Christmas for us is sincerely a happy time.

Bergliot and Gunnar Fossland

SEVAPUR HOSPITAL

This year has been a quiet period of regular work as described in the report for 1954. No outstanding events have marked the year.

The work has increased in all the various branches of the hospital as shown in the statistical appendix. Late in 1954 we took up regular treatment of tuberculosis in the out-patients' department. Rest and adequate diet are still considered very important details of proper treatment of this disease, as also isolation of infective cases. We, therefore, started this work with some hesitation, being rather pressed by the appalling number of cases we diagnosed. It must be admitted, however, that in spite of all our shortcomings a regular therapy

with modern drugs, streptomycin, isonicotinic acid hydrazide, and paraaminosalicylic acid, is extremely effective. Every single patient shows improvement within a few months of therapy. A few are already almost cured. Also it is our impression that an effective treatment combined with what hygienic precautions we have been able to persuade the patients to observe has been effective in cutting down the number of contact cases. This part of the work is entirely self-supporting, the patients paying for the full treatment. The X-ray department, Civil Hospital, Cooch Behar, and lately also the Civil Hospital, Dhubri, have rendered valuable assistance for which we are very thankful. The hospital already has an X-ray set, and with the grant from the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches toward a generator we hope to start our own X-ray work in 1956, which will be a good help in the work.

The surgical work is still marred by unsatisfactory working conditions but a grant from the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches has enabled us to start building a bigger and more suitable treatment block, which it is hoped later will be completed to comprise a delivery room and ward for surgical and obstetrical patients. Very soon we hope to finish the Operating Theatre and the X-ray Room with the necessary accessories.

Sevapur is now an independent congregation under the Santal Colony Circle, having the same pastor as Grahampur. We are a small group, the smallest congregation in our circle. We are happy, however, to report good interest in the devotional life of our congregation with regular Sunday services, daily devotions in the hospital, women's meetings on Friday afternoons, and a Sunday School. Srimati Chita Murmu, the Bible

woman, and Sri Bijoy Marndih, the hospital clerk and Santal evangelist, have rendered faithful service, although the latter for some time has been out of work due to a very serious heart disease. Sri Sagram Kisku, the head compounder, is the elected leader of the congregation, and together with the missionaries, the representative on the Circle committee. For sometime, Sri Kamal Roy, Evangelist of Dindinga Circle (Bengali speaking) has come over every Monday morning for devotions and preaching, especially to contact the many Muslims that come to the hospital, some from very far away. We are very glad to have him working with us, as we have felt the need for this work very greatly. There seems to be a very great interest in his service.

Looking back over the year, we feel that the message of Advent is a good interpretation of the way we feel about the work here. Christ has come to this Earth to save man. This is our message, our obligation, and our joy. Soon He will return for the final harvest. Let us unite in prayer that this also may be an occasion for joy both for us and for the people whom we serve.

Johs. G. Andersen

STATISTICS

	1954	1955
Total number of consultations	7419	10.176
Total number of first time consultations	2053	2.641
Number of in-door patients	419	598
Total consultations: men	4954	6.698
Total consultations: women	2884	3.496
Total consultations: Muslims	2213	3.228
Total consultations: Christian	3021	3.664
Total consultations: Hindu and non-christian Tribals	2604	3.272

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Number of malaria cases	1211	1,487
Number of hookworm cases	320	319
Number of Kala azar cases		2
Number of patients for tuberculosis treatment	1	22
Number of normal deliveries in hos.	{	42
Number of abnormal deliveries in hos.		12
Operations	123	176
Women registered for prenatal care	41	114
Number of patients sent to the laboratory		3534
Number of village visits		13
Number of people treated in these visits	204	299
Deaths in the hospital	17	21

HARAPUTA MISSION DISPENSARY

Haraputa Mission Dispensary is now an old established institution and the work there does not vary very much from year to year. As before, the work during 1955 has gone on steadily. The statistics show a small decrease in the number of ordinary treatments, but then on the other hand we have had more patients coming for leprosy treatments than ever before, so the totals are about the same. The figures for 1955 are as follows:

Treatments (ordinary)	12,509
Treatments, leprosy	2,771
Village visits	52
Delivery cases	13
Of these 45.5%	were Mohammedans
23.6%	were Hindus
20.2%	were Christians
10.7%	were non-christian Boros and Santals

Besides these the compound people have had treatments for their various ailments, including two who were treated for tuberculosis. As usual, malaria was our chief complaint. We have given 5500 malaria treatments during the year. In addition, we have started treating people for tuberculosis. This is done in cooperation with Sevapur Hospital where they go for their various examinations, but receive their regular medicines through the dispensary here.

