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Ninth Meeting of the

Bombay Representative Council of Missions

Bombay

9th and 10th September, 1920,

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For 1919-1920.

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BOMBAY REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.

President . . . Dr. W. J. Wanless.
Secretary . . . Rev. J. R. Cuthbert.

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CO-OPTED MEMBERS.

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Mr. B. N. Athavle  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Rev. B. R. Bhaskare  ..  ..  ..  ..  Poona.
The Bishop of Bombay.  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Rev. J. F. Edwards  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Rev. Dr. Hume  ..  ..  ..  ..  Ahmednagar.
Rev. Canon Joshi  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Dr. Gurubai Karmarkar  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Miss Latham  ..  ..  ..  ..  Ahmednagar.
Rev. L. E. Linzell  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Rev. Dr. Macnicol  ..  ..  ..  ..  Poona.
Rev. J. McKenzie  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Miss R. Navalkar  ..  ..  ..  ..  Poona.
Bishop Robinson  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
Mr. D. S. Savarkar  ..  ..  ..  ..  Bombay.
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Representatives on National Missionary Council.

1919-1921. The Rev. Canon Joshi.
MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING

OF

The Bombay Representative Council of Missions.

The Bombay Representative Council of Missions met in the United Free Church of Scotland, Waudby Road, Bombay, on Thursday, 9th September, 1920, at 10 a.m.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Mr. B. N. Athavle.

1. Roll Call.—The following members were present:—Rev. H. Fairbank, Rev. H. K. Wright, Rev. Dr. Wiley, Mr. H. R. Coventry, Mr. R. A. Adams, Rev. S. Kerr, Rev. A. W. Ross, Miss Barbara Nickey, Miss MacMichael, Dr. A. C. Lankester, Miss R. J. L. Henry, Rev. E. Schwab, Rev. W. H. Stephens, Rev. C. B. Hill, Miss Ada Holmes, Miss Gedge, Rev. W. W. Bruere, Mr. T. Buell, Rev. A. J. Selin, Rev. J. Smith, Rev. J. R. Cuthbert, Mr. J. J. McConnell, Miss Tulloch, Mr. B. N. Athavle, Rev. R. B. Douglas, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. W. Hazen, Rev. Canon Joshi, Dr. Gurubai Karmarkar, Rev. L. E. Linzell, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Rev. J. McKenzie, Bishop J. W. Robinson and Dr. W. J. Wanless.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Dr H. R. Scott and the Rev. A. A. McBride.

2. Minutes.—The Minutes of the Eighth Meeting having been printed and circulated were held as read, and confirmed.

3. Resolutions of Sympathy.—It was intimated that since last meeting of Council, one of its members, the Rev. G. P. Taylor, D.D., had passed way. Dr. Taylor was one of the members of the Conference held in Bombay in 1912 and of the National Missionary Conference held shortly after it in Calcutta, under the presidency of Dr. J. R. Mott, from which the Council originated. The Council feels that in his death it has lost one who possessed in a remarkable degree the affection of members of all Christian communities in Western India. During his long service of forty-three years in the Irish Presbyterian Mission in Gujarat, he exerted a Christian influence that extended far beyond the bounds of the area occupied by his own Mission. From his theological classes there went successive generations of students who were led by him to a fuller understanding and richer experience of the Gospel of Christ, and who learned from him to interpret
that Gospel to others, and the work which he thus did was reinforced by his Christian writings. His knowledge of the Gujarati language and Gujarati literature was wide, deep, and discriminating, and he has laid all students of Gujarati under a debt of gratitude for the help which they derive from his scholarly works. In many departments of study he was an accomplished scholar, and all his great gifts were consecrated to the service of Christ. He was, above all, a perfect Christian gentleman, one who was to all who knew him a type of the finest Christian personality. The Council mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished and beloved members, and it directs that a message of sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. Taylor and to the Mission to which he belonged.

The Council has heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Mackichan, the wife of Dr. Mackichan, who has been so closely identified with all the activities of the Council since its institution. It remembers her as a woman of remarkably gracious character, as one who took a large part in many religious and philanthropic movements in Bombay, and as the wise and devoted helper of her husband in his great and fruitful labours in the cause of Christ in this land. The Council would assure him of its affection and of its sympathy with him in his great loss.

4. Language School and Examination Committee.—The Report of the Language School and Examination Committee was presented by the Convener, the Rev. Dr. Macnicol, and was received.

5. Public Questions Committee.—The Report of the Public Questions Committee was presented by the Rev. J. F. Edwards, Convener, and was received.

It was resolved:

I. That in view of the fact (1) that the greatest possible co-operation with 'the powers that be' is one of our highest Christian duties; (2) that the Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations, Bombay Presidency, in a 'Press Note' dated June 22, 1920, has appealed for volunteers to assist Government in the Census to take place on March 18, 1921; and (3) that it is most desirable that as a Council we do all in our power to ensure the accurate enumeration of the Indian Christian community—

The Council earnestly recommends all educated Indian Christians to offer their voluntary services for this work at the earliest possible moment, applications to be made to the Health Officer in the case of Bombay City, to the Municipal President
in other places where there is a Municipality, and in all other cases to the local Mamlatdar, a copy of this resolution to be sent immediately to the Secretary of each Mission working in Bombay Presidency with the request that a copy with a translation be forwarded at once to the pastor of every Indian Church within its area.

