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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Phil. 4: 4

"He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son; in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sins." Col. 1: 13, 14.

It is said that, "The calendar of the sinner has only a few days in the year marked as festival days; but every day of the Christian's calendar, is marked by the hand of God as a day of rejoicing."

Edward Young has said, "Tis impious in a good man to be sad."

God commands us to rejoice. To rejoice, not in our own merits; not in what we have achieved, nor in what we shall be able to do, but "rejoice in the Lord always." Rejoice in His goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ; in delivering us from the dominion of darkness and making us heirs of God, in transferring us to the kingdom of His Son. For He is our peace, in Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

We have the privilege of representing Christ in human relations, and a part in building the Kingdom of God on earth, by sharing with others the riches we have received.

We have reason to rejoice also in the knowledge that He has called us into this special service. That He has blest us in manifold ways. He has permitted us to see abundant fruit from our labours, and supplied our every need.

During the annual conference, held in November, we were reminded that, as we were encouraged to rejoice, we are also urged to "have no anxiety for anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God." Phil. 4: 6. God has always been faithful, and never failed us in the past, and we have the assurance that He will provide for all our needs according to His will.

We were very grateful for the privilege of again this year having the conference in Benagaria. We are deeply indebted to our friends in Benagaria for the good arrangement and fine hospitality that was enjoyed by all.

While most of our conference members were present, we missed a few that, due to illness or other reasons were unable to come.

Mrs. Thoft Krogh was in the hospital in Vellore, and we are happy that she seems to be on the road to complete recovery after a long siege of pain and illness. Sister Lucile Frickson has also been in the hospital at Gauhati, and has recently been admitted to the hospital in Vellore. We pray that the treatment will bring complete relief and healing.

During the year two former members of our missionary group have been called to their eternal reward. Some time ago we were informed that Rev. Johannes Jensen, who retired from the mission field about 30 years ago, had passed away. The writer was not privileged to meet and know missionary Jensen, but we know that after a fruitful term on the field he has continued as a faithful supporter of the work during the many years of his ministry at home.

Later we also received word that our friend and former fellow-missionary, Dr. B. B. Bogh, had departed this life, to be with the Lord. We remember, with appreciation, the testimony, deep humility and devoted service of Dr. Bogh. We extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved wife, Mrs. Helga Bogh, to his daughter, Mrs. Karen Andersen and her family and to the other children; as well as to the Jensen children. May God in His mercy be their comfort and stay in this day of sorrow. Blessed be the memory of these faithful workers.

Our veteran missionaries from Denmark, the Rev. and Mrs. H. P. H. Kampp, retired from the field during the year. It is now 39 years since Rev. Kampp first arrived in India. We remember with appreciation their many years of faithful service and thank them for the devoted manner in which they were willing to spend and be spent for the salvation of the Bengalis and Santals. Rev. Kampp will continue his work on behalf of the mission as a member of the Home Board in Denmark.

The following have, during the past year, left India for furlough in their respective home countries:

The Misses Gunvor Clausen, Ingeborg Kleven, Elsa Pihlquist, and Solveig Somming, and the Reverends Sigfred Johansen and family, Arne Stronstad and family, Haakon Halvorsrud and family.

We have had the privilege of welcoming the following who have returned to India after furlough in the homelands:

The Misses Asbjorg Fiske, Eldbjorg Gulbrandsen, Margit Hannevik, Betzy Nordby, Lily Petersen, Edle and Signe Sigurdson and Ada Wittander; also the following families: The Rev. Olav Hodne and family, the

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Rev. Ingolf Hoyland and family, the Rev. Aage Jensen and family, the Rev. Harold Riber and family, the Rev. David Westborg and family, Mr. Jens Sture and family and Mr. Kjell Torkildsen and family. The Rev. and Mrs. Oluf Eie spent a few months, during the rainy season, visiting in Denmark and Norway. Upon their return they were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Kirsten Eie, and her aunt Mrs. Gerda Bronnum. We take pleasure in welcoming them among us during their visit in India.

Mr. Aage Jensen was ordained into the Gospel Ministry, in Denmark, on September 22, 1954. We extend our hearty congratulations and pray for God's rich blessing on his work in this added capacity.

Miss Elise Dragoy, has after serving for two years in the school in Shillong now joined the regular missionary staff. She was placed at Benagaria for language study.

The year has seen no new missionaries arriving on our field in India. Dr. Scott and family were granted visas, however, and are now enroute to India, having sailed from Savannah, Georgia, on December 1st.

The Mission Executive called three new couples for service in India, during the year. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jorgensen, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Maland, and Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Hermansen. Mr. Jorgensen, with a Master Degree in Agriculture, specializing in Agronomy and Animal Husbandry, is expected to teach agriculture in a Mission High School. The application for visa, however, was turned down on the ground that there is apparently not sufficient need of teachers with his training. The Rev. Maland has been called at the request of the faculty of the Gossner Lutheran Theological Seminary in Ranchi as a professor in theology. Mr. Hermansen expects to apply for visa as a regular missionary so as, if possible, to come to India during the Autumn of 1956.

We are looking forward to the return of Mr. Munshi Tudu to India. After obtaining his B. D. degree at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, he studied for a year at Biblical Seminary in New York City. Since then until the time of embarking for India, together with Dr. Scott and family, he has been travelling on behalf of the mission in various sections of the U. S. A.

Two young men from the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church have this year been sent abroad for further training. Mr. Anil Jha, I. Sc. who was teaching at the Grahampur High School, and Dr. Paul M. Murmu, M. B. B. S., who after completing his Medical and Surgical training at Darbhanga, worked for several months at Mohulpahari and Saldoha. These young men have had their travelling expenses and stay in America paid by the American Evangelical Youth Fellowship of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the American Board of the Santal Mission respectively. Anil is at present at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, and is taking additional work at Drake University towards his B. Sc. degree. Paul is enrolled at the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is engaged in part time work at the Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis.

A request has come from the Mission Board in America for an additional student to be sent for further training, and we hope to send a suitable candidate in the near future. In pursuance of the plan for training future leaders in the various departments of the work, quite a number of stipends have again been granted to deserving students towards their college training.

As mentioned in the Secretary's Report last year, and in accordance with the desire of Government that Church and Mission organizations which were operating in Bengal and Assam in undivided India should rearrange their set up so as to split up their staff on a

permanent basis between India and Pakistan areas, we have during the year designated missionary workers for our East Pakistan area, and hope to complete this change over during 1955.

The Institutional work of the mission: Schools, hospitals, leprosy colonies and dispensaries have been carrying on the work as heretofore. The new hospital building at Rajadighi, Malda, was dedicated October 9th. At Bagsarai, Malda, the new bungalow is under construction.

We are very grateful to the Governments of Bihar, West Bengal and Assam for grants that have been received for the maintenance of our institutions.

The tea estate has had another successful year under the able management and guidance of Mr. Eie and Messrs. Norinco Limited. Due to the very good prices obtained for tea during the last year, our charitable institutions have been able to receive additional aid from this source.

During the year we had the pleasure of entertaining, at several of our mission stations, a number of visitors from abroad. Mr. P. Aarseth, Headmaster of a school in Kolboten, Norway, visited the field. Miss Lund, nurse from Denmark, and currently Nursing Superintendent at the Union Mission's Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Madenapalle, South India, was here. Miss Ultvedt of Kolboten, Norway, who is attached to U. E. S. C. O. visited the field enroute to Korea, and Dr. and Mrs. Knut Rein visited their sister, Ragnhild Rein, as well as others, while on their way from Korea to Norway. Mr. Don Gustafson, a student from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, who was a member of a team of college students from the U. S. A. visiting India on a study tour was a guest at a number of our stations and institutions.

We also had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Estborn and daughter of Gurukul Theological College, Madras.

Natural disturbances in the form of violent storms and floods resulting in damage to property and loss of life, as well as disruption of normal living and travel conditions, are not infrequent occurrences in this country. Such storms and floods have been experienced in parts of our mission area during the year, although with a minimum of damage to mission property.

At all times we are exceedingly grateful that whether we experience peace and calm, or storm and violence, the Living God is present with His children. Jesus has promised, "Lo, I am with you always." And in the Portugese Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" we sing, "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

We thank almighty God for His manifold blessings to us as a mission. We also want to express our heartfelt appreciation to our friends and fellow-workers in Europe and America, for the faithfulness with which you have continued to support our work, in your intercession and giving of your means. As God's people and co-workers on earth we need one another and pray that the bonds of love through Jesus Christ may draw all his believing children into closer fellowship and co-operation; and give us that living unity which is necessary to us, as well as a command laid upon us by our Saviour."

In conclusion our thanks are extended to our friends and fellow-labourers on the field. We thank you for your friendship, fellowship and co-operation in our common task. Our shortcomings and failures are regretted, and

while we ask you to pray with us for a greater measure of wisdom and ability to meet the problems that come our way, we would pray the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

“Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, light,

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is by giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born into Eternal life.”

O. S. Bjerkestrand.

WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS.

B A S E T K U N D I.

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."

II Cor. 4: 1, 15.

WITH real joy and with our hearts filled with thanksgiving we were permitted to take up the work out here again following our furlough at home.

Coming from the "cold north" the intense heat was rather trying as we arrived on the hottest day of last year. The temperature was, in fact, according to newspaper reports, the highest recorded during the last 30 years.

Our new field of labour, Basetkundi, was approached with a feeling of expectation and thanksgiving. After many experiences over an area without roads, with much difficulty we finally reached the Pagla River. A message sent ahead had evidently not been received. And as we were unable to cross the river without extra help, a man standing on the river bank fishing was sent to Basetkundi to inform them of our arrival. "And the brethren there when they heard of us, came to meet us." We had another unforgettable experience when, before reaching the mission station we were met by the school boys together with a large group of Christians from the nearby villages who came out to welcome us with songs and prayer. A welcome arch was hurriedly raised with leafy branches and in the center of the arch a cross

was suspended, proclaiming a silent but powerful message. Beneath the sign of the cross we were permitted to take up the work in Sultanabad Circle and district and we desire to help in lifting this banner of the cross.

Now, when the annual report is to be written many days of service have passed although we have not had a whole year at Basetkundi. For a missionary every day is in a sense a working day, and the whole year one long working day experiencing grace on grace from God.

Looking back upon the year that has passed our hearts are filled with praise to God. Even though we have in many ways come short of expectations and failed to accomplish what we desired, God has been faithful.

In the twelve congregations the work has continued in the usual way. Our impression is that the regular Sunday services as well as other meetings during week days have been well attended and at times the churches have been filled.

People have appeared to listen to the Gospel message with receptive hearts and the word of the cross has reached helpless souls and has become a power of God unto salvation. Many have attended the classes of instruction for baptism that have been conducted in a number of places and among these 63 from the non christian community were baptized this year.

Particularly in one village a great deal of interest was shown resulting in enrollment for baptismal instruction. Some of the leading men in the village were baptized and this has made a deep impression on the other people of the village, who in turn have asked for instruction. But where the Spirit of God is active among the people, opposition is also encountered. God be praised, who giveth the victory.

Heretofore, little has been done to gather the women for regular weekly meetings. There has been a lack of enthusiasm and effort on the part of the leading Bible women, but we hope for improvement, and progress also in this work. Sunday Schools have also been neglected in many of the congregations mainly because of lack of leaders who would volunteer to do this work without pay. We pray that the Lord will drive out labourers into His harvest and grant us the blessed experience of finding willing men and women who can be leaders in this necessary and important work.

Here in Basetkundi the Sunday School is conducted under the leadership of one of the teachers, But it is attended mainly by the boys from the compound boarding school.

Five village Lower Primary schools have been conducted with one teacher in each school, and one Upper Primary school at Haripur, with three teachers. The attendance in the Upper Primary school has been very good. A few of the pupils coming from a distance live at the school.

After being here such a short time it is difficult to appraise the situation with regard to the village schools, but apparently there is little progress and only a few of the children pass the examinations,

Regular monthly meetings have been held for the pastors, evangelists, teachers and Bible-women, where experiences and problems connected with the work were discussed and brought before God in prayer. These meetings have been encouraging and we see the importance of continuing such meetings regularly in order to encourage and inspire one another "unto love and good works" A good spirit has prevailed, among our co-workers and the willingness to co-operate in the work has been appreciated.

Regular meetings of the Circle Conference have been held under the leadership of Pastor S. Marandi, the Circle

President. It has been a pleasure to attend these meetings, and to note how our Christian brethren are sharing in the responsibility and possibilities of progress in the work of the church. Progress is evident here.

Nevertheless, there are many large villages in the district where there are no Christians. May the Gospel message soon reach also into these places.

With sorrow we have found many former Christians who have fallen from the faith, and many of these now live a miserable life in sin and shame. Drunkenness is a terrible habit that has enslaved many whose names were entered into the church records. Having witnessed the desperate need in the midst of spiritual darkness one feels the inward urge to cry out, "Lord send out labourers into thy harvest," and "Deliver them that are drawn into death."

This cry is sent out as a request to all intercessors and mission friends. Continue with us in the glorious service of intercession and remember also this part of the mission field—Sultanabad.

We have been glad that a few of our Christians have been willing to give of their time for work in the church, without remuneration. They visit the Christian families, gather them for devotional meetings and also visit the sick. This has been an encouragement for which we are grateful.

About three thousand patients have received medicine from our little dispensary—on the bungalow verandah.

We desire to thank all mission friends in the home-countries as well as our co-workers in India for intercessory prayers, help, and fellowship in the work. God has promised to hear prayer in "Jesus' Name" and Jesus taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come".

Rakel and Ingolf Hoyland.

B E N A G A R I A.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Amen

Matt. 28: 19-20.

OUR almighty and gracious Lord has given us the privilege and responsibility of carrying on for another year in the Benagaria district the work of proclaiming the Good Tidings and telling large and small to turn away from sin, sorrow and suffering to Him who came to seek and save that which was lost.

By the grace and love of our Lord and Saviour, this work has now been carried on in this district for more than 87 years. Although we would have liked to see greater results, we find that great things have happened. It is not easy to keep an account and know exactly how much influence that invisible kingdom of heaven has had in the hearts and lives of many around us. Still we try to keep somewhat of an account as to what is taking place as the work goes on from year to year.

As far as we are able to ascertain there are about 1876 Christians in our 14 congregations where people gather for worship service every Sunday. There are about 408 families, scattered in eighty villages. If all of them were true branches on the true vine, how much spiritual fruit and what a witness for the Kingdom of heaven!

During the year some of our Christians have gone on before us to be with the Lord. We mention especially Pastor Baijal Hasda^k of Gamhar congregation, who for many years after reaching pension age has carried on as the leader of the congregation until his last

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year. He was an influential man as one of the Christian leaders in our district for a generation. We have known him for twentyfive years and have many good memories from these years. His wife died a few weeks before he did.

As this is written in February, 1955, another influential Christian leader, Lutu Tudu of Itor, Murshidabad, has been called beyond to His Lord and Master in glory. Lutu Tutu started out in life as a medicine man and witch-doctor. When two of his sons died, in spite of all his witch craft, he left it all. Soon afterwards he was led to find Christ. He was the first of the Christian in Itor and has been the center of that Christian community during his life time.

Fortyfive children of Christian parents have been baptized during the year and fourteen persons from the non-Christian community. Confirmation classes have been conducted as usual. Forty-two young people have been confirmed. Among many of the young people we find a lack of Christian knowledge. One of our greatest tasks and one of the most important ones is to give more true Christian instruction. Young people's meetings have been very encouraging. They have met, sometimes on Sunday afternoons and sometimes on weekdays for Bible reading, singing, and prayer.

Thursday afternoon meetings for women have usually had a good attendance ranging from forty to a hundred or more.

Church attendance on Sunday may be said to be good, from one hundred and fifty to four or five hundred. We have been inspired by the sight of the gathering. They listen attentively. That is a feeling we have had since we first came to Benagaria about 25 years ago.

As the weeks and months go by we are reminded of how much more should be done on every side! Especially so in the area in the south-east side of our district towards Burdwan and Murshidabad. We are grateful for the prospect that Rev. and Mrs. Kvam, now at Kaerabani, in the future may be permitted to devote some time for work in that area. If they could find a place to live they might move over there. The old mud house in Itor that was repaired and enlarged for a missionary dwelling has big cracks in the walls and is very unsatisfactory in every way. It can hardly be recommended as a permanent dwelling. The repair and money spent on it seems to have been in vain. With new good roads being constructed through the district, another place might be much more convenient for mission station than Itor.

The workers in our congregations have been the same as last year except for a very few changes. Pastor Nikodem Marndi has had a good and quick recovery from a serious attack of tuberculosis with three months stay in the hospital. Pastor Mongol Hembrom, living at Tatbandha village in his own house and visiting the out-stations at Jithia, Surujpur, Domdoma, Buruamchua and Matiajuri had a severe stroke in the middle of the year and had to go to the hospital for some time. He has partly recovered and can speak, use his right arm and foot again and walk with help of a stick. But as the doctor did not think he would ever be able to move around and work, he has been released from his work and receives a pension since October, 1954. He was for many years one of the teachers in the Divinity School together with Rev. Arne Thu. We thank Pastor Mongol Hembrom for his work as a teacher, preacher, and Christian leader in the congregation. May God's grace, peace, and joy be with him for the time he will still be staying with us.

At the end of the year we find our paid workers in the following places:—

BENAGARIA: Nikodem Marndi, Pastor
 Cura, the pastor's wife full-time worker
 among women and young people
 Mary Murmu and Randhon Marndi,
 Bible women

SAPADOHA, KISTIPUR, NARAYANPUR:
 Lodo Hasdak', Elder.
 Salgi Hembrom, Elder's wife Bible woman
 Musuc' Marndi, Elder at Kistipur

JITHIA, BURUAMCHUA, DOMDOMA, SURUJPURA:
 Mongol Hembrom, Pastor (until Oct.)
 Ruben Soren, Pastor
 Chambru Baske, Elder at Buruamchua

GAMHARPAHARI:
 Sodorondo Baske, Pastor

ITOR, BELDANGA, DITPUR, BIDIANAGHOR:
 Peter Murmu, Pastor living at Itor
 Phulmuni Hembrom, Pastor's wife, school
 teacher & Bible woman
 Daud Tudu, Elder, paid half-time, Itor
 Joseph Murmu, Elder at Beldanga
 Pholo, Elder's wife, school teacher and
 Bible woman at Beldanga.
 Nathanael, School teacher and elder at
 Bedianaghor

BELBUNI, ADOLPAHARI:
 Khela Kisku, Elder paid for part-time.

The Church building at Adolpahari has been torn down and the people prefer to have Sunday service at Belbuni as in the past. We hope to build a church there before very long. In the meantime, they have a gathering place in Khela's house.

VILLAGE SCHOOL :

We have corresponded with the government about taking over three of our village schools. The inspector has visited the schools and made us understand that the government will take them over. The importance of our village schools where Christian instruction can be given to Christian and non-Christian children is often greater than we realize. We have several times had the joy of baptizing people in recent years, who refer to the village school teacher as the first Christian influence in their life. We had six like that last year.

UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOLS :

The upper primary school at Benagaria has now been organized and run as a Middle School for the last year. The inspectors have visited the school and given verbal recognition. But we have not had the formal recognition in writing yet. We hope to have that soon and to be permitted to conduct examination and give certificates for middle school classes. We have a good staff with prescribed training for middle school and from the beginning of next year salaries will be paid according to Government scale. The enrollment in the school at present is 205.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL :

We are still waiting for the government grant-in-aid for the Industrial school to be renewed. They have not given a refusal, neither have they sanctioned the new one. But we are still hoping. In the meantime, we carry on as well as we can. The weaving section has had many orders and delivered supplies to Mohulpahari Christian Hospital, such as bed sheets, purdahs and towels, etc.

The carpentry section has done very useful work in putting a new asbestos roof on the Koroya bungalow and Mohulpahari Church and also house repairs in Benagaria.

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THE ZEMINDARY :

Collection of rents, etc., has gone on as usual. As a part of the income was used to pay for an irrigation pump which was bought last year, we have not been able to pay into the general treasurer's account more than Rs. 1200/. The irrigation pump partly saved our rice crop this year. Water pumped from the big tank, irrigated practically all our rice fields and contributed towards a good crop while we otherwise might have had only half crop.

INCOME :

Balance 1/1/54	Rs.	235- 3-0
Rent collections	„	6991- 9-3
Nazarana	„	668-14-0
Refund of court expenses		45-15-0
Miscellaneous	„	296-13-6
	Rs.	<u>8238- 6-9</u>

EXPENSES :

Paid to Mission Treasurer	Rs.	1200-
Staff Salaries	„	1942- 3-0
Legal and court expenses	„	522- 2-0
Miscellaneous expenses	„	1291- 1-0
Paid rent to others	„	1301-13-9
Payment for irrigation pump	„	1689- 6-0
Parts for pump & K. oil	„	291-13-0
	Rs.	<u>8238- 6-9</u>

BENAGARIA MISSION PRESS :

As the Christian paper, "Pera Hor" now has been made into a weekly edition it has increased considerably the work compared with 1952 when it was a monthly paper. But we are glad to see that the staff has managed very well and sent the paper very regularly.

Besides the printing of the "Pera Hor" we have printed the monthly Boroni paper.

The following books have been printed or reprinted:

“First Book”	2000 copies
“Panji” for 1955	2000 copies
“Bhul Cecet’ak’ko Babotre Sikhauna”	1000 copies
“Sapha Mon”	1000 copies
“Probhu Kedok’ reak’ Katha”	1000 copies
Annual Report	300 copies
“Nawa Din, Nawa Dare”	2000 copies
“Kristian Mander reak’ Itihas”	1000 copies
“Mit’ isi Seren”	2000 copies
Dr. Campbell’s dictionary, English to Santali	
Johan Lunde, Sermons in Santali	1000 copies
Confessio Augustana in Bengali	500 copies

During the year we have had unexpected and expensive repairs of the power driven printing press, installed three years ago in Benagaria. The total spent on repairs amounted to Rs. 1317/-

Fortunately, the old hand powered press was equal to the task once more! The paper came out regularly.