Our leprosy treatment goes on steadily. At the end of 1955 we had recorded 74 patients for regular treatment compared with 50 at the beginning of the year. Most of them come faithfully week after week for their medicine.

During the past years we have learned to fear anemia associated with pregnancy. We have seen scores of young women losing their lives because of this. We encourage people to send their expectant mothers for free ante-natal examinations. At the same time we promise them any necessary treatment at half cost, just to get them to come and get help in time. During the last year or two more and more women have come for this help. We cannot say that they come in great numbers, but they come in increasing numbers. They face much superstition and old customs, so it has been encouraging to see them come. Very often they have a blood-percent below 30, but if we just get them in time to treat them before their confinement, we can usually help them and save their lives.

Everyone knows how important it is when one is busy to have good co-workers and smooth running teamwork. We have that with our two faithful compounders, Jotin Ch. Das and Sitol Soren, who both have been with us for many years.

The school children have had their regular physical examinations and have had treatment for their small ailments. Fortunately, we have not had any serious illness among them this year.

The work among the women in the villages has gone on as in former years. This year instead of having a big women's meeting of three to four days for the whole Assam field, we tried to have smaller gatherings in the different congregations in the colony. We have five congregations here and had a whole day's meeting in each place. This turned out very well as it is much easier for the housewives to come for one day's meeting than to leave home for three to four days. We had very good attendance in each place, and have had people ask about having it again.

In May seventy-five boys and girls were confirmed and at the same time two adults were baptized and entered the congregation. The confirmation classes were conducted by the evangelist with the help of a village teacher for the boys. The girls' confirmation class was conducted by the pastor's wife, one of our teachers and myself.

Like this, the work has been going on and is going on steadily. It is good to know that He who sent us out to preach and to heal, He himself promises to be with us until the end. He has been with us day by day also in this past year, and His promise is for the days to come as well. Glory be to His Name.

Elisabeth Krohn

EBENESER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1955

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President: General Superintendent

Vice--President: Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand, Dumka

Secretary: Rev. Kalu Kisku, Benagaria

Members:

FROM SANTAL PARGANAS CHURCH COUNCIL:

Acting President, Rev. Sibrum Marandi, Rev. Kalu Kisku, Mr. Ram Murmu.

FROM NORTH BENGAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

President, Rev. Jonas Hasdak', Mr. Ruben Murmu and Pargana K. C. Tudu.

FROM ASSAM SANTAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

President, Rev. O. Eie, Vice-President, Rev. Nimbai Murmu, Mr. Gabriel Marndi, Mr. Daniel Soren.

FROM BORO CHURCH COUNCIL:

President, Rev. David Westborg, Rev. Malsing Mosahary and Mr. Dinesh Narjary.

FROM BENGAL CHURCH COUNCIL :

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SANTAL PARGANAS CHURCH COUNCIL

Acting President : Rev. Sibram Marndi Basetkundi.
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Members : (The first mentioned is Circle chairman)

Kaerabani Circle : Pastor Suphol Hembrom, Ram Murmu, Ranglal Kisku.

Dumka Circle : Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand, Raska Murmu, Mr. Chunda Soren.

Jubdi Circle : Rev. J. Sture, Pastor Karan Soren, Mr. Suna Kisku

Mohulpahari Circle : Pastor Khudia Marndi, Dr. Forman, Pastor Bhikulal Hasdak'

Sultanabad Circle : Pastor Sibram Marndi, Pastor Munsu Hembrom, Mr. Daniel Soren.

Benagaria Circle : Rev. A. K. Jensen, Pastor Nikodin Marndi, Pastor Lodo Hasdak' Pastor Peter Murmu.

Baniapasar Circle ; Mr. Joseph Soren Mr. Phagu Marndi.

