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September 6th and 7th, 1935

The Twenty-fourth meeting of the Bombay Representative Christian Council was convened in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Wodehouse Road, Bombay on the 6th of September, 1935 at 11 a.m. with Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle presiding.

The following sessions were held:

Friday the 6th: 11 a.m. to 1-30 p.m., and 2-30 to 5-30 p.m.
Saturday the 7th: 10-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m., and 2-30 to 6 p.m.

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Father C. Whitworth, S.S.J.E., Bombay.

The male quartette composed of the Rev’ds A. F. Bollinger, F. E. Banker, E. K. Ziegler and Mr. L. A. Blickenstaff sang for the devotional periods.

The Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Secretary of the National Christian Council, was present.

The public meeting was held on September 6th at 6-30 p.m., Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle presiding. The Rev. J. F. Edwards spoke on the subject: “The Present Christian Opportunity in India.”

A Retreat was held at the Wilson College from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th. The leaders were Dr. J. McKenzie, Rev. J. Z. Hodge and Dr. E. Fairbank.

PROCEEDINGS

September 6th, 11 a.m.

Opening: The Council was opened by Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle, Chairman. Dr. J. M. Blough led in prayer.
Roll Call: The Secretary called the Roll, the following changes being made in the printed list as circulated previously:—

(1) Rev. R. Lazarus in place of Rev. W. E. Cullwick.
(2) Miss A. E. Young in place of Dr. C. Greenfield.
(3) Rev. W. Martin in place of Rev. H. L. Adamson.
(4) Mr. A. J. Gibbs in place of Mr. H. W. Bryant.

The Chairman declared the meeting duly constituted. He referred to the untimely death of Mr. Stanley Barling, the Secretary of the Council, who had passed away on the 27th of December 1934. A resolution recording the grief of the Council, which had been solemnly passed by the Executive, was read by the Secretary as the Council stood and passed it in silence.

Executive Committee: The Minutes of the two meetings of the Executive on January 24th and July 4th, which had been printed and circulated to the Members, were presented by the Secretary. These with the Minutes of a meeting on September 5th were accepted. (See pp. 7-13).

Business

1. Nomination Committee: The following Nomination Committee as proposed by the Executive was appointed: Dr. B. P. Hivale (Convener), Rev. G. Wilson, Miss E. A. Gordon, Dr. Masoji, Rev. I. A. Harris and Miss Underwood.

2. Recording Secretaries: As proposed by the Executive, Miss Gordon and Rev. S. J. R. Ramdas were elected recording Secretaries.

3. Educational Board: (pp. 1 & 42) Dr. B. P. Hivale, the Convener, presented the report of the Board. He made a special appeal to the different missions that send their students to the Wilson College to cooperate with the College Senatus in all decisions regarding the students. Dr. J. McKenzie made a statement concerning the College and Christian students. The following correction in the Printed Report was instructed: page 43, line 11:—"who applied were given free rooms"

The report of the Board was adopted.
4. Marathi Literature Committee: (pp. 18-21). Dr. J. McKenzie was requested by the Chairman to take the chair while the report was being read. Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle as Convener presented the report of the Committee. The proposal (pp. 20 & 21) concerning the grant by the Committee of Rs. 200 to assist in the translation of The Pilgrim's Progress, and the appeal for definite action in the matter of continuing or closing the Book Depot were referred, on the motion of Dr. A. N. Warner, to the Marathi Literature Committee.

The accounts of the Book Depot were called for. They were read by Mr. J. S. S. Malelu. (See pp. xxii, xxiii).

The Council resolved, on the motion of Dr. A. N. Warner, that the Marathi Literature Committee be instructed to explore every possible means for securing and putting into operation a united programme in Maharashtra for the production and distribution of Marathi Christian Literature.

The report of the Committee was then adopted.

5. Gujarati Literature Committee: (pp. 15-17). Dr. J. M. Blough, Convener, presented the report.

Referring to printed report he stated that:—
(a) The Eight Picture Leaflets were now printed,
(b) The gift of Mr. E. A. Annett had been Rs. 100, and
(c) The third line from bottom of page 16 should read:—
   "literature worker and published"

The report was adopted.

Devotions: Father Whitworth led the Council in its devotions from 1 p.m to 1-30 p.m. With this the session was concluded.

Second Session

The Council reassembled at 2-30 p.m. and was led in prayer by the Chairman.

6. Gujarati Evangelistic Committee: (pp. 24-27). The Rev. D. Lewis, Convener, presented the report. Since Mr. Lewis was going on furlough, the Committee had suggested that the Rev. E. K.
Ziegler be appointed Convener for the coming year. The report was adopted for deliberation.

7. Marathi Evangelistic Committee: (pp. 31-40). The report of the Committee was presented by Dr. A. N. Warner as Convener. It was adopted for deliberation.

The Council fully considered the matter of evangelism in relation to the proposed programme of the National Christian Council.

Mr. Stephen Cox, Secretary of the Bible Society, addressed the Council regarding the Bible Week which is being planned for the first week of November.

The Rev. J. Z. Hodge spoke of the Forward Movement in Evangelism. He explained the plan of the N. C. C. based on the memorandum of the Fellowship of Council on Evangelism which was to launch a five year movement through the Church. Some plans the N. C. C. was suggesting were: (1) That a "Week of Witness" be organized each year; (2) That workers—one Indian and one Westerner—be set apart for this effort; (3) That individual effort be emphasized and (4) That retreats and conferences be organized to strengthen and guide the workers. Mr. Hodge said that if evangelism was to succeed it must succeed numerically. The evangelistic movement must start in the Church, go forth from the Church and return to the Church.

The Council considered the N. C. C. Evangelistic Programme as outlined on pages 35 & 36 (1 & 2) and approved its adoption throughout the Council Area.

Special consideration was given to the suggestion that two workers—one Indian and the other a Westerner—in the main language areas of the Council, Gujarat and Maharashtra, be set apart to be the medium of communication with Counsellors on Evangelism, and who will cultivate the churches in each area to follow the programme of evangelism suggested. They will also see to the preparation and distribution of circulars, leaflets, etc. (See p. 36 (4)).

At 4-00 p.m. Father Whitworth conducted the devotional period. The Council then adjourned for tea.

The Council resumed its session at 5:00 p.m.
As moved by Dr. A. N. Warner, the question of securing two workers in each area (Gujarat and Maharashtra) was referred to the Evangelistic Committee.

It was resolved, on the motion of Dr. A. N. Warner, to call upon the churches to participate in the observance of the special "Western India Bible Week" from the 3rd to 10th of November, or such other suitable week as may be chosen, with the object of placing a Scripture portion in the hands of every literate person for whom the local church is responsible.

8. Benefits for distressed Christians: Attention was given to the printed resolution submitted by the Committee of the Marathi Methodist Mission. An appeal to consider the state of many financially distressed Christians was made by the Rev. V. Deolalikar, who was invited to speak to the Council on the matter. After some discussion it was resolved that all facts regarding the question should be placed before the Executive and the Executive be advised to take action.

The Council adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY THE 7th

The Chairman opened the session with prayer at 10:30 a.m.

9. Bombay Vigilance Association: (pp. 43-46). The report was submitted by the Rev. S. J. R. Ramdas. After discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Dr. B. P. Hivale, that the question of imparting sex education to students be remitted to the Educational Board.

The report was accepted.

10. University Settlement: (p. 47). Miss E. Underwood presented the report which was accepted.

Devotions: Father Whitworth led the Council in its devotions.

11. Minutes: The Minutes of the first day's sessions were read by the Secretary and approved subject to certain changes.

12. India Sunday School Union: (p. 48). Miss Gordon presented the report which was accepted.
Miss Moreland addressed the Council. After discussion the Council resolved on the motion of the Rev. R. S. Modak, that the questions relating to the Sunday Schools in the Marathi Area be referred to the Bombay Auxiliary of the I.S.S.U. with a suggestion that the whole matter be so reviewed as to meet all the problems confronting the Auxiliary, and that this be done in consultation with the Gujarati Auxiliary; and that a report be requested for the Council next year.

13. Functions of the N. C. C. The Rev. J. Z. Hodge addressed the Council on the subject of "The Functions of the N. C. C." He reviewed the present situation carefully, and explained the action taken by the Executive Committee of the N. C. C. The question had been raised—"Is the Council, as at present constituted, in a position to give informed and authoritative guidance on matters of general policy?" He referred to the relation of the Church in India to the Council scheme. It was suggested that small representative regional conferences be called to discuss certain issues raised and make recommendations to the Provincial and National Councils.