II. That in view of the fact that from January next Indian Excise comes under popular control as a transferred subject in charge of an elected Indian Minister directly responsible to the people, this Council expresses its conviction that total prohibition should be the goal of every Legislative Council in India, Provincial and Imperial, and it urges that steps be taken from the very beginning of the new Councils to make possible the attainment of this goal. In support of its view the Council would refer to an important public Memorial to the Secretary of State for India adopted by a meeting of Bombay citizens on July 8 this year in which European, Parsi, Hindu and Mahommedan business men make the following observations:

Your memorialists invite your attention to the important fact that there is general agreement amongst all sections of Indian opinion in favour of drastic measures to reduce consumption, which, supported as it is by the religious injunctions of the two great Indian communities, has received considerable stimulus in the field of practical politics from the adoption of the policy of total prohibition by the United States and the strong support given to it in business circles on account of its proved efficiency in augmenting the productive power of the community. Your memorialists cannot accept without protest an arrangement which makes the means of maintaining the administration of the Presidency so greatly dependent on the continuance and development of a discredited policy.

In view of these facts the Council would express the earnest hope that a Bill embodying a substantial step towards prohibition may be brought before the new Bombay Legislative Council at a very early date; this resolution to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, His Excellency the Viceroy of India; to the new Indian Minister for Excise in the Bombay Legislative Council immediately after his appointment is announced, and to all candidates for election to the new Legislative Council.

III. Feeling the importance of pressing the question of Prohibition without delay, that this Council instruct the Temperance Committee to get into communication as soon as possible
with Temperance Associations, Christian and non-Christian, in this Presidency, with a view to convening a Temperance Conference to consider the methods by which Prohibition may be secured as soon as practicable.

6. Committee on Survey, Comity and Co-operation.—The Report of the Committee on Survey, Comity and Co-operation was presented by the Convener, Mr. R. A. Adams, and was received.

7. Education Board.—The Report of the Education Board was presented by Mr. H. R. Hamley, Secretary, and was received. It was resolved:—

I.—Proposed Scholarship Scheme.

1. That this Council urges every Mission in this Provincial area to agree to contribute a sum of money annually towards the establishment of a scheme of scholarships for Indian Christian students to be competed for under the direction of this Council.

2. This Council directs the Educational Board to appoint a Committee (not necessarily of its own members) which shall prepare a scheme of scholarships on the lines indicated below, and shall submit it to the next meeting of Council, such Committee to have a majority of Indian Christian members.

3. (a) That the scheme to be prepared shall begin from the Anglo-Vernacular IV Standard, and shall provide scholarships for those proceeding to Matriculation, and for those taking a vocational training or serving their apprenticeship in workshops.

(b) It shall also provide scholarships at the Matriculation stage for those proceeding to further study either at one of the Arts or Medical or other Colleges; or in the Art School; or at an Engineering workshop; or at a Theological College.

(c) That the scheme may provide, if any contributing Mission so desires, that scholarships from the funds provided by that Mission shall be held at a particular School or College or shall be for candidates from a particular area or for candidates otherwise specified to whom it is desired to give special encouragement.

4. That the Scholarship Committee be authorised to communicate at once in the name of the Council with the various Missions and with any Indian Christian Association that might co-operate in the scheme, submitting the scheme for their approval, and asking them what sum they would contribute to such a scheme if it is approved by the Council of Missions.

5. That this Committee be further requested to indicate the lines upon which the examinations shall be conducted by which the scholarships shall be granted.
II.—Proposed Women’s Hall.

1. That the Council approve the scheme for a Women’s Hall as drafted by the Educational Board.

2. That a communication be addressed to the Western India Mission Council of the United Free Church, enquiring whether, or on what conditions, it would be prepared to allow the proposed Hall to be erected on the vacant site belonging to the Mission on Alexandra Road.

3. That before the scheme for establishing a Women’s Hall is forwarded to the Conference of Missionary Societies by the Council, it shall be submitted to a Conference of Indian Christian leaders, both men and women, to be convened by the Educational Board for their consideration, their observations to be attached to the scheme when it is so forwarded.

4. That the Executive Committee be empowered to transmit the scheme to the Conferences of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and America, with a request that it be submitted by them to the Home Boards of Societies at work in the Presidency for their acceptance, and that it be sent at the same time to the Missionary bodies in the field, that they may express their opinions to their Home Boards.

III. To instruct the Education Board to consider carefully the matter referred to in paragraph 5 of their Report, and to report on it at the next Annual Meeting.

IV. To instruct the Education Board to give its attention to certain resolutions regarding Education which, it is informed, were passed at the Kedgaon Conference. (See Report of the Committee on the Indian Church.)

V. To record the appreciation of the Council for the excellent work that has been done by Mr. Hamley as Secretary of the Education Board.

8. Committee on Work among Young People.—The Report of the Committee on Work among Young People was sent by the Convener, the Rev. L. H. Gates, and was received. 

It was resolved:—

That the Committee on Work among Young People for 1920-21 be instructed to give effect to the three resolutions quoted in the Report.