We have several books waiting for reprint at Lucknow Publishing House, which is owned by the Methodist Mission. They are equipped with a monotype machine and have ordered the necessary mattresses for that purpose. When this equipment has been installed, they will be able to do a lot of work for us and at a lower rate than we can do it ourselves.

For a time we thought seriously of buying a second hand monotype machine offered to us for less than half the cost of a new one. But on experienced advice, we did not do so. A monotype machine is very intricate and may often need expert attention which cannot be had locally. Neither do we have running water for cooling nor electricity for operation. So with the good

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offer from a neighboring mission we have not moved any further with regard to purchase of the monotype machine which even second handed would have come to more than Rs. 15,000/- with freight and installation.

The gross income for the press has been Rs. 26,178/15/6 and the total expense has been Rs. 21,547/13/3 leaving a balance of Rs. 4,631/2/3.

BOOK SALE:

It was a great joy to receive in the middle of the year a new supply of the Old Testaments in Santali printed in England by photo-type. A copy of the Old Testament was photographed, made into blocks, and printed. The Secretary of the Bible Society told me beforehand, "It will take less time, be better paper and cost less by having it done in England." And so it proved to be. Gross income from Book Sales during the year has been Rs. 18,114-14-9 and the gross expense has been Rs. 14,669-9-0 leaving a balance of Rs. 3,445-5-9.

As this annual report is being written we are also preparing to leave India after thirty-five years on the mission field with exception of three furloughs. As we look back we are aware of many short-comings, mistakes and lack of abilities, but still the King of Kings and Saviour of mankind has not rejected us. He has been faithful and kept his promise, "Lo, I am with you always!" In days of sorrow and heavy burdens, he has sustained us. In days of joy and inspiration he has filled our hearts with gratitude. As we look back we would like in a humble way to say with Paul, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (ITim. 1: 12) We know of no higher calling than to be messengers of the Gospel Light, Life and Love for all those who sit in darkness. We thank you friends who have been with us in prayer, supplication, and praise.

As we look into the future we commend our successors, Rev. and Mrs. Aage Jensen, to your intercession and prayers. Benagaria, the oldest and also one of the largest stations has many demands and duties for which they will be responsible. May God be with them, sustain them and bless them.

Lolly and Kristian Tromborg.

CHONDORPURA.

ANOTHER year has passed and the Grace of God was new every day. We were permitted to begin each day in Jesus' Name. And for each day with all its tasks and problems, the promise of God was fulfilled: "Lo, I am with you always." And it was wonderful to experience time after time when every avenue had seemed closed, that "God is able!" This has been true not least during the planning and preparation of our new Bible School for Women here in Chondorpura. God opened the way and added His blessing to the means at hand.

Paul Gerhard writes in one of his hymns as follows:

"Thy way is ever open;
 Thou dost on naught depend;
 Thine act is only blessing,
 Thy path light without end.
 Thy work can no man hinder;
 Thy purpose none can stay,
 Since Thou to bless Thy children
 Through all dost make a way.

The time has, to a great extent, been occupied by work in the congregations, visits to villages and out-stations, workers and congregational meetings, committees and women's meetings.

The six schools in the district, including the compound school at Chondorpura require regular visits. It is always a pleasure to visit some of the schools. The teachers and pupils are regular in attendance and the children are progressing in their work so that they are promoted from class to class. What a contrast and disappointment it is to visit other schools where often the teacher is absent and the few children present are running about playing during school hours. That happens.

Only a few teachers have been available for Sunday School work, and so far we have been unable to conduct Sunday Schools at more than three stations in the district. Here at Chondorpura the Sunday School has been growing year by year and we are grateful to the teacher for faithfulness in this work.

Every Sunday morning the church bell has been faithfully rung three times, the first at sunrise and the third when the congregation is gathered for the Sunday service. Church attendance has been quite good in all congregations except at Pandan, where conditions have not been encouraging. The elder appointed to be in charge at Pandan lives at Chondorpura and the distance makes it difficult for him to supervise the work there. Then, too, there have been unfortunate happenings in the congregation that have adversely affected the Christian life and caused offence among the non-Christians.

Considering the growth of the congregations we find the greatest number of baptisms from among the non-Christians have occurred at Ranga. But in the other congregations also there have been some under instruction for baptism and several have been baptized.

Communion services have been held once a month and never has the invitation to communion been given in vain. A group of young people have attended confirmation class and were confirmed. The girl confirmands

from the whole district were gathered here in Chondorpura for instruction. The confirmation services took place in three different churches.

A Bible Course was conducted for pastors' wives from our whole area in the Santal Parganas. With the exception of a very few, all came and a blessed time was experienced in considering the Word of God and in the fellowship between sessions.

As mentioned earlier, plans have been worked out during the year and preparations have been made for conducting a new one year Bible course for Santal women. In that connection three committee meetings were held during the year. After one committee meeting two of the other committee members accompanied me to Ranchi in February for the purpose of visiting the Women's Bible School of the Gossner Church. The visit there was very beneficial and much of what we observed there has been used in working out our plans. By the end of the year, we have enrolled the full number of students for which stipends had been granted by the church. Two teachers had also been found to take up this new work. The school house and hostel were also nearly completed so we were able to make plans and announce that the school would open the 15th January.

With faith in God, who hitherto has helped so well, we enter a new year on old and familiar paths into new tasks. Our prayer is that also here in Chondorpura amidst old as well as in new undertakings God's will may be done and that we may be channels of blessing.

And then, I do not want to omit thanking you all for your faithfulness in labor and prayer for the work out here also throughout the year that has passed.

Magnhild Buttedahl.

D H O R O M P U R.

AS it is only three months since we arrived in India after having been home on furlough, it is not so easy to give a complete report concerning the work that has been done in Dhorompur district during 1954, but we shall try to do it as well as we are able.

It was encouraging to return to Dhorompur and see how the work has been carried on in the way it has been done by our two pastors Bajun Pastor in Dhorompur and Nitanando Pastor in Hunja. Furthermore, the assistance they have had from our teachers, our evangelist and our Biblewomen have been of great value in the congregational work. In Jetke our teacher, Ruben Tudu, has been the spiritual leader in the congregation over there. In Dhorompur our old evangelist, Bidiae Tudu, has had the Church services when Bajun Pastor went out to the outstations administering the Holy Communion, but now at the beginning of the new year he is to retire, and we shall have to find another one to take his place.

There have not been any great changes during the year in the congregations. The work has gone on as usual with Church services in four places, Dhorompur, Kolha, Hunja and Jetke. Women's meetings have been held once a month in the following places: Dhorompur, Jetke, Balabohal, Kolha, Tekhaha and Hunja. The work among the women is promising, and we hope that it can be carried on in the future in the same places.

Our pastor has been in charge of the Sunday School. Only a few children attend as there are at present only about twelve children of Sunday School age among the Christian families.

Before we went home on furlough, a special gift for building a church in Hunja was sent out from Denmark, but we did not have time to build the church before we left and the money was set aside for that purpose until the time of our return; but as the papers on the land which we purchased are not yet in proper order we will still have to wait for some time before we can start building. For the time being the congregation in Hunja has the church service conducted on the verandah of Nitanando pastor's house.

Regarding the school work, there is not very much to say. The work has been carried on very faithfully by our three teachers. The number of children is almost the same as last year. There are about eighty children in our two schools.

We will conclude this report with a word from the New Testament saying, "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, because he has given us of his Spirit, and we have seen, and testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." May a small part of this work be performed in Dhormpur district in the coming year, as it has been done in the year that has just passed.

Hanne and Aage K. Jensen.

D U M K A.

"It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord."

Lam. 3: 26.

OUR hope is in the mercy and grace of Almighty God and we believe that He has manifested His grace to men on earth through His Son, Jesus Christ. God would

have the message of hope and salvation brought to men and women, who live under the sway and power of the god of this world. For "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them." I Cor. 4: 4.

We rejoice in the knowledge that the power of our God transcends the power of the god of this world.

"When the strong man fully armed guardeth his own court, his goods are in peace, but when a stronger than he shall come upon him and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armor wherein he trusted and divideth his spoil." Luke 11: 21-22.

In waiting upon the Lord we have witnessed also this past year the manifestation of the power of God over the enemy in the lives of some people in this district.

The workers in the congregations have been the same as last year. Like the rest of us they are frail human beings, but they carry a message of a wonderful Saviour from sin and eternal perdition—with hope for this life and for that which is to come. Pastor Naran Soren has been in charge here assisted by Siblal Hasdak and other voluntary workers. Naran Pastor as president of the Santal Parganas District Church Council has also been engaged with matters pertaining to the council.

Regular church services have been conducted in the five churches at Dumka, Dum, Chukapani, Ranga and Indarmuni. Attendance has been about average.

Sunday Schools have been conducted in four places with 114 children enrolled.

A young people's Bible Class has been held every Sunday afternoon. The Bible Class as well as the Sunday School have been carried on under the able leadership of Miss Naomi Torkelson.

Confirmation classes have been held and 18 young people were confirmed during the year.

During the month of September a Bible Study course was conducted at Dumka for the church workers of the Santal Parganas Church District. The course extended over 3 weeks and was well attended. The workers are progressing in their purpose to increase the sense of responsibility of the members of the church for its support and in witnessing for Christ.

In November a five day womens' convention was held here with up to 600 in attendance. The program had been prepared by a committee, on the theme, "Ye shall be my witnesses." Womens' choruses from the different circles brought messages in song. God blessed the convention and it was felt that it was a help to many.

A congregational mela was held in November with fair results. Due to conflicts with other meetings the date had been set earlier than usual, before the early paddy had been harvested.

In our two Lower Primary and two Upper Primary Schools a total of 331 children were enrolled. A number of changes have taken place in the teaching staff. At Dum, Abraham Hasdak has been appointed in place of Bodro Soren, who was transferred to Dumka. In Dumka, Sona Hasdak was appointed in place of Dina Hembrom who moved with her husband to her new home in Godda. Maesa J. Soren resigned to take up other work, and he and his wife, Salgi, who had served in the school for some years retired at the end of the year. Bcdro Soren will be on the staff from January, 1955.

The statistics show that the Christians in the Dumka District number 910 and are found in 192 homes in 43 villages. Baptisms total 36.

We are grateful for another year in the service. The daily prayers of God's people are solicited that the work may continue to prosper.

Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field and the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness; quietness and confidence for ever."

Is. 32: 16, 17.

Hazel and Ole Bjerkestrand.

K A E R A B A N I.

WE had recently come back to India from our first furlough and had just settled in Kaerabani when we celebrated the New Year of 1954. The first need, therefore, was to get acquainted with the ten congregations scattered over an area covering about 600 square miles. The 1500 Christians in Kaerabani District live in 81 different villages. Eight hundred and seventy-one of them are communicant members.

We have had the opportunity of judging both the strength and weaknesses of the democratic system governing our newly organized Church. It was surprising to discover that the Circle conference with Pastor Suphol Hembrom as president, had learned to work independently and conscientiously. Judging from Kaerabani district, the arrangement with Circles that are joined under a Church council, works excellently. The congregational council members are elected by majority, and so are representatives from each congregation to the Circle conference.

During the year we had some difficulties in the Circle because of a certain mutinous worker. One of his points was to forbid the Christians to give church offerings.

As a result of his agitation the Jambua congregation which is the next largest group in the Circle, kept back the church offerings for half a year beginning from April. The rule is to send the money every month to the Treasurer of the Circle. When they did not listen either to their own pastor, Mongol Besra, nor to the many warnings of Circle president, it was finally decided to move both the pastor and the school teacher away from the village as of September 1st. Then the joyous thing happened. A month later most of the members got together, discharged their rebellious council and signed a petition to the Circle asking to be taken back into the fellowship. The chairman of the new council is now sending the Church offerings regularly to the Circle. Their teacher, Karan Murmu, has started youth work in the congregation, and several of the young members have asked to do voluntary work in the Sunday School. We have the impression that the happening in this case has awakened the people. But there are other groups that are not so well grounded as the one in Jambua proved to be, and which are more completely dependent on their leaders.

But we have had many happy experiences, as well during the year. It has been a pleasure to co-operate with the pastors, elders and village teachers. In order to have more contact with one another and enjoy the fellowship, we extended the monthly workers' meetings so that all arrived the evening prior to the meeting. Then we were able to start early in the morning with prayer and Bible studies and still have sufficient time for discussions and other work without getting restless about reaching home before dark. With few exceptions the group of workers consists of warmhearted men who really suffer when a Christian brother or a Christian group slides back into unconcern; and who are working conscientiously to give the young people Christian knowledge.

The workers are placed as follows :

1. Kaerabani : Pastor Suphol Hembrom
Teacher Manka Hembrom (Pahrudiha)
2. Jambua : Pastor Mongol Besra
Teacher Karan Murmu
3. Babhondiha : Elder Ram Murmu
Teacher Somae Murmu
4. Dhobona : Pastor Munshi Marndi
Teacher Hiskial Hasdak
5. Domburia : Elder Mothon Hembrom
6. Dighari : Elder Paul Hembrom
7. Domkata : Elder Sundar Murmu
Teacher Simom Murmu
8. Monhorchok : Pensioned Elder Danial Marndi
9. Manpur : Teacher Pito Soren
10. Sagra : Elder Ranglal Kisku

We have accordingly in this Circle only 3 pastors. Kaerabani, Domkata, Dighari and Manpur are in the care of the Kaerabani Pastor. Jambua, Babhondiha and Domburia are under the Jambua Pastor and Dhobona Monhorchok and Sagra are looked after by the Dhobona Pastor.

This year we have had no Bible women in the Circle, but we are hoping to get some appointed for the coming year. However, some women in and around Kaerabani have been gathering every Thursday for women's meetings. Occasionally they have held these meetings in circumjacent villages. The meetings have been well attended. The women are now ardently gathering money for new mats for the Church floor in Kaerabani.

A couple of times we have visited the Bengali congregation at Chaporia. It was a great shock to the congregation when one of the members, Isoden Jha, formerly a teacher in the Kaerabani Boys' School, was

cruelly murdered on his way home from Church one Sunday afternoon during the rains. David Jha from Dumka is the pastor in charge at Chaporia. He visits them once a month for pastoral functions. On the same Sunday he conducts Hindi service for the school boys in Kaerabani. One Sunday every month we also have Bengali service in the Kaerabani Church especially for a couple of Bengali families living close to the Mission.

To speak of some great experiences in this Circle during 1954, we must first mention the convention at Babhondiha in the month of March, where more than 200 Christians from Dumka, Maharo, Dhorompur and Kaerabani were gathered for a 3 days' devotional meeting and where more than a thousand non-Christians listened to the Gospel.

Also the two youth conferences held in Kaerabani this year we have felt were of great value for our congregational work. At the youth leadership conference held in October, where delegates came from many different Missions in Santal Parganas, we also had several young people from Kaerabani district present. Some of them have since then started youth work in their own village. This we look upon as one of the great hopes for the Church in the future.

We might also mention a happy experience when three young Santals were baptized in Behra village and the non-Christian neighbours stood around the pool looking on; or when a family of five were baptized in the village street in Dnobona as some of the young Christians sang the revival songs from The Youth Conference. The father and other relatives of the young wife had been threatening her up to an hour before the baptism, but fearlessly she went forth with her husband and children and received the Kingdom of God through the Holy Sacrament. An encouraging voluntary work is being done out from

Dhobona congregation. Two of the Christian there were baptized in Italy during the war, and they are now burning with zeal to give the tidings of gladness to their own people.

Altogether, twelve have been baptized from among the non-christians in 1954, and this is the more encouraging as we know they were driven by personal conviction. As a result of the voluntary work begun, especially in Dhobona, several other families have expressed their wish to become Christians. We perceive that many of the non-christian Santals have lost their faith in the bongga worship. Now is the time to give them the message of salvation.

With the pastors and elders in the Circle we have started an evangelistic campaign, Dighari congregation being the first center. Each of the workers goes for a week at a time, and two go together into the villages preaching. In this way we get continuous work in the same area for six to seven weeks.

Besides that we started an ambulating dispensary which takes regular weekly trips to a couple of distant places where doctors are not easily available. Compounder Budhrai Soren goes along on these trips. Along with the sale of medicines, tracts in Hindi and Bengali are distributed and the word of God preached in the villages. A couple of families have expressed their interest in the Christian faith after these visits

In six different village primary schools, each with one teacher, 173 children have received instruction during the year. The standard is not the same in all those schools. Three or four of them are working fine and are growing, while in a couple of places the number of students has decreased from 50-60 to below ten. The chief reason is probably poor teaching. For the schools in Dhobona, Domkata, Jambua and Babhondiha we have

been trying to get Government recognition, but it has not been possible to appoint the extra teachers necessary for that purpose. The Circle Conference has petitioned to the Church Council to budget for four new teachers in the coming year, but this has not been granted. The Circle Conference has now appointed a governing body of three members to supervise the village schools and control the instruction.

Sunday School work is done in 7 congregations for 200 children. We thank the 12 teachers occupied in this important work for giving of their time.

One of our subjects for prayer has been that God should send forth labourers into His harvest. A sudden answer to this prayer came one day when the Headmaster of Kaerabani Lower Primary School, Barka Murmu, who also faithfully has kept the accounts of the Circle, announced his personal call to go to the Divinity School. We pray that God may give him a rich time in the ministry.

But we do also pray that God may send forth more voluntary labourers around in the congregations, and create a burning mission spirit within our Indian brethren.

And then we want to express our thanks to all the mission's friends for faithful service in prayer also for the Kaerabani district in the year passed and for contributions to the mission budget.

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us."

Isaiah 63:7

Gudrun and Hjalmar Kvam

M A H A R O.

“O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk
in the light of the Lord.”

Isaiah 2: 5.

WE were a group of missionaries gathered together one of the last days of the year sharing the Word of God, when we were reminded of this word of walking in the light of the Lord. How wonderful it was when looking back on a passing year, again to be reminded that in this Light we might put down all our burdens, our many mistakes and our sins, and there obtain forgiveness, new strength and whatever we need for ourselves and our work.

Reviewing the work, the congregation apparently has not grown much. Fifteen children of Christian parents have been baptized, and besides that only two others. The one is a man in Nayadih. He was convinced for eight years that he should become a Christian before he got the courage to make the decision. It was a hot day in April when we went over to Nayadih for the baptism. It was done in the middle of the village street, and the villagers were gathered to see what was going on. We stayed there for meetings the whole day as it was too hot to go home until sunset.

In June 11 boys and 12 girls were confirmed.

The Pastors and Elders are the same as before, except that we have one more elder, Motilal Hasdak' He is stationed in Maharo and came here after having finished the Divinity School Course in April.

The women's meetings are going on. We go to the villages to gather them as it is difficult to have them come here.

In February we were camping in Dumbria. Miss Torkelson went with us as none of the Biblewomen were able to go. For a week we went about preaching the Gospel in the villages. The ground felt very, very hard. Is it possible that it all fell on stones, or can we still expect to see fruit?

In November the yearly "mela" was held. The income was a little less than the previous year. That was because the rice harvest was not good.

There has been no change in the village school work. As before Mariam Marndi and Babulal Marndi are the teachers in Burudi School. In Jalwae we have Daniel Hasdak' and his wife Susilla Baske; in Asanthar, Sona Hembrom, in Mangurdi Dibu Soren and in Babupur Dhanai Hasdak'. All together there are about 105 pupils in these schools.

As to the dispensary work, I am really trying to do as little as possible as I do not see any great need for it as near to Dumka as we are. One cannot, however, refuse sick people who ask for help. There will always be some. Our book shows about 1100 coming for medicine during the year.

We have also started to give medicine to lepers. They are all patients sent from Saldoha, coming for tablets once a week. This work is increasing.

I once more want to thank you friends in the homelands for your faithfulness in prayer for us. Let us continue to work and pray and to have faith in God.

Ragnhild Rein.

S A L D O H A.

THE regular work characterized the year. Apart from an attack from the powers of darkness apparent in some circumstances, it has been a quiet and comparatively good working year. There has been some propaganda to the effect that people should stop giving to the Lord's work, but this propaganda has not been crowned with success. Rs. 200 more have been received in church collections this year than last year in the place where the agitation has been the strongest.

Salhae Pastor has continued steadfast in the work as a witness of the truth, even though for this reason there are many opposed to him. But he is convinced that right and the truth shall prevail. New ones have come to be instructed for baptism. That is especially true in Amgachi on the other side of the Gumra River where the pensioned pastor Simon and his wife, Aeno, are a big help. Joseph, the new pastor in Tarni, is working well and there are many signs of awakening and responsibility being assumed among the older Christians and new ones are added to the congregation. They organized a very nice church bazar before Christmas and the net income was about one-hundred rupees. Another wonderful sign is that the congregation has invited the annual convention for Jubdi and Sultanabad Circles in March of 1955. In Bhalsungia the young elder has tried to keep the work going as well as he can. There also one notices a great deal of opposition to the Lord's work. Let us pray that in Bhalsungia too they may be able to come through these troublesome times.

Joseph Murmu, the elder in Musnia was enrolled in the Divinity School in Benagaria during the year and teacher Daniel Soren has taken the responsibility

of the evangelistic work besides his teaching task. It is reported that there are new candidates for baptism there also.

In the village schools with 230 children and 10 teachers we are trying to spread the light displacing the darkness of ignorance. The Upper Primary School here in Saldoha compound has over 100 pupils and five good teachers.

There is growth and increase in the field of God's congregation.

Edel and Magnus Haustad.

T I L A B A N I.

A marked advance in the life of the congregation can be traced over the last two years. This is especially true with regard to Tilabani congregation. Since I have not had the opportunity of visiting the outstations, I have had less contact with the congregations there. But Pastor Bhikunal Hasdak' has been diligent in visiting them.

Due to the poor condition of the roads between here and Karikador, the latter station has been transferred to the Mohulpahari district.