The Council adjourned at 1-30.

4th Session.

The Council reassembled at 2-30 p.m. The Chairman led in prayer.

Certain points raised in Mr. Hodge's address having been discussed for a considerable time, the following resolutions proposed by Dr. J. McKenzie, and seconded by Dr. B. P. Hivale, were passed in order:

I. The Council welcomes the proposal for Regional Conferences and requests the Executive Committee to make arrangements for such Conferences in Maharashtra and Gujarat in cooperation with the Secretaries of the N. C. C.

II. The Council requests the Executive Committee to bring before the Regional Conferences to be convened in this area the question of the re-organisation of the B. R. C. C. with a view to bringing the Council into more effective touch with the Christian thought and Christian work of the area, and to report to the next meeting of the Council.
III. The Council would welcome any modification of the Constitution of the N. C. C. which would make it more fully representative of Indian Christian thought and of the forces engaged in Christian work in India.

14. Rural Reconstruction: (pp. 22-23). The report was presented by Mr. J. L. Goheen as Convener. He also submitted the findings of the Second Annual Rural Life Conference held at Sangli, September 4th and 5th. These were accepted with great satisfaction, and the Secretary was instructed to have them embodied in the Council Proceedings. (See pp. 2-5).

15. British in India Mission. Mr. G. Stephen Cox addressed the Council on the work of the Mission. On the request of Rao Saheb E. Y. Khisty, Mr. Cox drafted the following resolution which was passed:—The Council having heard the statement made regarding the provision of services and pastoral visitation for scattered Anglo-Indian communities, for whom no such ministration already exists, commends the possibilities of this matter to missionaries and other Christian workers within the Council area for investigation and report to Mr. Cox, the Secretary of the Mission, as to suitable openings.

16. Marathi Language School and Examination Committee: (pp. 28-30). Dr. E. Fairbank presented the report which was adopted.

17. Christian Medical Association: (p. xix). Dr. G. H. Oldfield presented his report as Secretary of the Bombay Section of the Medical Association. It was accepted.

As proposed by Dr. J. McKenzie, the following resolution was passed: Having heard of the need for a Chapel in connection with the Wanless Tuberculosis Hospital, the Council desires to state that it would welcome any appeal for this purpose which the Managing Committee of the Sanatorium may desire to make, and would commend it to the support of the Churches and Missions represented in the Council.

18. Treasurer's Report (pp. 13,14). Mr. J. S. S. Malelu, the honorary Treasurer, presented his report which was accepted with thanks. The Council adopted the Budget which he had prepared. (See p. 6).
19. *Nomination Committee*: Dr. B. P. Hivale, Convener, presented the following report of the Committee which was adopted on his motion:

**Officers**

*President*: Dr. E. Fairbank.

*Secretary*: Rev. R. W. Scott.

*Treasurer*: Mr. J. S. S. Malelu.


*Co-opted Members of the Council*: Miss L. F. Austin, Miss M. Shinde, Dr. C. J. Prabhakar, Rev. S. N. Thorat, Rev. J. M. Lyle, Dr. J. McKenzie, Rev. B. Bhaskare, Mr. Himmatlal Ashirvad, The Bishop of Bombay, Mr. T. Buell.

**Educational Board**

**I. Higher Education**

**College**

Rev. J. B. Primrose

Dr. Devdatta

**Ex-Officio**

Dr. J. McKenzie

Miss Underwood

**High School**

Miss C. Thompson (Convener)

Rev. C. B. Hill

**General Christian Interests**

Rev. R. H. Gaikwad

Mr. T. Buell

Rev. D. R. Athavle

Rev. G. Wilson

**II. Primary and Industrial Education**

Mr. J. L. Goheen

Rev. I. W. Moomaw

Miss Chilson

Miss Barry

Mr. B. Shrisunder

Miss M. Shinde

Miss Dongre

**Committees**

*Marathi Language School and Examination Committee*

Rev. W. Wyatt (Convener) and Rev. R. H. Gaikwad (3 yrs.)

Rev. H. L. Adamson and Mr. H. R. Coventry (2 yrs.)

Col. C. S. Campbell and Rev. E. Fairbank (1 yr.)
Marathi Literature Committee
Miss Moreland (Convener) Rev. S. N. Thorat
Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle Rev. B. Bhaskare
Rev. M. K. Uzgare Mr. D. N. Tilak
Mr. J. S. S. Malelu Rev. H. Howard
Miss A. A. Abbott

Gujarati Literature Committee
Rev. J. M. Blough (Convener) Rev. J. S. Ringenberg
Rev. D. P. Makwana Miss E. B. Miller
Rev. R. Punjabhai Rev. Tulsi Govindbhai
Rev. G. Wilson Mr. Himmatlal Ashirvad
Mr. John Dayalbhai Rev. B. M. Mow

Evangelistic Committee
Marathi Gujart
(To be appointed) (Convener) Rev. E. K. Ziegler (Convener)
Miss Gadre Rev. Ramji Punjabhai
Rev. S. L. Salve Rev. Paul Kalidas
Rev. K. L. Shinde Rev. A. Helfers
Mr. M. C. Gorde Rev. F. E. Banker
Rev. John Malelu Mr. A. Crockart

Public Questions Committee
Rev. W. Martin (Convener) Rev. G. Wilson
Mr. J. Callan Rev. J. Kellock
Dr. C. Manshardt Miss D. King

School of Indian Music
Gujarati Marathi
Rev. P. G. Bhagat (Convener) Rev. B. Bhaskare (Convener)
Mr. Nanji Jethalal Rev. S. N. Thorat

Rural Reconstruction
Mr. J. L. Goheen (Convener) Rev. N. V. Salanke
Rev. R. W. Fairbank (Next Mr. J. C. Waken
Convener) Miss Elliott
Dr. A. L. Jadhav Dr. Masoji
Representatives

I. S. S. U.: Miss E. A. Gordon
Committee on Christian Literature of N. C. C.: Dr. J. M. Blough.

20. Marathi Music Committee: On the motion of Dr. B. P. Hivale, the School of Indian Music for the Marathi area was continued, with the Rev. B. Bhaskare as Convener.

21. Gujarati Music Committee: Rev. P. G. Bhagat, Convener, spoke of the possibility of starting the School during the coming year. (See page 41).

22. Minutes: The Secretary was instructed to circulate the Minutes of Saturday's sessions to the Executive for approval.

23. Vote of Thanks: Appreciation was expressed by the Council as voiced by the Chairman and a vote of thanks according to the following: (1) to the Y. M. C. A. for kindly permitting us the use of their hall and for every convenience which has been afforded; (2) to Mrs. A. N. Warner and the ladies of the various churches of Bombay for so generously providing refreshments on the two afternoons of the meeting; (3) to the Rev. J. Z. Hodge and the Rev. J. F. Edwards for their presence and valued assistance; (4) to the Recording Secretaries for their good work; (5) to the Rev. R. W. Scott for assuming the responsibility of Secretary; (6) to Father C. Whitworth and the Male Quartette for their inspiring devotional helps.

Dr. A. N. Warner voiced on behalf of the Council the appreciation of the members for the able guidance of the Chairman, Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle.

R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary.

B. N. ATHAVLE,
Chairman.
REPORT OF THE BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE
CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

It is with much regret that we have to report that the secretary appointed to this Committee, Dr. Evans of Vengurla, has had to hurry away to America for special treatment for a serious condition of the eyes which developed last hot season. I do not know of a meeting of the Bombay Committee being held as I have only very recently been appointed to the secretaryship.

A very comprehensive statement of the need for the existence of, and the work of The Christian Medical Association is found in the following words with which Dr. Oliver commences her report to the National Christian Council: “The Christian Medical Association maintains as a fundamental belief that the ministry of healing is an integral part of the work and witness of the Church of Christ. It wishes to relate the work already being done, more closely to the Church and also to see the Church initiate work of its own.”

Christian hospitals and dispensaries have been greatly used in conjunction with other Christian activities for the extension of the Kingdom of God during the past year.

