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AND The Annual Statistical Table

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The General Committee authorises the following report of the work of the Association for the year 1917-18:—

Membership

The membership at the close of the year was 435. The rolls were again revised and the number of removals because of death, absence from the country and lapse in payment of fees was fairly large. However, as was the case last year, it is gratifying to report quite a large number of new members. This is an indication that the Association still claims the affection of the Missionaries of South India and that the days of its usefulness are by no means ended.

Finances

The Treasurer's summary of accounts is shown on a succeeding page. The total credit balance of the Association is now Rs. 1719-14-2 of which amount Rs. 1693-11-10 is on interest-bearing deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank. The income from membership fees during the year amounted to Rs. 352. The General Convener of the Board of Management handed over a credit balance of Rs. 73-12-1. The receipts and expenditures of the Association for the year under review were about as usual
with two exceptions: the increased cost of printing the annual report, etc., due to the high price of paper, and the payment to a barrister of Rs. 84-11-0 in fees for representing the Association in a High Court marriage case. None of the money voted for the use of the Committee on Disabilities and the Committee on Building Plans, viz., Rs. 1100, has so far been called for. This accounts for the large credit balance.

General Committee

There have been some changes in the General Committee, the following (who were elected or co-opted a year ago) having resigned because of approaching furloughs, sickness, etc.: Revds. D. Downie, J. H. Maclean and C. H. Monahan and Mr. H. C. Herman. The Committee as constituted at the close of the year are as follows:—

" " J. S. Chandler, M. A.  A. M. Mission.
" " W. L. Ferguson, D. D.  A. B. Mission.
The Rev. H. Gulliford  Wesleyan Mission.
" " K. Heiberg  Danish Mission.
" " W. V. Higgins, B. A.  C. B. Mission.
" " J. S. M. Hooper, M. A.  Wesleyan Mission.
Miss A. S. Kugler, M. D.  A. E. L. Mission
D. F. McClelland, Esq.  Y. M. C. Association.
The Rev. L. R. Scudder, M. D.  A. A. Mission.
" " C. E. Turnbull  A. P. Mission.
" " I. Cannaday  Honorary Secretary.

Meetings

The General Committee held meetings as follows during the year: in Madras on 16th February, 1918; again in Madras on 26th April, 1918. The Annual Meeting of the Association is to be held in the American Church, Kodaikanal, on the 25th of May, 1918. The Kotagiri Missionary Conference (now in affiliation with the Association) will hold its regular meetings in Kotagiri on the
8th and 9th of May, 1918. Besides the above mentioned meetings others will be held by Association members in Coonoor.

Sub-Committees

The Sub-Committees and their respective Conveners, appointed by the General Committee at the beginning of the year, are as follows:—

Board of Management for Vernacular Examinations, the Rev. J. Aberly, D. D., General Convener.
Committee on Temperance, the Rev. A. Moffat, M. A., Convener.
Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians, the Rev. J. M. Baker, Convener.
Committee on Building Plans and Estimates, the Rev. B. Rottschaefer M. A., Convener.

These Committees have been faithfully endeavouring to carry out their appointed duties. Their reports will be found in the rear.

Statistics

These have been collected by the Rev. H. Gulliford, on behalf of the Madras Representative Council of Missions, with which the Association is now affiliated. The full table of figures is shown at the rear of this report together with the explanatory notes, but a summary of the statistics, together with the increases and decreases under the various headings, is shown below, as follows:—

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Other kinds of Christian workers (men) 437, a gain of 139.
" " " " (women) 719, a gain of 73.
Total paid Indian agency 20,522, a gain of 561.
Regular voluntary workers 5934, a gain of 1050.
Theological students 759, a loss of 33.
Male teacher students 1131, a gain of 207.
Female " " 455, a gain of 27.
Students receiving other training 405, a gain of 131.
Congregations 7603, a gain of 2470.
Communicants 2,81,170, a gain of 6766.
Total Christian community 9,30,972, a gain of 9340.
Contributions Rs. 5,21,943, a gain of 15,805.
Total number of scholars 3,14,515, a loss of 911.
Sunday Schools 6176, a gain of 3564.
Christian scholars in S. Schools 54,826, a gain of 25,270.
Non-Christian " " 33,610, a gain of 6027.
Summary of the S. I. M. A. Treasurer’s Accounts 1917-18.

Receipts

By cash balance from 1916–17  Rs. 1571-9-9
,, balance in Hon’y Secretary’s hands  35-12-3
,, interest on deposits 1916–17  42- 2-1
,, membership fees  352-0-0
,, sale of copies of “Law Weekly”  1-0-0
,, balance from General Convener, Board of Management for Vernacular Examinations  73-12-1

Tota lRs. 2076-4-2

Expenditures.

To writer’s salary (12 months)  Rs. 60- 0- 0
,, printing Annual Report  61-10- 6
,, travelling and halting expenses of Hon’y Secretary & of taking office to the hills  56- 9- 0
,, printing minutes, etc.  24- 7- 6
,, stationery, etc.  15- 0- 3
,, postage and telegrams  67-15- 9
,, Mr. M. D. ‘Devadoss’ fees  84-11- 0
,, deposit in Savings Bank  1693-11-10
,, balance in Hon’y Secretary’ hands  12- 2- 4

Total Rs. 2076-4-2

Examined and found correct.

(Sd) J. E. Tracy,  (SdI.) Cannaday,  
23-5-18  May 10, 1918.
Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee held in Madras on the 16th February, 1918.

Those present were Rev'ds D. Downie, D. D., J. S. Chandler, H. Gulliford and K. Heiberg, Miss P. Grover and the Hon'y, Secretary. Regrets for absence were sent by Rev'ds J & H. Maclean, J. Aberly, D. D., C. H. Monahan, and L. R. Scudder, M. D., Dr. Kugler, and H. C. Herman, Esq.

1. Rev. J. S. Chandler was elected Chairman.
2. Prayer was offered by Dr. Downie.
3. The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read.
4. The Hon'y Secretary reported as follows:
   (1) That the 1916-17 Annual Report had been printed and circulated.
   (2) That the Temperance Committee's report had been received too late for inclusion in the printed report.
   (3) That all South India Mission Secretaries had been addressed in regard to the future of the Bangalore Language School.
   (4) That Rev. J. H. Maclean had submitted a statement of the recent Indian Christian Marriage Act case and certain valuable documents connected therewith.
   (5) That all appointees to committees had accepted.
   (6) That a majority of the Association members had voted in favour of holding the next annual meeting of the Association in Kodaikanal in May, 1918.