One branch of the church life which has shown progress is the youth work. In Tilabani the young people have had monthly meetings, and throughout the hot season they went to the villages with the Gospel message. This work has borne fruit so that on second Christmas day 17 from the non-christian community were baptized.

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During 1954 a young people's convention was held for the Mohulpahari-Tilabani districts. The meetings were well attended and it was a joy to see so many young people assembled.

A three day women's meeting was also held, and this too was well attended.

Pastor Bhikulal Hasdak' has been the district leader. He has been doing good work, and it has been a joy and help to work with him

My work at Tilabani was terminated at New Year, 1955, and I can look back upon a rich experience in the work there.

The Lord has been faithful. His promises are true. Blessed be His holy name.

Hildur Milde.

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS.

SANTAL DIVINITY SCHOOL.

‘Govern all by Thy wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving Thee as Thou dost will, and not as I may choose. Do not punish me, I beseech Thee, by granting that which I wish or ask, if it offend Thy love, which would always live in me. Let me die to myself, that so I may serve Thee: let me live to Thee, who in Thyself art the true Life.’

St. Theresa (1515—1583).

THERE were many difficulties and sorrows that we would not have chosen ourselves in the year 1954, but we have experienced that the Lord has assisted us in every duty which each one of us had to do, and He has been our Companion each day, from morning to night and night to morning. So what we have accomplished, has only been done by the will and grace of God, Who wills not that His work should be void and in vain.

The Divinity School staff has been far from complete in 1954. Mrs. Krogh left Benagaria in the middle of March for further treatment in South India. Before her departure she was able to conduct the final examination in her subject, New Testament, in the women's class. She is still in South India, but will take up her work again from July, 1955. Kalu Pastor was taken

ill in the middle of July and had to stay at Mohul-pahari Hospital for a long time. He took up his work again with only 5 periods a week from the 1st of October, but only for ten days, then he got his 3rd or 4th stroke and had to go to the hospital again. From January, 1955, he has started to teach again on a small scale. Because of his illness we did not have the help of his wife in the women's class for the most part of the term from July to December.

Mrs. Gausdal has done her work in the women's class faithfully, and Nikodem pastor's wife, Cura, stepped in to give some much appreciated help. So by taking a few periods in the women's class myself and all the periods in the men's class, we have come through. Miss Milde came and offered her help for 4 days in October and took all the periods for men and women together. I was very grateful for the respite and it gave me an opportunity to look after some needed repair work.

It has been a great joy to work with students. In the end of April, 12 men and 9 women left us after having completed the 3 years' course. They have left and are now all working in their respective places, but they are not forgotten, and neither have they forgotten the school. We have received Christmas greetings from most of them, telling us about their joys and sorrows. They more than ever need the intercession of the mission friends in America, Norway and Denmark. Therefore, I am giving a list with their names, examination results, place of present work, the names of their wives and their examination results:

Name	Exam. Result	Place	Wife	Her. Exam.
1. Mongol Besra	1st Division, 87 points	Darrang	Unmarried	Division
2. Kisum Marndi	2nd " 74 "	Joema Dist.	Sara Murmu	2nd "
3. Motilal Hasdak'	2nd " 74 "	Maharo Mission	Esther Hembrom	1st "
4. Jonathan Soren	2nd " 70 "	Pachamba (Church of Scotland Mission)	Widower	
5. Joseph Soren (Mahle)	2nd " 70 "	Chondorpura Kormo	Nilmuni Marndi	3rd "
6. Jacob Hembrom	2nd " 69 "	Basetkundi Dist.	Mariam Murmu	2nd "
7. Siblal Hasdak'	2nd " 68 "	Cirapathor (Chondorpura Dist.)	Rahel Murmu	1st "
8. Samson Tudu	2nd " 65 "	Pakistan	Sara Rani Murmu	2nd "
9. Hejon Bosumotary (Boro)	2nd " 62 "	Parkijuli (Kamrup Dist.)	Joygoshri Narjari	1st " B class
10. Hikim Murmu	3rd " 59 "	Karikador (Tilabani Dist.)	Martha Kisku	2nd "
11. Dukhu Marndi	3rd " 55 "	Benagaria	Unmarried	
12. Lall Murmu	3rd " 50 "	Pakistan	Martha M. Hembrom	2nd " B class

The 1st of July we started a preparatory course of 3 months for 14 young men selected from 22 applications. One of them did very well, but was not able to continue his studies because of family reasons, but may enter the next 3 years' course. We had to send two of them home at the end of the course, as they were not up to the standard. A little later we got a very able student, who for some years has been the Headmaster of Kaerabani Lower Primary School. So now we have a group of 12 students. Their names are:

Barka Murmu	wife & 5 children	from Kaerabani,	S. P.
Boela Murmu	Unmarried	„ Tilabani,	S. P.
Hopna Tudu	Unmarried	„ Ranga,	S. P.
Jacob Soren	wife & 1 child	„ Benagaria,	S. P.
Jitman Bosumo	wife & 1 child	„ Gaorang,	Assam
	tary (Boro)		
Joseph Murmu	wife & 1 child	„ Musnia,	S. P.
Munshi Hasdak'	wife & 2 children	„ Tilabani,	S. P.
Parmenas Tudu	wife	„ Bengal Baptist	
	(Mahle)	Union	
Philip Marndi	Unmarried	„ Methodist church	
		in Southern Asia	
Samuel Murmu	wife & 5 children	„ American churches	
		of God Mission	
Sanichar Murmu	„ & 4 children	„ Baniapasar,	S. P.
	(Mahle)		
Suphol Soren	„ & 2 children	„ Kochpara,	Malda

During the past half year, instruction has been given in Bible Introduction, the first 8 chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel with exegesis, Church History, Dogmatics, Ethics, Homiletics, part of Luther's Small Catechism, English, Handwriting, singing and music theory. Old Testament and History of Religion was not taught due to Kalu Pastor's illness.

In the women's class, Mrs. Gausdal gave instruction in the History of the Santal Church, Mrs. Cura Hembrom in Catechism and Bible History, and I taught Hand-writing and the Messianic prophecies.

The morning devotions have been held in turn by the students, their wives and the staff. Only a few times have I been able to gather them in the bungalow for a social evening, but they have appreciated it all the more. We received as a gift from Norway DEN NORSKE KIRKES KORALBOG and MESSEBOG and have had many pleasant hours in the study of these books. We all want to express our gratitude for this fine gift.

It is with confidence that we are looking forward to the new year, assured that God will give the needed wisdom and strength from day to day. We are also looking forward to the arrival of Munshi Tudu, who will be a member of the staff. He is due to join us on the 15th of February. And we know that the mission friends in America, Norway and Denmark are intercessors on our behalf. Thank you and do continue that service.

Magda and Johs. Thoft Krogh.

KAERABANI SANTAL HIGH SCHOOL.

CHRISTIAN education anywhere has its challenging problems and no less even here where now we are faced with changes in the socio-religious development of India. We are singularly blessed with many fine buildings at Kaerabani which are serving daily as a silent witness to the love and faith of our poineers and others who helped establish this school here in the heart of Santal Parganas. We are not only enjoying the contrasting

beauties of the physical establishment of Kaerabani as such, but more specifically the products of this school some of whom now comprise almost 100% of our teachers and staff. We are daily reminded of the years of dedicated service by former principals and teachers here in the moulding of the minds and habits of our present fellow workers, into the schools which Kaerabani represents. We are indeed grateful to God for His merciful blessings in keeping us well and able to meet the daily challenge of training these many young men and boys.

THE HIGH SCHOOL :

Our enrollment continued about the same as 1953 with 417 in January increasing to 432 by December. Attendance varied from 87% to 95% making an average of 90% for 1954. We have been fortunate with good health among the students with only a few minor ailments among the hostel boys. We are most thankful also to Dr. Otto Forman who again gave the entire school physical examinations in August. We received cholera and typhoid vaccine through government workers and were thereby able to inoculate the hostel boys, staff, compound people and some of the day scholars.

The Upper classes are continuing to grow with two sections in class IV—VIII and we have also applied now for permission to have two sections in class IX for next year. It is encouraging to note a gradual increase percentagewise in the number of Christian students especially in the upper classes. Last year's Matric class has 10 Christians out of 30, this year's Matric class has 11 out of 29; Class X has 14 out of 33; Class IX has 21 out of 39, and Class VIII has 25 Christians out of 74. Though there are now 132 boys in our Christian hostel we have room for many more of our Santal Christians who should take advantage of their own Christian High School here at Kaerabani. In last year's

Matric results, out of 24 sent up 8 passed; 1 in First Division, 2 in Second Division and 5 in Third Division. We are sending 22 up for the Honors Examination this year.

The staff has remained about the same in number. Stephan Hasdak' I. Sc., began as science teacher to replace Mr. U. N. Ambasta from July. His brother, Silas Hasdak' B. A. fail, also joined us in July. Replacing Gera C. Tudu who has been on a study leave for his B. A. degree since November, we have been fortunate to get Mr. Patras Hasdak' B. A. of the C. M. S. Church. We have had the part time service of Philip Hembrom, I. Sc. fail, who may be appointed in July of this year should it be necessary to replace Stephan Hasdak' who plans to take medical training at Vellore Medical College if he is accepted this year.

We have sensed an increasing need for expanding our teaching program to include more agricultural subjects that will help more of the students who may not read as far as Matric standard or for other reasons will remain in their village homes. The Government has offered to this school a grant of Rs. 112/- monthly to maintain a graduate agricultural teacher. So we now hope to procure such a man as soon as possible and make agricultural subjects available to all of the boys interested.

A beginning has been made long ago for agricultural training in that gardening and other crafts have been taught by the present staff for years, but the time has come when it seems wise to employ a teacher trained in the sciences of this subject not only for the vast possible benefit to the boys who come from agricultural homes, but for the school which owns about 60 acres of land that should be put to more profitable cultivation. We are looking forward to having a tractor and other machinery soon to help us in the problem of proper cultivation.

THE TEACHERS' TRAINING SCHOOL:

The training school from July took in 30 students. There were almost 50 applications from many of the government primary school teachers now required to take training, but with the present staff and facilities we did not feel it wise to accept more. We applied for official Junior Basic Training recognition in August, 1952, which we hope to receive. The government is requiring us to obtain a B. A. Diploma in Education Headmaster whom to date we haven't been able to obtain; recently we got some applications that may prove acceptable. Out of the class of 26 last year 21 were sent up for the State Board examination and 13 passed. We received an "unofficial" recognition for the Junior Basic Training school last year so all of the pass candidates can find employment even in recognized Primary Schools.

THE LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Lower Primary school work continues to be encouraging. The enrollment dropped to 139 in April but it has since increased to 161 from July and it seems to be continuing to grow. Because of a number of Lower Primary schools opened by government, students do not come from far distances these days. The attendance has been good, the attendance percentage varying from 73.5% in July to 86.3% in December.

Headmaster Barka Murmu tendered his resignation in October to enter Divinity School in Benagaria. He reported having had the call to the ministry for several years, and now finally he surrendered to God's call; and in that surrender he found a new and abiding peace in his heart. We regret losing his abilities as a teacher and leader, but rejoice that the Santal Church there by gained a good candidate for the ministry. He was replaced by the Assistant Headmaster, Mose Mondol; and Mrs. Priscilla Soren has been temporarily assisting as a teacher:

OTHER ACTIVITIES :

The High School Bharat Boy Scouts numbering 24 were active with meetings twice weekly most of the year besides two special outings to Dumka for the Annual Scout Jamboree and one picnic outing. The Band and Choir made one trip with the Scouts to Dumka in February and one trip to the Babhondia for district church Sabha held in March, 1954.

A new organization granted us by the government this year was the Auxiliary Cadet Corps. Two of the teacher were selected for a two weeks' training course and upon return they organized two platoons numbering 48 boys. These two teachers are Mr. Soilen Modi and Mr. Nathaniel Hasdak' Their activities consist mainly of drills three times weekly and marching practices which are directed towards training in alertness and physical co-ordination. The boys enjoy the training and one platoon enjoyed a two week training camp at Bhagalpur during the Christmas holidays.

The Boys' Choir sings every Sunday in church and for other special occasions as they are called upon. All the organizations take part in the national holiday observances on August 15, the National Independence Day and on January 26, Indian Republic Day, when there is usually a short program in connection with the unfurling of the Indian flag.

Among the most special events this year, we were much blessed at the Holy Week Spiritual Emphasis meetings when there was a Bible conference with daily Bible studies and discussion groups. Rev. David McKee of Calcutta was invited as guest speaker and he brought many fine Bible studies on the way of salvation. Miss Milde was present as a leader and counsellor.

During the Puja holidays, October 2-8, we had the 3rd Annual Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by

the Santal Christian Council. The program was planned so that every day was filled with contributions by guest speakers and discussion groups. In all there were about 150 delegates from 7 missions, together with the hostel boys, who felt much profit from the week's discussions. Many had awakening experiences during these two weeks of conferences and we felt privileged to witness the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of these young people.

Many thanks to all who have remembered our work in your prayers and gifts. We continue to appreciate the work of our faithful co-workers here at Kaerabani, and the help of the Government of India for its grants in support of educational work. We give all thanks and praise to God through whom all things may be accomplished.

Helen and Obert Landsverk.

MAHARO GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

"And he said, The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how!"

March 4: 26-27.

WHEN I am to write a report for 1954, it should be remarked that I returned from furlough in Norway in October and took over the school work on November 1st. It is, therefore, quite probable that this report will be inadequate. Miss S. Somming was in charge of the school until she went on furlough in the end of October.

In connection with this review of the year, the words in Mark 4: 26-27 have become very real to me. In a report it is not possible to either calculate or weigh the results. So is the "Kingdom of God", says Evangelist Mark. Educational work is like that of the sower. The seed is cast into the ground day after day, through months and years. The Santal girls come here to school at the age of six to seven years and many of them remain here until the age of seventeen years. Approximately 9 months of the year are spent here. It is no wonder that Maharo becomes to some extent their home even though no one in the world can take the place of a good mother and father.

The aim of the home and school is, after all, the same; to help the children become good and useful citizens. And we Christians always nurture the hope that they may become useful towards God and their fellowmen. The child's inner growth goes on quite unobserved apart from the tests for determining maturity and intelligence that examinations may reveal. In a school, one can by statistics show the outward or rather the visible results and we know that these are not attained without the good and gracious help of God. We recognize it as God's grace that the school could without hindrance and interruption continue its work also during the year 1954. Thanksgiving and honor is also offered to our Heavenly Father for the many faithful friends who have supported this work by their prayers and gifts. We had the required staff members and the funds required were received from friends at home and from the local government. With reference to government support, I regret to state that during the later years the grant has been reduced. Government has opened many new schools in various places so the requests for aid are numerous. However, we continue to hope that increased support will be forthcoming from the school authorities

out here. We are indeed grateful for the Government aid that has been granted down through the years. The work would be considerably easier if the parents would be more punctual in paying school fees. It was with considerable suspense we approached the end of the year wondering if we could finish the year without indebtedness. Somehow we managed although there are still outstanding dues.

The year was closed with 238 students in attendance. Among these 34 are in High School. In addition we have 17 students in the teachers' training class, for which the final examination will be held in April next year. Class X was opened in July, so at present we have students in 3 classes of the proposed high school. We had altogether 235 girls living in the school hostel, leaving but a small percentage who are day scholars. When Class X was to be started, we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Sipora Soren, B. A. Dip. Ed. as a member of the staff. She had just completed her education. Miss Soren is one of our "own" girls, and the fact that she has become one of our co-workers is all the more a joy.

At the end of the year, Miss Salomi Hasdak' resigned from her work because of her approaching marriage. She has been a member of the staff for 8 years and we appreciate very much the work she has done, and not the least as singing teacher.

Miss Esther Hembrom applied for one year's leave of absence, from January 1, 1955, in order to assist in the new Bible School at Chondorpura. Her application was granted. Otherwise the staff is the same as in the previous year. We are grateful to our co-workers for the interest they display in the work.

Again this year, we had a confirmation class and 19 girls were confirmed by Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand on

Sunday, the 8th of December. This is always a festival day when parents and other relatives come for a visit. May these young girls be kept in the faith that they may finish the course! During the big women's meeting in Dumka, all the bigger girls were present one day and sang several songs. Outings, now and then, are always enjoyed.

It is a great help that the teachers so eagerly take part in the meetings and the various gatherings for the girls. We have never had as many older girls as at present and we feel the added responsibility for their development mentally and spiritually. We are indeed happy and thankful that we can count on the intercession and love of so many faithful friends in our home countries. We have wonderful seed, the Word about a finished salvation. May we carry it out in hope, looking for a harvest to the Glory of God.

Edle Sigurdson.

B A S E T K U N D I M I D D L E E N G L I S H
S C H O O L .

HAVING been here only part of the year, it is difficult to write a satisfactory report. As far as we can see, the work carried on through the year has been good.

A peaceful atmosphere has been felt among students and staff alike, and progress is evident.

The teachers have been very punctual and diligent in their duties, working for the welfare of the students and of the school. It has been pleasant to work with them and realize that a good spirit of understanding and co-operation has prevailed among them.

Seeing the large group of boys in church on Sundays has also been encouraging. Frequently they have brought joy to the congregation by their singing.

The larger boys have conducted a weekly youth meeting, and thus far the meetings have been very encouraging.

All the boys living in the school hostel attend Sunday School. These number 62.

The total enrollment was 155, and nearly all have passed their examinations.

Gardening has been of great interest among the boys, and a small garden plot was allotted to each. In addition a large garden has been set aside for the boys in the hostel.

With class rooms full of happy boys eager to learn, who also display so much energy and hustle on the play ground one feels encouraged in preparing them for the part they are to take in building the new India.

May God bless the staff and students, and lead them in the path of light and truth to everlasting life. "The wise walks upward on the path of life."

With thanks to all who have shared in the work through intercession.

Rakel & Ingolf Hoyland.

MEDICAL WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS.

MOHULPAHARI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL
and MOHULPAHARI DISTRICT.

“Therefore my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

I Cor. 15 : 58.

WHEN one, in the new year, looks back over the past, it cannot but be that one remembers events both of gladness and disappointment, but we are happy to report that the first are the most numerous.

We were glad to welcome Dr. P. Murmu in the hospital work as a co-worker. His attitude to the sick and staff was irreproachable and it was a great disappointment for all of us when he left so suddenly. In August we got another young doctor, S. Halder, who until now has been working very satisfactorily. There have been some changes in our female staff, among nurses, students and nurse aides.

The number of beds is unchanged. The number of out patients has increased by 2000 additional consultations. The in-patients have been a little less than last year. But the number of operations has increased considerably; more than half of the patients admitted have undergone some kind of surgery and in that way the work has increased for the whole staff.

The staff has joined together with the young people in the congregation, of which they form a large part. They have visited the nearby villages to encourage the Christians and bring the Gospel to the heathen. In the hospital, Mrs. Das is still going strong with her preaching and witnessing in spite of the fact that she feels that her strength is decreasing. We are rather disappointed that the local congregation does not show more interest in the hospital.

As usual, upkeep and repairs steal much of our time and funds. Smaller improvements have taken place (chapel, walls, and open sheds). but we have managed to finish the year without a deficit and without the extra contribution which we had applied for. Therefore, strangely enough we are thankful for the large number of admissions and sick people that could be helped in the last half of the year.

It has been a special joy that the roof on the church was finished under the supervision of Rev. Tromborg. The house for the second assistant doctor has been completed including the much discussed verandah and wall. Thanks to funds from America, work on the new hostel for the nurses has begun under the supervision of the building committee.

There were fewer pupils in the Upper Primary school than last year, because the class which finished was large and constituted a major part of the school. Having a smaller number of pupils turned out to be an advantage as we had too few teachers. The school had a relatively large piece of our compound fenced in for a garden and the students, supervised by some of the teachers were very busy growing vegetables. It was interesting to see the enthusiasm with which they dug their own well in the garden. The hospital contributed

to the well with bricks and cement. The water problem for the hospital is still unsolved. During the year Kari-kador was transferred to our "circle" from Tilabani. We were sorry that the old "hapram" had to be dismissed because of some irregularities. He has been replaced by one of the newly graduated students from the Divinity School in Benagaria, Hikim Murmu. This young man gives a good impression. His wife too is capable, but unfortunately she and the two children are not in very good health.

Rev. Khudia Marndi should go on pension from the first of January, 1955, but he has promised to continue until a new pastor has been selected. Rev. D. Jha, the Bengali pastor, is quiet and unassuming and continues to be faithful in his work.

It has been a great joy to notice that the young people in the congregation have awakened and become active helpers in the work of the congregation, and we are looking forward with anticipation to their work in the new year. God grant them steadfastness.

Several small children of the congregation and some children and adults from the non-christian community have been baptized. (See the report of the General Superintendent.)