The movement towards union seen in all departments of mission activities is also very marked in the medical side of the work. The Sir William Wanless Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Miraj is one of the most well-known Union institutions. The Superintendent gives a very encouraging report of the work done. It opened in 1931 with 17 beds, but now has accommodation for 100 patients, and since January 1934 it has been entirely self-supporting although there is no credit balance to fall back on. Its buildings and grounds are in good condition. Recently the N. M. Wadia Charitable Trust donated the cost of an ambulance to the Sanatorium. Practically all equipment necessary for the most modern treatment of tuberculosis has been installed including all facilities for surgical treatment. This last is a unique feature of the institution for so far as we know this kind of work is not stressed in any other Sanatorium in India. One of the Indian doctors, Dr. G. Samuel, L.C.P.S., has
been granted two years’ leave of absence in order to study up to M.B., B.S. standard in Madras, and it is hoped that he may also receive help later to proceed to England to gain further training in this specialised work. The Superintendent appeals for help in erecting a suitable sanatorium chapel.

Another Union scheme, not so far advanced, however, is that for the establishment of a Union Christian Medical College. This is an exceedingly ambitious scheme, entailing the raising of £400,000 (2,000,000 dollars) for buildings, and a further £1,400,000 (7,000,000 dollars) for endowments. The whole scheme is being very exhaustively thought out and it is believed that God will put it into the hearts of individuals in various parts of the world to give the money necessary. A general appeal is not contemplated. Among those who have thoroughly studied the conditions of higher medical education in India, the desire for such a college is unanimous. The Committee which has the matter in hand earnestly desires your prayers for their guidance in this vast venture of faith.

For some years past there has been an endeavour made to obtain some uniform laws concerning the granting of Nursing and Midwifery certificates so that those who have training in mission hospitals may receive general recognition. The old Bombay Presidency Nursing Association and Nursing Council has been superseded since August 1st by a council created by the Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act, which was recently passed by Government. The new Council is still drafting by-laws. Three of its members, (Dr. Carruthers, Dr. Greenfield, and Miss Holden), are missionaries. Affiliation of American Mission Hospitals as recognised Training schools depends on their being staffed by Bombay registered nurses. At present the only way that American trained nurses can get registration is by taking the Bombay Nursing Council Examinations and several have done so in order that their schools might be affiliated. The Mission Training Schools for Nursing at Miraj, Nasik, Poona (St. Margaret’s Hosp.), and Vengurla, are now affiliated. It is hoped that some provision to obviate the necessity for American nurses trained at approved schools to take the Indian examinations may be made by the Council at some future date.
Another medical activity which is of interest to all missions is the proposal to establish some purchasing agencies for the economical supply of drugs to mission hospitals and dispensaries. There are many difficulties in the planning of this, but we hope that in the ensuing year matters will be arranged in such a way that there will be much saving to the missions participating in the scheme.

The Christian Medical Association urge upon all missions the advisability of observing the second Sunday in February as Hospital Sunday, not merely for the collection of gifts, but also for the setting forth of teaching concerning the ministry of healing and the leading of the Church to take it up as part of its work.

It is hoped that a regional conference of medical workers in Bombay Presidency may be arranged some time in the coming year. Such conferences have proved of great benefit where they have been held in other parts of India.

G. H. OLDFIELD.

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**RELIGIOUS BOOK DEPOT.**

*Balance Sheet as at 31st July 1935.*

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MARATHI LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July 1935.

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August 7, 1935

E. M. MOFFATT.

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Total Rs. ... 1,061 10 0

I have not checked the details of stock but have checked the purchases and sales by which present stock valuation is obtained.

Audited and found correct.
E. M. MOFFATT.
August 21, 1935.
EDUCATIONAL BOARD

(Also see pp. 42-43)

The Board of Primary and Vocational education discussed several subjects of interest. Religious education in villages received special attention. It was found that a uniform course was not in use in all Missions. Each Mission has its own plan. It was suggested that an effort be made to find a course which would be more generally accepted. The Charterhouse method appears to be generally approved. The present books seem to be well suited to large central schools. However, the large amount of material presented is confusing to teachers in village schools. One mission has condensed the programme. Experiments along this line will be watched and reported.

A sub-committee is appointed to inquire as to what suggestions might be made to Government in order to improve the syllabus for village schools.

The possibility of making the village schools centres for child welfare work was also discussed. It is hoped that some definite plans will soon be proposed.

Inquiries concerning adult education revealed the fact that night schools were started in many Mission centres. Ahmednagar District has six schools with an attendance of 135. Small libraries are placed in several central villages and the preacher in charge acts as librarian.

Plans for translating Story Method readers suitable for adults and the translation of "The Story Method in Teaching Women to Read" by Miss Chapman have been made.

A list of available books suitable for libraries for village Pastors and teachers is being prepared, and it is proposed to popularize these books by having brief reviews printed in Christian publications.

B. P. Hivale
Convener
FINDINGS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE RURAL RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE OF THE B. R. C. C.

The Second Rural Life Conference, meeting at Sangli, on Sept. 4th and 5th, under the auspices of the Rural Reconstruction Committee of the B. R. C. C., expresses its gratification at the continued and deepening interest in the work of rural development. It wishes to reaffirm the interpretation and method of rural work given by Dr. Butterfield and the Poona Conference in what is called the Rural Reconstruction Unit.

1. The Conference conceives of rural evangelism as a ministry to village people, individually and collectively, in the spiritual, physical, social and economic phases of their life. It conceives of such work as the natural expression of the message of Jesus, and feels that the reconstructed village would be the best Christian witness. The conference wishes to draw attention to the ideals and methods of rural betterment as presented by Dr. Kagawa of Japan in his short courses for villagers. It has heard with great interest of the success of an effort of this kind in Ankleshwar. We note with satisfaction that Missions, Government and other bodies are, in many instances, co-operating in village improvement. We record our conviction that much can be accomplished through the sharing of results of research and experience, as far as possible, between all official and non-official bodies.

2. The conference has heard with gratification of many instances of rural medical service through touring. We note with appreciation, the service of the Miraj Hospital in the carrying on of out-station hospitals and dispensaries in the surrounding districts. Also we are encouraged by the responsibility now being taken by the people and church at Nipani for the support of the branch hospital there. We note increased efforts throughout Maharashtra to train teachers and lay workers in the ministering of simple medicines. The Local Boards, Sangli Industrial and Agricultural School, the Medical Service of Sangli State, and others have definite training classes in the use of a medicine chest of simple remedies
for the most common ailments of villagers. The Conference was of the opinion that those using the medicine chest should not only be trained by these short courses, but also supervised.

Further, the Conference holds that more value is attached to these medicines if a small fee is charged for them.

3. The Conference records its sense of the value of the Baby and Health Week exhibitions. It notes with regret that, as yet, preventive medical care and teaching receive all too little attention. It would urge the importance of courses of varying duration in the training of village dais, followed by adequate supervision.

The Conference notes with real gratitude that more well-trained doctors and health nurses are responding to the call of life service in rural areas, which, in its mind, is a major requisite for the reconstruction of village life.

In connection with the urgent matter of training Christians for medical service, we would note a statement of the late Sir William Wanless regarding the Miraj Medical School, “We cannot but feel that it is, all in all, the most useful service which in the providence of God we have been able to render for the coming of His kingdom.”

4. The Conference felt a new sense of hope as it listened to a demonstration of teaching illiterates to read and heard of the ‘five year plan’ of the Rural Reconstruction Association, Poona City, for raising the literacy figure from 10% to 50% by 1941, as related by Prof. Bhagwat. The Conference recommends that the American Presbyterian Mission in the Sangli station experiment further with this scheme for teaching adults to read. Any others who may be interested may receive literature from the above Association at 282 Sadashiv Peth, Poona City, as well as secure a man for demonstrating the method. Prof. Bhagwat, through this course which is built up out of the daily life contacts of the villager, envisages not only helping him to attain, but to maintain literacy. We are glad to note also that the M. E. Mission at Puntamba is experimenting with the Laubach method of increasing literacy.
5. The Conference is impressed with the present need of efficient marketing of eggs. We have heard with interest of a co-operative egg marketing organization in Satara District. Experimentors in the poultry industry foresee the need of developing graded flocks and making available graded and tested, and infertile eggs, for which a ready market seems assured. As a means of supplying such a market, the Conference suggests that Sangli Industrial and Agricultural School undertake with renewed energy the producing and marketing of graded eggs, and serve as a collecting center in its own area.