PASTORS UNDER THE CHURCH COUNCIL :

Khudia Marndi	1931	Mohulpahari	P. O. Mohulpahari
Kalu Kisku	1931	S. D. School	P. O. Benagaria
Johan Hasdak'	1933	Koroya	P. O. Dumka
Karan Soren	1934	Chondorpura	P. O. Katikund
Naran Soren	1934	Mission House	P. O. Dumka
Bhikulal Hasdak'	1937	Tilabani	P. O. Assanbani
Bhogon Murmu	1938	Haripur	P. O. Pakuria
Bajun Murmu	1939	Dhorompur	P. O. Kumrabad
Sibram Marndi	1939	Basetkundi	P. O. Maheshpur
Sodanondo Baske	1939	Sulunga	P. O. Benagaria
Joseph Hasdak'	1940	Ranga	P. O. Dumka
Suphol Hembrom	1941	Kaerabani	P. O. Kaerabani
Munshi Hembrom	1941	Lukhipokhor	P. O. Pakuria
John Jujhar Soren	1941	Simoldohi	P. O. Maheshpur
Ruben Soren	1941	Jithia	P. O. Deocha
Cunu Murmu	1941	Dum	P. O. Gando
Peter Murmu	1943	Itore	P. O. Itor, Murshidabad
Mongol Besra	1946	Jambua	P. O. Garsara
Chaitan Soren	1947	Maharo	P. O. Dumka
Bhiku Tudu	1948	Chandpur	P. O. Pakuria
Abraham Murmu	1948	Ranga	P. O. Amrapara
Salhae Marndi	1948	Saldoha	P. O. Mohulpahari
Munshi Marndi	1951	Dhobona	P. O. Kaerabani
Nitanondo Marndi	1952	Honja	P. O. Baskuli
Joseph Marndi	1953	Tarni	P. O. Pakuria
Nikodim Marndi	1953	Benagaria	P. O. Benagaria
Munshi M. Tudu	1955	S. D. School	P. O. Benagaria
Lodo Hasdak'	1955	Sapadoha	P. O. Benagaria

NORTH BENGAL CHURCH COUNCIL :

President : Rev. Jonas Hasdak'

Members :

INDIA SIDE :

Malda-Purnea Circle: Pastor Jaeram Hasdak', Pastor Jonas Hasdak'

W. Dinajpur Circle : Pastor Munshi Murmu, Mr. Ramsai Tudu, Mr. Ruben Soren.

PAKISTAN SIDE :

E. Dinajpur Circle : Joseph Soren, Gumid Kisku, Daniel Marndi.

Rajshahi Circle : Pastor Budhrai Hasdak' Mr. Chunku Tudu, Mr. Ruben Tudu.

PASTORS UNDER THIS CHURCH COUNCIL

Budhrai Hasdak'	1937	Badhair	P. O. Mundumalahat, Rajshahi, E. Pakistan.
Jonas Hasdak'	1944	Rajadighi	P. O. Bairgachi, Malda.
Munshi Murmu	1947	Narayanpur	P. O. Teor, West Dinajpur.
Jaeram Hasdak'	1947	Khoribari	Manikora Malda.
Bajnath Baskey	1953	Phoridpur	P. O. Habra, East Dinajpur Pakistan.
John Marndi	1954	Rotonpur	P. O. Gangarampur, West Dinajpur.

ASSAM SANTAL CHURCH COUNCIL :

President : Rev. O. Eie, Mornai.

Vice-President : Pastor Nimbai Murmu, Santipara.

Secretary : Mr. Gabriel Marndi, Mornai.

Members :

Colony & Mornai Circle	Mr. Daniel Soren, Mr. Gabriel Marndi, Rev. O. Eie, Pastor Jatu Murmu, Pastor James Soren, Abraham Murmu, Pastor Lokhon Hembrom, Miss E. Krohn, Pastor Ruben Murmu.
Joema Circle	Rev. O. Dordal, Pastor Ratu Marndi, Manson Marndi.
Darrang & Kamrup Circle :	Khudu Kisku, Mohon Hasdak' Simon Baskey.
Santipara Circle :	Rev. G. Fossland, Kanhu Murmu, Pastor Nimbai Murmu.
Dingdinga Circle	Rev. H. N. Riber, Mr. S. N. Adhikary.