Above all we give thanks and praise to our Lord for all these events of joy and gladness which He has prepared for us, and in the disappointments we will remember the words "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Ely and Otto Forman,

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A. OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

Out-Patients		11.613	
Repeat Visits		6.508	
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Total		18.121	
Christians	13.3%	Laboratory tests	13.535
Santals	15.9%	Injections	3.230
Hindus	51.4%	Abscesses	363
Mohammedans	19.5%	Tooth--extracts	287
		Plaster of paris	99
Men	54%	Other minor operations	495
Boys	12.2%	X-ray flurroscopy	1.175
Women	24.5%		
Girls	6.3%		

B. IN PATIENT DEPARTMENT

	Total Patients	2.028
Christians	16.0%	Men 44%
Santals	19.0%	Boys 13%
Hindus	45.5%	Women 36%
Mohammedans	19.5%	Girls 7%

C. SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS

Major procedures: 685 Minor Procedures: 128 Total: 813

(a) OPHTHALMIC (99)	d) GLANDS AND TUMORS (8)
Cataract 48	Tbc--glands 3
Iridectomy 4	Thyreoidect. 5
Other 47	(e) GENERAL ABDOMINAL (103)
(b) NOSE-MOUTH-THROAT (23)	Appendectomy 4
Harelip 1	.. pr. occasionem 33
Nasal Polyp 8	Cholecystectomy 2
Ranula 1	Cholecysto-
	gastrostomy 1
Tonsillect 13	(7) Colostomi 1

(c) NECK		Gastr. jen. stom.	14
Tracheotomy	7	Gastr. resect.	10
Hern. epigastr.	3		
Hern. ingr.	47		
(Gen. Abdom. continued)		(Obstetric Cont.)	
Hern. Ingv. incarc.	7	Cranioclasia	1
Lap. expl.	10	Retentio placentae	2
Liverabsc.	1	Sect. caecar	3
Pylerotomia	1	(k) NORMAL DELIVERY	(80)
Resect. ileii	1	(l) BONE AND JOINTS	(28)
Suspensio coli	1	Ostectomy	25
(f) ANDROLOGY	(177)	Ribresect	3
Circumcis	10	(m) AMPUTATIONS	(11)
Hydrocele	140	(n) SKIN	(38)
Orchidect	9	Graftings	5
Prostactect	2	Plastic	4
Scortect	12	Other	29
Other	4	(o) ENDOSCOPY	(22)
(g) GYNAECOLOGY	(115)	Cystoscopy	4
Colporaph	8	Laryngoscopy	6
D. & C.	32	Rectoscopy	12
Hysterect sub total	11	(p) PNEUMTHORAX	36
Hysterect & over. cyst	1	Spinal tap.	28
Hysterect totalis	2	Other	42
Ovaricyst	15	(q) ANESTHESY	(592)
Suspensio Gillian	44	Aether	11
Ves. vag. fist.	6	Chloroform	6
(h) UROLOGY	(4)	Aether & chlorof	29
Cystostom	3	Local cocain	91
Nephrolith	1	Local Novoc.	77
(i) RECTAL OPERATION	(24)	Spinal & proc.	370
(j) OBSTETRIC	(38)	Spinal & aether	3
Abortion: D. & C.	20	Spinal & chlorof.	3
Biopsy	1	No. anesthesia	2
Extraut. pregn.	1	(r) DEAD AFTER	
Faceposit.-versio	1	OPERATION:	8
Forceps	3		
Rupt. perin. total	2		
Rupt. perin. part.	2		
Rupt. uteri.	2		

NURSING SCHOOL.

being confident.....that he who began a good work.....will perfect it..... Phil. 1: 6.

IN the proposed Auxiliary Nursing School, teaching has been regular, and four girls are nearing the completion of the first year's course of study. On the busy wards they have received wide experience in the Nursing care of many kinds of patients. Affiliation has been obtained with a recognized school of Midwifery and they will go there for the second and last year of their training.

Two young girls (one of them the wife of a local teacher) who have worked as nurses' aides during the year, have shown an intelligent interest in nursing and have been encouraged to place their applications for the next class of Auxiliary Nurses.

The term Auxiliary Nurse may need brief explanation. The standard of nursing education in India has risen very rapidly in the last two or three years and there are not enough educated girls to fill the nursing needs in the country. Nursing leaders have seen the need for an auxiliary worker who can work as an assistant to the professional nurse, have a sound training in Mid-wifery, and be capable of filling the expanding need for nursing and midwifery services in the country's Community Projects. Mohulpahari Hospital cannot as yet meet the requirements of a professional nursing school, but with the affiliation for midwifery experience for our students, we have adequate facilities for training Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives.

We believe that this opportunity to serve is a "good work" of God in which we want to co-operate to the fullest.

Alice Axelson.

SALDOHA LEPROSY COLONY.

IT is with thanks and appreciation to God that we can relate that the past year was blessed and became a blessing for a number of the sick. However, the problem of leprosy is so great that it can take the courage from one. The lepers come in large numbers, but only a few can be admitted and helped. In the course of the year, 611 new patients were examined and 96 who had been examined before. Of these only 123 could be admitted in to the colony and 236 were admitted in the out-door clinics. The in-patients in the colony have numbered nearly 400 besides the nine children of leprous parents in the children's home. In spite of all, it is wonderful that the sick come for treatment, many of them young and in their best years. The message has reached the distant villages that there is help to be had for "the big disease" as they call it. They come with more hope now when we almost invariably use the new effective sulfone preparation.

The yearly report to the Government of Bihar for the year of 1954 appears something like this:

	Old	New	Symptom Free	Much Better	Some improvement	No improvement
Saldoha C.	378	123	48	20	348	62
Saldoha out-door Clinic	61	43	8	5	33	28
Baromasia out-door C.	177	79	8	9	128	82
Tarni out-door Clinic	33	114	0	1	69	61

The total number treated at the out-door clinics shows an encouraging increase, from 6991 in 1953 to 11,676 in 1954. It may be undisputable that the clinical-

treatment is the solution to the problem of leprosy in a land where about two million people have the disease. It is impossible to admit all of these into colonies and make other arrangements for them. It will be the local doctor or other medically trained persons that will have to treat leprosy as a disease among other diseases.

We received good assistance the greater part of the year from Dr. Paul Murmu before he left for U. S. A. for further study. From the 1st of December we have had Dr. J. N. Roy who is very much interested in leprosy work. He has seven non-leprous male helpers. Sister Kari Ringheim has also this year had the responsibility for the nursing and work in the hospital for those who are bedfast. Six young Santal girls help her daily. They are all leprous patients who are trained here and are of inestimable help.

The spiritual work among the patients has also been very encouraging. Willingly they come to church services and meetings, and a total of thirty-five were added to the congregation, thirty-three adults and two children of Christian leprous patients. Forty-five leprous children have faithfully attended the three schools in the colony. In the hot season during the long hot evenings about forty young men attended a reading and writing class and students from earlier years studied further. A staff of volunteer teachers among the patients take part diligently in the work. We have also opened a library for which the literate are very happy. But it is not easy to supply good literature in Hindi, Bengali, and Santali.

Otherwise, the work in the colony has proceeded in the usual way. A number of houses were repaired and thoroughly remodeled and many cook houses for patients were built, so that now only the oldest villages do not have such accommodations. The weavers and carpenters in the industrial school were ambitious

in the work. Some additional land was cultivated. The daily work and daily routine is a blessing to the patients. It prevents them from brooding over their problems and helps them improve the circumstances for each other and themselves as community citizens.

Sister Margit Hannevik was welcomed back to the work again after furlough. Sister Ingeborg Kleven left for furlough in January. There is a good deal of work to do for the one that supervises the children's home and helps the sick in the assistants' families and also those who come the long jungle paths for medical help. Sister Margit relates that there were 9392 patients in the non-leprous dispensary and 192 patients were admitted for either a shorter or longer time in the small hospital. Several of these were maternity patients.

After four years in this place of enriching but strenuous work, we were happy to welcome the Stures for Christmas. They take over the work with new strength now as we leave for furlough.

We thank all mission friends for intercession and gifts. Our thanks also go to the Government of Bihar and "The Mission to Lepers" who support financially and help make it possible for us to continue a worthy work. The Lord will repay you and bless the work.

Edel and Magnus Haugstad.

BENAGARIA CHRISTIAN DISPENSARY.

FROM June 1st, 1954, I took over the dispensary and I am thankful for the work among the sick and poor people who have come to the dispensary.

During the year, we have treated 4444 out-patients. Day by day there have been especially many children, mostly suffering from malaria, dysentery, bronchitis and pneumonia.

Some patients, mostly delivery cases, have been admitted. Around in this area there are a great number of leprosy patients and outside the compound we have a little clinic where we can treat the patients. After cleaning it up a little and after conferring with Dr. Edel Haugstad of Saldoha, we started at the end of June to give weekly treatment by Arlosulfon tablets. The number of patients have increased and we feel that they are very much interested in getting continued treatment.

I have to tell the friends of the work that the new Sulfron treatment is rather expensive, but I have faith that we also will be able to get the money for helping these who are so badly situated in life. I think everyone who could see the crowd of 60-70 leprosy patients who come every Friday morning would agree with me that we have to give them the best treatment.

As the pastor's wife had a big operation during the rainy season and therefore could not go to distant villages to preach the Gospel, she devoted every Friday forenoon in preaching to the leprosy-patients. The other days in the week she gave one hour in the forenoon preaching to the regular patients and their attendants on the dispensary verandah. At the end of the year she was able to take up her work as a Bible woman again and walk to more distant villages. Therefore, her work as a preacher in the dispensary has been taken over by Jesmi, our competent Santal-nurse, and she has shown a great interest also in that kind of work.

The compounder also has done a faithful and good work.

Looking forward I am reminded of a word from Mark 11; 22. "Have faith in God" and with that word we will do our work to help people physically and spiritually.

Helene Romer

WORK IN BENGAL.

BENGALI WORK IN SANTAL PARGANAS BIRBHUM AND MURSHIDABAD.

AGAIN another year has passed. Recalling the events in the work in our three rather large districts, we can not say there have not been troubles and difficulties. But we have also many things for which we are thankful.

We thank God for the two Indian brothers who this year have been chairmen in the circles, Rev. David Jha in Santal Parganas, and Rev Ghose in Birbhum and Murshidabad. They have done their best in the rather difficult work.

Also this year we have had the opportunity of seeing some, who by the Grace of God, have come out of the bondage of heathenism. One of them, has felt the call to become a preacher for which we are thankful. But as he is a new and young Christian we would like to have him wait some years. He is now working as an apprentice in our press in Benagaria. Remember him in your prayers that God may lead him forward according to His will so that he may be a blessing to his people.

It is easy to come in contact with people, and also to talk to them about religious matters. But there is a very strong tendency, especially among the more educated people to follow some of their great leaders who teach them that all religions are but different paths leading to the same place. Beside the family ties and the strong national feeling this helps to create a high wall of obstacles for those who have heard the truth, and want to follow it.

So we were the more thankful when we at the end of the year obtained a new connection in a village in North Birbhum. Some of the people there had heard the Gospel ten to fifteen years ago, when many in Dumogram (a village only two miles away) were baptized. Three families are now under instruction for baptism. We do hope that their coming may also help to open the way for many others around there. Pray also for them.

The new hostel in Suri for Christian High School boys has been a great joy for us, but we still have room for more boys. All the boys passed their annual examination and were promoted. They have all been in good health. Red Cross has given us dried milk for the boys throughout the year, for which we are very thankful. Suren Prasad, the hostel warden, who at the same time worked as a government teacher, has been transferred to another government school. In him we lost a good caretaker for the boys. But we hope now to get another young Christian boy who also is a teacher in in a government school.

With some of the extra help sent us by friends at home we were able to dig a small tank on the compound. This new tank has been very useful for the compound people as well as for the school boys.

During the year we have had two short courses for the preachers who do not have full training. Many of them could not stay away from home for the entire course, but they were all glad to get help and to be able to sit for some examinations. During the last course we had the opportunity of having Mr. Subha Pandit as a guest teacher. Mr. Pandit is working for the Children's Special Service Mission, and he gave new inspiration to all. We are short of some of the textbooks for our course, but we now hope to be permitted to reprint some of them.

Sunday School has been going on regularly many places. One place a young Christian came and offered himself for Sunday School work, and he has been a great help. We are praying that God may call more young people for this important work.

The Women's Society in Suri has been working as before. At the end of the year, they had a sale of their handicrafts at the congregation's mela, the first mela in Suri. It was a joy to see the interest with which all the members took part in the mela. At other places also they have had melas, a good help on the way towards self-support.

At the Annual Conference this year, Rev. Kvams were asked to again take up the work in Murshidabad both among the Bengalis and the Santals. For this we are very thankful, as it will be a very great help in reaching all the people in the large districts. Now we are praying that God may direct us to find a suitable place for them to stay.

This year we have a new young preacher in Santal Parganas, Stephan Jha, son of Rev. Daniel Jha at Mohulpahari. He has had his training at our Divinity School in Malda, and is now working in Maharo. We wish him God's blessing and many happy years in the work. But still we need more workers, especially for Itor (Murshidabad) and Chapuria (Santal Parganas). In these two places we still have controversies and difficulties. The only answer seems to be a revival, and for this we are praying and hoping.

A big event for all of us was the farewell meeting for Rev. Kampps at Narainpur, which all the congregations together had arranged. It was good to see how they all felt towards these two pioneers who so faithfully had served for years out here and were now leaving them.

In fact, we all miss them, but at the same time we pray for God's blessing upon them and wish them a good rest at home after years of hard work.

At the close of this report we would like to recall an incident from last Christmas Eve in Suri. After our Church service a group of young people together with their pastor and missionary were riding through the streets in a truck singing Christmas carols and hymns while the loudspeaker was sending their message round about under the moonlit sky. It brought to remembrance the first Christmas Eve on the fields near Bethlehem. The next day a Hindu said, "That was something new. Does it belong to Christmas?" That is just what we want and need,—that the Indians may see and understand that the Christian Faith is a living and inspiring Faith also among their own people. May that always be said about us.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express to you all our thanks for all co-operation and intercession.

Kirsten and Peder Ludv. Lande.

WOMEN'S WORK IN BIRBHUM AND SANTAL PARGANAS.

ANOTHER year has passed, and looking back we thank God for the way in which we have been led and for the many opportunities we have had to work for Him in this land.

I closed my last report by writing that I was expecting a new fellow-worker in the village work and the Bible training course. When Miss S. Mullick came in

February and started work, I felt that it was a great help and relief to me. Soon afterwards we started reading classes for Moslem woman, and many contacts were made. She has been carrying on throughout the year with regular village home visits, having with her one or two of our students from the Bible training course. In the dispensary she has been speaking to the patients waiting for treatment. She has also been with me in camp. In Itor, one of our biggest congregations, we had a confirmation class for about ten days, and also had the opportunity of visiting all the Christians in that area and many non-Christian homes as well. It seems that there is a great work waiting to be done in that area, but no workers are available for it.

Our work has been along two lines. First, we have the training of Bible women. In our district church council it was decided that regular courses should be held, one in the hot season and the other in the rainy season. We would have preferred to have students the whole year round, but then the congregations would be without help, so this is all that can be done for the time being.

The rest of the year we carry on by correspondence so that they come prepared for the lessons here. Two courses were held this year. All passed their examinations with fine results, two of them receiving distinction. The syllabus for the courses has now been revised. We have received much help from our president of the church council, Rev. K. Ghose, who has been one of the examiners. In 1955, we hope to finish the Junior Training for six candidates and start some new students on the course. Miss Mullick has been a great help in teaching.

The second part of our district work is to help the village women to be able to be witnesses to their fellow-women in their daily life. This is not done without repeated teaching. Many of the women are illiterate

and often understand very little of the fundamentals of their beliefs. So it is hardly to be expected that they should be able to lead others. With that in view, we are trying to give more systematic training by having short courses in the villages. It has not been possible to arrange meetings for women here, as many of them never go very far from home, but stay where they are. Therefore, we must go to them. This is only a beginning, but we do hope that it will progress. In November, Miss Laursen and I had the opportunity of visiting the congregation in Murarai. There we had a short course for women.

We went through the following subjects with them: The Creation, Sin entered into the world, The result of man's fall, God's provision, our Lord Jesus, His birth, His teaching (the lost son). In the evening almost the whole congregation gathered and at that time we went through the Lord's Prayer with them. In the morning we visited several non-christian homes. Some came and asked us to speak to them. In Moslem homes especially we had a very good gathering and many listened eagerly when we told them the way of Salvation.

As we look forward, we plan to arrange such short courses, whenever it is possible, and we pray for guidance and strength. We trust Him who sent us and who has promised never to leave us, that He will give wisdom and love to find means by which we can reach the many who have never heard of Him, and that those who know so little of Him may come to know Him better. In all this we need workers. Will you friends join us in prayer, that they may come, and pray also for the Indian Church in this area, that she may be equipped and strengthened for the task which is before her.

Inger Krogh Nielsen.

COOCH BEHAR.

“But every good endowment that we possess and every complete gift that we have received must come from above, from the Father of all lights, with Whom there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency.” James 1: 17.

MISSION work is often full of changes and variations but the Lord of the vineyard is unchanging. May God help us that our zeal and faith may be founded in the knowledge that the Lord also today is asking us to work in His vineyard.

Towards the beginning of the year we had a big three day celebration of the 60th anniversary of the mission work in Cooch Behar. Kvinnliga Missions Arbetare did not take up the work here as an independent field until 1911, but the first missionaries came here in 1894. Last year was also the 60th anniversary of K. M. A. in Sweden, so we naturally had to celebrate.

The jubilee was a real celebration from beginning to end, the days being filled with song, prayer and talks, and greetings from far and near. Some of the older Christians gave us glimpses from “old days” when they were children, and we felt that the theme of the whole meeting could best be expressed in the word, “God is faithful.” When our pastor sent out an appeal to the meeting for help for the proposed boys' boarding school we were all touched by the eagerness and sacrifice shown by our little group of Christians.

In the spring we had workers' meetings in order to encourage our workers and strengthen them in their work. But in most of our congregations we have no preacher stationed, and it is, therefore, difficult to conduct a systematic work. It is particularly difficult when

some of the preachers do not see their responsibilities. But we must make a special mention of the Garo preacher, Ajen Chisim. In the beginning of the year he was transferred from Dinhata to Puthimari which is our biggest congregation. Within a short time he had organized systematic teaching among the villagers, both the Christians and the non-Christians; and we can already notice a renewed awakening in the the congregation. We need such workers who both have the necessary knowledge and also the call and zeal to work, but these last qualities are often lacking with our other workers.

One of the evangelists had to be dismissed in the fall, as it was found that he for some time had tried to enrich himself financially through dishonesty and falsehood. The worker has been a mission worker for some years, and has even passed a 3 year Bible training course. It does not help with training and knowledge when the heart is not in the work. We feel it would be an advantage if we could get fewer full-time workers and rather have a larger number of part-time workers who could make a living by other work.

It has been a quiet year in the congregations, but we notice a slow maturing taking place. The Christians are beginning to realize that they belong to an Indian Church which is struggling for independence. It is a slow and undramatic process, but for this very reason it may lead to more lasting results.

The Dinhata station was without missionaries from the beginning of March, when Miss. Pihlquist left for Sweden. We therefore, had to supervise the Girls' School and the other work there till Miss. Wittander returned from furlough in September and again took charge of the work.

Most of the property of the old outstation, Mathabhanga, was sold during the spring. This outstation has for some time been a non-producing, expensive place to keep, and after long consideration and in consultation with our Christian leaders we decided to sell. The money we realized for this land made up a major part of the sum needed to buy land for our proposed boys School.

As we closed the school at Mathabhanga by the end of last year, we considered it right and proper to make a bigger investment in the primary school in Cooch Behar town. We have therefore, added a new teacher and also built a new teacher's quarter there, and we have thus three qualified teachers employed there, planning to add a fourth during 1955. We have at present one hundred pupils, and there are always more applicants than vacancies.

The plans for the boys' boarding school are beginning to take shape, and we want to express our heartfelt thanks for the money given and the interest shown for this important purpose. We have bought about eighteen acres of land twelve miles from Cooch Behar town on the main road to Assam, near Tufanganj town. Some preparatory work has been done, and we hope to get some building done during 1955. It is our hope and prayer that this school will be a real blessing to the congregations, that want to give the boys a systematic teaching in Christianity, along with the most elementary knowledge needed to make them good and helpful citizens. May God give us the right man to be leader of this school.

The majority of our congregations suffered hard times in the rainy season due to the great floods in the district. Large areas of land were washed into the rivers and many crops were ruined. One result of these disasters was that some of our Garo families have moved

to Assam and other places in order to try to get new land, and thus we lost a number of our Christians. But generally speaking we have to be thankful to the Lord who helped wonderfully through all of the difficulties, and none of our Christians suffered any real permanent harm.

And now we enter into a new year with new challenges. We would like to look into the future, to know what we will experience. But God has kept us safely until this day, and we can, therefore, enter the new year fully convinced that the Unchanging and Eternal Himself will lead us and keep us. The time is changing the work is changing, and our feelings change with our environments too often, but He is the same. May He give us all, both at home and on the field, the strength and faith needed to keep up the good fight and make use of the opportunities which He gives us.

Anlaug and Ragnvald A. Pedersen.

N I M A S A R A I.

AMONG the past year's events which our Christians in this district will remember most was bidding farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Kampp last spring. In many ways, the congregations made known how much they loved and honored these friends who had spent so many years of their lives in spreading the Gospel in India. The pioneer work which they have done among the many races also here in Malda is now ended. It will require time to determine the real significance of this work. We who follow have deep respect for the work they have accomplished.

Pastor Maharaj Bhandary directed the work after the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Kampp. He is the Treasurer for the Malda Bengali Circle and in every way the leader among our workers. One of his best traits is that he is able to handle money intelligently. This was of considerable importance when the mission stations accounts were entrusted to him.

We assumed the leadership of the work in the end of September. There was no opportunity for any extensive activity the last three months of the year. It takes time to become acquainted here in the large compound and in the extensive district. We have tried to determine the state of affairs in the work. Serving the eleven congregations we have 2 pastors, 9 preachers and 3 Bible women. During the past year 13 Hindus were baptized. Our preachers report of possibilities and enquirers around in the district. But as a matter of fact, the work in the district has been difficult and slow during the last years and also this past year. Since the partition of India, there has been considerable propaganda from the non-christian community among our Christians who have been promised many privileges if they return to their former religious community. Not a few Christians within the Malda District have fallen for the propaganda. Furthermore, the situation within the congregations in several places is deplorable especially on account of irregularities in matrimonial matters. We enter the work realizing that a change to new and better living can come about only through the work of God's Holy Spirit. He alone can endow our workers with a new inspiration and give them a message to carry forth.

Here at the mission station the various activities have continued. There are four classes in the Primary School conducted by 3 teachers. About 90 pupils have been enrolled but attendance is still irregular. About 20 Santal boys have lived in the boys hostel. Of these, some have attended the mission school and the others the high school in Old Malda.

“Udjog Somiti” has also this year had regular meetings on Saturday evenings. The group is composed of the young boys in the compound. The enthusiasm with which the meetings were initiated has perhaps waned somewhat, but it is nevertheless a joy to see that they have a purpose and desire to assemble about the Word of God.