6. The Conference is pleased to note the growth of consolidated village schools of the "A" class grade teaching through 7 standards, as real avenues for influencing many sides of village adult life, as shown by such schools in the Vadala District.

7. The Conference wishes to draw attention to the splendid work in nutrition now being done by the Bombay Baby and Health Week Association. Its research reveals a deplorable mal-nutrition in children of from 20% to 25%, and designates that mal-nutrition not only affects physical well-being, but is inimical to mental efficiency. It urges that correcting of diet is necessary as a way to prevent disease. All should be aware of the efforts of this organization to do practical experimentation and research in diet and food preparation and that they are ready and willing to co-operate with any and all in meeting the needs of any area.

8. The Conference is convinced that the Health Nurse or Health Visitor's approach to work for women and children in the villages is very pertinent to Rural development. It would reiterate the statement of the Rural Life Conference at Ankleshwar that work for women is an essential requisite for the all-round improvement of village life.

9. This Conference desires especially to commend the work in Satara and district through the co-operation of the Collector and Mrs. Hamid Ali, and unofficial organizations, such as that of Mr. Bhau Patil and of the American Marathi Mission. We find here all of the forms of work above mentioned and in addition notable work
in road making, the use of volunteer labour, charts prepared for the proper construction of roads, the stopping of open wells to combat guinea-worm, bee-keeping, the expansion of the school system, and particularly the advance in the education of girls, and the training of village women.

10. The Conference was impressed with what it has seen in the institution which has so ably entertained it, namely, Sangli Industrial and Agricultural School, 80% of whose boys are engaged in a trade in which they were trained within one year of finishing their course. Also the extension work, carried on over a wide area through the Moveable School, is worthy of emulation. The most important work in extension is the conducting classes and demonstration in village centers according to local needs as they are revealed by previously made surveys.

11. The Conference recommends that combating the opium evil be regarded as a part of the rural development program; and that Government be asked to study thoroughly the disastrous effects of the use of opium and undertake measures to drastically reduce its use.

The Conference heard with great profit an address by Rev. J. Z. Hodge, in which he summarized the present developments and outlook in Rural Reconstruction in India. He concluded by saying that the note of this Conference was a cheering and hopeful one. Great appreciation was expressed for his address and for his helpful guidance as chairman.

The united opinion was that we owe a debt of gratitude to the B. R. C. C. for making the Conference possible, and trust that it may be repeated next year.
## BUDGET for 1935-36.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met at 1 p.m. on September 5th, 1935 in the Taylor Memorial Church Manse, Bombay.

Members present were: Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle (Chairman), Rev. A. N. Warner, Rev. G. Wilson, Miss Underwood, Mr. J. S. S. Malelu, Rev. B. P. Hivale, and Rev. R. W. Scott (Secretary).

1. Opening
   The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

2. Minutes
   The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Annual Meeting
   The printed reports and Executive Committee Minutes were approved. It was noted that the report of the Christian Medical Association and part of the Educational Board had not been printed but would be presented on the floor of the Council.

   It was considered desirable that Dr. Greenfield be given an opportunity to present some observations of Christian work in Kenya.

   The arrangements for the Sunday Retreat were noted. The Committee, believing that the Retreat should be made a vital part of the Council, requests anyone who may find it necessary to absent himself from this devotional period to ask the permission of the Chairman before doing so.

   Dr. Hivale made a statement concerning the plans for the breakfast on Sunday.

4. Correspondence
   The Committee received letters from:—

   The Y. M. C. A., stating that it was now to be affiliated with the B. R. C. C. through the Bombay Board of Directors and not through the Indian National Council of the Y. M. C. A.
The Church of the Brethren, requesting a reduction of the Council membership fee. The action taken on other similar requests was reaffirmed.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, Bombay Conference, notifying that in the future its representation would be decreased to one.

Rev. D. P. Makwana, requesting the Council to hold its Annual Meeting at a later date. This was referred to the next Executive Committee.

5. Nomination Committee

The following were proposed as the Nomination Committee of the Council: Dr. B. P. Hivale (Convener), Dr. J. M. Blough, Rev. G. Wilson, Miss Gordon, Dr. Masoji, Rev. I. A. Harris, Miss Underwood. Miss Gordon and the Rev. S. J. R. Ramdas were proposed as Recording Secretaries of the Council.

6. N. C. C.

The results of the investigations of the N. C. C. Committee on Industrial and Social Problems were considered. No action was taken.

The Call to Prayer issued by the N. C. C. was given attention. The matter of its most effective use was considered and referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

7. Expenditure

The payment of the travelling expenses required for a meeting of the Committee on Evangelism in Gujarat was approved.

8. Tract Society

The action of the Secretary in deleting the Bombay Tract and Book Society from the Schedule of Representation was approved.

9. Budget

The Treasurer stated that the Budget for 1935-36 was ready and would be presented to the Council.

The Rev. G. Wilson closed the meeting with Prayer.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following is an abbreviated statement of the Minutes of two meetings of the Executive held during the year. The Minutes of the third meeting, to be held on September the 5th, will appear elsewhere in the Report of the Council.

January 24th, 1935

1. Members: All members present except Miss Navalkar who was unable to attend.

2. Memorial: The Chairman formally referred to the great loss the Council had sustained by the untimely death on December 27th of Mr. Stanley N. Barling, who had been appointed Secretary of the Council at the Annual Meeting in September 1934, and suggested that a suitable minute be placed on record expressing the grief of the Executive at the sad loss they had sustained.

The following minute was passed in solemn silence:

The Executive Committee, at this its first meeting, desires to put on record its great grief at the sudden and sad death of its Secretary, Mr. Stanley N. Barling, on the 27th of December. Mr. Barling came to Bombay early in 1934 as the Secretary of the Bombay Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and from the moment of his arrival he had identified himself with every form of Christian activity in the City. When the Rev. Dr. Warner resigned from the Secretaryship of the Bombay Representative Christian Council, Mr. Barling was unanimously appointed to fill his place, and the members looked forward to a continued era of progress under his leadership. Mr. Barling was a man who lived all of the time under the constraint of the love of Christ, and the whole Christian community regarded him with the deepest affection. He was a true ambassador of Christ, and his whole life was a loving ministry of reconciliation. The Executive would express its
sympathy with Mr. Barling’s relatives and with the Bible Society in the great loss that has fallen so heavily on them.

3. Secretary: On motion of Dr. Warner the Rev. Roland W. Scott was appointed to fill the vacant position.

4. N. C. C. Meeting: The Chairman reported that owing to Mr. Barling’s death, the Report of the B. R. C. C. could not as usual be submitted at the biennial meeting of the National Christian Council held on December 28th, 1934, but that a copy of the Report that Mr. Barling had drafted had been sent to the N. C. C. Secretaries for publication.

5. Social Hygiene Council: The Chairman placed before the Committee a letter dated the 27th December 1934, from the British Social Hygiene Council. It was decided to forward the same to the Vigilance Association and to ask our representative on that Body to report to the Executive the action taken on it.

6. Indian Literature Fund: It was reported that the Literature Committee in Gujerat and Maharashatra had been asked to nominate their respective representatives on the General Committee of the Indian Literature Fund. It was decided to ask Mr. Douglas, the convener of the Marathi Literature Committee, to take the necessary action in this matter. (Intimation had since been received that the Gujerati Literature Committee had nominated the Rev. Dr. J. M. Blough).

7. Hypothecation of Properties: A letter of January 17th, 1935 from the N. C. C. was read. It concerned the question of properties hypothecated to Government for purpose of securing grants. It was decided to ask the advice of Dr. J. McKenzie in the matter.

8. Annual Meeting: Re: Minute 25, p. xxv, 1934 Council. Dr. Hivale was appointed convener of a sub-committee to consider the possibility of making the Annual meeting this year a residential one.

9. Auditors: Mr. Blickenstaff for Gujerat and Mr. Moffatt
for the Marathi area were appointed to audit the accounts of these areas respectively and jointly to audit the General Accounts.

10. *Sanitary Acts*: Re: Minute 24, p. xxi, Council 1934. It was decided to remit the resolutions to Mr. J. L. Goheen asking for a fuller statement to be submitted to the next meeting.

11. *Visit of Dr. Jones*: The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Popely re the possibility of a visit from Dr. E. S. Jones during the autumn of this year.