9. Literature Committee (Marathi).—The Report of the Literature Committee (Marathi) was presented by the Convener, the Rev. R.B. Douglas, and was received. Mr. Douglas also reported that in view of the expiry of his engagement with the Council,
the Marathi Literature Committee recommended* that Mr. D. S. Savarkar be appointed full-time Marathi Literature Missionary as from October, 1921, at which time he expects to be free from Government service, and that Mr. Savarkar was willing to act in an honorary capacity. He reported further that he would have to give up his place in the Vernacular Book Committee and suggested the name of the Rev. H. G. Howard to take his place. 

*It was resolved:—

1. To thank the Rev. R. B. Douglas for his work as Vernacular Literature Missionary.
2. To appoint Mr. Savarkar as Marathi Literature Missionary with cordial thanks for his offer to act without salary.
3. To approve of the proposal that Mr. Douglas should suggest Mr. Howard as his successor in the Government Vernacular Book Committee.
4. To continue Mr. D. K. Dhalvani's services for a year as a half-time worker under the Marathi Literature Committee.

10. Literature Committee (Gujarati).—The Report of the Literature Committee, (Gujarati) was sent by the Convener, the Rev. Dr. Scott, and was received.

*It was resolved:—

That the Council place on record its appreciation of the services of Dr. H. R. Scott in connection with the Gujarat area of the Literature Committee. It renews the expression of its hope that the Mission Council of the Irish Presbyterian Church may be able during the ensuing year to set Dr. Scott free for the work of Gujarati Literature Missionary.

11. Committee on the Indian Church.—The Report of the Committee on the Indian Church was presented by the Convener, the Rev. Canon Joshi, and was received.

*It was resolved:—

1. That the Council having heard with satisfaction of the Conference of Indian Christians at Kedgaon, earnestly recommends that Indian Christians be encouraged to meet in such Conferences.
2. The Council having heard that a Report of the Conference has been printed and published, instructs the Committee on the Indian Church and Evangelistic Effort to give its most careful consideration to this Report and to report on the recommendations contained in it at next meeting of Council.

12. Committee on Medical Work.—Dr. Wanless, Convener of the Committee on Medical Work, made a statement reporting the progress made by the Committee in regard to its scheme for a Tuberculosis Sanatorium.
13. Rural Education Commission.—The Report of the Committee on arrangements for the visit of the Rural Education Commission was presented by the Convener, the Rev. C. B. Hill, and was received.

14. Famine Relief.—I. Whereas rains so far this year have been very deficient in a large part of the Deccan, namely Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Aurangabad, Jalna, and parts of Bijapur, Sangli, Miraj, Satara, Poona and Nasik, thus causing great hardship and distress, and there is fear that the rains of September and October may also be deficient, which would add very much to the existing distress,

*It was resolved:*—

That this Council expresses its deep sympathy with the people of the districts affected by the drought, and it instructs the Executive Committee, in consultation with the missionaries living in the affected areas, to watch the situation, and as soon as Government declares a state of famine to exist in these, or any of these, areas to issue appeals for help to all who would be likely to respond to these appeals.

II. Whereas it is reported that a sum of money, sent by the Federal Council of the Churches in America for famine relief, is now in the hands of the Treasurer of the National Missionary Council,

*It was resolved:*—

To authorise the Executive Committee to ask the National Council to apportion some of this money to the famine threatened districts of the Deccan should Government declare a state of famine to exist.

15. Devotional Exercises.

*It was resolved:*—

That the Executive Committee be instructed in preparing for the next meeting of Council to arrange that at least one hour each day of meeting be spent in devotional exercises.


*It was resolved:*—

That the Committees on Evangelistic Effort and the Indian Church be amalgamated under the designation of the Committee on the Indian Church and Evangelistic Effort.

17. Reports and Resolutions.

*It was resolved:*—

That the Council instruct the Conveners of Committees to submit their reports with resolutions attached to them in time to have them printed before the meeting of Council. The reso-
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7th September, 1920. Audited and found Correct.

JOHN MCKENZIE.
It was resolved:

I. That the Report be adopted with thanks to the Rev. John McKenzie for his kindness in auditing the accounts.

II. That the Executive Committee be instructed to consider the financial position of the Council with a view to suggesting an alteration in paragraph 9 of the constitution.

III. That the Executive Committee be instructed to revise the scale of contributions to the Vernacular Literature Fund, and to communicate with the contributing societies with regard to this.

19. Co-opted Members.—Resolved that the following be co-opted as members of the Council for 1920-21:

Mr. B. N. Athavle, Rev. B. R. Bhaskare, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. Dr. Hume, Rev. Canon Joshi, Dr. Gurubai Karmarkar, Miss Latham, Rev. L. E. Linzell, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Rev. J. McKenzie, Miss R. Navalkar, Bishop Robinson, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar and Dr. Wanless.

20. Office-bearers and Executive Committee.

It was resolved:

That the following be appointed Office-bearers and Executive Committee for 1920-21:

President:—Dr. W. J. Wanless.

Secretary and Treasurer:—Rev. J. R. Cuthbert.

Executive Committee:—The President and Secretary (ex officio), Mr. B. N. Athavle, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. C. B. Hill and Miss Gedge.


It was resolved:

That Committees of the Council be appointed for 1920-21 as follows:

Language School and Examination Committee.—Miss Bissell and Rev. Dr. Macnicol, for three years; Rev. H. Fairbank and Rev. H. G. Howard, for two years; Rev. B. R. Bhaskare and Rev. W. H. Stephens, for one year; these to have power to co-opt three additional members. (Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Convener.)