5. Correspondence: the following was read and dealt with:
   (1) Letter from the Convener of the Temperance Committee requesting that his annual report be printed and circulated separately. It was voted to grant the request.
   (2) Replies from about twenty Secretaries of South India Missions on the question of re-opening the Bangalore Language School. The replies show general indifference, and very little
sentiment in favour of any action while the war is proceeding. Voted to defer action in the matter until reference is made to the S. I. M. A. by the M. R. C., which has appointed a committee to consider the whole question.

(3) Letters from Rev. Dr. Downie, H. C. Herman, Esq., and Rev'ds C. H. Monahan and J. H. Maclean, tendering their resignations from the General Committee, on account of approaching furloughs, etc. The resignations were accepted with regret, and the following were elected to fill their places:—Rev. Charles E. Turnbull, A. P. M., Rev. J. S. M. Hooper, W. M., D. F. McClelland, Esq., Y. M. C. A., Rev. J. Stewart, U. F. C. M.

(4) Letter from Rev. J. S. Chandler, suggesting the name of Judge W. L. Venkataramiah as a member of the Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians. It was voted to elect Judge Venkataramiah to the Committee.

(5) Letters from individuals, making suggestions on the revision of the rules. Referred to the special committee.

6. It was voted to hold the next meeting of the General Committee in Madras, the exact time to be determined by the Hon’y Secretary, through correspondence.

7. On motion, it was voted to appoint Rev’ds S. D. Bawden, J. M. Baker and E. Langdale Smith to arrange for an S. I. M. A. general meeting in Coonoor during the next hot season.

The Committee then adjourned, the Chairman pronouncing the benediction.

(Sd) J. S. Chandler,
Chairman

(Sd) I. Cannaday,
Hon’y Secretary.
Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee held in "Sunnyside", Madras, on the 26th April, 1918, at 4:45 P. M.

Those present were Rev'ds J. S. Chandler, W. L. Ferguson, J. Aberly, K. Heiberg, J. S. M. Hooper, C. E. Turnbull, A. Moffat (acting for Rev. J. Stewart), A. O. Brown (acting for Rev. H. Gulliford), Miss P. Grover, Mrs. J. Aberly, (acting for Dr. Kugler) and the Hon'y Secretary. Regrets for unavoidable absence were received from Rev. Canon G. H. Smith, Rev. H. Gulliford, Dr. L. R. Scudder, Dr. Kugler and Mr. D. F. McClelland.

1. Rev. A. O. Brown was elected Chairman.
2. Rev. Dr. Ferguson opened the meeting with prayer.
3. The minutes of the last meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read.
4. The Annual Report of the General Committee for 1917-18 was read and approved.
5. The Annual Report of the Board of Management for Vernacular Examinations was read by the General Convener and approved.
6. The Annual Report of the Committee on Temperance was read by the Convener and approved, with suggestions for certain emendations.

In connection with the above report the question of immoral houses in the vicinity of cantonments was referred by vote to the Public Questions Committee of the Madras Representative Council of Missions.

7. The Annual Report of the Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians was read and approved.
8. The Annual Report of the Committee on Building Plans and Estimates was read and approved.
9. The Hon'y Secretary read the following correspondence:

(1) Letter from the Secretary of the Madras Bible Society requesting that the question of an increase in the prices of Bibles
and portions be discussed at summer hill conferences. The matter was referred to the various local committees.

(2) Letters from Rev'ds Charles E. Turnbull and J. S. M. Hooper and Mr. D. F. McClelland accepting election to the General Committee.

(3) Letter from Rev. E. Langdale Smith declining, because of other engagements, to serve on the special committee on summer conference at Coonoor.

(4) Telegram from Mr. K. T. Paul and letter from Rev. D. G. M. Leith concerning arrangements to have Rev. W. B. Paton, M. A., Associate General Secretary of the British Student Movement, speak at summer hill conferences. The matter was referred to the various local committees.

10. Voted that the next Annual Meeting of the Association be held in Kodaikanal on Saturday, 25th May, 1918.

11. Voted that the next meeting of the General Committee be held in Kodaikanal soon after the Annual Meeting, the time and place to be determined by correspondence.

12. Rev. J. E. Tracy, D. D., was appointed to audit the Treasurer’s accounts.

13. The Hon’y Secretary read a tentative report of the special committee on revision of the Association’s Rules and Bye-Laws. The report was accepted with certain suggestions and instructions for further revision and the committee was authorised to present copies of its completed report to the various hill conferences for discussion.

The Committee adjourned with the benediction by the Chairman.

(Sd) A. O. Brown,
Chairman.

(Sd) I. Cannaday,
Hon’y Secretary.
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the South Indian Missionary Association held in the American Church, Kodaikanal, Saturday, 25th May, 1918, at 1 P. M.

Members of the S. I. M. A. met in the Annual Meeting in the American Church, Kodaikanal, on Saturday, May 25th, at 1 P. M.

1. Rev. W T. Scudder was elected Chairman.
2. The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.
3. The Chairman stated that the Hon’y Secretary had written intimating that he would not be present at the Annual Meeting and requesting that some one else be found to act for him. The Chairman further stated that Rev. W M. Zumbro had consented to act as Secretary of the meeting.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read.
5. The Chairman stated that the annual report of the Hon’y Secretary which was to have been read at the Public Meeting on Friday, May 24th, was not received in time for that meeting, and called on the Ag. Secretary to read the report.
6. The Ag. Secretary read the Annual Report of the General Committee on the working of the Association for the past year, together with an abstract of the Treasurer’s Report. Recorded.
7. The Ag. Secretary stated that Rev. J. E. Tracy, D. D., had audited the Treasurer’s accounts, and had reported that he believed them to be correct.
8. Read the report of the Board of Management for Vernacular Examinations, Dr. Aberly, Convener. Recorded with the very sincere thanks of the Association to Dr. Aberly and the other members of the Board for the efficient way in which they had performed their arduous duties during another year.
9. Read the report of the Committee on Building Plans and Estimates, Rev. B. Rottschaefer, Convener. Recorded, with thanks to the Committee.
10. Read the Report of the Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians. Recorded. Moved that we record our hearty appreciation of the work done thus far by this Committee, and request the Committee to push the work on the publication of the Handbook as rapidly as possible, and report to the Association from time to time the progress made, and, that we recommend to the General Committee that the Secretary of the Committee on Disabilities correspond with the secretaries of the different Missions working in South India requesting information with reference to any decision in Local, District or other Courts bearing on the questions being dealt with by that Committee for inclusion in the Handbook, should that seem desirable.