PASTORS UNDER THIS CHURCH COUNCIL :

Lokhon Hembrom	1930	Mornai	P. O. Dingdinga
Kanhu Tudu	1939	Haraputa	„ Haraputa
Nimbai Murmu	1941	Santipara	„ Bongaegaon
Ruben Murmu	1942	Ransupur	„ Dingdinga
Jatu Murmu	1942	Bilanpur	„ Dingdinga
James H. Soren	1942	Joema	„ Gosaegaon

Ratu Marndi	1944	Kolabari	P. O. Sirphanguri
Sirmath Marndi	1944	Hingaon	„ Udalguri
Chatur Soren	1948	Dobragaon	„ Haltugaon
Choto Suna Murmu	1948	Grahampur	„ Dingdinga
Arjun Murmu	1951	Dhorompur	„ Kachugaon
Jacob Biswas	1952	Mornai	„ Dingdinga
Gupinath Hembrom	1955	Nagdalbari	„ Sidli

BORO CHURCH COUNCIL

President : Rev. David Westborg, Gaorang

Vice- President Thaneswar Bosumatary „

Secretary Mr. Dinesh Ch. Narjari „

Members :

Gaorang Circle : Rev. David Westborg, Rev. Upendro Mosahari, Mr. Dinesh Ch. Narjari, Mr. Dinesh Ch Goyari, Mr. Girish Ch. Lawari, Mr. Sichoron Bosumatary and Mr. Phakra Mosahary.

Bongaegaon Circle : Rev. Malsing Mosahari, Rev. Biswanath Narjari, Miss S. Nettet, Onaram Bosumatary, Mr. Lal Mohon Bosumatary, Mr. Phulsing Hajari, Hasendra Narjari.

Kamrup Circle : Rev. R. Hofrenning, Rev. Maguram Mosahary Mr. Jogendra Narjari.

Darrang Circle : Mr. Kadura Bosumatary and Mr. Bangda Bosumatary.

PASTORS UNDER THIS CHURCH COUNCIL :

Tharani Iswary	1942	Gaorang	P. O. Haltugaon.
Maguram Mosahary	1945	Parkijuli	„ Menoka
Upendro Mosahary	1945	Goladangi	„ Haraputa
Malsing Mosahary	1947	Bongaegaon	„ Bongaegaon
Biswanath Narjary	1952	Bongaegaon	„ Bongaegaon

BENGAL CHURCH COUNCIL

President Rev. K. R. Ghose, Suri

Secretary : Sri Dinesh P. Lall Saldoha

Members :

Malda Circle :	Rev. Maharaj Bhandary, Sri Ruel R. R. Das.
Cooch Behar Circle :	Rev. Ajen Chisim, Sri Benoy K. Biswas.
Santal Parganas Circle :	Rev. David Jha, Rev. Daniel Jha, and Sri Dinesh P. Lall.
Birbhum & Murshidabad Circle :	Rev. K. R. Ghose, Rev. P. Lande, Sri Atul E. Biswas.

PASTORS UNDER THIS CHURCH COUNCIL

Maharaj Bhandary	1937	Nimasarai	P. O. Old Malda
John Jotadhari Das	1940	„	Nalhati
John Anondo Roy	1941	Swedish Mission	„ Cooch Behar
Daniel Jha	1944	Mohulpahari	„ Mohulpahari
Haraknath Pramanik	1944	Malda Court	„ English Bazar

Kumud Ranjan Ghose	1946	Suri	P. O. Suri, Birbhum
David Jha	1952	Dangalpara	„ Dumka, Santal Parganas
Ajen Chisim	1955	Phutimari	„ Cooch Behar

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2; 9

It was to people whom he urged to "put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander" that Peter wrote the words quoted above. He goes on to say: Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." v. 10.

As we look at our own lives, we marvel at God's mercy. As we behold the weaknesses and sins that are manifest in the lives of some members of the Church we sometimes wonder if God's grace is sufficient. But these people, believers in Jesus Christ, are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called to declare the wonderful deeds of him who called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. We pray that our people, and the many more that shall come to know God through their testimonies, may "like living stones be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Christ Jesus."

As the witnesses to the Grace of God in Christ Jesus go forth with the good tidings, we know that His Spirit works in the hearts of men, and God, the master builder, builds, His house of living stones.

During the year 1955 the Ebenezer Church has experienced much of His grace, as evidenced from the

reports that come in from various places. Statistically there is little departure from the normal. In a number of places the reports reveal that consecrated and devoted witnesses, busy about the Lord's work, are rejoicing in the harvest that is being gathered in. In other places the opposite is perhaps true.

However, over the length and breadth of our field, one senses a feeling of expectancy and longing; a desire for more consecration and devotion to God; a need of renewal and deepening of the spiritual life. In many places people are praying that God will visit our Church with revival, breathing life into dead bones.