“Mohila Somiti” or the women’s society has again this year carried on a regular and good work. They have collected considerable funds during the year in support of the work of the congregation. They were also in charge of arrangements for the annual “Mela” or sale.

Since the regular hospital work commenced at Rajadighi, Dr. Else Hoilund has not been able to conduct her weekly dispensary work here in Nimasarai. This is felt as a loss which the local people continually lament. It has been a great blessing throughout the year that dried milk from the Red Cross has continued to be distributed daily.

Our two Bible women continue to visit the villages round Nimasarai but the need of work among the women throughout the district is sorely felt. Sister Lily Petersen, who was to be in charge of this work, had to be spared temporarily to help out in the Santipara Leprosy Colony, but we hope she will soon be able to return and take up the work among the women in Malda.

We extend our thanks to you who have sent us out here. When we realize the need, and think of all that should be done, among the Christians and non christians, it is a help for us to remember that we are sent with a commission and that a large group of praying men and women are willing to sacrifice for the work. Thank you for offerings and prayers during the year that passed. First and foremost we feel that we can rest in the knowledge that He, the Lord of the Church, sustains and leads us onward.

Solveig and Per Kjolberg.

SANTAL WORK IN NORTH BENGAL

WHEN Rev. and Mrs. Kamp left India for good last spring, it became our task to look after the Santal District Work. We do miss the older missionaries. They were always ready to help, to advise and to encourage.

The situation in our big district has not greatly changed. The difficulties resulting from the partition of India, are still existent. Our brethren in Pakistan are eagerly looking forward to having their own missionaries, and that day may not be far away as, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Riber from America have offered to go there.

On the Indian side we are happy to report that the new mission station for Santal work is under construction. We hope to be able to move in before the rainy season in 1955. As this station is situated near the main road through Malda and West Dinajpur, we shall certainly be able to get around more in our district.

Our Indian Christians seem to have understood a little of the self-governing which has been introduced in The Ebeneser Evangelical Lutheran Church. The conception of self support is also growing, but very slowly.

The work has been carried on as usual with worship services, confirmation classes, instruction for those who want to become Christians, and Evangelistic work in the heathen villages. In Arnasol village near Nimasarai we had the great joy of baptizing 17 people of the Mahle tribe, 11 adults and 6 children.

Pastor Jonas Hasdak' says in his report for Malda Purnea Circle that last year 38 people were baptized from the non-christian community, as well as 23 children of Christians. There seems to be much opportunity in our work, as we recently have been asked to come and preach the Gospel of Christ.

Khoribari Church building which last year was completely destroyed in a storm, is now being rebuilt. The congregation has constructed the walls and the synod is contributing tin-roof.

From West Dinajpur Circle Pastor Munki Murmu reports that the work is progressing. Last year 17 people were baptized from the non-christian community and 17 children of Christians. Rotonpur pastorate which for several years was vacant, has now been filled. Evangelist John Marndi of Duba-Naranpur village has been ordained as pastor. We hope that this will be a good solution to a difficult situation. John Marndi attended the Santal Divinity School, and all who know him speak well of him.

Although we encountered many difficulties in rebuilding Narayanpur Church, the work has now been completed. It is about half of its former size, but as many of the congregational members have moved to other places, it is large enough.

We were very sorry to hear that Horibonshipur Congregation and their evangelist have left our Ebeneser Church and gone over to The Baptist Mission in Dinajpur.

Up to the present time we have no exact figures or report from our field inside Pakistan, but we understand from our correspondence with the church leaders there, that God's work is progressing. Many people have been converted, especially in Rajshahi Circle, and still more want to be instructed. One more pastor is needed, but for the time being we have no man for this important work.

In North Bengal we have several mixed congregations, consisting of both Santals and Bengalis. This has worked well up to now, but recently the spirit of co-operation among the Santals seems to be replaced by a spirit that

aims at a division between Santals and Bengalis in the church. If this is permitted to go unchecked, it will mean an irreparable damage to the whole church.

In summing up this annual report, we must say that in spite of all our shortcomings and lack of love, God has extended His Kingdom. His love and His wisdom are unlimited. To Him be glory forever and ever.

Tineke and Kjell Clausen

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN BENGAL.

EKLAHMI MISSION GIRL'S SCHOOL.

1954 was in some ways a good year for the school.

THE rice crops were good and therefore many new pupils came both to the lower and some of the higher classes. And as we had started Class V this year, the number of boarders was also increased. A godown and our only guestroom were converted into sleeping rooms for all the extra girls. And even then we had to refuse some children admission to school as there was insufficient accommodation in the boarding.

Altogether there were 96 children in school of which 81 were boarders. Class V was started with the same number of teachers as we had the year before. Consequently, we had only one teacher for Class I A and class I B, with a total of 45 small pupils. All the other teachers took hours in these two classes, but we soon found that this was not the best way of teaching them or of keeping them in hand. We decided that we should find an extra teacher before the year came to an end.

Tribal Welfare in Malda would possibly grant funds for building a boarding house and class room for class VI if we wanted to start this class. But even though these plans were made and the Inspector of Women's Education, who visited us in March for inspection, recommended our school for a grant for building, it seems that there will not be enough money this year to realize the Tribal Welfare plans for the school. Still, as the girls as well as their parents wanted very much to be able to continue in this school in their own district,

we tried to find a teacher for class VI. A Senior Trained Matric passed teacher was contacted and we decided to start Class VI with our present headmistress, Koruna Tudu, as headmistress for the secondary section also. In the very end of the year, however, we had to give up these plans as the new teacher could not come. Some steps were taken this year, nevertheless, to accommodate more boarders with the thought in mind of starting Class VI in the future.

Because the boarding and school were filled to capacity with girls (and some boys) big and small, we needed some one who could give her attention to all these young people all day, and if necessary also at night. We found one at last. Salomi Murmu, first Biblewoman at Rajadighi, became our matron. After a short time she became accustomed to the work and the new surroundings and she now helps as a mother where ever help is needed. She also helps with the cooking as our school cook had a difficult job cooking for the increased number of boarders.

In March we had a visit by Mr. Pandit of the Children's Special Service Mission. We had a good and inspiring week. There were meetings during the day at which the girls learned many new songs and choruses and at night magic lantern slides were shown with many people from the villages around in attendance.

In April we had to say Goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Kampp. It was certainly a strange and sad day for Eklakhi School and compound that day as we were not to see them again. They had been in Malda even before the school was started and they had always been here when there were difficulties and when there were feasts, in joys and sadness. Mr. Kampp had always been on the school committee. Both knew all our teachers well and also many of the school children. The school in its annals will always remember him officially, but all who

have been here in the past years will also remember Mr. and Mrs. Kampp as a father and mother. We from Eklakhi thank them for all the help they have given to our school. In Mr. Kampp's place in the school committee, Miss Eldbjorg Gulbrandsen was appointed. She will be secretary of the school sometime in the year 1955.

During the months before summer holidays we had two epidemics of an innocent sort, namely "mumps" and "measles" All children in turn were down with it and this was, of course, a drawback to the school work. Our headmistress was ill with jaundice for some weeks. At the end of the year it appeared that two of our teachers would have to leave because of family circumstances, but fortunately things changed for the better and they were able to stay on.

All teachers, Sneholata Sircar who has been here for many years, Rahel Murmu with six years service, Koruna Tudu and Mrinmoyee Murmu with three years, and Sumati Marndi with two years service, worked hard and faithfully. They divided equally between themselves the difficult jobs and extra hours with slow children and with those who should take scholarship examination.

Two girls went up for scholarship examinations this year. The results are not yet made known, but from the three who went up in 1953 one received a scholarship.

For the visit of the Inspector of Women's Education the teachers taught the girls new plays and songs, and they were always ready to teach the girls more or to participate in any activity for which the circumstances called.

We have had L. M. F meetings as regularly as we were able. Mrs. Bonarjee, nee Ognedal, former secretary of the school, was usually present, and we assembled once or twice in her house in town. If we

can we come together for these meetings with all the missionaries from Rajadighi and other friends from there.

Miss Betzy Nordby started a confirmation class for ten school girls and sometime afterwards Miss Gulbrandson also took classes with them. And so one happy Sunday before the Christmas holidays, they were confirmed in the church here by Pastor Jonas Hasdak'

Before the summer holidays there had for some time been an atmosphere among the older girls in the boarding which was not good and we were somewhat troubled about it. But without doing anything about it, it slowly resulted into the right spirit again. The girls began working harder and stopped the less pleasant talk among themselves. As far as we could determine this change came about after they started in their confirmation class.

The damage to the houses was not so very much this year, so the repairs could nearly all be done by the girls themselves.

A Mela for which the school girls and the women from both compounds (Rajadighi and Eklakhi) sewed, was held on the last day of school and gave a good income to the church, as well as a very pleasant afternoon.

When Miss Betzy Nordby returned from Norway she brought with her a church bell which was a gift from Christians in the homeland. Now at the end of the year plans have been made for the bell tower, and we hope that soon the bell will chime far over the country side and gather more people, both big and small, so that they may hear the message of Christ, who gave Himself for the world.

Tineke Clausen Gerbrnady.

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NARAINPUR GIRLS' MIDDLE ENGLISH
SCHOOL.

ANNUAL report—why is it so difficult to get started on it? Perhaps because one feels it is impossible in a few lines to give a true impression of the work.

In 1954, we had 108 students up to the summer vacation. Among these 19 were Santals and the rest Bengalis. A few did not return after the holiday. Fourteen Hindu girls from Narainpur village joined as day scholars, and all stayed for the Bible classes.

December the 12th, 10 Bengali girls were confirmed by Rev. Ghose, and one Santal girl by Rev. Munshi Hembrom.

We have had a good Christian staff of teachers this year. All have joined the weekly prayer meeting and we have all felt the fellowship and blessing of the monthly L. M. F. (Teachers' Mission Society) meeting with texts from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

The weekly Bible study for the compound people and older girls was in the Gospel of St. Luke.

The Saturday evening program for the older girls was held regularly during the first months of the year. In addition to this they went on tours to the surrounding villages, where through Bible stories and dramas, they told the village people about our Saviour. When the heat came these village tours stopped, and the interest for the Saturday meetings also seemed to decrease. A change was noticed when 6 of the girls had an opportunity to join the "Youth for Christ" meeting in Calcutta. Since that time the interest and sense of responsibility has grown, and regular and good meetings are held under the name of "Youth for Christ" meetings.

We were sorry that we had to give up our "old students' meeting" this year due to lack of room. This year class VII was started, and recognized by the Inspectress of Schools after her visit here in February.

It has been a good working year for the School. The weekly examination—one subject each week—has been effective preventing lazy attitude towards schoolwork. All students for Upper Primary and Middle English examination passed. Four students from Upper Primary and 4 students from the Middle English class were sent to Rampur Hat for scholarship examination.

This year we have tried to carry out the basic school principles as far as possible. The school girls have planted rice on about 30 bighas land and have helped in growing the ordinary Indian vegetables.

The work with the children gives great joy and hope for the future. But it is depressing to see that in spite of regular meetings and reading and Bible classes for women in the village, this great Narainpur village with 5000 people still seems untouched by the Gospel. We are welcome into many homes. They want to listen and read tracts, etc., but still there are no Christians in that village. Two men from the village working in the mission have expressed their desire to become Christians, but there are still many hindrances to be overcome. Only God and our prayers can change the hearts of people. We want to thank everyone who will join in prayer for this big village.

Ellen Laursen.

MEDICAL WORK IN BENGAL.

RAJADIGHI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

“Whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”

[Col. 3: 17]

WE in Rajadighi look back on this year with thankfulness in our hearts to God and men. After years of work under primitive conditions, we have been very happy this year to see new brick building go up before us. A grant from the mission and a grant of Rs. 8.000 from the Tribal Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, enabled us to start building. One day in February some of workers here gathered together in prayer, standing in the field where the new hospital was to be built, and after that the work started.

On October 9th the new buildings were dedicated by Rev. Gausdal. A large number of friends, Indian and missionary, had come together for the occasion. It was a day of great joy, and we want to thank the Government of West Bengal and the friends at home, who made this possible.

The new buildings consist of a dispensary with storeroom, dispensing-room, delivery-room, waiting-room, consultation-room, dressing-room and laboratory, and a small ward for 12 patients. The ward is not yet finished. It has no floor, ceiling or verandah roof. We hope to finish this building and get cook houses for the patients next year.

Miss Gunvor Clausen left on furlough in January, and Miss Betzy Nordby came back from furlough in March. The staff has most of the year consisted of the missionaries and one Bengali nurse, Mrs. Renu Sarcar, who has been doing good service.

The out-dispensary has been visited by altogether 12 459 patients, mostly women and children, as we do not treat male patients, unless they are Christians. Twenty-two percent of the out-patients were Hindus, 8% Tribals, (Santals) 3% Christians, and 67% Moslems.

Eighty-two patients, mostly Santals, were admitted as in-patients during the year. There have been 45 outside calls to nearby villages.

After the new buildings were dedicated, the daily morning and evening Prayers which were formerly held on our verandah, have been held in the waiting-room of the dispensary.

May indeed all we do here in word or deed be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, that also through our work here His Kingdom may come.

Betzy Nordby and Else Hoilund.

WORK IN ASSAM.

BONGAIGAON.

THE work during the year 1954 has been carried on by our two pastors, two full-time preachers, and the village preachers. The statistics from the 22 congregations show an increase of 138 in the Christian community. Fifty-one from the non-christian community and ninety-eight children of Christian parents were baptized. Church collections show an increase of about Rs. 400 over last year.

Three of our congregations suffered losses by the flood last summer. At Sisubari they were recovering from an epidemic fever in which 11 people died, among them the preacher's wife and one of the children. Then the flood came and destroyed the crop and left many of their rice fields covered with sand. Such occurrences test the faith of our Christians. Government gave relief in money, rice and milk powder, but it will take years for them to recover. At Digeldong many families had to leave their homes and start anew some other place.

In the end of March we had a Bible course in Boroni similar to courses held at Joema. It was well attended and the workers were keenly interested in studying the Word of God.

Our Primary School has been carried on with two teachers. The older boys have been working on the land and by that they have managed to earn about half the cost of their food.

More and more Christians from the Railway Colony are joining us at Sunday Services. Therefore, we have felt very much the need of a church building. A committee

was formed and collection of funds has been started. By conference decision, we received a grant of Rs. 1500, so now it seems that a long felt need shall be realized also here at Bongaigaon.

The possibilities are great in this growing town and the surrounding district. May God bless his own work and establish a strong self supporting church among the Boro people.

DARRANG.

PASTOR Biswanath Narjary has in addition to his six congregations in Bongaigaon also six congregations in the Darrang Circle. The Church seems to be strong. The statistics show the number of Christians as 536, baptized from outside 23, children of Christian parents 26 and church collections Rs. 1304-10-0. It was a joy for us to gather with them at a well attended Sabha at the beginning of March this year. They have had some internal disagreement, but they were finally able to settle it.

At our last District Church Council meeting it was decided to place a full-time preacher in Lakhimpur District. There 10 Christian families from our church have settled around about in the jungle. They have had little attention so far. This year Pastor Biswanath Narjary has visited them twice, given communion, baptized 3 children, and married one couple. They were very thankful for the visits and promised to build a church. These our brethren in the wilderness need our prayers and support.

Sofie Nasset.

DINGDINGA CIRCLE.

“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; hold not back.”

Isaiah 54:2.

MISSION is expansion! Mission is to go out with the Gospel message—to propogate. It is to enlarge the place of the tent.

Also within our field of labor there are great possibilities for expansion. In our field in Assam alone there are a number of racial groups who on the whole are untouched by the Gospel. This has been a source of distress and a call to many of our missionaries ever since the mission work was started in the area in the early eighteen hundred and eighties. This has found expression in Annual Reports as well as in articles sent to the mission papers. But when the work already started constantly in its expansion demands more time and energy, it is not easy to find opportunities to take up new and additional tasks.

But the Kingdom of God possesses also an inherent power. “The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.”

The Kingdom of God spread through the Santals to the Boros and to people of other races. Thus, the work among other races in our Assam field is not new, but a continuation of a work that has developed in quietness through the years.

Organizationally this work proceeds under the S. C. C., Assam. This is a great advantage as it in a special way preserves the unity and solidarity within the established Christian fellowship while at the same time a great responsibility is thereby placed upon it.

Naturally, one has to take into consideration the division which diversity of languages creates. Bengali is the common language for the majority of the racial groups in this area and all of the Bengali speaking activities are centered in the Dingdinga Circle.

Within this circle there are now approximately 280 Christians distributed in five congregations. These are Dingdinga, Mornai, Rantzapur, Samaguri and Sosaghutu. The last named, of which the members formerly were part of Rantzapur, was organized at New Years time. They had then built their own church which was dedicated the 21st of December. This was a big day for the congregation. And for us it is a joy to see that they not only have a new church in which to assemble, but also because new life and activity is evident in the congregation. People who previously remained at home now resort to the house of God, and others who have been ex-communicated are seeking re-instatement.

It should also be mentioned that the work in Dhubri has been placed within the Dingdinga Circle. There we have a group of more than 100 Christians coming from various parts of Assam and most of them are in Government service. Since they come from several different church denominations the work is conducted on a union basis. The Assam Christian Council have given a grant of Rs 2000/- towards a church building in Dhubri and the building operations have already been taken in hand.

There are also other Christians scattered here and there within our area for whom we are trying to account.

Pastor Jacob Biswas has been the leader in this work for many years. About him it can perhaps safely be said, "That he is an Israelite in whom there is no

guile." Unfortunately his health has been failing of late and this has hindered him in the work. But we hope and pray to God that he may still be able to continue in his work for many years.

Nahor Munshi who was converted from Mohammedanism some years ago has now moved to a place near Haraputa. In that place he has ample opportunity to work among the Mohammedans. Last year three Mohammedans were baptized. That is not a large number, but in the eyes of God they are precious souls redeemed with a great price.

Sona Ram Mukdiyar should also be mentioned. He has taken three years Bible Course with Rev. Kamp in Malda. His work is mainly among his own people, the Kamars, where there is a great need of additional workers.

Personally, we have not been in this work very long. We returned in August after leave at home and reside temporarily in Mornai. We desire to express our appreciation to the Manager of Mornai, Rev. Eie and Mrs. Eie for their friendship and help.

It is our prayer to Him who called us that we may be used to "enlarge the place of His tent—and not to hold back."

Brit and Olav Hodne.

G A O R A N G.

WE returned from furlough and took over the work at Gaorang in the beginning of December. The Halvorsruds had left for Norway some time earlier. Hence we do not know too much of what happened during the past year.

It is, however, a great joy to be back among the Boros. We find that they have grown in wisdom and stature since we were stationed at Gaorang during 1944-45.

Since we returned we have been travelling around in the Christian villages and visited churches and schools. Everywhere we have had the joy of meeting sympathy and understanding and enjoying their hospitality and good will. Hearts are open to the Gospel. It is good to preach the Word of Life. They are keen to listen to the Message of Love and Salvation, and we also find that our Christian brethren are ready to bear their burdens and responsibilities with a sense of joy. We have never before had such high hopes for the Boros as now. The present situation in our churches augurs well for the future. May the work continue to prosper to the Glory of God! This is our heart-felt desire as we enter upon a New Year, a Gracious Year, a gift from our Lord and Master with untold opportunities for service in His vineyard.

The Church Council and Executive meetings have been very encouraging. The Boros are learning to rule and be ruled, to think and reason. Items which years ago took hours to solve are now finished within a matter of minutes. They are also able to think through a matter without becoming too personally involved. We feel grateful to God for the privilege of working among this tribe of Mongolian stock who have been living here in India for hundreds of years. They are a proud people with a fine history. Once they ruled most of Assam. May there be a revival among this tribe, not to rule others, but to rule themselves to the benefit of the State and their Country! This people certainly have qualities which will serve the Church and the national cause if given right opportunities and proper training. May they be led in the right path by the Light of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world!

At the time of this writing the returns from all the congregations have not yet been received. But of those already at hand some are very encouraging. I have the congregation at Gendeguri especially in mind. The village has 23 Christian homes with 150 Christians in all. Still their total collections for the year amount to Rs. 733-2-0. This is most unusual, and I doubt whether any other congregation has exceeded that. I am afraid some of the other churches may be lagging due to internal strife and lack of proper leadership. But they all seem to have a genuine will to work for the furtherance of the Kingdom.

There have been certain difficulties in Kamrup and Darrang Circles. These differences have now been settled, and we hope they will forgive and forget and start afresh to repair what has been undone or done amiss. The Lord is still able and willing to forgive sins, to lift up those who fall and bring back the wayward. May we meet them with the love of Christ and help them forward that they may find their footing and once more prosper in the work of the Lord!

The authorities have as usual been most sympathetic and pleasant in their dealing with us, and although there may be more control than before, there is no question of any obstacles being put in our way. On the other hand, control and criticism apparently have awakened many who otherwise used to be indifferent. People who never before showed any interest whatsoever now come freely asking questions about our Christian religion. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Some time ago a Hindu came to find out more about our teaching. He wanted instruction. Earlier he had been a Moslem, but as he did not find the peace for which he longed, he went over to Hinduism. Now after some time of earnest seeking he is still dissatisfied and wants to know whether Christ can give him that for which he longs and prays.

The other day a Christian sadhu came with several Moslems who not only asked for information about our Christian beliefs, but also wanted to know about our Church services and other things connected with our worship and way of life.

The last one to come was a girl aged twenty-two. She is a Boro who attended the Gaorang Girls' School some years ago. She had found that life in her Hindu village was not worth living and she realized more and more that Christianity was the only true religion. She argued with her father who is also seeking the truth by self-imposed fasts and the like. He finally yielded, so that when we sent one of our workers to ask if there would be any opposition to the girl being baptized, he answered that there was none. But he himself was not ready for any change of heart.