11. The Ag. Secretary stated that no reports had been received from the Committee on Temperance, the Industrial Missionary Association, and the Sanatorium at Madanapalle.

12. Miss Croach made a statement calling attention to the fact that at present soldiers in India wearing His Majesty's uniform were frequently able to obtain intoxicating liquors from licensed shops, and especially at railway stations.

Voted to call the attention of the General Committee to Section Fifteen of the Madras Abkari Act and request them to take such steps as may seem to them advisable to stop the illegal sale or supply of intoxicating drinks to soldiers wearing His Majesty's uniform in drink shops and clubs, and especially in railway refreshment rooms.

13. The Ag. Secretary presented the report of the Special Committee appointed to bring in proposals for a revision of the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Association.

After considerable discussion on the proposed change in definition of the term 'Missionary' in Rule II with reference to membership it was voted,

(1) That this meeting considers that the change in the wording of the note defining the term 'missionary,' as proposed by the Special Committee, involves a very far-reaching alteration in the whole character of the Association. This meeting is of opinion that
a full statement of the grounds for such a change and the reasons against it should be given to the members of the Association and that, before the question is put to vote, it should be clearly ascertained whether it is the wish of the Association for its character to be thus changed.

(2) In the opinion of this meeting it is still desirable that there should be some opportunity for Foreign Missionaries as such to meet together and talk over their common problems by themselves. Should it be desired by the general body of Indian Ministers and Christian workers on the one hand, and Foreign Missionaries on the other hand, that there should be some organization in which all might meet together to consider problems of common interest, we are of opinion that such an opportunity could best be provided by the organization of a new Society or Association.

14. We are in favour of the proposal to admit Missionaries living in Ceylon to membership in the Association.

15. Other proposed changes in the Rules were considered and it was the general opinion that, as no previous intimation of the proposed changes had been given, it would not be possible at present to give any intelligent opinion as to the advisability of adopting the proposed changes. It was therefore voted that the General Committee be requested to suspend action with regard to changes in the existing Rules of the Association until next year, and that in the meantime the Secretary be instructed to send out to each member a copy of the printed Rules with the suggested alterations and call for opinions and suggestions with reference to the same, and that a precis of such opinions and suggestions be laid before the Annual Meeting and the other meetings of members to be held in the various hill stations next year, and that no formal vote of the individual members be called for till the whole matter has been considered in those meetings.

16. The Ag. Secretary then read a letter from the Rev. W. E. H. Organe, Secretary of the Madras Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, asking the opinion of the meeting as to the probable effect of raising the price of vernacular Bibles, Testaments
and portions. Various members expressed their opinion, but no formal action was taken.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. H. Monahan.

(Sd) W. T. Scudder,

Chairman.

(Sd) W M. Zumbro,

Ayg. Secretary.
Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held at Brooklands, Coonoor, on the 31st May, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.


1. Rev. H. Gulliford was elected Chairman.

2. In the absence of the Hon’ly Secretary, Rev. J. Aberly acted as Secretary.


4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

5. The Secretary’s Report was read and some corrections and additions made to bring it up to date.

6. Rev. H. Gulliford read the statistics of missions in South India for the year 1917, as far as completed.

Resolved, That Rev. H. Gulliford be requested to let the S. I. M. A. have this Report, as soon as completed, for insertion in its Annual Report.

7. No final Report having been received from the Temperance Committee, it was,

Resolved, That we request the Convener of the Temperance Committee to complete the Report and send it to the Hon’ly Secretary, by June 15th, for incorporation in the Annual Report.

8. Read (1) Minutes of Annual Meeting at Kodaikanal, held May 25th.

(2) Minutes of Kotagiri Missionary Conference held May 8th and 10th.

(3) Minutes of a Missionary Conference held in Coonoor, May 29th.

These we considered, and, on matters referred to the General Committee, the following action was taken:—
(i) With reference to the Revision of the Rules of the Association, the following action was taken:—

A. That the proposed Revised Rules, with the exception of the notes under II and III, be printed in such form as shall clearly indicate the alterations made, and that they be circulated to all members for consideration and suggestions with a view to final action next year.

B. That with regard to the notes under II and III, we place before the members the following:—

(a) The General Committee at its meeting in Madras, April 26th, instructed the Special Committee on Revision of Rules to provide for the admission of Indians to membership and submit same to the Hill Conferences for discussion.

(b) This Special Committee proposed the following note to be added under II of the Rules:—

"Note: The term 'missionary' shall be understood to include any Christian Worker, ordained or unordained, sent from a Christian country for mission work in India or Ceylon, and any ordained Indian Minister and any other Indian Christian whose work is clearly missionary and whose status is distinctly above that of an ordinary mission agent. In case of doubt, the status of any Indian (other than an ordained minister) applying for admission to the Association, shall be vouched for by his governing body."

In line with this they proposed also to add the words "or Indian" in III, making it possible for Indian Ministers as well as European Ministers who are not Missionaries to become honorary members of the Association.

(c) On this part of the Report the Annual Meeting at Kodaikanal took action as follows:—

"(1) That this meeting considers that the change in the wording of the note defining the term 'missionary,' as proposed by the Special Committee, involves a very far reaching alteration in the whole character of the Association."
"(2) This meeting is of opinion that a full statement of the grounds for such a change and the reasons against it should be given to the members of the Association and that, before the question is put to vote, it should be clearly ascertained whether it is the wish of the Association for its character to be thus changed.

"(3) In the opinion of this meeting it is still desirable that there should be some opportunity for Foreign Missionaries as such to meet together and talk over their common problems by themselves. Should it be desired by the general body of Indian Ministers and Christian workers on the one hand, and Foreign Missionaries on the other hand, that there should be some organization in which all might meet together to consider problems of common interest, we are of opinion that such an opportunity could best be provided by the organization of a new Society or Association."