We thank God that through witnesses, from without and within our Church, God has sent revival. Our readers are asked to pray with us that we all may be given grace to put away all malice, guile, insincerity, envy and slander, and "grow up to salvation."

It was mentioned in last year's report that delegates from the Gozner Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church met for preliminary discussions with a view to possible union between the two churches. A scheduled meeting of the drafting committee however, failed to take place, and further negotiations have, so far, not developed.

During the year four ordination services were conducted.

At a service held in the Dumka Church April 3rd two members of the missionary staff were ordained, as mentioned in the report of the mission Secretary.

On the recommendation of the Santal Parganas Church Council, Lodo Hasdak was ordained at Benagaria on the 13th of February, and has been serving at Sapadoha, in Benagaria Circle.

Munshi M. Tudu was ordained at Benagaria on the 13th of March, on the recommendation of the Santal Divinity School Committee. He is a member of the teaching staff at the Divinity School.

Recommended by the Bengal Church Council, Ajen Chisem was ordained at Phutimari village church, Cooch Behar, on the 8th of May, and is serving at Phutimari and surrounding area.

On December 14th the Rev. and Mrs. J. Gausdal retired from the work in India and left for their home in Norway. Rev. Gausdal arrived in India in November 1915 and has served for a period of 40 years. During the second world war, from 1940 to 1946 he served as Field Secretary for the Santal Mission at Dumka. From November 1949 till November 1955 he held the position of the first General Superintendent of the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church. The election of his successor took place during the annual Synod meeting at Benagaria on the 4th of November, and in connection with the installation service on November 6th a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Gausdal was held. The church at Benagaria was filled to capacity and representatives from the five Church Councils expressed their appreciation for their many years of devoted service. A number of beautiful gifts were presented to them.

After their return to Norway, Rev. Gausdal has been honoured by the King of Norway for his work in India and given the order of St. Olav "Ridder" 1st class.

We congratulate the Gausdals and also express our appreciation for the many years of service rendered out here, and for the fellowship that was enjoyed through the years.

Ole S. Bjerkestrand.

EBENESER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CIRCLES & DISTRICTS	COMMUNITY					WORKERS							MINISTRATIONS						SUNDAY SCHOOLS		CHURCH COLLECTIONS CUPUT' CANDA OTHER OFFERINGS AND LOCAL INCOME			
	Congregations	Villages with Christians	Christian Families	Total numbers of Christians	Communicant Members	Pastors	Chatecheists	Elders	Teachers	Unpaid Elders	Bible women	Unpaid Bible women	Total workers	Baptized Child. of Christians	Baptized from out side	Confirmed	Number of Com. Services	Total atten. dance of communions	Married Couples	Teachers	Children	Rs.	A.	P.
Kaerabani	10	84	352	1529	853	3	6	6	14	8		37	44	7	59	103	2936	18	12	184	1731	5	7½	
Dumka	17	148	509	2466	1208	7	11	21	32	15	2	8	85	53	42	165	3726	29	8	169	3981	6	7½	
Mohulpahari	6	56	200	986	432	2		6	10			18	32	32	20	56	1223	7	7	94	911	0	4½	
Jubdi	11	111	410	2245	962	4	1	5	24	24	10	1	60	17	6	121	3605	19	3	130	2759	13	6	
Baniapasar	7	16	110	375	177							5	2	10		27	288				66	8	0	
Sultanabad	12	109	402	1813	860	6		9	10	2	4	31	50	41	32	125	2721	22	2	90	2068	2	0	
Benagaria	15	58	433	1948	1197	5	8	1		1	6	21	41	23	24	15	264	11	2	86	1845	0	0	
SANTAL FARGANAS	78	582	2416	11362	5689	27	20	48	84	56	33	9	277	314	183	163	612	14763	106	34	753	13363	4	1½
Malda - Purnea	13	54	152	716	342	2	9	2		3		1	24	6	4	85	305	7	7	138	1161	13	6	
W. Dinajpur	14	36	122	563	224	2		13	5	4	1	1	27	15		76	186	8	2	13	628	0	3	
E. Dinajpur	13	16	92	420	84	1	1	13	6	1	3	25	3			6	55	3	1	19	831	9	6	
Rajshahi	12	31	112	478	139	2	2	8	6	7	2	1	10	5	18	36	394	6	8	233	931	15	9	
NORTH BENGAL	52	137	478	2177	789	7	12	36	17	15	6	3	96	64	26	22	203	940	24	18	403	3553	7	0
Colony - Mornai	8	63	1391	6923	2905	5	1	3	18	46		58	253	31	212			61	27	875	8294	9	0	
Dingdinga	5	10	68	313	169	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	13	1	4	42	670	3	5	73	740	15	3	
Joema	21	66	399	1879	772	4	2	21	18	18		16	74	95	6	146	3516	28	9	100	3064	15	6	
Santipara	12	28	202	1041	315	2		10	3			4	44	40	13	92	2494	10	4	74	2153	5	3	
Kamrup - Darrang	8	23	165	780	190	1	1	6	3	6		2	30	9		34	614	9	1	40	1463	3	6	
ASSAM SANTAL	54	190	2225	10936	4351	13	6	42	43	72	1	84	261	414	176	235	214	7294	111	46	1152	15717	0	6
Gaurang	21	52	433	2544	640	2	3	19	12	4	1	9	114	21		49	1668	19	9	140	6486	7	0	
Bongaigaon	22	52	373	2323	599	2	2	22	12	2		8	96	13	29	65	550	22	12	265	4730	12	3	
Kamrup	7	9	71	378	139	1	3	3	5	6		5	13	13		11	72	7	4	27	771	7	6	
Darrang	9	11	106	610	178	2	11	2				2	40	1	4	15	103	6	3	56	1492	8	6	
BORO ASSAM	59	124	983	5855	1556	5	10	55	31	12	1	24	138	263	48	33	140	2393	54	28	188	13481	3	3
Santal Parganas	7	21	61	294	110	2	2	2		1	1	2	10	0	3	64	431	7	2	32	957	1	9	
Birbhum-Murshidabad	9	21	95	592	249	2		6		11	3	22	9	9	17	73	1292	8	6	94	1503	5	3	
Malda	11	43	150	832	243	2	10	3	3	1	3	22	13	1		76	1216		7	101	1043	4	9	
Cooch Behar	11	13	141	559	250	2	6		15	18	2	1	21	7	1	53	1480	5	11	141	1288	8	0	
BENGAL	38	103	447	2277	852	8	18	11	18	31	9	3	98	53	17	21	269	4419	20	26	368	4792	3	9
TOTAL for CHURCH.	281	1136	6549	32697	13237	60	66	192	193	186	50	123	870	1108	450	474	1438	29809	315	152	2864	50907	2	7½