We find that the non-christian communities in the neighbourhood have left their old way or worship and beliefs. Now, when asked, they state that they do not worship idols any more, and it may be true as they, to all intents and purposes have also done away with the visible objects of their former worship. There appears to be a spiritual vacuum in their lives which we hope may be filled by "the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." May we be able to present Christ in such a way that He may be accepted as the foundation for their belief and the object of their worship to the present and eternal satisfaction of their souls!

Among our Boro preachers we have, I believe, some gifted men who are able to present Christ in a proper and appropriate way People understand. They take it or leave it or want more time to think about it. As usual some seed falls by the way side, some upon stony places, some among thorns and some into good ground.

In a village situated not very far from Gaorang we have a Boro farmer who has no pay from the Boro Church Council, but nevertheless is about the Lord's business, without personal gain apart from laying up treasures in Heaven. He comes frequently to get tracts, not only in Boroni, but in Assamese and Bengali as well. He lets his light shine before men to the glory of the Father.

With the work as a whole in view, we are very optimistic about the future. It is with joy and with expectant hearts that we enter upon a New Year, a Gracious Year from the Lord our Master.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone everywhere who is spending time in prayer and furnishing funds in order that the Lord's work may prosper also in our fields of harvest.

Anne Helene and David Westborg.

JOEMA.

JOEMA CIRCRE:

THE great forests in Assam continue to lure and attract the Santals. When they move out, and many Santals are on the move here—the reasons may be many and varied, but the direction taken is usually the same: they desire to penetrate further into the deep forests, and clear the jungle.

From the Santal Colony as from some of the older congregations in "Bahre Hasa" (the land beyond) they petition the Forest Department for permission to settle in the Northwest corner of Goalpara District. In this area there are now 7 congregations with at least 600 Christians, and if the Forest Department gives favorable

consideration to the petitions of the Santals, the number of congregations as well as that of the Christians will increase during next year. During the past year a total of 73 nonchristians were baptized in seven congregations mentioned, and 46 are still being instructed. Arjun Pastor together with Themka Murmu have been responsible for the work there and after completing his course at the Divinity School in May, Kisun Marndi has also been helping.

So far Arjun Pastor has been in charge of the pastoral duties in the expanding work in the forests towards the Bhutan border, but since this work has developed so as to make it difficult for one man to manage, the Church Council has decided to divide the district from 1955. Arjun Pastor will then move to the new congregation in Dhorompur, and will from that center attend to the work in Rollghutu, Arond, Matiapara, Sendrihora, Jolesori and Bhartnagar. The Church Council is then transferring James Pastor from Grahampur to Joema so that from here he can attend to the work at Makrambil and Mandoria besides serving as a regular teacher during the Bible Courses. Ratu Pastor will serve the congregations at Panbari, Pakriguri and Atiabari, while Chatur Pastor will continue in charge of Gaurang, Amguri, Sohorpur, Siripur, Galajhora and Salakati.

In the course of the year 13 non-christians have been baptized in the congregations served by Pastors Ratu Marndi and Chatur Soren, while 36 are being instructed. Masichoron Marndi who this year has served as an evangelist in the Salaki area will from next year be replaced by Kisun Marndi who will live at Gaorang and work as a catechist, in the congregations served by Chatur Pastor.

In the month of June the new church at Mokrambil was dedicated. They have built a beautiful and expensive church with corrugated iron roof quite without outside

help. The building fund which according to village standards was quite large was realized by extra collections within the congregation.

In the boarding school here in Joema we still have but a few boys. The total for all classes is 64 students. The church Council which is now in charge has decided to operate the institution as a basic school in accordance with the new plans for schools in Assam. Along these lines and with increased Government Aid it should be possible to raise the standard of the school to Senior Basic. In order to expedite the introduction of the new plan, one of the members of the staff was sent to take the course at the teachers' training school in Dhudnai in order to acquaint himself with the basic-system. The 12 primary schools situated in scattered villages in the Joema Circle with about 220 pupils in attendance have experienced an average and quiet working year.

During the year meetings of the Church Council for Joema Circle were held three times in Joema and once in Jalesari. The annual workers' gathering was held at Joema in December. About 60 of the salaried and non-salaried workers in Bahre Hasa met for 3 days Bible Study and discussion regarding the work and the problems and tasks awaiting. It is a pleasure to note that independence or self rule and the added responsibility is stimulating in the Christian fellowship and constructive in the life of the congregation.

KAMRUP-DARRANG CIRCLE

In Kamrup a temporary dwelling house has been constructed for the catechist, Budhan Hembrom, expecting to build a more permanent house next year. The work in the congregations Paharpur and Lalpur has been average and quite. In Kamrup there are still large pioneering problems waiting to be solved among the many Santals

who have moved in there. Among the immigrants there are some lonesome and fallen Christians. A number of the Santals in the Parkijuli area have requested instruction. Sirmath Pastor reports that it has been a calm working year in the six congregations in Darrang district. Mongol Besra has been at Hingaon and assisted in the work as a Catechist since May, after he completed his studies at the Divinity School.

The co-operative school for Boros and Santals has enjoyed a good year with 100 pupils and 4 teachers. Compulsory education for all children is the rule in the central part of Darrang. The school at Khayarbani is functioning well while at Simalgaon the school was temporarily closed for lack of a teacher.

Three Church Council meetings have been held during the year and in addition two meetings with the workers, for Bible Study and discussions. That self propagation has brought about a greater feeling of responsibility here is revealed among other things, in the steadily increasing Church collections.

BIBLE COURSES AT JOEMA

In accordance with the course committee's plans three Bible Courses were conducted at Joema during the year.

The first course was conducted in March for evangelists and congregational lay leaders. At that time we had 25 in regular attendance. Since all those in attendance were Santals, teaching was carried on exclusively in Santali.

The next course was held in April for village school teachers of whom 40 were in attendance. The first double period each day was devoted to Bible reading and the remainder of the day was devoted to educational suggestions and demonstrations. The Bible Studies were conducted in Santali and Boroni, for Santals and Boros respectively, while instruction in other subjects was conducted in Assamese and Bengali.

The third course was conducted in September for Pastors and Catechists with 30 in regular attendance. Instruction was conducted in Santali since the Boro Pastors and Catechists also have mastered Santali in the Divinity School. While at the first two courses staff members were recruited locally in Assam, the September course had visits also from the Mission Secretary, Rev. Bjerkestrand, and Pastor Karan Soren of Chondorpura.

In addition to the three longer courses, 5 short courses of from 2 to 7 days have been conducted in several of the congregations in Bahre Hasa.

Next year it is also planned to conduct 3 long courses at Joema, similar to those of this year, and also a number of short courses in the villages. In addition we will have 2 meetings at Joema for those who are to teach during the courses, in order to review the subject matter in advance.

The Boros will next year conduct their own Bible Courses because of difference in languages, so the courses at Joema will be conducted for the Santals in the Assam area.

The work in the Joema dispensary was normal with a total of 2358 patients. The dispensary was closed for 10 weeks while the compounder attended a preparatory course at the Divinity School in Benagaria from July 1st until September 15th.

The work on the new joint translation of the New Testament in Santali has progressed and has demanded considerable work during the year, both while attending three lengthy committee meetings and in the preparations at home, working together with Compounder Joseph Kisku and Catechist Mongol Besra. The four Gospels and the Letter to the Ephesians have been completed.

We desire to send our sincere thanks to each one of you who give and pray for the work also in Bahre Hasa.

Elisabeth and Ole Dordal.

MORNAI

LOOKING back upon the year 1954 we have reason to rejoice because we were again granted a prosperous working year at Mornai. Considering the practical side of this institution, the year must be regarded as having been successful, In spite of the great floods in July and August, the harvest was satisfactory and the tea market was high. Economically we had a good year and it was also possible to make improvements benefitting the laborers with regard to housing and also in other ways. Government control of rice and paddy is abolished and since the supply of foodstuffs all over India is much improved it is now easier to obtain rice for the laborers.

In addition to the employment that has been provided for so many people, of whom the majority reside in Mornai, we are also glad that the tea plantation was able to extend economical aid to the work of the Mission.

In the Santal congregation, Pastor Lokhon Hembrom has worked consistently and on the average the attendance at Church services and other meetings has been good.

The Annual Easter meetings at Mornai were well attended by the number of the congregations in Mornai and also by people from outside the garden.

Nehimias Topno has continued as leader in the Munda congregation. He and his family came from Ranchi 3-4 years ago. Their plan was to remain here for 3 years only, but it now appears that they have decided to remain in Assam. Their economic condition is considerably better here than they can expect "in the old country." Nehimias is a capable and faithful worker in the church.

Pastor Jacob Biswas is the leader in the Bengali congregation. His health has, unfortunately, not been good and eye trouble (cataract) makes it difficult for him to see. We hope that he may soon be helped through surgery. It is a great help that missionary Hodne has now in co-operation with Pastor Jacob Biswas taken charge of the work among the Bengali speaking people in this area of Assam. The Hodnes are temporarily residing in Mornai. Nahor Munshi who works among the Mohammedans has moved from Mornai to a place in the vicinity of Haraputa where he now lives in a Mohammaden neighborhood. This gives him a good opportunity to continue his ministry among the Muslims. It is a great encouragement for us who have been in this region many years to know that the Gospel is being preached to the local Muslims by one of their own who has been converted to Christianity. Friends in the home countries will share this joy with us.

Special meetings for women have been conducted in the villages every Friday. At these meetings the women bring rice which they give towards the work of the church, and this gives us a considerable income.

The Sunday Schools with more than 200 children is a precious field of labor when considering the coming generation. A similar statment can be made with reference to the school where about the same number attend. Since practically all the children of our workers have for many years attended school regularly, most of the young people here in Mornai are able to read. It is, of course, of great importance that the young people have their New Testaments and hymn books and that many of them make use of these books. This contributes to the hope we have for the future of the church.

In our small hospital, many patients have been treated during the past year. There were nearly 30,000 consultations. We have 10 beds in the hospital and at times it has been filled to overflowing. Dr. Bose is doing a good work. Since the Autumn, our daughter, Kirsten, has helped in the hospital and among the sick round about. It is, of course, a great advantage that many of the most serious cases can be sent to Sevapur Hospital.

On the whole, 1954 was a good year and we would like to close the report by extending our sincere thanks to all our friends in the home countries for their generosity and intercession on behalf of the work out here during the past year.

Ingeborg and Oluf Eie.

SANTAL COLONY

“For land which has drunk the rain that often falls upon it, and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed; its end is to be burned.”

(Hebrews 6: 7-8)

HAVING been at Grahampur since the latter part of October only, it will not be possible for us to write very extensively on the past year's work in the Colony. Rev. S. Johansen left for Norway in the middle of the year, so the burden of responsibility has been carried primarily by the four pastors in the Colony. Mr. Daniel Soren, Colony Circle President, and Rev. O. Eie at

Mornai Tea Estate who was always willing and ready to help when called upon. As the Church is now directly responsible for managing its own affairs, both spiritual and temporal, the record of this year's accomplishments will undoubtedly be found in the Annual Church Report.

In his "Brief Survey of the Colony" written in 1910, Rev. P. O. Bodding gives an interesting account of the purposes, plans and progress of the Colony up to that time. "HOW large an undertaking it was (the Colony, the early missionaries in all likelihood did not realize at the time; otherwise there would probably be no Santal Colony of ours in existence now," he wrote. From the beginning this has been an attempt to help the Santal people to develop economically, socially and spiritually under favorable circumstances. "We try to help them to help themselves, and to elevate them...(so that they might) as a people emerge fit to take up life among the many neighboring races." No believer in Christ can deny that the "vegetation" brought forth here has been useful to Him, and that thousands upon thousands of Santals have received blessings from God. On the other hand it seems quite evident that we have either lost sight of some of the original aims and purposes, or perhaps we are guilty of neglecting the making and carrying out of an over-all plan, without which an integrated program of economic, social and spiritual development cannot possibly be realized. In recent years, at least, it seems that little serious planning has been done for social development, and even less has been done in the economic sphere of Colony life. Had this been the case with our Mornai Tea Estate enterprise, I'm sure that we would have long ago given it up. Its phenomenal success on the other hand, can be contributed to the fact that every aspect of the lives of the 2000 people living and working there has been given continuous, serious consideration. Of the

people in the Colony, Rev. Bodding wrote 44 years ago, "We hope the day will come in a not very distant future when they will be able stand on their own legs unaided and unsupported. Then the Colony will be even more than now a stronghold for Christianity and Civilization, and a blessing to those around it."

Looking to the past, there are many causes for rejoicing. The growth of the population has been steady and satisfactory, and now stands at about 8700 (excluding the Tea Estate people). The growth of the Church has also been steady, there being approximately 6750 Christian souls in the Colony today. (Compare with the 1909 figures: population was 4486; number of Christians was 1994.) Though still in its infancy, it is encouraging to see the progress of Sevapur Hospital's public health program for the Colony. From the beginning the Mission has recognized the need for a full-fledged hospital with a public health program. May this work and its workers be blessed by the Great Healer, and through them His healing grace be brought to thousands more in coming year.

As to the present and future, there are many signs that should cause anxiety rather than rejoicing. Can these be signs that, that dreamed of self-supporting, independant stronghold for Christianity and civilization has come into realization?.....In 1909 the Colony had 8 Lower Primary Schools (with 2 more to be opened shortly thereafter and a system of compulsory education for its 3678 Santals and 808 of other groups. In 1954 we had 9 Lower Primary Schools, 1 Girls' Middle School with Lower Primary classes included, and a recently built Boys' High School, for some 750 Santals and approximately 1100 other Colonists. Compulsory education was dropped somewhere along the line. LESS THAN 25% of the children between the ages of 5 and 14 are in regular attendance at our schools; slightly

over 100 Colony children are in Middle School (classes IV to VI); and less than 20 are in High School. From time to time a few candidates have been sent to teachers' training courses, but few of these have had as much as a High School education. The number of men and women from the Colony who have attended College during the past 15 years may be counted on both hands (if not on one!) The rate of literacy for this now almost 74 year old Colony stands at about 30%; not more, but perhaps less than what it has sometimes been.....Though his land is still secured for him by law, the average Colonist is in debt to at least one money-lender, his agricultural production rates have not improved, and though he can cultivate the land 12 months of the year, one crop failure makes his food and cash situation precariously low...These surely cannot be read as signs of hope for an early realization of that dreamed of "stronghold"?

We join with Rev. Bodding in saying, "Christian love started the undertaking and has given us and the Colonists the strength to continue and to hope for the future. We thank God that He has permitted us to do this work." Pray dear friends, that God may raise up men and women from the Colony with vision and strong faith, and that His will may be done in this great venture of faith.

Mary and Harold N. Riber.

P A R K I J U L I .

WE look back upon 1954 and thank God for His all sufficient grace which sustained us through the year. It was a year of blessings amidst difficulties, but we believe God is working out His own perfect will. During the past year we have found the attacks of the evil one

very fierce at times, his opposition extremely subtle, but by prayer and beseeching the throne of Grace for guidance and help, God has worked out His own perfect will. We can overcome only through the "blood of the Lamb"

The gift of a new church from the friends at Elk Horn, Iowa, is now a reality. The head contractor told me yesterday that the church would be completed in about three weeks. They have been working since the 11th of January, and have been making great progress. With the help of Rev. O. Eie of the Mornai Tea Estate, we believe the building plan for the church is a very good one. It is a solid construction that will last for a very long period of time, and at the same time it will require a minimum of upkeep in the years to come. We decided against putting a tower on the church since the repair work would be very difficult at such an out of the way place. The people have requested to have a stained glass cross in both the front and back of the church. We expect the dedication to take place the latter part of March. We want to express our deep appreciation to the people of Elk Horn, Iowa for this marvelous gift, and the additional gift of money for a medical unit at Parkijuli. May it be used to bring the light of the Gospel to those sitting in darkness, and to strengthen the Christians in their spiritual lives.

In spite of all the difficulties, we believe a spiritual advance has been made in the life of the congregational members. Many more are taking an interest in reaching out to the heathen. They are becoming burdened for those outside of Christ. At our singspiration on the verandah, the school children are singing many of the choruses in Boroni. They are also singing them for the Gongars (Bhutanese on this side of Bhutan). I believe there is a great hope for the children. In order to help the people in the furtherance of their Bible Study we

have a book, "Reference Helps in the First Epistle of John in Boroni." We are praying that God will use it to help deepen the lives of the Christians.

The Parkijuli Dispensary is carrying on a fine work and has been able to minister to a great number of patients. The dispensary was moved from a mud hut to a more permanent building. This was completed in May, 1954, and we had a skilled laborer working here for several weeks, putting in the foundation and cementing the walls. This building was originally intended to be the house for one of the workers, but since it was necessary to discharge this worker, we decided to make this into a temporary dispensary building. Our dispensary has also had a number of in patients, and for the very serious cases, we have received valuable help from the Menoka Tea Estate doctor and the Kumurikata doctor. Our compounder has been going to the mela and has rendered a lot of medical aid also to the Bhutanese, giving injections, etc.

The work at the Darranga Hat Mela has been stimulating and we are receiving many blessings from that work. Mr. Dann and Mr. Barlo are again this year staying day and night at the mela in order to more effectively present the Gospel to the Gongars. We are finding a marvelous open door among the Gongar people. We are receiving wonderful blessings from witnessing to the people from Bhutan. Mr. Hejon Bosumatary, a Boro Theological candidate who has studied at the Benagaria Seminary of our Mission for three years, is rendering a fine service among us. He is also endeavoring to go to the mela every day to witness to the Gongar people. Also every Saturday our head mistress at our Parkijuli school is taking a group of the children to the mela to sing at our open air meetings. A spirit of zealousness has come over a number of the workers for which there is great thanksgiving. The longing in

our hearts is that those who are in darkness and sin might repent of their sins, and see Christ as the one who died for all their sins. Our prayer is that Christ might be born again in their hearts. We were so happy that some of the Gongar people are saying that Soonam Paul is now different, and that he has experienced something in his heart. They are able to see the new joy in his heart. Domscho, the Gongar woman who accepted Christ last year, came to the Christian house at the mela, greeted me and said she was still a Christian and that she wanted to be baptized. We have not had the opportunity to baptize her yet, and up to the present time, Soonam Paul is the only baptized Gongar. We believe in God's own time there will be many many more Gongars who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Many are receiving the tracts and buying the Gospels which they take back with them into Bhutan. Much use is made of large Christian pictures. We have a 6 volt bulb also for a projector, and by hooking it up to the battery we are able to show pictures (colored slides) to the Gongars. We are finding this a very effective way of presenting the Gospel to the people who have had absolutely no Christian background. I have obtained a number of Christian colored slides from the Allahabad Institute. We have six new choruses in the Gongar language, and in accompaniment with the accordion, a number of the Gongar people are singing them. Through our workers we hear that a number of them are concerned about the evil road they are walking. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work the work of true repentance and faith. He alone is able. The governor's daughter has been instrumental in helping us get the six choruses we now have in Gongar. She has attended an English school and as a result was able to give us valuable assistance in picking up some Gongar.

We will need the continued prayer of the faithful in the home countries, Norway, Denmark, and America.

We can do nothing in our own strength, but we pray that He might make us fit vessels for the Master's use. Remember to pray for the work, that God might bless it to the salvation of souls. We need you.

Joyce and Ralph Hofrenning.

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN ASSAM

GRAHAMPUR HIGH SCHOOL.

AS a visitor, the undersigned had an opportunity to see Grahampur Mission seven years ago, and later again in 1952. The changes that have come about here, and the signs of progress which are evident on all sides are indeed a joyful sight to behold. On behalf of all who are now reaping benefits from the several years of well-planned, concentrated work of Rev. and Mrs. S. Johansen, it is only proper that a truly sincere "thanks" be officially recorded here. God in His wisdom has made good use of these able servants, for through them and their labours He has revealed more of His infinite love which is always directed towards us. Grahampur High School now stands as a dream visualized, and is playing a strategic roll in the life of our Church in Assam as it witnesses to, and serves, both the Christian and non-Christian community over a wide-spread area.

The outstanding event of the year took place on the 12th of April. On this day the high school building was formally dedicated, and we were very fortunate to have with us The Honorable Education Minister, Sri Omio Kumar Das, to open the building and preside over the ceremony. Rev. Stronstad was in charge of the dedication service, and a large number of other special guests and friends took part in the program of the day. The Government of Assam has from the beginning shown a great deal of interest in our new High School, but has rightly laid the responsibility of building a good school on the shoulders of the Managing Committee in general, and therefore, upon its

Secretary and Headmaster in particular. Rev. Johansen filled both of these positions until he left on furlough for Norway in July, so to him and the staff of teachers much credit is due for achievements made. All three candidates sent to the matriculation examination were successful. This good result is significant not only because it gives us at Grahampur confidence in the academic standard of our work, but it has also helped to create what every new school needs,—the confidence of the general public and of Government. In addition to the grant-in-aid of Rs. 80/- previously received from Government, we have recently been informed that two additional grants of Rs. 75/-and and Rs. 20-/ per month have been sanctioned. For this financial aid from the Government of Assam we are indeed grateful.

Several changes have been made in the school staff, most notable being the promotion of Mr. Mathias Tudu, B. A. B. T. to the Headmastership succeeding Rev. Johansen. Rev. O. Dordal served as Secretary from August to the first part of November when the undersigned was officially appointed. To Rev. Dordal an appreciative thanks is extended for serving the school efficiently, in spite of a heavy schedule in his regular work. Mr. Anil Jia, a regular member of the staff, was given leave in August to study in the U. S. A. upon the invitation of an "India-minded" Lutheran youth group there. May God bless him as a tangible witness, for both young and old friends there, to the work of our Church in India. We pray that the experience there will be a joyful and enriching process for Anil, and that he may eventually be able to share the same with his friends and students here. Two new members were appointed to the staff during the year: Mr. T. Surin, who serves as Hindi teachers and part-time clerk, and Mr. P. K. Dass, B. Sc., who is in charge of science and mathematics in the upper-classes. Mr. E. Herenz, one of our Assamese language specialists

and the school ipiculturalist (he heads our bee-keeping department), appeared successfully in the B. A. examination, and Mr. J. G. Bhattacharyaa, B. A., was appointed to full-time service, having heretofore been a part-time teacher only. At the close of the year we have a staff of 12 teachers, 7 of whom are graduates.