(d) The Kotagiri Missionary Conference approved of the admission of Indians, but were not satisfied with the form of the note proposed. They expressed the desire that there should be one standard for admission to membership.

The General Committee in its meeting, May 31st, considered the above questions at length and

Resolved, That the following proposals be submitted to the membership on which we request a vote, not as a final decision of the question, but for the guidance of the General Committee to make definite proposals on the question:

(1) That the membership remain as at present (see Rule II with footnote), or

(2) That the membership consist of those provided for in (1) and in addition of "all Indians who have a permanent status in the various mission organizations," or

(3) That the membership consist of those included in (1) and in addition of "all Indian Christian Mission Workers who are graduates," or

(4) That the membership consist of all who are included in (1), (2) and (3), or
(5) That the membership consist of all included in (1) and in addition of "all ordained Indian Pastors," or

(6) That the membership consist of all included in (1) and in addition of "all ordained Indian Pastors and of all Indian Christian Mission Workers who are graduates."

(e) That, regarding Rule III in Revised Rules, the Rule stand, but the question of adding "or Indians" in the parenthetical phrase depend on the action of the Association regarding Indian membership.

(ii) Read action (10) of Annual Meeting, Kodaikanal, "That we record our hearty appreciation of the work done by the Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians and request the Committee to push the work on the publication of the Handbook as rapidly as possible and report to the Association from time to time the progress made, and,

"That we recommend to the General Committee that the Secretary of the Committee on Disabilities correspond with the secretaries of the different Missions working in South India requesting information with reference to any decision in Local, District or other Courts bearing on the questions being dealt with by that Committee for inclusion in the Handbook, should that seem desirable."

Resolved, That this be referred to the Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians for their guidance.

(iii) Read item (12) of minutes of General Meeting, Kodaikanal, "calling the attention of the General Committee to Section Fifteen of the Madras Abkari Act and requesting them to take such steps as may seem to them advisable to stop the illegal sale or supply of intoxicating drinks to soldiers wearing His Majesty's uniform in drink shops and clubs and especially in railway refreshment rooms"

Resolved, That this item be referred to the Temperance Committee for such action as they deem advisable.

(iv) Read the following action of the Kotagiri Missionary Conference:
“(a) That the K.M.C. recommends to the Board of Vernacular Examinations to substitute both in the Tamil and Telugu Examinations for the Orient Readers books more suitable for translation into vernaculars.

“(b) That the Conference resolves that a sub-committee be appointed to report next year to the Conference concerning representations to be made to the Board of Vernacular Examinations with regard to a change in the curriculum and books for the Tamil Examination, the sub-committee to consist of Rev. J. Andersen, Rev. T. Ellis, Miss Varley and Rev. H. Bjerrum”.

Resolved, That this action be referred to the Board of Management for Vernacular Examinations.

9. The following Committees and Conveners were appointed:—


(2) Committee on Temperance: Rev. A. Moffat, Convener, Rev. W. T. Scudder, Rev. Dr. W. L. Ferguson, Rev. G. B. Redman, Miss A. M. Crouch.


10. In accordance with the Rules, the following persons were nominated to be voted on for Hon’y Secretary for the next two years:—

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Rev. A. F. Gardiner,
Rev. J. I. Macnair,

Voted that Rev. H. Gulliford, Coonoor, be appointed to count the ballots.

11. In accordance with the Rules the following nominations were made for the General Committee for the next two years:—
(1) Rev. Dr. J. Aberly
(2) , J. S. Chandler
(3) , Dr. W. L. Ferguson
(4) Miss P. Grover
(5) Rev. K. Heiberg
(6) , J. S. M. Hooper
(7) D. F. McClelland, Esq.
(8) Rev. Dr. L. R. Scudder
(9) , Canon G. H. Smith
(10) , J. Stewart
(11) , C. E. Turnbull
(12) Miss F. Tencate
(14) Miss E. McDougall
(15) Dr. Ida Scudder
(16) Rev. Dr. E. Heuman

(17), (18) The two persons nominated for Hon'y Secretary who are not elected. That they may be put on the ballot, it was voted that the election for members of the General Committee be held only after the ballot for Hon'y Secretary has been counted.

12. The following places were nominated for the next Annual Meeting of the Association in accordance with the Rules:—

Kodaikanal—May, 1919.
Kotagiri—May, 1919.
Coonoor—May, 1919.


14. Voted, That the Hon'y Secretary be sanctioned actual expenses for taking his Writer to the hills.

15. Voted, That the Committee thank Miss Bishop and Rev. H. Gulliford for their hospitality in entertaining the Committee and providing a place for its meeting.
16. Voted, That the Chairman and the Ag. Secretary be authorized to approve the minutes of this meeting.

The meeting closed with the benediction by the Chairman.

(Sd) **H. Gulliford,**  
*Chairman.*

(Sd) **J. Aberly,**  
*Ag. Secretary.*
Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Kotagiri
Missionary Conference (Local Branch of the S. I. M. A.)

held at Queen's Hill, on Wednesday, May 29th, 1918.

The Business Meeting of the Conference was held at Queen's Hill on May 29th, the President, the Rev. W. L. Ferguson, D. D., being in the chair.

1. The Rev. E. Hoff led in prayer.

2. The Hon'y Secretary read a short report, mentioning the sessions of this year, and the affiliation question, which necessitates recasting of rules and bye-laws.

Resolved: That the present committee, Rev. Dr. Ferguson, Rev. J. E. Neill and Rev. Knud Heiberg, be asked to continue the work (see resolution 3 of 1917).

3. The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted.

4. The following General Committee was elected:
   Mrs. Sackett               W. M. S.
   Rev. E. S. Tanner          C. M. S.
   Rev. J. E. Neill           W. M. S.
   Rev. H. Austin             S. P. G.
   Rev. Fred L. Coleman       A. E. L. M.
   Rev. A. G. Hogg            U. F. C. M.
   Rev. Dr. W. L. Ferguson    A. B. M.
   Mrs. Ferguson              A. B. M.
   Rev. F. G. Cook            S. B. M.
   Dr. P. deBenoit            Swiss Mission.
   Rev. Knud Heiberg          D. L. M.