12. *Language School*: Re: Minute 7, p. xiii, Council 1934. Treasurer reported he had paid Rs. 1050 to Mr. Harshe.

The above minutes were approved by the Committee on July 4th.

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July 4th, 1935

1. *Members*: All members present except Miss Navalkar who has gone to England.

2. *Social Hygiene Council*: The Chairman stated that the Secretary of the Bombay Vigilance Association would report the action of the Association in due time.

3. *Indian Literature Fund*: It was reported that Dr. Blough had been chosen as the representative on the Committee. The Executive Committee requests the Council to authorize its Nomination Committee to include this representative among those others it nominates to the Council at the election taking place at the Annual Meeting.

4. *Hypothecation of Properties*: A letter from the Secretary to Government, Educational Department to Dr. J. McKenzie was read. Dr. Hivale reported that Dr. McKenzie, as a member of the sub-committee of the Educational Board, was consulting with Government on the matter and a report would be submitted by the Board in the course of time.
5. **Sanitary Acts**: Letters from Mr. Goheen and Mr. Puffer were read. The Secretary was instructed to send the resolutions to Government for consideration.

6. **Visit of Dr. Jones**: It was reported that meetings for Dr. Jones had been arranged within the area of the Council in Surat, Baroda and Ahmedabad.

7. **Annual Meeting**: Dr. Hivale reported the results of his efforts to arrange a suitable place for a residential meeting of the Council. The matter having been discussed, it was decided to hold the meeting in Bombay this year. The Committee considered that the ideal of a residential meeting should be kept in mind for next year. The date of the Council was set for September 6th, 7th and 8th. The Committee considered it desirable that a union service be held on Sunday September 8th in some convenient place. The Secretary was instructed concerning the invitation of a speaker for the public missionary meeting and the devotional periods.

8. **Co-option**: Rev. B. Bhaskare, Rev. S. N. Thorat, Mr. K. Vergeese, Miss Gordon, Rev. S. J. R. Ramdas, Miss Chilson, Mr. Himmatlal Ashirwad were co-opted as members of the 1935 Council.

9. **Vacancies**: Miss Navalkar having left for England, Miss Underhood was appointed to take her place on the Executive Committee. Since Rev. R. B. Douglas is preparing to leave India, at his request, Rao Bahadur Athavle was appointed as Convenor of the Marathi Literature Committee.

10. **Treasurer's Report**: The Treasurer presented his report which was received with thanks.

11. **N. C. C. Function**: To consider the functions of the N. C. C. in preparation for the regional conferences on this matter, it was thought very desirable that the Rev. J. Z. Hodge should come to the Council meeting to introduce the general issues raised.

12. **Traffic in Women and Children**: The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. P. O. Philip on the matter. He
stated that the suggested questionnaire had been sent to each of the Secretaries of Missions and Churches represented on the Council.

13. Marathi Literature Committee: Bombay Tract and Book Society: A letter was read from Rev. R. B. Douglas. Statements were made by the Chairman and Dr. Warner.

14. Agricultural Bias Schools: Re: Minute 20, p. xviii, 1934 Council. The Secretary stated that the proposals in this matter were under consideration by Government.

The above minutes were approved as circulated to the Committee.

### General Account

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Auditors.
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E. M. MOFFATT.  
J. S. S. MALELU,  
Hon. Treasurer.

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E. M. MOFFATT.  
J. S. S. MALELU,  
Hon. Treasurer.
GUJARATI LITERATURE

Three meetings of the Committee were held during the year, in the months of January, March and July.

The Committee desires to thank the churches and individuals who have contributed to the work of literature during the past year. The full amount of contributions was Rs. 1,215, which is just over a hundred rupees less than the previous year. This is separate from the Literature Missionary's Account which is presented at the end of this report. During the year we had one full-time literature worker, and the Literature Missionary on part time.

I. PRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION

1. Regular Publications :

   (1) Quarterly Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons, and on the Junior Course of Lessons by Mrs. Annett : Editor, Mrs. E. I. Dickey
       Quarterly

   (2) Balvadi, the Gujarati Treasure Chest : Editor, Mrs. J. Brolly
       Monthly

   (3) Khristi Bandhu, the United Church Magazine : Editor, the Rev. J. M. Blough
       Monthly

2. Reprints :

   (1) Children's Life of Christ; (2) Children's Hymn Book;
   (3) Short Stories; (4) Sword of the Spirit; (5) On Being in Debt;
   (6) Conversation about Worship; (7) Christian Martyrs; (8) Flowers of Fable. Leaflets : (1) Ali Hassan's Dream; (2) Truths for Mohammedan Readers; (3) Fortune Teller and the Necklace;
   (4) Christ the Conqueror of Demons; (5) Good News for Everybody.

3. New Publications :

   (1) An Ideal Home : An original work, of the picture-cover series, by the Rev. G. K. Satvedi
       Copies.

   (2) Saint Francis : A translation from the English written by Miss Elsie Hardy
       3,000
(3) **Eight Picture Leaflets**: 10,000 each. Written by Rev. R. S. Dickey, Rev. D. P. Makwana, Rev. E. K. Ziegler (*In the Press*) 80,000

(4) **The Child and His Religion**: A translation of the English book by Rev. V. P. Mamman, B. A. 500

(5) **The Good Samaritan**: written by the Rev. Ram-sinh Kahandas for the picture-cover series 10,000

(6) **The Child in the Midst**: written by the Rev. D. P Makwana for the picture-cover series 10,000

The 80,000 Picture Leaflets reported above were all sold off within a few months. We are glad to report that the Rev. M. W Beatty has brought out a translation of “Every Man’s Life of Christ” with illustrations. We commend him for this contribution to our Gujarati literature.

The following books are being translated and we hope will shortly be ready for the press: (1) The Child in the Midst; (2) The Sunday School of Today; (3) Primer on Hinduism.

### II. DISTRIBUTION.

During the year 1934 the following were sent out from the Mission Press, Surat: Books and Tracts, 95,419; leaflets, 77,474; Scripture Gift Mission booklets and cards, 14,680. These figures show an increase of 35,000 in sales of books and tracts over the previous year.

### III. NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM

The Rev. J. Holmes Smith wrote a series of eight evangelistic articles in English and arranged for their publication in the “Hindustan and Praja Mitra”. These were translated by our literature worker published in the month of May. The Bombay Samachar gladly accepted an article on “Christmas” which was written by John Dayalbhai, B. D. We are eager to get suitable
evangelistic articles which may be presented to the various vernacular papers for publication.

**IV Grants and Gifts**

The I. L. F. grant for the year 1935 is Rs. 430 for four books, and Rs. 720 for the salary of the literature worker. This grant is most gratefully received. We extend our hearty thanks to the Religious Tract Society of London for their grant of 80,000 pictures, eight kinds of 10,000 copies each. We gratefully acknowledge the grant of Rs. 712 for the year toward the expenses of Balvadi, our children’s magazine, received through Miss Ruth E. Robinson from the Federation of Women’s Boards for Foreign Missions in North America. We are glad to report a gift of Rs. 60 from Mr. Archibald of the Children’s Special Service Mission, and a gift of Rs. 50 from the Gujarat Conference. Also a gift from Mr. E. A. Annett for publishing the Junior S. S. Course.

J. M. Blough,
Convener.

### Literature Missionary Account

*1st August 1934 to 31st July 1935*

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Examined and found correct.

2nd August 1935.

EDWARD K. ZIEGLER.
MARATHI LITERATURE

The Committee has not met during the year, all the work having been carried on by correspondence.

All the books which were reported on last year as in the press are now on sale except Bhaktisudha with tunes, the printing of which is not yet completed. The books printed and now in circulation are:

- Ratnamanjusha (Selections from the Bible)
- Life of Toyohiko Kagawa
- Life of Dr. H. Fairbank
- Samuel Morris
- Kathakali
- Church Union

Including the above the Committee has published 4500 volumes from September 1934 to June 1935.

As was indicated in last year's Report the Committee hoped to be able to publish a Marathi Translation of McCarrison's book on "Food". But it being a 'Copyright' book, we tried to obtain permission to print the Marathi translation. The price demanded for such permission was however very heavy, and therefore we were obliged to sell the MS. to Macmillan & Co. This was done without any loss to the Committee. Macmillan & Co. have now published the translation from our Manuscript.