Fruit and vegetable gardening, bee-keeping, scouting, football, badminton, volleyball, track, etc., are some of the typical extra-curricular activities participated in by the students. There was an average of about 150 students through the year in class IV through X, two-thirds of whom come from Christian homes. Rev. James Soren, Youth Pastor, has been responsible for a major part of the Bible classes and religious training meetings. He also supervises the daily devotional periods for boys living in the hostels, though the boys usually direct these meetings themselves. Dr. Andersen and Compounder B. Hembrom have given excellent medical services to the school during the year, for which we are indebted to them.

The Lower Primary School, under its Headmaster, Mr. A. Marndi, had an average attendance of about 100 pupils during the year. In recognition of the good work carried on there, the Local Board has graciously increased its monthly grant from Rs. 20/- to Rs 50/- per month, for which we are very thankful.

The Teachers' Training School has 6 young Christian men who will complete the course in the early part of 1955. Though this school is unrecognized by Government because it lacks a properly qualified headmaster, our Church's village school system desperately needs trained teachers and we have a fine group of young men in this year's class. We are planning to continue with the training course, but hope to find a qualified Christian teacher to lead and get it recognized.

To the many individuals in India and abroad, the Santal and Boro Church Councils, and other groups who have contributed directly or indirectly to the school during the year we wish to extend a hearty thanks. May God's blessing rest on the staff, the students, and the friends of this institution, and may they in turn lift their hearts to Him in praise and thanksgiving.

Mary and Harold N. Riber.

HARAPUTA MIDDLE ENGLISH SCHOOL.

THE past year was a good year for the work in Haraputa School. We felt compelled to stop short many a time and give thanks for the favorable working conditions, and co-operative spirit. It is of great importance that those who work in an institution are at peace one with the other, and especially for those that work among the children and young people. Confidence and harmony are thereby assured.

We were spared from any direct calamity during the year, but like everyone else in this area we were affected by the results of the great floods in Assam and Bengal. During several months we had no overland communication to the West and likewise for some time the communications were cut towards the East. If we had not had air service to Calcutta it is uncertain what would have happened to the postal service. Only by experience can one realize the strange feeling of being almost completely cut off from the surrounding world and never to be certain as to what will happen next.

The flood hindered some of the children from returning to school at the right time and deprived us of the services of one of our teachers. She waited a long time

for the railway service to be restored and for travelling companions, and at last she gave up and sent in her resignation in December. But we experienced no material damage to property.

In the school the development has continued as intimated last year. We have quite a number of students in the Middle School, but the enrollment is decreasing in the lower classes. More and more village schools are developing, making the primary department in a boarding school superfluous. At the same time we had a fine group of girls in the higher classes and we sent our sixth class girls up for their Middle School examination with greater hope of success than at any previous time. Time will tell whether our hope was justified.

The results from 1953 were not very encouraging since only one student passed the Middle School examination. Five passed in the Lower Primary. Five received diplomas in handwork.

On the average there were 137 children in the school and 67 lived in the Hostels. We received Rs. 80/- per month in Government Grant during the year.

There were some changes in the teaching staff. Miss Rupasree Borgwary left in December, 1953, for her home community where she is teaching. In March we obtained the services of Mrs. H. George, an older and well trained teacher, as teacher for the higher classes, but for personal reasons she left again already in June. As previously mentioned, one teacher, Miss Hanna Marndi from Dinajpur, East Pakistan, resigned because of the floods. She was a particularly good teacher and we deeply regret losing her. Two of our teachers, Kusum Murmu and Elisabeth Murmu, left for the teachers' training school in Nowgong, Upper Assam. Two of our older girls accompanied them so this year we will be getting four young girls who have completed their teachers' training. This will be of importance for the church up here.

We employed two new teachers in March, Priscila Hasdak' who had to leave a month later having been found incompetent for the work and Sorojini Soren. The latter has been with us a year now and has adjusted to the work quite well. From September one of our former teachers, Dubila Singha, has taught in the higher classes. Two of our former students who returned from the teachers' training school in Nowgong in June commenced their work in the school in August. In addition, Samuel Hembrom, a young student from Grahampur who recently took the Intermediate College examination but failed, worked here for a while before he left for Upper Assam to study Assamese. He has resumed his studies hoping to pass the I. A. examination.

Among special events, apart from the Annual Holidays such as Republic Day, January 26th, the Annual Holiday and Prize Giving on April 2nd and Gandhi's birthday on October 2nd, we had three important festivals. The first was the big church convention which again took place at Haraputa. It was a three days meeting and the children were in daily attendance and contributed with choir singing. On April 13th the Minister of Education, Assam, visited the school. The children as well as the teachers had put forth great efforts in preparation for his visit, and according to the report that later appeared in the papers, he had been quite pleased. The greatest events, however, was the celebration of the school's 30 year anniversary on April 24th. All the missionaries in this neighborhood and quite a number of our former students came as our guests that day.

The Sunday School has continued as usual, likewise the older girls' Saturday meetings. L. M. F. also had a few meetings. One of the girls who attended teachers' training school received help from L. M. F.

The children's health was good throughout the year. Naturally, there are occurrences of malaria and dysentery, but no very serious cases.

May I in closing be permitted to express our gratitude to those who make our work possible. Thank you for your intercession and kind thoughts and for gifts towards the mission work. But first and last thanks to Him who is the giver of all good gifts and who gives us the ability to serve as well as to give.

Borgny Austad.

MEDICAL WORK IN ASSAM.

SANTIPARA LEPROSY COLONY

ON January 7th 1954 it was fifteen years since the first patients were admitted into Santipara. Since the close of the war new permanent buildings are being built and today the colony can accomodate 225 leprosy patients.

In the beginning of the year the new DDS treatment (diaminodi-phenylsulphone) was introduced here. As we have had very encouraging results, nearly all the patients are being treated with this medicine. We are thankful to see that a very infectious case can improve considerably within a few months time. Altogether 223 leprosy patients were treated in the colony in 1954. Four children were able to leave Santipara with certificates, and ten more cases were arrested, but with deformity.

At the four out-clinics also the patients have been treated with DDS tablets, and an increasing interest and more steady attendance has been noted. Two hundred and fifty three patients were treated in the out-clinics. In Haraputa an increase of more than 100% was seen. Preparations were made for opening a new out-clinic at Tukrajhar with the help from the missionaries of the Australian Baptist Mission. This clinic will open shortly after the New Year.

As before the patients in the colony were engaged in various kinds of work. Unfortunately, the harvest in the summer was poor due mainly to excessive rain. As the tung nut crop could not be sold in the market,

that part of our income was cut off, and we were forced to reduce the number of in-patients. As extra grant from the Mission at the end of the year and a good crop of winter paddy made it possible to increase the number again and there were 168 patients at Christmas time with 27 more expected from the Government.

In the general hospital 139 cases were treated and 2261 came for out-door treatment. Among these only 364 were Christians.

In June all the healthy children of leprosy patients at Santipara were transferred from Gaorang to Santipara. As Gaorang was not able to accomodate the small babies, the missionary conference decided to build a home for these children at Santipara. The building work could not be started until after the rainy season and will be completed in the new year. A special grant from the Mission was given for this purpose. Eight children are at present in the home with a Khasi girl to look after them.

During the past year the doctor and compounders have worked faithfully and well. In addition to their work in the hospitals and the colony, they have taken part in the congregational work. It was sad to learn that Sister Lucile Frickson had to be away from the colony for the last months of the year due to her illness. We do hope and pray that she soon will recover and be able to continue her work here. Meanwhile, Sister Lilly Petersen is helping us here at Santipara.

The work in the Santipara Circle has been carried on as before. Some of the congregations suffered severe losses by the floods, and in one place they have had to move the whole village to safer ground. Though hard times were experienced, there was an increase in the contributions to the church.

On December 26th Gopinath Hembrom was ordained as a pastor. It is our hope that with two pastors the work in the many small congregations will be extended and that the message can be brought out to more people. A new congregation was added, making 12 congregations in the Circle. 34 children of Christians and 36 non Christians were baptized during the year.

Again we give our thanks to all the friends in the home countries for their help and their prayers. And thanks to the Government of Assam, the Mission to Lepers and other who have contributed towards the work at Santipara.

Above all we give thanks to our Lord in Heaven who has given us joy in the work. May His Kingdom be extended also at this place.

Solveig and Kurt Petersen.

SEVAPUR HOSPITAL.

WHEN we a year ago stepped into the work here, we did not enter into an unploughed field. The pattern of life and work has run on smoothly as we found it. The development of the work has, quite naturally, partly been due to the presence of a doctor in the hospital, but undoubtedly the greater part is a fruit of the faithful service, rendered by those who have worked here since the beginning 7 years ago. It was, and still is, an encouragement and a challenge to us to experience the confidence and good will with which so many people from many communities meet us. We are not likely to forget that this is not something we have brought about by our own work, but it is the fruit of other's work.

After the last rains, Miss Asbjorg Fiske arrived from Norway. With 2 highly qualified nurses, Miss Ella Malterud and Miss Asbjorg Fiske, (One of them a mid-wife as well) in the hospital, we were in a position to try out the additional ways of which we had seen the need. Perhaps this is the best place to express our thankfulness and admiration for our Indian staff, both in the hospital proper and in the compound. We have here witnessed a faithful service which is definitely above standard. The sense of Christian obligation and vocation which we meet here is a good promise for the future of the church in this part of the country.

The medical work is now being done on the following lines:

I. A stationary out--door patients' department.

This has always been and will probably always be the backbone of rural medical work in this country. Seven thousand four hundred and nineteen consultations have been given, out of these 2,053 were first time consultations. There have been 4,954 men and 2,884 women. The 3 groups, Muslims, Christians, and Hindus and tribal non--christians comprise the following numbers, 2,213, 3,021, and 2,604 respectively. One thousand and two hundred twelve cases of malaria and 320 cases of hookworm infestations were treated. Eighty--nine cases of bacillary tuberculosis were diagnosed during the year, besides a great number of already know cases. There is an overwhelming proportion of diseases that could be and should be avoided, the big group of nutritional diseases, water and bloodborne diseases (dysenteries, etc.) insectborne diseases (Malaria, and kala--azar, cet.) and tuberculosis. These facts give clear evidence that sanitation, insect control, improved housing and nutrition and a properly conducted TB service is as needed in this locality as elsewhere in the tropics.

II. An in-door patients' department.

Here 419 people have been treated for a variety of diseases. One hundred and twenty--three operations were performed. Fifty--one delivery cases were admitted into the wards, a fair proportion of them being pathological cases, often rather desperate ones. Seventeen patients died in the hospital.

III. A mobile village health and dispensary service.

For several years now a group from the hospital has gone to the nearby villages as often as possible on Thursdays, in most cases accompanied by one of the pastors of the church. We have gone to villages in the southern part of the Christian Santal Colony and in Joema Circle. In a few cases we have been asked to go to places where a group has been under instruction for baptism. We have been met with great interest and there has been good attendance both at the Bible reading and at the health lecture, which in most cases is given by Sagram Kisku, the head compounder. Two hundred and four people have received treatment from the dispensary unit. From 2 villages that were likely to get cut off during the rains we were asked to give mass treatment for hookworm infestation. A very satisfying proportion of the inhabitants came for treatment, altogether 178.

IV As usual the yearly examination of the school children as required by the Indian Government has been carried out at the schools at Joema, Haraputa, and Grahampur. An encouraging feature here is the good general state of health of the children who are in boarding schools.

V. A leprosy patients' out--door clinic.

Encouraged by the good results from Santipara Leprosy Colony and Haraputa Dispensary we decided

to open for treatment of leprosy patients here in our out-door patients' department. The modern treatment with DDS has now stood its trial in India, and the time has undoubtedly come for all medical institutions to give opportunity for leprosy patients to get this easy, safe, and effective medicine. For some reasons, which so far has escaped our investigation, it is very difficult to get people from this area to come for leprosy treatment, even if it is absolutely free. We do know that many patients are hidden in the villages, but thus far only very few have responded to our invitation. Yet we will continue, and it is our sincere hope that some day they will come.

VI. A maternity and ante natal clinic.

An outstanding problem in the life of the villagers, as seen by a medical practitioner, is the appalling condition of the women. It is not that they are not cared for, very often they are. But what hard work, difficult labours, trying diseases, poor nutrition, and ignorance combined can produce towards misery, goes beyond understanding. In order to meet at least part of the need of the women it was decided after the rains to invite women from the different communities to come for regular examinations, free of charge. Those who registered, 41 within the 4 months we have had this clinic, were offered medicine and admission for delivery at half rate. It is far too early to judge the benefits of this piece of preventive medicine, but in several cases we have been able to detect abnormalities and give help where we would probably not have seen the women had it not been for this clinic.

It is very difficult to measure God's work in the hearts of men and women, but we can with thankfulness report a good attendance at our regular Sunday morning services, and also at the monthly communion services.

Undoubtedly, these services of prayer, of worship of communion, and of preaching constitute a strong element in the lives of all of us. A varying, but often quite significant element has been the attendance of the patients and of their relatives, who are often non-christians

Our daily work in the hospital always starts with a short Bible reading and prayer by the staff. These short services are usually carried on in Santali, but also once a week in Bengali. The women's meetings on Friday afternoons have been carried on with varying, but mostly good attendance. A Sunday School is working in the compound with good attendance. Probably the most important part of our Christian witness to the people who come to this hospital rests with Bijai Marndi, the clerk, who in spite of bad health and much work, finds time to go to the wards every evening to talk to the patients and their relatives, to sing and to pray with them.

It has been a year of blessing, of rich and inspiring fellowship, of help from all sides, of encouragement to continue the service until God Himself shall call us back from it. Extending our thanks to all who work with us in the vineyard of the Lord, be you in this country or abroad, we feel it just and proper to lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church, "Thou preparest a table for me—, thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over."

Karen and Johs. G. Andersen.

HARAPUTA MISSION DISPENSARY

THE work at Haraputa Mission Dispensary has gone on steadily and quietly during the year 1954. We have had an increasing number of treatments, reaching a

total of 13, 359 for the year. Beside these, we have had 867 leprosy treatments and quite a number of people living on the Mission compound have been treated off and on. These patients come from various communities: 44% were Muslims, 24% were Hindus, 20% Christians and 12% non-christian Santals or Boros. Malaria has, as usual, been the most common ailment of these patients. All these come to the dispensary for treatment, but in addition we have a number of village calls and we have also had a number of patients admitted to our "hospital wards" among these 15 delivery cases.

We have established a very good system of co-operation with Sevapur Hospital. We have sent a number of patients there for more effective treatment and have received quite a number of their patients who live near here for follow--up treatment from our dispensary.

We have a small Leprosy--clinic, and that work has of late been very interesting. In former days many leprosy patients came for treatment, and Dr. Pedersen also went out in one or two villages to give treatment. Gradually their number has decreased, so that at the beginning of the year, we had approximately only 18 patients on record for weekly injections. Then we started the new treatment with D. D. S. tablets, and as a result we now at the end of the year have 50 patients, and they come regularly for their tablets. We have seen many whose wounds have healed, and all are more or less improved. Twice during the year we have had Dr. Goldsmith from Santipara Leprosy Colony here to examine them and advise us regarding the treatment. Many of these lepers now have new hope of getting well and they have told others with the same disease about the new treatment, so that they also come. There are many leprosy-patients in the District and villages, who do not get any help. Our

leprosy clinic is now registered under Santipara, so that part of the dispensary work is under their supervision. One of our compounders, Sitol Soren, looks after these patients when they come every Wednesday for their treatment. Our other compounder, Jotin Ch. Dass has, together with Sitol, faithfully performed their work in the dispensary during the year. They have worked very well together for quite a number of years.

Among the school children there have been no serious illnesses and no epidemics. When Dr. Andersen examined the children in April, he said that, since he left Denmark, he had not seen so many healthy and well cared for children.

The congregational work has also gone on as usual. In the villages the women gather every Friday forenoon for devotion. In some places it has been difficult to get them to come regularly, while in other places they come faithfully to the gatherings and bring their small offerings. In the autumn we lost an old faithful co-worker, Mando Soren. She had from her youth taken part in congregational work and continued in it until she died as an old woman. The last year she was too weak to come regularly to church, but on communion Sundays she was always there. Until the last she gathered her village women for these Friday devotions. She is one about whom it can be said, "She has fought the good fight, finished the course and kept her faith!" And we thank God for her.

In February we had the "sabha" here, a three-days meeting with people not only from the Colony, but from Bahre-Hasa as well, attending the meetings. We had three good days together, Thousands gathered for the meetings. It is always a special privilege to be at these big meetings. The seed was sown, and we pray that it will bear fruit in season.

In May, 48 boys and girls were confirmed and 7 adults were baptized and thereby entered into the congregation. Confirmation classes for the girls were divided among the pastor's wife, a teacher and myself, and the boys' classes were conducted by a village teacher and our evangelist. In April, Sunder Marndi, who had been with us as an evangelist for a number of years was moved to Rantzaupur, and their evangelist Josva Murmu, came to work here.

This is a report of the outward aspects of the work. That which goes on in the hearts is only known by Him who knows us completely. We need a revival in the congregation, and we pray Him to send His Spirit among us, that His Kingdom may come. He also is the Healer without whose help the work among the ill would be in vain. We thank Him for strength to do His work also in this past year 1954.

Elisabeth Krohn.

EBENESER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1954.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT: JOHANNES GAUSDAL
CHURCH OFFICE, P. O. BENAGARIA SANTAL PARGANAS.

SYNOD

President: General Superintendent
Vice-President: Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand, Dumka
Secretary: Rev. Kalu Kisku, Benagaria.
Members:

From Santal Parganas Church Council:

President Rev. Naran Soren, Rev. Kalu Kisku;
Mr. Ram Murmu.

From North Bengal Church Council:

President, Rev. Jonas Hasdak' Mr. Ruben Soren,
and from Pakistan: Rev. Budrai Hansdak' Pargana
Chunku 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. H. Halvorsrud,
Vice-President: Mr. Thanesar Bosumatary, Rev.
Malsing Moshahari, Mr. Dinesh Narjary.

From Bengali Church Council:

President, Rev. K. R. Ghose, Rev. R. A. Petersen,
and Mr. L. C. Konai.

TRUSTEES:

Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand, Rev. O. Eie, and as attorney
for Rev. A. E. Stronstad, Rev. P. L. Lande.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE:

Rev. K. Tromborg.

SANTAL PARGANAS CHURCH COUNCIL.

President : Rev. Naran Soren, Dumka.
 Secretary : Rev. K. Tromborg, Benagaria.
 Members : (The first mentioned is Circle chairman)

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

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

Jubdi Circle : Pastor Tika Murmu, Pastor Karan
 Soren, Rev. M. Haugstad, Suna Kisku.

Sultanabad Circle : Pastor Sibram Marndi, Pastor Mungsi
 Hembrom, Daniel Soren.

Mohulpahari Circle : Pastor Khudia Marndi, Dr. Forman,
 Miss Milde.

Benagaria Circle : Rev. K. Tromborg, Pastor Kalu Kisku,
 Pastor Peter Murmu, Lodo Hasdak'

Baniapasar Circle : Sanicar Murmu, Phagu Marndi.

PASTORS UNDER THIS CHURCH COUNCIL :

Tika Murmu	1924	Chirapathor	P. O. Katikund.
Khudia Marndi	1931	Mohulpahari	„ Mohulpahari.
Kalu Kisku	1931	S. D. School	„ Benagaria.
Johan Hasdak'	1933	Koroya	„ Dumka.
Karan Soren	1934	Chondorpura	„ Katikund
Naran Soren	1934	Mission House	„ Dumka.
Bhikulal Hasdak'	1937	Tilabani	„ Asanbani.
Bhagon Murmu	1938	Haripur	„ Pakuria.
Bajun Murmu	1939	Dhorompur	„ Kumbrabad.
Sibram Marndi	1939	Basetkundi	„ Maheshpur.
Sodanondo Baske	1939	Sulunga	„ Benagaria.
Joseph Hasdak'	1940	Ranga	„ Dumka.
Suphol Hembrom	1941	Kaerabani	„ Kaerabani.
Munshi Hembrom	1941	Lukhipokhor	„ Pakuria.
John Jujhar Soren	1941	Simoldohi	„ Maheshpur.

Ruben Soren	1941	Jithia	P. O. Deocha.
Cũnu Murmu	1943	Dum	„ Gando.
Peter Murmu	1943	Itore	„ Itore, Mursh.
Mongol Besra	1946	Jambua	„ Garsara.
Chaitan Soren	1947	Maharo	„ Dumka.
Bhiku Tudu	1948	Chandpur	„ Pakuria.
Abraham Murmu	1948	Ranga	„ Amrapara.
Salhae Marndi	1948	Saldoha	„ Mohulpahari
Munshi Marndi	1951	Dhobona	„ Kaerabani.
Nityanondo Marndi	1952	Honja	„ Baskuli.
Joseph Marndi	1953	Tarni	„ Pakuria
Nikodem Marndi	1953	Benagaria	„ Benagaria.

NORTH BENGAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Rev. Jonas Hasdak'
 Secretary: Mr. Bhim John Murmu
 Members:

India Side:

Malda-Purnea Circle: Pastor Jaeram Hasdak' Pastor
 Jonas Hasdak' Mr. Bhim John Murmu.
 W. Dinajpur Circle: Pastor Munsi Murmu, Mr. Ramrai
 Tudu, Mr. Ruben Soren.

Pakistan Side:

E. Dinajpur Circle: Joseph Soren, Gumid Kisku, Daniel
 Marndi.
 Rajshahi Circle: Pastor Budhrai Hansdak' 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 and 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, Mason Marndi.

Darrang and Kamrup Circle: Khudu Kisku, Mohon Hasdak', Simon Baskey.