Committee on Survey, Comity, and Co-operation.—Mr. R. A. Adams, Rev. B. R. Bhaskare, Rev. R. D. Bizbee and Rev. H. J. Lane Smith. (Mr. R. A. Adams, Convener.)

Educational Board.—Rev. B. R. Bhaskare, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. R. H. Boyd, Miss E. A. Gordon, Mr. J. Maclean, Miss Latham, Rev. P Loyd, Miss Manoramabai, Rev. J. McKenzie, Miss R. Navalkar, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar and Rev. H. K. Wright. (The Bishop of Bombay, Chairman; and Mr. J. Maclean, Secretary.)
Committee on Work among Young People.—Mr. H. W. Brown, Rev. Bowen Bruce, Miss Cuthbertson, Rev. L. H. Gates, Mrs. W. Hazen, Mr. R. S. Modak, Mr. Ranganadhan, Rev. M. W. Strahler and Miss Whealdon. (Rev. L. H. Gates, Convener.)

Committee on Public Questions.—Mr. B. N. Athavle, the Bishop of Bombay, Rev. J. F. Edwards, Rev. Dr. Hume, Rev. Canon Joshi and Bishop Robinson. (The Bishop of Bombay, Convener.)


Literature Committee (Gujarati):—Rev. C. H. Conley, Rev. I. S. Long, Rev. Dr. Scott, and three members to be nominated by the Gujarat Missionary Conference. (Rev. Dr. Scott, Convener.)

Temperance Committee.—Mr. T. Dobson, Rev. H. G. Howard, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Dr. Harold Mann, Rev. F. Wood, Rev. A. T. Hoffert, and Rev. D. A. Yardi. (Rev. H. G. Howard, Convener.)


Committee on Medical Work.—Dr. Beales, Dr. Corpron, Dr. Cottrell, Dr. Greenfield, Dr. Lankester and Dr. Wanless. (Dr. Wanless, Convener.)


22. Representatives on National Missionary Council.—

It was resolved:—


23. It was resolved to record the appreciation of the Council for the excellent services of Mr. B. N. Athavle in the Chair.
24. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Minister and the Deacon's Court of the U.F. Church for the use of the Church for the Council Meeting, and to the authorities of Wilson College for the use of the College Hall for the Public Meeting.

25. The Minutes of the Ninth Meeting were read and confirmed.

26. The Meeting was closed at 3-45 p.m. on Friday, 10th September, with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.
REPORTS FOR 1919-20.

The Rev. W. B. Stover who was appointed President of the Council for 1919-20 went on furlough during the year, and Mr. B. N. Athavle was appointed President by the Executive Committee. The Rev. J. McKenzie who was appointed Secretary and Treasurer for 1919-20, resigned his post, and the Rev. J. R. Cuthbert was appointed Secretary and Treasurer by the Executive Committee.

The Rev. C. B. Hill was appointed Representative on the National Missionary Council for 1920 by circular in place of Dr. Mackichan, and the Rev. H. Fairbank was appointed as alternate for 1920.

The Committee on the Indian Church arranged for a Conference of Indian Christians which was held at Kedgaon in August. The findings of the Conference are embodied in a Report which has been separately published.

A Public Missionary Meeting was held under the auspices of the Council in Wilson College Hall, on Thursday evening, the President of the Council, Mr. B. N. Athavle, in the Chair. There was an excellent programme of music. The Rev. R. M. Gray spoke on the Union of the Churches, and Sir Stanley Reed on the League of Nations. There was a large audience.

1. LANGUAGE SCHOOL AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

1. LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

Arrangements for assisting young missionaries in their study of Marathi have been maintained as in previous years both in Poona and in Mahabaleshwar. In Poona in the early part of the year under review the number of pupils was small. The chief reason for this was the great difficulty in obtaining accommodation in Poona at reasonable rates. There was a great desire on the part of a number of young missionaries to take advantage of the conveniences for language study provided in Poona, but few were able to obtain accommodation. As soon, however, as the Language School was transferred to Mahabaleshwar the number of pupils increased and this year, as in previous years, it was there that the most important part of the work of the School was accomplished. It opened at Mahabaleshwar on March 5 and closed on May 28. This year, as last year, the Revs. E. Fairbank and J. F. Edwards undertook charge of the School during this period, and have again placed the Committee deeply in their debt by the valuable work which they accomplished in guiding the studies of the Language pupils and controlling the arrangements of the School,
In undertaking and carrying through this task during the holiday months when they might well have desired rest, Messrs. Edwards and Fairbank have earned the grateful acknowledgments, not only of the pupils of the School but of all who desire increased effectiveness in the work of the foreign missionary. In spite of the high cost of living at Mahabaleshwar and the difficulty of obtaining accommodation, fifty-five students were registered in the School, and thirteen pundits were employed for their instruction. An attempt was made by the Committee to provide a bungalow for the accommodation of some of the Language pupils, but it was found to be impossible to carry through the plan and, as in previous years, the Missions and individual pupils had to be left to make their own arrangements. The difficulty of finding accommodation in Mahabaleshwar is a serious hindrance to the progress of the School.