SANTAL MISSION OF THE NORTHERN CHURCHES & EBENESER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DISPENSARIES HOSPITALS & LEPROSY COLONIES VILL SCHOOLS STATION SCH. MIDDLE SCH. HIGH SCHOOLS TRAINING ETC

	Dispensaries		Hospitals & Leprosy Colonies				Vill Schools			Station Sch.			Middle Sch.			High Schools			Training Etc				
	Nurses	Compounders	Doctors	Nurses	Compounders	Other Staffs	In Patients	Out Patients	Schools	Teachers	Children	Schools	Teachers	Children	Schools	Teachers	Students	Schools	Teachers	Students	Institutions	Staffs	Students
Kaerabani	2	3081						6	6	162	1	5	148				1	20	480	1	3	38	
Dumka								11	17	478	5	21	561				1	4	40	1	3	16	
Mohulpahari			3	25	7	22	2108	21170	2	4	83	2	6	184									
Jubdi	1	4933	1	2	6	8	491	15165	11	15	381	2	9	186									
Baniapasar									2	2	53												
Sultanabad	1	3468							1	1	28	7	9	212	1	8	161						
Benagaria	2	7146							1	1	32				1	8	228				3	9	40
SANTAL PARGANAS	3	5	4	27	13	30	2599	36335	34	46	1217	17	50	1289	3	19	443	2	24	520	5	15	94
Malda Purnia												1	6	84									
W. Dinajpur												2	5	119									
Rajshahi									2	3	145	2	3										
E. Dinajpur																							
NORTH BENGAL									2	3	145	5	14	203									
Colony Mornai	1	2	2	6	4	8	810	53992	6	9	222	3	15	327	1	10	141	1	10	175			
Joema		1							15	15	315	1	3	82	1	2	15						
Santipara			1	2	5	1	381	243	2	2	54	1	1	19									
Kamrup Darrang																							
Dingdinga																							
ASSAM SANTAL	1	3	3	8	9	9	1191	54235	23	26	591	5	19	428	2	12	156	1	10	175			
Gaurang									10	10	130				1	3	40						
Bongaigaon												1	3	26									
Kamrup	1	1545										1	3	40									
Darrang												1	2	51									
BORO ASSAM									10	10	130	3	8	117	1	3	40						
Santal Parganas																							
Birbhum Murshidabad	1	6010							1	1	12							1	7	124			
Malda									7	7	156	2	8	120									
Cooch Behar																							
BENGAL	1	6010							8	8	168	3	11	195				1	7	124			
TOTAL	5	9	7	35	22	39	3790	90570	77	93	2251	33	102	2232	6	34	639	4	41	818	8	15	94