The Committee has given a grant of Rs. 200 towards the publication in Marathi of Year V of the Charterhouse Program of religious instruction. A grant of Rs. 75 was made towards the expenses of editing tunes for Bhaktisudha, Miss Lambert generously providing the remainder of the cost. With the funds which remained in their hands after meeting the bills for last year's publications and the running expenses of the Book Depot the Committee have undertaken the publication of The Book of Job by R. B. Douglas and K. A. Keluskar, towards the cost of which they desire gratefully to acknowledge a grant of Rs. 150 from the Indian Literature Fund
of the National Christian Council. It is hoped that this book will be ready by the time the Council meets. Owing to the lack of funds it has been impossible to take any other work in hand.

The Committee again issued an appeal to Churches and Missions in the area of the Council for financial support, but regret to report that the response has again been disappointing. One encouraging fact is a donation—small in amount but large in significance—from the Godavari Valley Church Council. The literature work of the B. R. C. C. will rest on a sure foundation when the Indian Churches begin to give it steady support. Meanwhile the Committee would urge the Council to press the claims of this work on the bodies which it represents. If they cannot contribute in hundreds let them send their donations in tens. Even the smallest amounts will show that they recognise the importance of Christian literature and will help to stimulate the Committee’s efforts.

In spite of the lack of money the Committee have drawn up a programme of work which they consider should be undertaken within the next two years and which they desire to place before the Council for approval in the hope that Missions and Churches will be moved to provide the funds necessary for carrying it out. The following are the books and tracts which the Committee wish to undertake:

**Theological**


(This is a thoroughly up-to-date Introduction, written on sane and conservative lines, and is warmly commended by the Rev. J. Z. Hodge.)


_The Prophets of Israel and Their Message_ by the Rev. William Hazen. (Published in English by the C. L. S.)
HISTORICAL

*Early Christianity in India* by the Rev. S. N. Thorat.

DEVOtIONAL

*Forms of Worship*

(These were prepared by a committee of the Synod of Maharashtra of the United Church of Northern India. It is proposed to revise and supplement them so that they may be of general use, and it is hoped in this work to secure the co-operation of members of various Churches.)

EDUCATIONAL

*S. S. Course for Villages* by *W M. Ryburn*

These lessons have appeared in English in *The United Church Review* and are being published by the Y. M. C. A. They form an excellent course relating Bible lessons directly to village life, hygiene, etc.

*Mulanchi Upadeshmala* (मुलांची उपदेशमाळा) by Miss E. R. Bissell.

EVANGELISTIC

Eight Picture Leaflets (already published in Gujarati by the Gujarat Tract Society).

GENERAL

*Mission Karyachi Paddhati* (मिशन कार्यांची पद्धत) by D. N. Tilak.

(Based on *Methods of Mission Work* by the Rev. John Nevius to be reprinted from *Dnyanodaya*.)

*Liquor and Opium in India* by the Rev. J. F. Edwards.

*Setubandhan* (सेतुंबंधन) by D. N. Tilak.

Several Stories by D. N. Tilak (including *Alice in Wonderland* and others).

A new translation of *The Pilgrim's Progress* is being prepared for the S. P. C. K. by Rao Bahadur Athavle and Mr. K. L. Apte. It is proposed that the Marathi Literature Committee should cooperate in this by making a grant of Rs. 200.

*July 1935*  
R. B. DOUGLAS
The Council will remember that for the last three years we have been making efforts to see if the Book Depot could be made over to an organization, willing to come into organic relation with the B. R. C. C. so that the Marathi Literature Committee may also cease to exist, but our efforts have borne no fruit. A request was made to the R. T. S. London which has now become united with the C. L. S. I. to take over the Book Depot, but a reply has been received to the effect that the Committee of that Society is not at the present moment able to consider taking action in the matter. The position therefore is this. While the Marathi Literature Committee has been producing as much Christian Literature as the limited funds at its disposal permit and is ready and willing to produce more, it has become almost impossible for that Committee to make further progress for lack of adequate funds. The Book Depot is the only place in Bombay where Marathi Christian Books are available. If therefore the Marathi Literature Committee is to be kept alive and with it the Book Depot, the representatives of the Missions and Churches on this Council have to pledge themselves to see that the various organizations whom they represent will send their contributions to the Literature Fund before the end of October 1935. If this cannot be done we would ask the Council not to appoint a Marathi Literature Committee and pass a resolution that the Book Depot be forthwith closed. We are obliged to say this, although we believe that such an action on the part of the Council will amount to a tragedy.

September 1935

B. N. Athavle
RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

The Rural Reconstruction Committee held one meeting during the year. It also had dealings by correspondence with the Committee on Evangelism, Marathi area, and the Executive Committee, B. R. C. C., in the latter case on the subject of securing new legislation concerning Village Sanitation. The Committee would report the following resolutions:

1. That a Second Rural Life Conference be held this year at Sangli on September 4th and 5th, immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of the B. R. C. C. That the balance unspent of the Rs. 50/- granted last year, viz. Rs. 28/15/0, be used for the expenses connected with this Second Conference.

2. That Rural Life Regional Conferences be suggested for the Gujerati and Marathi areas, these to be held under the auspices of the new Committee on Rural Reconstruction, and if possible, early in the year 1936. The medium of speech for these Conferences should be respectively Gujerati and Marathi. Your Committee regrets that it has not been possible to hold such regional conferences in the vernaculars this year.

3. That note be taken of the Special Training Courses offered during the past year for Villagers and Village Workers at Vadala, Anklesvar and Sangli. These Courses have been very successful, the one at Vadala lasting ten days and having 97 in attendance; the one at Anklesvar lasting one week and having about 50 in attendance, some of whom were actual farmers; and the one at Sangli lasting six weeks, and having 26, of whom 5 were women, in attendance. The Committee is of the opinion that the B. R. C. C. is very fortunate to have three such training centres within its area.

4. That the Vocational Training School, Anklesvar, is willing to serve as a Union Reconstruction Training Centre for the Kathiwar and Gujerat areas through its Union Training Class for Workers.

5. That note be taken of the splendid constructive efforts in
the way of Women's Work now being carried on in Vadala under the supervision of Mrs. R. W. Fairbank.

6. That the attention of Churches and Missions should be called to ever-increasing need for and opportunity to co-operate with Government in the great task of rural reconstruction. Large sums of money are being released by Government for this special task, and it is the unanimous opinion of your Committee that the Churches and Missions of the B. R. C. C. area should be only too ready to be of any constructive service which they can offer in a thoroughly Christlike manner in helping to make rural India the India of the truly Abundant Life.

7. That the B. R. C. C. continue to appoint and support a Rural Reconstruction Committee in the same whole-hearted and generous manner it has been doing the past two years.

J. L. Goheen,

Aug. 5, 1935.

Convener.
COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM—GUJARATI

It is an exceedingly difficult thing to write a comprehensive and authoritative report of the greatest work of the Church—that of Evangelism—covering the whole Gujarati language area. A real report should not only cover the whole area but also all the evangelistic work done throughout the year. As some missions and churches have not, up till the present, kept a complete record of the daily round, your Committee has confined itself to the very special efforts made in aggressive evangelism covering only very short periods. In compiling even such a limited report we have experienced difficulties as the figures given below do not cover the same period of time in the case of all the reporting missions, e.g. the I. P. M. statistics represent only one week's work, whereas those of the M. E. M. represent a month's work.

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This work has been carried on with the greatest enthusiasm by men and women alike. In spite of the fact that plague raged over a large area making the work of the special week impossible the figures show an advance on those of previous years. It is exceedingly gratifying to note the large increase in the number of voluntary workers, and also in the amount of Christian literature and Bibles and Bible portions sold.
The following extracts culled from a great number received will give some idea of the enthusiasm with which this special effort was carried out:—

"The welcome our people got everywhere was most encouraging and few were the places to which the workers were not invited back. Certainly, in my time, there never was so much enthusiasm shown by all—young and old, men and women."

"In one village the schoolmaster had the women's team to address the school children and he was so pleased with the books and the hymns and talks that he invited them to return again. When they could not promise to do so he asked them to give him a selection of their books so that the children who were absent that day might have a chance of getting some. He kept Rs. 3/12/- worth of books and after a few days sent in the money having sold all the books."