From June onwards the work of the School has been continued, mainly at Poona. There are at present thirteen students under instruction there and, in addition, Language School pundits are carrying on work at Miraj, Dahanu, Vada and Ahmednagar. It has been found necessary to raise the fees charged and these will now be, for a Class with one hour of a pundit in addition, Rs. 22 per mensem, and for an hour daily with a pundit only, Rs. 16 or Rs. 17. Mr. N. L. Harshe, the senior pundit, who has shared in this work for a number of years, with much efficiency, has now been taken on the staff of the Language School at a guaranteed salary. In spite of the difficulties that the Language School has had to face its value is increasingly demonstrated with every year, and it is greatly to be desired that it should be found possible to organise it on a more permanent basis. This is urged by Messrs. E. Fairbank and Edwards as a result of their experience at Mahabaleshwar, and it certainly would greatly promote missionary efficiency if such an arrangement could be carried out. The Committee would accordingly renew their recommendation of last year that the question of establishing this School in a more secure and satisfactory position should be considered by the Council of Missions.

II. THE LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee have arranged, as stated in last year's Report, to appoint a senior examiner for each examination for a period of three years, in order to maintain, as far as possible, the same standard in successive examinations. They have been fortunate of securing Mr. H. G. Howard to undertake this duty in connection with the second examination, and Mr. B. Bhaskare in connection with the first. To them, as well as to Messrs. C. G. Navalkar, R. G. Waghchowre, D. Tilak, S. L. Salve, and B.
Uzgare and to Misses Bissell, Paxton, J. P. Gordon and Fuller, the thanks of the Committee are due for the careful work they have done in conducting these examinations. Examinations were held in November and June in accordance with the rules, and an additional first year examination was held in February. Thirty-four candidates appeared in all for the first examination, and thirteen for the second. Twenty-four passed the former examination in all subjects, three obtaining honours; twelve passed the latter examination, one obtaining honours.

N. MACNICOL,
Convener.

2. REPORT OF LITERAURE COMMITTEE—(Gujarati.)

1. The appointment of a Literature Missionary for the Gujarati area is still delayed for the same reason as was given last year,—the Irish Presbyterian Mission being still too short-handed to permit of Dr. Scott being set free for this work. The matter will be brought up again at the annual meeting of the Mission Council of the I. P. Church, and it remains to be seen whether any arrangement will be possible for the coming year.

2. Dr. Scott continued during the past year to supervise the Christian Literature which issued from the Mission Press, Surat: but he is still in search of a suitable Indian assistant for this work.

3. Two of the books referred to in last year’s report, as being ready for publication, were issued during the year:

(1) A Remedy for Famine, a tract by the Rev. R. H. Boyd, B.A.

(2) Bible Course for Teachers, Third Year Text Book. These were published by the Gujarat Tract Society.

(3) A Second Year Course for Village Sunday Schools was also issued during the year. It was published by the Mr. E. Mission. This Mission has also issued the following two books.

(4) Stewardship in India.

(5) Personal Work—Our Greatest Method, by E. Stanley Jones. A very large number of leaflets were printed for use in the Evangelistic Campaign, but only one new one was written during the year. This is called the “True Satyagraha” and was written by the Rev. L. Hari, 15,000 copies have been printed.
4. The other works referred to in last year's report as having been accepted for publication have not yet been published. They are—

(1) "The Universal Disease," a short tract by Rev. Ramsingh Kahandás.

(2) "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ," by the Rev. W. A. Wilson, D.D., translated into Gujarati by Mr. Suleman R. Ranipuria.

(3) "The Teaching of Jesus Christ in His own Words," compiled by the Earl of Northbrook.

(4) "The Life of John G. Paton."

(5) "Bible-Class Studies," by Rev. R. H. Boyd, B.A.

(6) "Alcohol—A Menace to India" (to be translated).

In addition to these the Gujarat Tract Society has accepted the following for publication.

(7) The remaining portion of Dr. Taylor's Old Test. Introduction.

(8) The Old and New Testaments, by Rev. S. Gillespie, B.A.


H. N. SCOTT, Convener.

3. REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE—(Marathi.)

LITERATURE COMMITTEE (MARATHI).—Several of the books recommended to the Bombay Tract and Book Society last year and accepted by them for publication have not yet appeared. This is due to the great difficulties under which, owing to the shortage both of paper and of labour, printing presses have been working.

Mr. Dhalwani has completed the following books during the year under report:

Life of Sadhu Sundar Singh.
Rambhaucha Dusera Dava.—An adaptation of Baxter's Second Innings.
Swamiseva Mahatmya.—A short play in two scenes, illustrating the call to social service in the name of Christ.
Upadesháché Sáhitya.—A volume of short sermons which have appeared from week to week in Dnyanodaya.
Santa-Charítra Mala.—Sketches of 5 Christian saints.

A number of MSS. submitted for approval have been examined. Several have had to be returned to their authors as
unsuitable for publication, but the following have been recommended for publication:—

_Drishtianta Bhandara._—A collection of Scripture passages for devotional purposes by Mr. M. B. Adhav.

_Chamatkara Ratnamala._—A series of poems on the miracles of our Lord, by the Rev. B. L. Salvi. This will form a book of considerable size, and has been accepted by the Bombay Tract and Book Society for publication in parts.