Santipara Circle: Mr. K. Petersen, Kanhu Murmu, Pastor Nimbai Murmu.

Dingdinga Circle: Rev. S. Johansen, 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	„ Bongaigaon.
Ruben Murmu	1942	Ransupur	„ Dingdinga.
Jatu Murmu	1942	Bilanpur	„ Dingdinga.
James H. Soren	1942	Grahampur	„ Dingdinga.
Ratu Marndi	1944	Kolabari	„ Sirphanguri.
Sirmath Marndi	1944	Hingaon	„ Udalguri.

Chatur Soren	1948	Debragaon	P. O. Haltugaon.
Chotto Suna Murmu	1948	Grahampur	„ Dingdinga.
Arjun Murmu	1951	Joema	„ Gosaegaon.
Jacob Biswas	1952	Mornai	„ Dingdinga.
Gupinath Hembrom	1955	Nagdalbari	„ Sidli.

BORO CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Rev. H. Halvorsrud, Gaorang.

Vice-President: Mr. Thanesar Bosumatary.

Secretary: Mr. Dinesh Ch. Narjari.

Members:

Gaorang Circle: Rev. H. Halvorsrud, 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. Nasset, Mr. Onaram Bosumatary, Mr. Lal Mohon Bosumatary, Mr. Phulsing Hajari, and Hasendra Narjari.

Kamrup Circle: Rev. R. Hofrenning, Rev. Maguram Mosahary, and 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 Narjari	1952	Bongaegaon	„ Bongaegaon.

BENGAL CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Rev. K. R. Ghose, Suri.

Secretary: Sri. Dinesh P. Lall, Saldoha.

Members:

Malda Circle: Rev. Maharaj Bhandary, and Sri Ruel
R. R. Das.

Cooch Behar Circle: Rev. R. A. Pedersen, Sri Ajen
Chisim, and Sri Benoy K. Biswas.

Santal Parganas Circle: Rev. David Jha, Rev. Daniel
Jha, and Sri Dinesh P. Lal.

Birbhum and Murshidabad Circle: Rev. K. R. Ghose,
Rev. P. Lande and 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	Sweedish Mission	„ Cooch Behar.
Daniel Jha	1944	Mohulpahari	„ Mohulpahari.
Haraknath Pramanik	1944		„ English Bazar.
Kumud Ranjan Ghose	1946	Suri	„ Suri, Birbhum.
David Jha	1952	Dangalpara	„ Dumka, S. P.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples. (Is. 34 :1) And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those; The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. (Is. 35 :8)

THE Christian message, simple as in a way it is, brings to the fore the mental attitude which is embodied in the word sincerity. Those who are sincere in their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, shall find that the way of holiness takes them through all earthly dangers and difficulties to their eternal destination. But all those who are insincere shall not pass over it in spite of all their knowledge or professed faith.

This truth comes as a most trying revelation to a young church like ours. In the religion which they have left behind certain outward forms were all the criteria needed, and as a matter of fact, the secular state society is operating by that idea all around. It is, therefore, something very crucial in this that in church life the question of sincerity shall be of such a deciding nature. It was said to Abraham: "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou sincere." (Gen. 17; 1) There is perfect harmony between this and our Lord's words: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." (Matt. 5: 8)

It is a well known and commonly accepted fact that the village people among whom we move are singularly straight-forward in their words and ways. This their attitude of life created confidence with the missionaries when these had arrived here, and out of this

reciprocal contact and confidence the visible result is the church. The message brought by the missionaries was related in sincerity and received in sincerity, and the Spirit brought forth a new life in the desert, and a new highway was found on which the wayfarer experienced that the promises of old were true to the letter: "The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

However, on the side of the road there are found temptations, strange and alluring. And one of the very first is to depart from sincerity of heart and dress up in an outward show of professed religion. "Woe unto you,—ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matt. 23:27-28) It was not only at the time of our Lord and the Apostles that false leaders appeared. It has been seen throughout all ages and in all countries that along with the development following the liberating forces of the Gospel message, temptations to go astray also appear. Wherever and whenever the sincerity before the Lord is subjected to human exigencies, then the danger of going astray is at hand. In our Church the past year there have been signs of a clannish attitude which in its essence is a negation of the universality of the message on which the Church as such is founded. That very question came up for discussion in the time of the Apostles, and their deliberation is recorded in the 15th chapter of the book of Acts.

It is indeed a sign that our young Church has in reality started to face the problems of life within and without, when such dangers have appeared, and it is mentioned in order to warn ourselves that "other founda-

tion (for the Church) can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 3: 11) Only by remaining sincere before him and firmly true to his word, can the Church live and fulfil its task in this world.

While thus having witnessed signs of temptations and trials from within,—even to the extent of agitation againts church offerings and to wanton criminal acts,—the authorities of the state and the society have not laid any hindrance in our way. True it is that police officers have been around to pastors demanding to see their records of baptisms, and though such action is not common police action in a secular state, yet we have nothing of which to complain. From nowhere have I heard anything else than that they have behaved in a solemn and respectful way befitting the subject in question.

Looking over my notebook of travels during the year, I get a strong impression of the farflung scope of our work. And the collected statistics at the end of 1954 state the same: Believers in 1139 villages, organized in 278 congregations under five church councils and totalling more than 32 thousand in all. Speaking in the language of the Galilean fishermen, I must say that here the Lord's net is cast for a big haul, and now it matters very much how we haul in the net!

On the 28 and 29th of January, 1954, we had here at Benagaria a short visit of the Rev. Dr. Hans Lokies, Mission Director of the Gossner Mission in Germany and the Rev. Joel Lakra, President of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota, Nagpur and Assam. On Friday, the 29th, they both spoke at a hastily called meeting in the church here. Fortunately this day had previously been selected for committee meetings on Women's work, wherefore all those members also got the opportunity to meet the two friends. During these two days the first named asked me several times:

"How can we come together?" This question has not been forgotten. During the year 1954 it slowly caught hold, and when this is being written (March 1955) a first joint meeting has actually taken place and a drafting committee has been appointed.

Not only the further discussion with the Gossner Church will be of the greatest importance for our community; but in the civil administration of the country big questions have come up. A Boundary Commission, appointed by the Central Government at Delhi, has been touring part of India, having been entrusted with the difficult task of adjusting boundaries between the different states of the new Bharat. We are so located that this area is under dispute, and though there has been no stir among the local population, the decisions reached during coming months are bound to affect us in many ways.

But in whatever ways those in authority draw the administrative boundaries, the villages will be just where they are with the teeming millions tilling the soil. And among them here and there are Christian torch-bearers, in some villages only a single family, in others several. In quite a good many places there is the village church, and not a few mission stations have church and school and dispensary work. All this has come about under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and by the marvellous sacrificial love of mission friends in the three home countries of the Santal Mission.

Before we reached the stage that we had a Church administration, we frequently heard an expression like this: "How do you administrate?" or "How is administration to be carried on?" Only after so few years elected representatives have taken their places in the different administrative bodies, and those questions have died out. Experience in such things is a growing fact, for which we in sincerity thank our Lord.

The five church councils are elected for three years at a time, and the present group is only the second under the constitution. The year under review saw them in the middle of their period, and it seems to me that they have shouldered their task earnestly. While we have tried to solve many administrative questions, we have at least one very delicate one unsolved: So far we have no ruling how to transfer a pastor when that may be considered needed or desirable. The Synod at its last meeting adopted the text of Pastors' Handbook but that is more of a spiritual and general nature and does not enter upon an administrative question like this. It is only made clear that the Circle can shift their workers about according to need, and that the church council is the proper authority for its area. And it is the church council who resolves when a new pastor is required, and recommends the person for ordination.

During the year 1954 only two ordination services were held.

On the recommendation of the North Bengal Church Council, John Marndi was ordained at the Eklakhi Church on the 19th of December for service in the Rotonpur area of West Dinajpur.

And on the recommendation of the Assam Santal Church Council, Gupinath Hembrom was ordained at Nagdalbari village church on the 26th of December for service in the Santipara Circle.

No pastor in active service died during the year; but some retired pastors were among the prominent persons who passed to their eternal rest. We list here only a few names:

S. Somae Murmu who had contributed not a little to the hymn book in Santali died at Amjuli village close under the Himalayan Mountains in the Darrang District of Assam on the 29th of January, 1954.

Dhonorjoy Jha, who for such a long time had been pastor at Maharo and in Dangalpara of Dumka, died in his home at Dumka on the 28th of May, lying in death with a smile on his lips.

Bihari Murmu of Kendpahari village near Benagaria died on the 19th of October. In the early days of our church constitution making, he was one of those usually representing the Benagaria area. He was the son of "Nimai Doctor" whose name is frequently found in the old records about the work here in Benagaria and in Grahampur. And Nimai's wife was one of the four orphan girls whom Skrefsrud brought from Midnapur in order to induce the local population to send girls to a planned girls school.

Baijal Hasdak' died at Gambarpahari village of Birbham District on Christmas Day, 1954, his wife having passed away some months before him. She was a sister of the above mentioned Bihari.

The annual synod meeting was held at the end of October in 1954 also. It has been found to be the best time, because the synod has to look over the budget proposals set up by the different church councils and bring the total request for grant before the Mission. The scrutiny and discussion in the synod of the different budget proposals has been found to be of the highest value in order to foster the whole church vision which the synod must have if it is to serve the whole properly.

According to the constitution the year 1956 shall have elections of new church councils. When these new bodies have constituted themselves with presidents and other officers, they also are to elect one pastor and one lay member to represent their council together with the president in the new synod body. Thus the year 1956 will see many changes in the administration of the church, wherefore, it was deemed good for the

church to carry out election of a new General Superintendent in 1955. Consequently, the synod fixed January 6th, 1955, as the date for holding nomination meetings in the different church council areas. The further development of this matter belongs to the next annual report, which will fall on a new person to write.

In closing this report, my wife and I desire to place on record our gratitude to the mission people in the home countries as well as to the members of the new Christian church out here for having permitted us to be along in this work of faith and love, and to the local Government authorities for courtesy and consideration throughout our long stay, and so we wholeheartedly join in the old prayer:

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord,
According to thy word, in peace;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel.

JOHANNES GAUSDAL.

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, 1954, as follows :—

MISSION - GENERAL CASH BOOK

The entries appearing in the Cash Book have been examined with the Subsidiary Books, Station Cash Book, and acknowledgments of cash, produced to us.

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 the 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, 1954.

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND MORNAI TEA ESTATE CHARITABLE FUND- CASH BOOK.

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 the India, Australia & China, and the Netherland Trading Society in confirmation of balances with the Banks at 31st December, 1954.

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STATION (INCLUDING MISSIONARIES) CASH BOOK.

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 the 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 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 ACCOUNTS OF 1954.

THE SANTAL MISSION OF THE NORTHERN CHURCHES & MORNAI TEA ESTATE CHARITABLE FUND INCLUDED.

INCOME :

Balance per 1. Jan. 1954.		Rs. 147.537-00-0
Per 31. Dec. 54 :		
Received from America	,,	146.639-04-0
Received from Denmark	,,	223.150-07-6
Received from Norway	,,	528.151-13-9
Received from Mornai Tea Garden	,,	97.000-00-0
Gift from Miss J. F. Gaustad	,,	145-10-0
Gift from N. N.	,,	1.000-00-0
Miscellaneous refunds	,,	408-13-0
Miscellaneous interest	,,	2.095-04-0
		1146.128-04-9.

Rs. 1146.128-04-9.

OUTLAYS:

Medical Work:	Ordinary	Dearness-all.
Mohulpahari Chr. Hospital	Rs. 29.234	Rs. 7.589-12-0
Saldoha Leper Colony	„ 36.300	„ 3.279-12-0
Benagaria Dispensary	„ 1.500	„ 330-00-0
Kaerabani „	„ 800	„ 270-00-0
Narainpur „	„ 780	„ 180-00-0
Maharo „	„ 400	„
Basetkundi „	„ 610	„ 180-00-0
Haraputa „	„	„ 360-00-0
Gaorang „	„ 950	„ 360-00-0
Joema „	„ 770	„ 180-00-0
Grahampur „	„ 990	„
Malda Medical W. Rajadighi	„ 6.413	„ 899-04-0
Sevapur Hospital	„ 9.536	„ 2.891-04-0
Santipara Leprosy Colony	„ 17.597-8	„ 1.464-12-0
Medical Work; D. A. Total		Rs. 17.984-12
Medical Work; Ordinary. Total		„ 105.880-08
Educational Work:		
Kaerabani Schools & Hostel	„ 18.850	„ 6.214-08-0
Maharo Girls' School	„ 12.235	„ 4.101-00-0
Koroya Mission & Orphanage	„ 3.200	„ 520-00-0
Santal Divinity School	„ 10.780	„ 240-00-0
Basetkundi M. E. School	„ 6.008	„
Benagaria Industrial School	„ 2.800	„ 840-00-0
Narainpur Girls' School	„ 9.036	„ 2.205-00-0
Eklakhi Girls School	„ 6.649	„ 1.815-00-0
Grahampur Schools	„ 25.289	„ 4.407-04-0
Haraputa Girls' School	„ 6.850	„ 3.307-04-0
Gaorang Girls' School	„ 9.496	„ 2.970-00-0
Educational Work, D. A. Total		Rs. 26.620-00-0
Educational Work, Ordinary, Total		„ 111.193-00-0
Total for page		Rs. 261.678-04-0

	Ordinary	Dearness all.
Brought forward from page 142:		Rs. 261.678-04-0
District Work:		
Basetkundi	3.298	488-00-0
Benagaria	6.050	840-00-0
Ebeneser House	1.800	180-00-0
Chondorpura	4.313	491-04-0
Dhorompur	798	600-00-0
Bagsarai	2.800	
Dumka	4.692	607-08-0
Kaerabani	2.039	
Tilabani	1.150	
Suri	6.282	330-00-0
Santal Parg. & Birbh. W W	500	165-00-0
Nimasarai	6.400	1.650-00-0
Joema	6.909-04	1.560-00-0
Gaorang	3.569	704-00-0
Bongaigaon	3.648	315-00-0
Parkijuli	8.778	<u>1.210-00-0</u>
District Work, D. A., Total		Rs. 9.140-12-0
District Work, Ord. Total		,, 63.026-04-0
Committee & Travel	Rs. 7.632-09-6	
Secretary Travel	,, 2.400	
Dumka Offices	,, 4.000	
Legal Expences	,, 549-12-0	
Print of Report & Audit Fee	,, 2.100	
Civil Surgeon	,, 745-13-0	
Stipends	,, 14.735	
Towards Tub. Hosp. Dhubri	,, 6.000	
New Constructions	,, 79.200	
Affiliation Fees	,, 372-08	
Miscellanious	,, 22.762-15	
Ebeneser Church	,, 176.075-00	
Missionaries' Account	,, 294.384-10-9	
Landrent	<u>,, 2.252-15-3</u>	Rs. 613.211-03-6
Repayments of Loans:		
To Central Obligation Fund	Rs. 108.700-2	
To Passage Fund	<u>,, 10.000</u>	Rs. 118.702-02-0
Cash Balance per 31. Dec. 54	,, 10.643-09-3	
Bank Balances	<u>,, 69.726-02-0</u>	Rs. 80.369-11-3
		<u>Rs. 1146.128-04-9.</u>

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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	Catecheists	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 attendance of communions	Married Couples	Teachers	Children	Rs A. P.		
																						Rs	A.	P.
Kaerabani	10	81	348	1562	871	3		6	6	14		15	49	12	19	92	2733	18	12	206	1743	7	10½	
Dumka	17	144	501	2411	1102	7	7	12	27	25	7	12	50	57	49	167	3661	24	20	371	3413	1	0	
Mohulpahari	6	51	175	905	400	2		7	9			18	23	44	2	46	1201	6	7	108	914	3	0	
Jubdi	11	115	378	2269	834	5		4	25	17	3	7	52	79	41	125	4122	16	5	20	2654	15	3	
Baniapasar	7	11	72	311	134			3	2	1		6	6		1	23	220	1			30	8	0	
Sultanabad	12	104	395	1796	831	6		7	11	5	3	1	52	63	21	121	2553	18	5	150	1449	3	1½	
Benagaria	14	80	408	1876	938	4	4	3	4	5	7	26	45	14	42	86	2226	16	5	121	2086	2	7½	
SANTAL PARGANAS	77	586	2277	11130	5110	27	11	42	84	67	20	20	277	269	175	660	22716	99	54	1076	12291	8	10½	
Malda - Purnea	13	50	156	727	375	2	10	3	1	2	2	0	23	38	20	87	2673	12	6	118	952	6	6	
W Dinajpur	12	37	140	617	198	2	11	3	6	4	1	1	17	17	18	38	869	8	1	5	421	9	0	
E. Dinajpur Phoridpur	13	18	96	443	48	1	3	10	6			20	11	2	17	22	118	2	8	112	495	7	0	
Rajshahi	12	33	115	470	119	2		10	6	10	2	2	9	24	0	30	339	11	10	237	797	7	9	
NORTH BENGAL	50	138	507	2257	740	7	24	26	19	16	5	3	60	81	49	177	3999	33	25	472	2666	14	3	
Colony - Mornai	8	63	1378	6923	2986	5	1	3	10	51		56	245	33	122		5915	84	13	504	9549	13	9	
Dingdinga	4	9	66	280	107	1		4		1		3	9	10		26	333	2	5	62	535	12	9	
Joema	21	59	350	1723	592	3	3	20	17	16		16	51	86	31	143	3178	20	7	76	3203	6	9	
Santipara	12	27	172	947	324	2		1	6	12		2	34	36	28	48	1327	18	3	48	2057	14	3	
Kamrup - Darrang	8	23	145	739	187	1	2	8	5	7		1	23			35	574	2	1	20	1448	3	0	
ASSAM SANTAL	53	181	2111	10612	3196	12	6	36	38	87		78	362	165	181	252	9327	126	29	710	16795	2	6	
Gaurang	22	51	422	2472	462	3	3	20	14	5	2	11	185	16		51	832	23	11	250	6202	0	6	
Bongaigaon	22	52	380	2472	773	2	18	16	13	1	11	1	98	51	13	66	450	24			5136	3	6	
Kamrup	7	9	72	412	96	1		6	4	2		5	6	3		8	152	1	6	61	434	14	6	
Darrang	7	11	103	536	280			8	4			3	26	23		19	197	10	1	40	1368	15	0	
BORO ASSAM	58	123	977	5892	1611	6	21	50	35	8	13	20	315	93	13	144	1631	58	18	351	13442	1	6	
Santal Parganas	7	25	62	317	156	2	2	2		5	1	2	13	1	5	63	724	3	2	28	982	13	1½	
Birbhum-Murshidabad	9	19	91	589	237	2		6		10	3	21	23	4	13	86	1591	1	3	21	1319	8	9	
Malda	11	53	141	834	204	2	10	1	3	2	3	21	12	13	2	92	1563	4	6	67	869	12	4½	
Cooch Behar	13	14	124	590	188	1	8	1	14	7	2	3	20	2	12	43	637	2	10	136	1204	0	9	
BENGAL	40	111	418	2330	785	7	20	10	17	24	9	5	68	20	32	284	4515	10	21	252	4376	3	0	
TOTAL for CHURCH,	278	1139	6290	32221	11442	59	82	164	193	202	47	126	1082	628	450	1349	42188	326	147	2861	49571	14	1½	

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	Nurses	Compounders	Out Patients	Doctors	Nurses	Compounders	Other staff	In Patients	Out Patients	Schools	Teachers	Children	Schools	Teachers	Children	Schools	Teachers	Students	Schools	Teachers	Students	Institutions	Staff	Students
Kaerabani		2	2793							6	6	173	1	5	160				1	21	457	1	3	30
Dumka										7	15	321	3	13	115				1	14	238	1	1	16
Mohulpahari				3	11	2	30	2028	19305	3	4	88	1	5	180									
Jubdi	1	1	9392	2	7	6	8	693	11576	15	19	462	2	8	163									
Baniapasari		1	2164							2	2	45				1	8	155						
Sultanabad		1	1444						60	5	5	125				1	8	202				4	8	59
Benagaria																								
SANTAL PARGANAS	2	5	18793	5	18	8	38	2721	31041	38	51	1274	7	31	618	2	16	357	2	35	695	6	12	105
Malda - Purnea				1	2	1	1	82	12459				1	5	94									
W Dinajpur										1	4	96	1	2	54									
Rajshahi										2	4	105	1	2	57									
E. Dinajpur																								
NORTH BENGAL				1	2	1	1	28	12459	3	8	201	3	9	205									
Colony - Mornai	2	4	43196	2	4	3	9	667	8286	8	10	264	2	14	308	1	9	131	1	12	154	1		5
Joema		1	2358							12	12	220	1	5	59									
Santipara			2514	1	1	4		362		6	6		2	1										
Kamrup - Darrang										2	5	121												
Dingdinga																								
ASSAM SANTAL	2	5	48068	3	5	7	9	1029	8286	28	33	605	5	20	367	1	9	131	1	12	154	1	1	5
Gaurang										12	12	286				1	3	45						
Bongaigaon										10	11	227	1	2	12									
Kamrup		1	1472													1	3	60						
Darrang										3	4	80												
BORO ASSAM		1	1472							25	27	593	1	2	12	2	6	105						
Santal Parganas																								
Birbhum - Murshidabad	1	2	4000							1	1	18							1	6	108			
Malda													1	3	90									
Cooch Behar	2									7	7	163	2	8	143									
BENGAL	3	2	4000							8	8	181	3	11	233				1	6	108			
TOTALS	7	13	72333	9	25	16	48	3832	51786	102	127	2854	18	73	1435	5	31	593	4	53	957	7	13	110

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Kaerabani		2	2793							6	6	173	1	5	160				1	21	457	1	3	30
Dumka										7	15	381	3	13	115				1	14	238	1	1	16
Mohulpahari				3	11	2	30	2028	19305	3	4	88	1	5	180									
Jubdi	1	1	9392	2	7	6	8	693	11676	15	19	462	2	8	163									
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