5. Rev. Dr. W. L. Ferguson was elected Convener.

6. The reports of the S. I. M. A. were read and adopted with the following remarks:
(a) That the K. M. C. recommends to the Board of Vernacular Examinations to substitute both in the Tamil and Telugu examinations for the Orient Readers books more suitable for translation into the Vernaculars.

(b) That the Conference resolves that a Sub-committee be appointed to report next year to the Conference concerning representations to be made to the Board of Vernacular Examinations with regard to a change in the curriculum and books for the Tamil Examination, the Sub-committee to consist of the Rev. J. Anderson, Convener, Rev. T. Ellis, Miss Varley and Rev. H. Bjerrum.

(c) That: the several criticisms of the proposed new rules for the S. I. M. A. be conveyed to the meeting of the General Committee of the S. I. M. A. by the Rev. Knud Heiberg.

7. Questions relating to the Kotagiri Missionary Convention were discussed, the discussion to be continued later on.

8. The meeting closed with the benediction.

(Sd)  Knud Heiberg,

Hon’y Secretary.
S. I. M. A. Conference of Missionaries, Coonoor.

The Coonoor Conference of Missionaries met in Stanes' School Hall at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, 29th of May. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Madras took the chair. The meeting opened with a hymn followed by prayer by Rev. H. Newham. A second hymn was sung, after which the reports of the South Indian Missionary Association and the Madras Educational Council were read. Rev. W. J. Longley was elected Secretary.

The desire was expressed for the organization of a Local Branch under Rule XIII of the revised Rules of the S. I. M. A.: but, as these Rules have not yet been approved, it was considered inadvisable to effect such organization at this time. Messrs. S. D. Bawden and J. M. Baker were appointed a committee to call the Conference for the hill season of 1919 and to arrange for the organization, provided the Rules are approved.

The following resolution was adopted:—

This Conference of Missionaries of Europe and America, being convinced of the righteousness of the cause of the Allies, pledges itself to do all in its power to assist in securing men and means for the prosecution of the war in response to the appeal which has been made to India, and also to urge the Missions to render all possible assistance to the Government in its efforts to meet the urgent need for reinforcements. Voted that the Bishop of Madras should present this to Government.

Rev. E. W. Thompson, M.A., gave a very interesting and comprehensive address on the findings of the Special Commission on Education in Mass Movement Areas of the Wesleyan Mission, Hyderabad State. Rev. S. D. Bawden presented briefly the needs and methods of Vocational Training for Mission Schools. The discussion was continued by Rev. J. M. Baker and the chairman. The chairman closed the meeting with the benediction after which a quartette was sung.

A social hour with tea was enjoyed from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Rev. H. Gulliford then took the chair, and after a hymn Rev. W. E. Boggs lead in prayer. Mr. W. Paton, Associate Secretary of the British Student Movement gave a very instructive address
on "The Missionary Appeal at the Home Base." Miss E. Boggs sang a solo. The chairman read the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Tinnevelly's paper on "The Religious Self-expression of Christian India." Messrs. E. W. Thompson, J. M. Baker, S. D. Bawden, C. E. Parker, A. Nugent and the chairman took part in the discussion of the paper. A vote of thanks was given to all who had helped in the meeting. After a quartette had sung "A Friend in the Home Land," the chairman pronounced the benediction.

(Sd) William J. Longley,
Secretary.
Programme of the
Kotagiri Missionary Conference
held in the
Union Hall, Kotagiri,
May 8, 9, 1918.

Wednesday, 8:30—10:30 A. M.
The Religious Self-expression of Christian India.”

Friday, 8:30—10:30 A. M.
“A Christian Alternative to Transmigration.”
B. Raju, Esq., M. A. B., Sc. (Oxon).

Wednesday, May 15th, 4 P. M.
Missionary “At Home” in the Kotah Hall Grounds.
Programme of the
Annual S. I. M. A. Missionary Conference,

held in the

American Mission Church, Kodaikanal,

May 22-23, 1918.

Wednesday, 22nd, 9 A. M.


9:00—9:15—Opening Exercises.

9:15—10:00—"The Relations between Indians and Foreigners in the Christian Church in India"—Rev. L. P. Larsen.

10:00—10:30—Discussion.

Collection, Prayer and Benediction.

3:30—7:00—MISSIONARY "AT HOME"—Highclerc School Premises.

Tennis, Badminton, Music.

Thursday, 23rd, 9 A. M.

Chairman—Rev. A. T. Foster.

9:00—9:15—Opening Exercises.

9:15—10:00—"The Mass Movement—Its Progress an Problems."

Rev. J. C. K. Anstey.

10:00—10:30—Discussion.

Announcements, Prayer and Benediction.
Programme of the Annual S. I. M. A.

Public Missionary Meeting, held in the Highclere School

Gymnasium, Kodaikanal,

Friday, May 24th, 1918, 9—11:00 A.M.

Chairman—H. T. Reilly, Esq., I. C. S.

1. Hymn No. 380—"The Morning Light is Breaking."

2. Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. L. G. S. Price, M. A.


4. Address—Lieut. Col. R. Bryson, I. M. S.

5. Chorus—"Send out Thy Light."

6. Address—"Sholapur Criminal Settlement"—Mrs. L. S. Gates.

7. Solo—"A Prayer to Christ"—Mrs. W. Smith.

8. Chairman's Remarks.

9. Hymn No. 409—"The Truth is Marching on."

GOD SAVE THE KING.
Report of the Board of Management for

Vernacular Examinations, 1917.

The Board and Committees for the year 1917 were constituted as follows:—

1. Mr. E. C. Adams, Manepalli, Nagaram, Godavary District.
2. Miss O. M. Elliot, Kilpauk, Madras.
3. Mr. H. Merriweather, Gobichettipalyam, Coimbatore District.
4. Mr. D. R. Logan, Coonoor, Nilgiris.
8. Miss Florence Maskell, Kolar Town, Mysore State.
11. Miss K. Wood, Chaddarghat, Hyderabad, Deccan.
13. Rev. W. V. Higgins, Waltair, R. S.
16. Miss A. I. Schade, Rajahmundry.
17. Miss A. B. Van Doren, Ranipettai.
18. Miss H. M. Drury, Madanapalli.
20. Dr. Gertrude Campell, Tondiarpet, Madras.
21. Miss Butler, Mission Road, Bangalore.
25. Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, Kundi, near Sangareddipet.
26. Miss E. V Swift, Madura.
28. Miss S. P. Howland, Inuvil Chunakam, Ceylon.