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Auditors' Certificate

The Santal Mission of the Northern Churches,
Dumka P. O.
Santal Parganas.

Dear Sirs,

We report that we have checked the books of the Mission for the year ended 31st December, 1955, as follows:---

MISSION GENERAL CASH BOOK

The entries in respect of payments appearing in the Cash Book have been examined with the Subsidiary Books, Station Cash Books and acknowledgments of Cash produced to us and found to be in order with the exception of those detailed in attached Statement 'A'.

We have verified the receipts from the American, Danish and Norwegian Mission Boards during the year and have found the entries appearing in the Cash Book to be in order. The Bank Pass Book has been checked by us and found to agree with Cash Book. We have had produced to us a certificate from the Calcutta Branch of the Chartered Bank of India Australia & China in confirmation of the balance with the Bank at 31st December, 1955.

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND MORNAI TEA ESTATE CHARITABLE FUND
CASH BOOKS

We have examined the payments recorded in these Cash Books with the receipts produced to us and have

found them to be in order. The Bank Pass Books have been checked and agree with the Cash Books. We have seen certificates from the Calcutta Branches of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China and the Netherlands Trading Society in confirmation of balances with the banks at 31st December, 1955.

STATION CASH BOOKS

The books have been checked as follows :-

The remittances from the Mission, Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church and Mornai Tea Estate Charitable Fund have been checked into these books and found to be in order with the exception of those detailed in the attached Statement 'A'.

We have carried out a test check of the payments recorded in these Cash Books with receipts produced to us. In some cases receipts were either not available or were written in languages which we were unable to translate. Those which we were able to check were found to be in order with the exception of those detailed in the attached Statement 'B'.

INDIAN WORKERS PENSION FUND CASH BOOK

We have checked the payments appearing in the Cash Book with the receipts produced to us and found them to be in order.

INVESTMENTS

The investments of the Indian Workers Pension Fund, as detailed in the Fund's Books and of various other Funds viz: Emergency Fund, Bhikhu Endowment Fund, Central Obligation Fund and Passage Fund as described in the books of such Funds were verified by

reference to certificates from Bankers, by examination of the Scrips for the Government Securities and National Savings Certificates, Fixed Deposit Receipts etc. and found to agree therewith.

Yours faithfully,
Lovelock & Lewes.

THE ACCOUNT OF 1955.
 THE SANTAL MISSION OF THE NORTHERN
 CHURCHES.

(MORNAI TEA ESTATE CHARITABLE FUND
 INCLUDED)

INCOME :

Balance per 1. Jan. 1955.	Rs.	80.369-11-3
Per 31. Dec. 1955. :		
Received from America	Rs.	175.720-06-3
Received from Denmark	„	188.827-12-3
Received from Norway	„	461.515-03-6
Received from Norway directly for Ebenezer Evan. Luth. Church Pak.	„	19.965-00-0
Received from Mornai Tea Garden	„	172.000-00-0
Gift from N. N., America	„	711-08-0
Miscellaneous refunds	„	1.599-07-9
Miscellaneous interest	„	396-13-9
Loan : From Central Obligation F.	„	<u>119.900-00-0</u>
Grand Total	Rs.	<u>1221.005-14-9</u>

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OUTLAYS :

Medical Work:	Ordinary	Dearness--all.
Mohulpahari Chr. Hosp.	Rs. 21.200	Rs. 9.179-07
Saldoha Leper Colony	„ 37.000	„ 3.427-00
Benagaria Dispensary	„ 1.600	„ 480-00
Kaerabani Dispensary	„ 800	„ 360-00
Narainpur Dispensary	„ 626	„ 150-00
Basetkundi Dispensary	„ 610	„ 180-00
Haraputa Dispensary		„ 360-00
Gaorang Dispensary	„ 990	„ 360-00
Joema Dispensary	„ 770	„ 180-00
Grahampur Dispensary	„ 950	
Rajadighi Hospital	„ 7.092	„ 1.277-08
Sevapur Hospital	„ 9.434	„ 2.950-00
Santipara Leprosy Colony	„ <u>24.344</u>	„ 1.655-04
Total Medical Work	Rs. 105.416	
Total Medical Word D. A.	Rs. 20.559-03	