"We had a marvellous time during the Week. In the evenings we confined ourselves to preaching at the mill gates when the workers were coming out. We got huge audiences, had kindly hearings, and sold an enormous quantity of literature realising Rs. 44/8/-.

"In this village we sold 75 Gospels in 15 minutes to the caste people only and the Name of Christ was made known to all."

"In 1907 we were cruelly stoned and had to withdraw from the place, but by the grace of God now the condition is reversed. Open Air Meetings are being held and the Gospel message is attentively heard by all. A promising young boy has accepted Christ as his living Saviour."

"Many of these meetings were in villages where there are no mission workers. These people look forward to our visits, even though it is often times only once a year."

"We have had to reduce expenses which means that some workers have been dismissed, a few schools have been closed, and touring expenses have been greatly curtailed. But what of it! God still reigns!" What indeed!
During the year all the great Hindu Melas in the district were visited and a very vigorous evangelistic campaign carried on. Several individuals and Christian communities have held small Christian Melas to which all the non-Christian neighbours were invited. It is reported that many people were converted at these Melas.

A new departure of the Evangelistic Committee of the I. P. Church was getting a set of hymn slides prepared. These were supplied to all our districts and widely used not only during the evangelistic week but also during the cold weather evangelistic tours.

A new venture of the I. P. Mission Press, Surat was the printing of R. T. S. Picture Leaflets. Already 35,600 have been purchased for free distribution. Apart from these, 167,613 copies of Christian religious books have been purchased from the Press.

The Church of the Brethren have now six flourishing book shops and reading rooms and the I. P. mission one. All speak in glowing terms of this method of evangelism among the higher castes and educated communities.

Another experiment was the Colporteurs’ Conference held at Ahmedabad, the initiative and much of the success of which was due to the late much beloved and greatly lamented Mr. Stanley N. Barling. The Rev. G. Wilson writes of it as follows:—“Mr. Barling had taken the deepest interest in all the arrangements that were made. The Colporteurs were to be those of the Bible Society only, but in the end a number of our own evangelists (who are, all of them, colporteurs as well as preachers) joined us for the three days of work and prayer. It was the first thing of its kind to be held in India, and Barling was eager to see it a success, for he was hoping that bigger things might follow from it. And a success it was beyond his fondest hopes.”

Mr. Wilson held special Bible Schools at Jhalod and Broach. These Schools are achieving their aim in supplying fresh impetus to the evangelistic work by inspiring both teachers and preachers.
The Church of the Brethren has also started a Rural Church School in Vyara with Rev. E. K. Zeigler as Principal. The chief interest in this for us lies in the fact that the four months of the third term is to be spent in touring with the Principal in Vyara district where the students will receive intensive practical training in rural uplift work, village church work and rural evangelism. This practical training in village evangelism is, of course, an important feature of the work in the older established Theological Seminaries and Colleges.

Mr. Archibald, our very successful and much beloved C. S. S. M. missionary, visited our district this year. His work proved wonderfully effective on the whole and in most of the centres visited great numbers of young people professed conversion, and some of them have been holding weekly meetings since then. A few months later the Rev. J. H. Davey and some other young missionaries held a follow up camp attended by many of the boys who had decided to follow Christ. While in Gujarat Mr. Archibald appointed Mr. Robert Kakanji as C. S. S. M. Evangelist in succession to Mr. Isucharan and we wish him a very successful future.

Retreats for Mission workers have been held in several places and other forms of intensive preparation made in most places for the period of aggressive evangelism. A large number of missionaries with their Indian fellow workers have toured their districts during the cold season, so the great work of evangelism has not been neglected in our area.

We expect much greater things next year. We are looking forward with great expectations to Dr. Stanley Jones’ meetings, and we hope to make an active wholehearted response to the National Christian Council’s call to take part in their great forward movement in evangelism.

D. Lewis,
Convener.
MARATHI LANGUAGE SCHOOL & EXAMINATION BOARD.

A meeting of the Board was held on the 11th August 1934, after the last report was sent in to the B. R. C. C. for its Council meeting on the 6th & 7th September 1934. At that meeting, it was decided to retire the three staff pandits, giving them a suitable bonus in releasing them from their agreement as staff pandits. In accordance with this resolution, the B. R. C. C. voted a bonus for Mr. N. L. Harshe of Rs. 1050/- and of Rs. 750/- each to Mr. P. K. Koshty and Mr. D. K. Kanetkar. These sums have been duly paid and these three pandits are no longer under appointment as staff pandits, but are continued as regular pandits employed from period to period by the Language School & Examination Board.

At this August meeting, changes in the syllabus for the I & II Examinations were adopted, and a new syllabus for the III & IV Examinations were formulated and adopted. These four syllabi have come into operation in the May Examination.

A final meeting of the Language School & Examination Board was held in Poona on the 20th July 1935.

Examinations were held at the appointed times in October, February and May. Altogether 16 sat for the I Exam., out of whom 12 passed, and 4 of these with Honours. 17 sat for the II Exam., out of whom 10 passed, 2 with Honours. In the III Exam., one sat under the old Syllabus and 2 sat under the new Syllabus, all 3 passed. We would call attention to the fact that there is manifested a growing desire for the III Examination work and we are glad to note that this past year we have had three candidates present themselves for the Exam., successfully and satisfactorily passing the same.

The Language School sessions at Mahabaleshwar commenced on the 1st of March 1935 and closed on the 31st May 1935. The enrollment, including specials, totalled 41. Although the number was smaller than for many years, it is to be noted that sixteen
different mission bodies of Western India were represented in the School. The Mission societies represented were as follows:

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Eleven pandits were engaged for the sessions, all of them with previous experience in the Language School. Four classes were held five days in the week, two for the First Exam. students and two for the II Exam. students. The new syllabus was brought into use in all the work of the School.

During March and April Miss Lambert of the Church of Scotland, Women’s Teachers’ Training College, Poona, made several trips to Mahabaleshwar and on the last trip stayed ten days, giving all the students of the Language School an opportunity, through her valuable course of lectures on Marathi pronunciation and special attention to individual students, of securing great benefit in language study.

The Examiners for the I Exam. at Poona have been Rev. H. L. Adamson and Mr. P. D. Sawarkar and for the II Exam. Rev. M. W. Strahler and Rev. R. G. Waghchaure. At Mahabaleshwar the Examiners were for the I Exam. Rev. P. M. Cassen and Rev. P. N. Gaikwar and those for the II Exam. Mr. H. R. Coventry and Dr. B. P. Hivale. The III Exam. was conducted by Rev. R. H. Gaikwad and Miss C. H. Bruce.

Report submitted by

E. FAIRBANK,
Convener, Language School & Examination Board.
Summary of Language School and Examination Board’s A/c.
1st August 1934 to 31st July 1935.
(Including Mahabaleshwar Language School Account).

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27th July 1935. Audited and found correct. J. L. MOULTON.

Language School, Poona Accounts.
1st August 1934 to 31st July 1935.

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H. JOHN TAYLOR Audited and found correct. H. L. ADAMSON, Treasurer.

14th August 1935.
COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM—MARATHI

It is our conviction that a new day of evangelism is dawning in the Marathi-speaking area. This conviction has been greatly strengthened as we have reviewed the reports and considered the suggestions which have come in connection with the preparation of this report. Thus we should say, “Let us thank God and take courage.”

We are deeply grateful to the National Christian Council for their continued prodding towards a new effort in evangelism and also to our sister area in Gujarat for their challenging example. We also feel that the successes being achieved in other parts of India are gradually influencing towards a new spiritual life and effort.

The new positive note which is being sounded in Christian circles the world around is undoubtedly paving the way for new triumphs through Christ. Dr. Edwin Lewis in “A Christian Manifesto” has most forcibly struck the new and courageous note in life, witness, and message, reiterating, “Let us affirm.” We are also indebted to the International Review of Missions for the fresh challenge in such articles as that by the Rev. W Machin on the “Church in Hindustan” and his affirmation that “The indefinite will never bring men and women to Christ.” Also, “Only one thing can bring about within less than an intolerably long time, a self-supporting Church; this is that it should cease to be a static Church, as in the cities it largely is, and become a dynamic Church. The city churches of Hindustan must evangelize or, I will not say perish, but remain weak, in tutelage and isolated from the great movements of thought and spirit that are moving India.”