I The following have been appointed the Sub-Conveners for 1917.

Tamil—Rev. A. O. Brown, Guindy, Madras.
Kanarese—Rev. D. A. Rees, Mission Road, Bangalore.

II The following are the Committees for 1917.

**Tamil.**

1 To prepare papers—Rev. A. C. Clayton, Miss Van Doren and Rev. J. S. M. Hooper.
6 Oral Examiners—Madras—November—
   (1) Rev. H. Bjerrum, Rev. J. S. M. Hooper and Mr. Y. G. Bonnel.
7 Examiners of Papers—November—

**Telugu.**


3. Oral Examiners—June—
   - (a) Kodaikanal—Rev. S. Nicholson, Rev. J. R. Stillwell and Mr. P. Philip Leisenring.
   - (b) Ooty—Rev. S. C. Freeman, Rev. A. M. Boggs and Mr. K. Venkatarama Sarma.


5. Oral Examiners—November—
   - (b) Guntur—Rev. I. Cannaday, Mr. E. C. Adams and Rev. Canon D. Anantam.

   - (b) 2nd and 3rd and 3rd Alternative—Rev. W. V. Higgins, Mr. E. C. Adams and Mr. K. Venkatarama Sarma.

**Kanarese.**


**Urdu.**

2. Moderators—Rev. Canon E. Sell, Miss E. M. Potter and Dr. G. Campbell.


All places left blank are to be filled up by Convener in consultation with Sub-Conveners.

Please note your appointment. The first one on the Committee is always the Convener unless the Committee itself decides otherwise.

(Sd) J. ABERLY,
Convener.
During the year 1917 the regular examinations were held at the prescribed times. The following table will show extent and results of the examinations held:

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**Note.**—The figures following the (+) sign in the above tables show the number of candidates examined in one or two subjects to complete former examinations.

The following passed with Distinction:—

In **TELUGU**: First—Miss S. C. Ferguson, Miss H. Brenneman, Mrs. G. A. Rupley, Miss E. A. Boggs, and Revds. Cox and R. A. Lockwood.


Third—Rev. O. V Werner.

1st Alt.—Miss E. K. Brewer and Miss R. Beck.

In **TAMIL**: First—Miss L. K. Clark, Miss E. Triggs, Miss I. W. Ireland, Miss A. M. Cramphorn, Rev. E. Ludwig and Rev. H. Haman.

Second—Miss K. Durick, Miss M. Horwood and Rev. Paul Lange.

The following changes were made in the Plan and Syllabus during the year.

1. In the Telugu First Examination instead of Morris’ 70 Stories, hereafter the first 50 Stories only are to be required.
2. In the Telugu Third Examination the Novel Vimala Devi was substituted for Ahalya Bayi.

3. From 1918 on Veeresalingam's Brahma Vivaha is to take the place of Vichitra Vivaha.

4. The order of Written and Oral Examinations was changed so that the Written now precedes the Oral by a week.

5. The 'June' Examination is hereafter to be held on following days:

   Written to begin the last Wednesday in May.
   Oral to begin the first Wednesday in June.

6. The following addition was made to Rules for those who value papers, to become Section 2, the present 2, 3 and 4 to become 3, 4 and 5.

   "While laying down no rule regarding translation from Vernacular to English, it is stated for guidance that a translation in clear English should be required, but in cases where the vernacular idiom makes it necessary a literal translation may be added in brackets."

7. The following Plan for Examination in Knowledge of Hinduism was added during the year.

Examinations in Knowledge of Hinduism.

1. The examinations will be held in co-ordination with the Vernacular Examinations now conducted by the Board, but it should be clearly understood that the Hinduism examinations are distinct from the language examinations.

It will be quite open to the authorities of any Mission to send in candidates for the language examinations only. It will also be open to any Mission to send in candidates who do not take the vernacular examinations at all (as some educational Missions) for the Hinduism examination only.
A Sub-convener shall be appointed to arrange for the examinations in Hinduism with similar duties and with same authority as the Sub-conveners at present appointed for Tamil, Telugu, etc.

N. B. This Sub-convener, like the other Sub-conveners, shall be appointed by the Board of Management.

2. A Committee of three examiners shall prepare the question papers and shall mark the answer papers. The Sub-convener may be one of these examiners, but is not necessarily so. But he is, in any case, responsible for the arrangements for the examinations, for printing the papers, for their proper distribution, etc.

3. The final valuation of the papers is to be made by the committee of examiners in session together.

4. The examination in Knowledge of Hinduism shall be held on the day following the written vernacular examination.

5. It shall be held at the centres where the written vernacular examinations are held.

6. In the case of candidates taking the written vernacular examination immediately before the examination in Knowledge of Hinduism, there will be no additional fee for taking the examination in Knowledge of Hinduism.

7. A fee of Rs. 2 shall be paid by candidates not taking a vernacular examination.

8. The rules regarding re-examination, fees, charge for entertainment, also examiners’ travelling expenses, shall be the same as those now in force in regard to the vernacular examinations.

9. The rules regarding communication of marks, and sending reports on the results of candidates, will be the same as those for the vernacular examinations.

10. As in the vernacular examination, a candidate in order to pass must secure 50 per cent of the maximum marks on the whole examination.

And candidates who have secured 75 per cent will be certified to have passed ‘with distinction.’

11. In each examination a two hours’ paper shall be set.
It is to be a cardinal principal of all the examinations that the
questions asked are to be about important doctrines, practices and
customs, and no over-minute or pedantic knowledge shall be required.

FIRST EXAMINATION
two shillings and six pence net. To be had from the Oxford Press, Bombay.)
Questions shall not be set on the illustrative readings nor on the
chronological or other tables.

SECOND EXAMINATION
one and a half rupees. To be had from the Oxford Press, Bombay.)
The examination should be on the following chapters only:

Ch. I Indo-Aryan faith
Ch. III The eternal moral order (karma, rebirth)
Ch. IV Divine social order (caste)
Ch. V The essentials of Hinduism
Ch. VI The summit of Indian thought (Vedanta)
Ch. VII The work of men's hands (idolatry)
Altogether about 160 pp. of somewhat closely printed matter.