_Rev. Raghavendra Nevaskar Yancha Athavani._

A new translation of _The Pilgrim’s Progress, Part I_, by Mr. R. A. Joshi.

_Balodyanasathi Gani._—A Kindergarten song-book, compiled by Miss Bissell. It is hoped that the Tract and Book Society will publish two editions of this, one with words only, and one with words and music.

_Out of the Deep Waters._—A story by Mrs. I. B. Rose, and Miss Venubai Kelkar.


A statement of accounts for the year ending 31st July 1920 is subjoined.

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R. B. DOUGLAS,
Convener.
4. REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

Public Questions Committee.—(1) The Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations, Bombay Presidency, has been interviewed by the Rev. J. F. Edwards, acting Convener of the Public Questions Committee, at the request of the Executive Committee of the Council; a suggested resolution on the subject is appended. (2) Your Committee has been following with interest the public situation with reference to Temperance Legislation in India, and we suggest what appears to us a suitable form of resolution.

J. F. EDWARDS,
Convener.

5. COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

Although an attempt to have a meeting of the committee was made early in the year, no meeting has been held, and the convener must take upon himself the blame for this state of things. Even now it is time to prepare the annual report and it is not possible to circulate a copy among the members for their approval before copy should be in the hands of the printers.

In accordance with the resolution of the Council last year that arrangements be made for a conference on Young People's Work at Mahabaleshwar, similar to the one held in May 1919, an informal conference was convened at that hill resort on the afternoons of May 11th-13th. This conference was primarily intended for missionaries and was well attended. Although it was found impossible to secure specially prominent speakers to come to Mahabaleshwar to present important phases of the work, yet the interest was sufficient to necessitate the addition of a third session to complete the programme: then only two sessions had been planned for. Such subjects as

"Teaching the Dignity of Work,"
"The Value of Games,"
"Training Leaders,"
"Conserving the Good Influences of the Indian Home," and
"Co-ordination of effort" were presented and discussed.

Your committee is glad to present for consideration by the Council the resolution which was passed at the conference, as follows:—

Resolved:—That we request the Committee on Work among Young People of the Bombay Representative Council of Missions to arrange—

I. For an annual conference for the training of Indian Christian leaders for work among young people.
II. For another physical training class next year along the lines carried out by Dr. Gray several years ago.

III. For a Hand Book on Work among Young People, showing the successful lines of work already in operation, literature available, games possible, etc. etc., this handbook to be distributed among the missionaries and Indian leaders.

In accordance with the first section of this resolution, the convener of your committee has been in correspondence concerning the possibility of having a Training Conference for Indian Christian leaders. It was thought that a convenient place and time would be Poona during the Diwali holidays, which this year occur on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of November. Plans have not matured, however, and before the time arrives a new committee will have been appointed. Negotiations and correspondence will be continued with the hope that the new committee may be able to take up the work and continue it. The attention of the Council is called to the significant fact that a group of experts is expected to visit India on their return from the World's S.S. Convention in Tokio. Would it not be possible to utilize their talents and experience in the programme of a Training Conference arranged to suit their convenience?

This committee has had occasion every year to report the very great need of adequate training for leaders, but we are afraid that the committee has reported the need and left it to the succeeding committee to supply it. If this need had been met five years ago, undoubtedly greater efforts would have been made by the various missions to organize and develop the work for young people; and the India Survey Committee of the Inter-Church World Movement would not have had need to call our attention in such an unmistakable manner to the fact that, "In no Mission field that we visited did we find those forms of work which are especially adapted to young people adequately developed." This criticism comes home with considerable force to those who have been trying to reach the youth of India by means of the recognized agencies of Sunday School, or Christian Endeavour or Boy Scouts, or Girl Guides, or perhaps by more than one of these societies. Surely this Council nor any Mission can understate the importance of this criticism of Mission work in view of the emphasis that is being laid on educational and religious effort during the adolescent period of life. In this connexion it may be well to draw attention to the movement to amalgamate and reorganize the various Boy Scout troops and associations throughout India under one national council. It is to be hoped that Christian Missions will seize this opportunity for affiliating
with the National Organization, and for organizing new troops under its guidance.

Another problem which is constantly confronting workers with young people is the scattering of effort, unnecessary duplication, and psychological diversity of the religious life caused by two, three, or four forms of religious work for the adolescent in addition to the secular ones. The history of the rise of these various organizations is analogous to that of the rise of the different denominations; and the same reasons exist for the co-ordination of efforts in the one case as exist in the other. The desire for union is in the air these days, whether it be for the union of societies, or churches, or nations; and effort usually follows desire. Efforts to co-ordinate the different phases of work among young people have been made along the lines of co-ordination, federation, and amalgamation. The convener of your committee has, during the last year, been making a questionnaire study of (a) The Scope of Field of Effort, (b) The Aims and Purposes, and (c) The Methods of the various Societies, with a view to making suggestions and experiments as to how effort can be united, duplication avoided, and action and reaction, impression and expression harnessed for the progress of our young people. It does not seem an impossibility to him to have one common organization such as "The Church School," which shall have for its comprehensive purpose to minister to the physical, mental, moral, and spiritual needs of the boys and girls.