EDUCATIONAL WORK :

Kaerabani Schools & Hos.	Rs. 23.306	Rs. 6.438
Maharo Girls' School	„ 14.252	„ 4.003
Koroya Mission & Orphan.	„ 3.446	„ 580
Santal Divinity School	„ 13.450	„ 240
Basetkundi M. E. School	„ 6.008	„ 2.880
Benagaria Ind. School	„ 2.400	„ 870
Narainpur Girls' School	„ 9.511	„ 2.430
Eklakhi Girls' School	„ 7.282	„ 1.520
Grahampur Schools	„ 25.710	„ 5.378
Haraputa Girls' School	„ 8.052	„ 1.116
Gaorang Girls' School	„ <u>12.103</u>	„ <u>1.170</u>
Total Educational Work	Rs. 125.520	
Total Edu. Work D. A.	Rs. 26.625	
Total for Page	Rs. 278.120-03-0	

	Ordinary	Dearness all
Brought forward from Page 144:		Rs. 278.120-03-0
District Work :		
Basetkundi	Rs. 3.020	" 660-00-0
Benagaria	" 12.665	" 2.692-08-0
Ebenezer House	" 1.800	" 180-00-0
Chondorpura	" 5.630	" 840-00-0
Dhorompur	" 798	" 600-00-0
Bagsarai	" 1.450	" "
Dumka	" 4.660	" 525-00-0
Kaerabani	" 2.694	" "
Tilabani	" 600	" "
Suri	" 5.872	" 405-00-0
S. P. & Birbh. W. W.	" 764	" 270-00-0
Nimasarai	" 8.010	" 951-00-0
Joema	" 6.600	" 1.590-00-0
Gaorang	" 5.844	" 891-00-0
Bongaigaon	" 3.500	" 360-00-0
Parkijuli	" 10.274	" 1.293-00-0
Haripur	<u>" 646</u>	<u>" "</u>
District Ordinary, Total		Rs. 74.827-00-0
District Dearness all. Total		" 11.257-08-0
Commitee & travel		" 6.844-07-6
Secretary travel		" 2.400-00-0
Dumka Offices		" 4.000-00-0
Legal Expences,Print of A. Rep. & Audith Fee		" 5.330-00-0
Civil Surgeon fee & Affiliation fees		" 1.195-09-0
Stipends		" 17.883-00-0
New Constructions, Major repairs		" 159.450-09-6
Miscellaneous		" 20.077-11-9
Ebenezer Church, India Side		" 182.000-00-0
Ebenezer Church, Pakistan Side		" 20.283-00-0
Missionaries' Account		" 397.194-13-0
Landrents		" 2.427-08-7
Bank Balance per 31 Dec. 55	Rs.26.912-04-10	
Cash Balance per 31 Dec. 55	<u>" 10.802-03- 7</u>	<u>" 37.714-08-5</u>
Total Expenditure		" 1221.005-14-9

**EBENEZER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Indian Workers' Pension Fund Account 1955**

RECEIPTS :

Balance per 1st Jan. 1955.	Rs.	1.394-06-0
Received from E. E. L. Church	„	5.000-00-0
Interest on Government loan 1896/97,3%	„	420-06-0
Contribution from Members	„	<u>6.830-09-0</u>
	Rs.	<u><u>13.645-05-0</u></u>

EXPENDITURES :

Pension paid to Members during year 1955	Rs.	8.300-02-6
Contribution refunded to previous member	„	45-12-0
Balance per 31. December 1955	„	<u>5.299-06-6</u>
	Rs.	<u><u>13.645-05-0</u></u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT :

Balance per 1. Jan and 31. Dec. 55.	Rs.	<u><u>44.423-05-4</u></u>
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CAPITAL INVESTMENTS :

Government loan of 18/97,3% Nom. 19.000	Rs.	15.628-05-4
Post National Savings Account	„	<u>28.795-00-0</u>
	Rs.	<u><u>44.423-05-4</u></u>

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