THIRD EXAMINATION
and Davies' in Trubner's Oriental Series or Telang in the Sacred
Books of the East, recommended. But the examination is to be in
knowledge of the Gita and of its origin and significance rather than
on any special commentary or edition.

In addition, during the previous year, each candidate for the
Third Examination shall write an essay, which shall be handed to the
examiners at the time of the examination. This essay shall deal with
some aspect of local belief or local practice. The definite subject
shall be submitted to the Sub-convener in charge of these Examinations
not less than two months before the time of the examination, and by
him at once submitted to the examiners for their approval. The ap-
proval of two out of the three examiners shall be sufficient. Should they not approve, the candidate, in consultation with the Sub-convene shall modify the subject or select another subject.

Books to be Read

The following is a list of books which a candidate should read. It is not expected that the candidate will read them all, or all of each of them, in the years to which they are allotted. They are suggested.

First Year

The chapters on Hinduism in the *Gazetteer of India*, Vol. II Hopkins' *Religions of India*.

In South India candidates should read *Village Gods of South India* by the Bishop of Madras. (Association Press, Calcutta.) Elmore's *Dravidian Gods in Modern Hinduism*.

(To be had from Baptist Mission Book Depot, Ramapatam.)

Second Year

Chapters on Literature and History in the *Gazetteer of India*, Vol. II.

Macdonell: *History of Sanskrit Literature*. (Heinemann, Rs. 6.)

Frazer: *Literary History of India*.

In South India, Padfield: *Hindu at Home*.

Third Year

Deussen: *Upanishads* translated by Geden (T. and T. Clark.)

Oman: *Mystics, Ascetics and Saints of India*.

In South India, Dubois: *Hindu Manners and Customs*, in either the Oxford or Madras editions.


Farquhar: *Gita and Gospel* (Association Press, Calcutta.)

The Vernacular Examinations have been conducted since July, 1900, twice each year. During these eighteen years 1104 candidates
have been examined not including re-examinations in one or more subjects. By languages these are distributed as follows:

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The thanks of the Board are due to all those who assisted in the work.

The accounts for the year 1917 are appended.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

(Sd) J. Aberly,

Convener.
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Respectfully submitted,

(Sd) J. Aberly,  
Convener.

The books have been audited  
and found correct.

(Sd) J. Roy Strock,  
Auditor.
Report of Committee on Building

Plans and Estimates.

There has been very little demand for plans this year, undoubtedly due to the high prices of building materials and the shortage of funds occasioned by the war. I regret that we have not been able to have a meeting of our Committee and that it has also been impossible to do anything in the way of drawing up the plans and estimates towards the preparation of which the General Committee have sanctioned the inadequate sum of Rs. 100/. Moreover, a suitable draftsman could not be spared.

(Sd) B. Rottschaefer,
Convener.
Report of Committee on Disabilities of Indian Christians.

I am glad to inform you that we are making progress. The National Missionary Council in its meeting held in July, 1917, passed five resolutions on the subject of the Legal Handbook. In effect these resolutions sanctioned the publication of the book under the joint auspices of the N. M. C. and the S. I. M. A. The Standing Committee on Public Questions of the N. M. C. has full power to proceed with the Handbook in any way it thinks best in association with our Committee. The Christian Literature Society is to publish the Handbook providing satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Funds up Rs. 1,500/ were sanctioned by the Council. Our Committee previously agreed to all these resolutions so that we now have a combined fund of Rs. 3,000/ on which to work and the two Committees concerned have full powers to proceed. Mr. Chinnayya of Madras has consented to work with Mr. Mukerji and the work has already been commenced.

It has been agreed that all parts of the Handbook need not be previously published by the Harvest Field or any other paper, but only such portions of it as in the opinion of Mr. Mukerji and Mr. Chinnayya are controversial. These portions will be sent to me in advance and I shall get them before the South Indian Missionary Association in the best form possible. Mr. Mukerji pledged himself to make the Handbook such as could be easily understood by missionaries and men of non-legal professions.

It is proposed to charge enough for the book to pay at least for the cost of printing and distribution, but the price has not yet been fixed.

(Sd) J. M. Baker,
Convener.

Mission Press, Guntur.
APPENDIX A.

South India Missionary Statistics, 1917

The outstanding features of the returns are—(1) the continuous depletion of foreign workers, (2) the increase of unordained Indian workers (men and women) and of church members, and (3) the decrease of Christians and pupils in some of the missions which are understaffed. The impression left is that missions as a whole did not make much progress in South India during the third year of the great war. This does not mean that many missions have not made excellent progress; but the effect of the war has been to reduce the number of missionaries and to remove many Christians, chiefly as non-combatants to the various battle-fields, and as a result churches have not adequately been cared for and outsiders have not been gathered into the church.

The table of statistics is by no means complete, and some of the figures are only more or less accurate estimates. Till the home boards agree upon a uniform set of returns, it will not be possible to compile accurate statistics of the work on the field. In some cases the figures vary so much from year to year that not much reliance can be placed on them. Three missions have not sent in any returns and the previous year’s figures are reproduced: these are marked with an asterisk *.

Some slight changes have been made in the order of the missions (col. 1) and a few additional names inserted. The order has been changed so as to bring together the missions that form the South India United Church. These are marked with a dagger †, and at the foot of the table are the figures supplied by the secretary of the South India United Church. The following names appear for the first time:—Church of England Zenana Mission, whose returns were formerly incorporated with those of the Church Missionary Society; the Dornakal and Singareni Mission; the National Missionary Society; the Seventh-Day Adventist; the Madras Christian College, whose figures were formerly included with those of the United Free Church of Scotland Mission (this has caused an apparent decrease in some of the Free Church returns); the Madras Women’s Christian College; and the United Theological College. There are still some small missions unrecorded, because they failed to respond to the request for statistics.

As far as is known, all figures referring to work outside of the Madras Presidency with its Native States—the area covered by the Madras Representative Council of Missions—have been eliminated. This has reduced the figures of the Ceylon and India Mission, which last year included those of Ceylon.
The number of stations (col. 2) is much larger than that of the previous year, not because more stations have been occupied, but because the returns are more complete. The full number is not yet reported.