L. HENRY GATES,
Convener.

6. SURVEY AND COMITY COMMITTEE FOR 1920.

After the lamented death of the Rev. W H. Findlay, Director of Missionary Survey of India, correspondence was received from the Rev. H. Gulliford, and this was circulated amongst the members of the Committee for suggestion and criticism. The Survey Committee has approved of the Table "Mission and Church Statistics for all India" with slight modifications, and suggested that the information required be prepared, not yearly as proposed, but every three or five years.

In regard to matters of Comity, a meeting of the Committee took place early in the year to deal with several items of correspondence.

The Committee met on the 30th August and the Report, as above, was passed for insertion in the records of the Council.

R. A. ADAMS,
Convener.
7. EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

1. **Co-opted Members.**

The following members were co-opted to the Board for the year 1919-20.

Rev. Dr. N. Macnicol ... U. F. C. Mission, Poona.
,, H. W. Lea-Wilson ... C.M.S., Bombay.
,, J. M. Lyle ... I.P.M., Ahmedabad.
,, W. Rose ... Church of the Brethren, Bulsar.
Mr. A. N. Bose ... Mission High School, Surat.
Rev. H. G. Howard ... A.P.M., Ahmedabad.
Mr. D. C. Churchill ... A.M.M., Ahmednagar.
Miss Paxton ... U.F.C. Mission, Poona.
,, Latham ... S.P.G. Mission, Ahmednagar.
,, Bealy ... St. Mary’s School, Poona.
,, Bruce ... A.M.M., Ahmednagar.
,, Hurd ... A.P.M., Kolhapur.

When the Rev. H. G. Howard, Mr. D. C. Churchill and Miss Bealy ceased to serve the following members were co-opted in their stead:—

Miss Gedge ... Missionary Settlement, Bombay.
Miss Wheeler ... A.M.M., Sholapur.
Miss Seiler ... A.P.M., Kolhapur.

2. **Business Meetings.**

Three Board meetings and two sub-committee meetings were held during the year.

*Business.*

(1) **Vernacular School Readers.**

The Report of the Rev. J. H. Robinson on this subject was received. It was decided that the question of approaching Government with regard to the deletion of objectionable passages from School Readers be dropped, on the ground that most of the objections were in matters of detail, and were not of sufficient importance to warrant representation to (Government.

(2) **Women’s College Hall.**

The estimates for a Women’s College Hall, which were accepted by the Council of 1919 were forwarded to the Interchurch World Movement of North America with a request for financial assistance. No reply has yet been received to this appeal. Early in this year the Bishop of Bombay brought a proposal before the Board that the question of establishing a full Women’s College, instead of the Hall which was approved by the Council last year, should be reconsidered. The letter in which this matter was
discussed was circulated among the members and was discussed at the first meeting of the Board. The following decision was arrived at: that the Board is of opinion that, in view of the discussion and letters presented, no sufficient reason has been shown why the resolution of the Council should be rescinded; the Board was of opinion that considerable misunderstanding had arisen owing to the fact that the minute of the Council on this question did not make sufficiently clear the nature of the scheme proposed.

Revised estimates were prepared by the Board, a summary of which is now submitted:

(a) Staff.—Four missionaries (Foreign or Indian) including one hostel superintendent, who shall be on the same footing as professors.

Two assistant professors.

One Indian Matron.

(b) Accommodation.—Provision for classrooms, bedrooms for 50 students, dining rooms, lavatory accommodation, sickroom, etc.

Provision for bedrooms, sitting rooms, bathrooms for the staff, drawingroom, commonroom, etc.

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(c) Annual Expenditure.

Salaries and allowances of professors. .. 15,000
Salaries of assistant staff          .. 3,600
Servants                              .. 3,200
Repairs, taxes, etc.                  .. 3,600

Total Rs. .. 24,000

Receipts from fees Rs. 4,000.

Annual Balance, (to be found by the contributing Missions) Rs. 20,000.

(d) Site.—The Board recommends to the Council that a request be sent to the Western India Mission Council of the United Free Church of Scotland to consider whether and under what terms they would permit the site situated in Alexandra Road, Gamdevi, to be used for the purposes of a Women’s College Hall.

(e) Government.

Lectures.—It is proposed that as many of the lectures of the Course as possible should be given in the Hall. With the staff suggested it would be possible to do nearly all the work of the first two years and a considerable part of the work of other years
in the Hall. First-year Science classes would be conducted in separate classes in Wilson College.

Management.—It is proposed that the management of the Hall be under three Committees.—

1. Governing Board.—appointed by the contributing Missions and consisting of two sections, one in Great Britain and one in America.

2. Local Governing Board consisting of members appointed by the contributing Missions, the Principal and Vice-Principal, a representation from the Senatus of Wilson College, and other co-opted members.

3. Staff Committee, consisting of the Christian professors of the Hall, who shall act in conjunction with the Senatus of Wilson College in matters affecting the common working of the two institutions.

It was agreed to recommend that, before the scheme for establishing the Women's College Hall is forwarded to the Conference of Missionary Societies by the Council, it shall be submitted to a Conference of Indian Christian leaders, both men and women, to be convened by the Educational Board for their consideration, and that their observations shall be attached to the scheme when it is so forwarded.

3. Union of Work for University Women Students in Bombay.—It was proposed by Miss Gedge, of the University Settlement for University Women, that the work of the M.S.U.W. as well as of the proposed Women's College Hall, should be brought under the control of a single representative committee, which shall work in connection with and be under the control of a Home Board, representative of the different societies co-operating in support of the work.

After considerable discussion it was resolved to recommend that a full investigation and consideration of this proposal should be taken up by the Board next year.

4. Scholarships for Indian Christian Children.

A Sub-Committee of the Educational Board was appointed to consider further the projected scheme of Scholarships for Indian Christian Children in the light of the resolutions referring to this subject passed by a Conference of Indian Christians held at Khedgaon on the invitation of the Indian Church Committee and the Committee on Evangelistic Effort of the Bombay Council of Missions. This Sub-Committee was directed to consult the Committee of that Conference in framing the resolutions to be submitted to the Council of Missions. In submitting these resolutions the Sub-Committee desire to draw the attention of the Council to
the following facts and principles in the light of which this whole question should be considered:—

(a) It should be the aim of all Missions to strengthen the character and independence of the members of the Indian Church, and to avoid as far as possible anything that would place it in a position of dependence, or that would encourage an attitude of patronage on the part of Missions, or of mendicancy on the part of the Indian Church. This condition is largely maintained and encouraged by the present system of purely literary education together with the arrangement in accordance with which doles are given for the education of the children of the members of the Church. The Missions should consider whether it is not better to grant more liberal salaries to their workers of ability and also to foster, through industrial education, habits of industry and hard work and independence, thus increasing the earning capacity of the student and making less necessary the dispensing of large doles.

(b) So long as each Mission administers separately from other Missions the assistance of this kind that it grants to its members it is hindering the free growth of indigenous Church life in accordance with the convictions of the people themselves. It is preventing that freedom to shape its own course which the Indian Church is now demanding and which it should be encouraged to desire.

(c) Every Mission is spending large sums of money on the education of its young people, but these sums are often distributed in a quite unsystematic fashion and in consequence are frequently wasted. It is urged that a scheme which would be administered by a Central Board would be more efficiently administered, while its decisions would be less liable to the charge of partisanship. To obtain a scholarship under such a scheme would no longer place the boy or girl who obtained it in a position of dependence, but would be considered a distinction and would stimulate the successful candidate to greater efforts. Such a scheme as that which is proposed should accordingly be a valuable means for the creation of a body of Indian Christian leaders of capacity and independence.

Proposed Resolutions.—The following resolutions are accordingly submitted to the Council of Missions for their consideration.

1. This Council urges every Mission in this Provincial area to agree to contribute a sum of money annually towards the establishment of a scheme of scholarships for Indian Christian students to be competed for under the direction of this Council.
2. This Council directs the Educational Board to appoint a Committee (not necessarily of its own members) which shall prepare a scheme of scholarships on the lines indicated below, and shall submit it to the next meeting of the Council, such Committee to have a majority of Indian Christian members.

3. (a) That the scheme to be prepared shall begin from the Anglo-Vernacular IV Standard and shall provide scholarships for those proceeding to Matriculation and for those taking a vocational training or serving their apprenticeship in workshops.

(b) It shall also provide scholarships at the Matriculation stage for those proceeding to further study either at one of the Arts or Medical or other Colleges; or in the School of Art; or at an Engineering workshop; or at a Theological college.

(c) That the scheme may provide, if any contributing Mission so desires, that scholarships from the funds provided by that Mission shall be held at a particular School or College or shall be for candidates from a particular area or for candidates otherwise specified to whom it is desired to give special encouragement.

4. That the Scholarship Committee be authorised to communicate at once, in the name of the Council, with the various Missions and with any Indian Christian Association that might co-operate in the scheme, submitting the scheme for their approval and asking them what sum they would contribute to such a scheme if it is approved by the Council of Missions.

5. That this Committee be further requested to indicate the lines upon which the examinations shall be conducted by which the scholarships shall be granted.

5. Letters from the National Missionary Council.

(1) From the Secretary for Women's Work, N.M.C., asking if support could be given to the establishment of a Home for Mentally Deficient Children. The Board felt that this was a matter for the consideration of the State and suggested that Missions should provide for religious influence through special hostels.

(2) From the Educational Committee suggesting the appointment of a Representative Educational Committee to look into the question of the probable effect of political and educational reforms on Missionary education.

The Board decided that it was impossible to forecast the effect of such reforms in this Presidency, but realised the necessity of watching the change of events closely. The Board considered that the formation of a new Committee was unnecessary as the Educational Board was competent to discuss these matters.

H. R. Hamley,
Secretary.
8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN CHURCH.

No meeting of the Committee was held during the year, but business was carried on by correspondence. The most important work done by the Committee during the year was to convene a Conference of Indian Christians in August. We present to the Council the resolutions passed by this Conference.

Rev. Canon Joshi,
Convener.

(N.B.—Those who wish copies of the findings of this Conference should apply to the Convener.)

9. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE RURAL EDUCATION COMMISSION.

The programme for the tour of the Rural Education Commission as outlined in the last Minutes of the Council was carried out, and Conferences were held simultaneously at Ahmednagar for the Marathi area, and Anand for the Gujarat area on 23rd January, 1920.

We now await the Report of this important Commission, which we understand is to be presented to the Continuation Committees of Great Britain and Ireland.

Charles B. Hill,
Convener.

R. B. Douglas,
Secretary.