Foreign missionaries continue to decline in numbers, and there is a decrease of 49 ordained missionaries (col. 3), seven lay missionaries (col. 4), 66 wives of missionaries (col. 5), while unmarried women workers have increased by 11. The total decrease of foreign workers is 111, though all have not left India during the year under report. In three years they have declined over 25 per cent., or from 1,447 to 1,074. This serious decrease is having its effects on churches and schools. The Schleswig-Holstein Mission, with a Christian community of over 18,000, has only one ordained minister, and he is also working in another mission. Adequate supervision is impossible. The number of unmarried women workers is 367 and considerably exceeds the number of ordained missionaries, 319. In addition to those included in the table there are on furlough 16 ordained men, four laymen, 28 wives of missionaries, and 38 unmarried women.

Indians are not giving themselves to the work of the ministry, for there is a slight decrease of six ordained Indian ministers. There are 7,603 congregations reported, but only 517 ordained pastors. There is great need of earnest, spiritual men for the upbuilding of the Church of Christ in South India. This great lack of ordained men is remedied by the employment of catechists or evangelists, who are practically the pastors of village congregations. These (col. 8) number 5,478, an increase of 250. It is difficult to understand some of the returns. The Canadian Baptists report a decrease of 117, the American Baptists 99, and the Swiss Mission 24. On the other hand the Salvation Army (Travancore) has 90 additional workers, the C. M. S. 85, and the Wesleyans 35, while the Dornakal Mission has 57 entered for the first time.

Women workers (col. 9) are steadily becoming more numerous, there being an increase of 157, due partly to more complete returns.

Male Christian teachers (col. 10) are less than those of the previous year by 165. A wrong entry made last year by the Salvation Army (Travancore) really turns the deficit into a gain of 69. The Schleswig-Holstein Mission reports a loss of 264 and the Rajahmundry Mission a gain of 111, but these changes are due chiefly to transfers from one mission to the other. There is an increase of Christian teachers in most missions. Women teachers (col. 11) are more numerous by 113, though the decrease in the Schleswig-Holstein Mission is 81. The S. P. G. returns 92 more than the previous year, otherwise the changes are small.

Columns 12 and 13, giving the number of other Christian workers, such as colporteurs, medical workers, &c., show a decided increase of 139 men and 73 women, caused by more complete returns, though all such workers are not yet enumerated.
The number of training institutions (col. 14) has increased, but the students in theological institutions (col. 15) have decreased. In the previous year's returns the S. P. G. entered a special class of students, which apparently has not been continued this year, as that mission reports a decrease of 145. The Wesleyans have 80 more students in training and the American Baptists 28.

Teacher students, both male and female (cols. 16 and 17), have increased in number. The C. M. S. reports an addition of 219, while Schleswig-Holstein has 114 less. There ought to be a much larger number of young men and women in training for the work of teaching.

It is doubtful whether the figures in columns 18 and 19, showing the number in training for other forms of Christian work, are complete. Of the women students 73 are returned for the first time by the C. E. Z. M.

The number of congregations (col. 20) is still incomplete, and the increase of 2,470 is due rather to fuller returns than to the formation of additional congregations.

The full members of the church (col. 21) have increased by 6,766, or nearly 25 per cent. The largest increases are—C. M. S. 3,765, Methodist Episcopal 1,433, S. P. G. 1,203, Guntur 968, Salvation Army (Travancore) 908. The missions that show large decreases are—Church of Sweden 2,673, Rajahmundry 961, Swiss 677. Most missions report an increase, and this is the most hopeful aspect of the year's returns.

The total Christian community (col. 22) is larger by 9,340, which is only one per cent. increase. There are many variations in the returns. The chief increases are—C. M. S. 6,963, Wesleyan 4,928, Methodist Episcopal 4,195, Dornakal (new entry) 3,602, Salvation Army (Travancore) 3,008, Guntur 2,347, American Baptist 1,990, Arcot 1,622, Rajahmundry 1,111. The chief decreases are—S. P. G. 6,374, Canadian Baptist 6,130, Schleswig-Holstein 5,648, Swiss 2,374, Godaveri 1,150. The figures in columns 21 and 22 indicate that the depletion of missionaries is affecting the progress of the Christian community in some missions.

The contributions (col. 23) show a substantial advance of Rs. 15,805, though the total given does not show all that the Christians have given, as some missions make no return. The largest increases are—S. P. G. Rs. 9,388, Wesleyan Rs. 5,941, Guntur Rs. 3,718, London (South India) Rs. 3,180, Methodist Episcopal Rs. 2,291, Arcot Rs. 1,920. The most important decreases are—C. M. S. Rs. 6,537, Schleswig-Holstein Rs. 2,622, Church of Sweden Rs. 1,200, American Baptist Rs. 1,034. The average for each member of the church is nearly Rs. 1 as. 14.

Several more missions have made this year returns of voluntary workers (cols. 24 and 25), but the figures are not complete. The increases of 735 males and 315 females are due to fuller returns.

Two additional colleges (col. 26) are reported, one being the Madras Women's Christian College, and the other an additional S. P. G.
College. High schools (col. 27) have increased by four, and all classes of schools and colleges (col. 28) by 918, but the latter figure is owing to more complete returns, and these are still incomplete.

The schedule is drawn up so as to tell the number of Indian Christian and non-Christian boys and girls reading in mission institutions; but the information was not given in each case. Some gave the total number of boys and girls, and some entered the number of Christians and non-Christians. The total number of pupils is all that is entered (col. 29). There is a decrease of 911, the chief being that of the Swiss Mission, 2,495. The other apparent decreases are due to rearrangements.

The number of Sunday schools (col. 30) is more completely returned and shows a nominal increase of 3,564. The figures of Christians and non-Christians (cols. 31 and 32) are more complete so that the increases are nominal. The total number of scholars (col. 33) is less than that of the previous year by 16,208. This is caused by the S. P. G. making no return this year while last year they reported 11,110, and by a decrease of 6,775 in the Canadian Baptist Mission. The other variations over 1,000 are—Guntur, decrease of 1,599, and Methodist Episcopal, increase of 1,504.

I was requested to make a return of the Telugu field separately. Those filling up the schedules were asked to indicate Telugu districts, and some did so; but many failed, and it is not possible from the data given to make any reliable returns of Telugu workers, Christians, and pupils.

June 24th, 1918.

H. GULLIFORD.
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