Your committee, feeling that it should render a continuous service during the year, co-ordinated with the other committees, in October, following the meeting of the Council last year, wrote the other conveners, Theological College Principals, and Editors, seeking to find, “How best this service can be rendered and how it can be made the most effective.” It further stated, “In one way the
Evangelistic Committee would seem to have its field of service very much limited by the other committees which are expected to make evangelism an essential and continuous part of their service but it also may be that the Evangelistic Committee should find an enlarged field of service in helping to co-ordinate the program in the field of evangelism in conjunction with the other committees.”

The replies received showed a ready attitude for this co-ordination and valuable suggestions were given as to how it may be brought about. These are embodied in this report and recommendations for your consideration and adoption. One valued reply contained this sentence, “I can’t help feeling that it is up to the Evangelistic Committee to formulate proposals and put them up to us, and I am sure you will find us all willing to co-operate to the utmost extent of our power.”

Before placing certain recommendations before you, we feel it fitting to briefly record certain impressions and some facts as to what has been accomplished or attempted. These carry with them an amount of encouragement and will also serve to somewhat guide us in future undertakings. There has been no attempt at a statistical report. About the lowest level of impression was struck in the following sentence, “There is nothing for us to report of any real value to you.” The medium is thus voiced and might be taken as the report from many sections, “We have had about the average response.”

In the main it would seem that the doors to the Gospel Message are open on every side and there are multitudes of ready hearers. Such phrases as these are used, “Concerning the large and open field open-air work offers, to say the least, it is most encouraging. I am amazed at the interest shown by the outside public. Great crowds gather to listen to the Gospel and I think I can say the public interest really amounts to an eagerness.” Another states, “There are not only many inquirers but baptisms are taking place in several centers, and God’s blessing is evident all through this region.” Another reports, “while formerly there had been opposition, this year
there was none." "Last year was a record one for the preaching of the Gospel, never has there been keener interest, or more profound attention, never such a warm reception everywhere, doors open on every side, people asking to be told." "They were most interested to hear the message. These are marvellous opportunities. The seed, if watered by prayer, is surely going to yield an abundant harvest."

These reports agree with the most recent report to the National Christian Council that, "There is evidence from all quarters that non-Christians are far more ready to listen to the Christian message than we realize. The message of Salvation through the Cross of Jesus Christ, when presented in love and with understanding, makes its unique appeal to all classes of people in India." The Rev. W. Machin's words here challenge us, "If the Missionaries and Indian Ministers lead, the people will follow." "But the paid worker (he who works alone for pay) will never bring India to Christ."

However, there is opposition. In one locality where the depressed classes were responsive to the Gospel, "Workers were forbidden to enter villages and were told by the Mahars, that the Maha Sabha had informed them that, if we were allowed in the villages, the Mahars would be driven out and we found this to be the truth." The same report states, "Our ten village schools are our best evangelistic agency, but in 1932, the Maha Sabha declared they would close all our schools." Efforts continue to carry out this threat. This opposition in some cases is intimidating from accepting Christ and hindering the sale of Bible portions and other Christian literature.

In spite of both indifference and opposition many efforts are being very fruitful in Scripture distribution. A striking example of this is to be found in the Bible Society's caravan which sold "during the two months of active touring" "7529 books" "On tour from Bombay to Nagpur, 6,037 books were distributed, mostly to non-Christians. One of the most encouraging features of this part of the tour was the number of Bibles and New Testaments disposed of; 78 and 209 respectively." "The van has proved that
even in the best worked areas, there is almost unlimited scope for Scripture distribution if right methods are adopted. A field of service is thereby opened up in which every church member can be engaged."

Churches and Missions have carried though quite successfully sustained evangeliastic efforts extending through a week or month. Thus the way is being gradually prepared for a wider co-operative effort of a still more thorough and effective nature. Joint effort in prayer is becoming increasingly widespread. Some churches have joined in evangeliastic efforts. The Nagpur "Week of Witness" presents the most outstandingly successful effort in this line. Efforts were made towards such a city-wide united campaign in Bombay. Many were "emphatically" of the opinion that the time had come for definite preparation for such a forward move. But as others felt the time was not yet ripe for such an undertaking, further joint effort in that line was postponed.

Joint efforts have proven very successful in several places in the conducting of Bible Institutes. The one at Islampur met with outstanding success for village people. The Joint Rural Life Conference at Sangli gave a prominent place to village evangelism. The outstandingly successful effort for the more advanced leaders was a Bible Institute held in Mahableshwar during May, in which 52 students were registered. A splendid course was well presented and its influence continues to widen.

There has been prepared by certain interested individuals and groups a few books and tracts which are quite useful in evangeliastic work. The most recent is that by Dr. B. P. Hivale, binding together the Gospel of John with some apt comments upon it.

No report has reached the committee regarding the advance evangeliastic program in Colleges and High Schools. The Educational Board will doubtless present a report on this direct to the Council.

Annual Melas "for the deepening of the spiritual life" are report-
ed in certain section. These are receiving increasing co-operation.
An effective witness is being given through hospitals and dispensaries.

Slight beginnings have been made in providing an evangelistic team for the area, touching main centers.

Touring in the villages has been carried out to a considerable extent, but not widely enough, owing to lack of sufficient paid workers and voluntary assistance from the churches being inadequate for the more extended touring.

The stirrings of a new life are beginning but they need stimulating and encouraging. A fresh vision is appearing but it needs brightening. Faith and hope are rising, but they need inspiring. A readiness of spirit is increasing, but it needs teaching and leading. Uncertainties and confusion are gradually vanishing, but they need a positive program sufficiently concrete to follow in order to put them to flight. A revival is needed and a "forward movement" in Evangelism is imperative to this end. "There are many places where the Gospel is not yet preached," thousands who have not yet heard and hundreds of villages not yet reached, a new passion for evangelism must possess missionaries, pastors and every Christian to make Christ known and shown in life, love, and His redeeming power. Also, "We have learned from experience that the soul of a Christian cannot live without evangelical fervour." Thus we, as a committee, believe that this council accords with the National Christian Council's declaration in its most recent meeting and joins in proclaiming that "Evangelism continues to be the most important of all subjects occupying the attention of the Council." Believing this to be so, we with confidence place before you the following recommendations for your approval which may constitute in part at least, the program for the coming year.

1. The adoption of the program as suggested by the Executive of the National Christian Council in its meeting on April 23, '35, which should center in the church and include,

(1) "Having a definite aim for the next five years."
(2) An annual "Week of Witness."

(3) A period of preparation covering seven weeks, from October 19th to November 30th.

(4) The setting apart of two workers—one Indian and the other a Westerner—to be the medium of communication with Counsellors on Evangelism and who will cultivate the churches in each area to follow the programme of evangelism suggested. They will also see to the preparation and distribution of the circulars, leaflets etc."

(5) Holding of Retreats and Retreat-conferences"

2. In addition to an intensified effort for the distribution of God's word, observance of a special "Western India Bible Week," from the 3rd to the 10th of November, in which a combined effort will be made to lead the churches in a campaign of "Scripture Evangelism" with the object of placing a Scripture portion in the hands of every literate person for whom the local church is responsible.

3. We commend and desire to encourage the efforts being made for the production and distribution of suitable literature for the evangelistic program and strongly urge the closest possible coordination of all such private and group efforts in at least consultation with the committee on evangelism.

4. We approve the suggestion which has come from many parts of the field that a special evangelistic team be chosen by the Council, or its committee be instructed to secure such a team if possible, for service throughout the area.

5. We feel that a more serious teaching program should be set up within the Church and adopted in wider evangelism, and we commend the group method as a most important means to this end.

6. Your committee "calls upon the churches to make the evangelistic motive paramount in all their life and see to it that definite witness to the saving power of Christ inspires all their work", and proposes an advance all along the line, with the emphasis on these points:—
(1) "Evangelism must be the mainspring of all Christian work:
(2) "The Church must be central:
(3) "There is special value in united witness and
(4) "Personal evangelism by the rank and file is what matters most;"
(5) "A permanent campaign of voluntary service."
(6) "A campaign in which every recognized Church member
shall be asked to accept some definite piece of Christian work as
their individual responsibility to Christ."

7. We press for concerted effort to answer the following
questions which have been raised.

(1) "How far evangelism can be linked up with the social
and economic uplift of the converts?"
(2) How "educated evangelists" can be secured with a passion
for work in the villages?
(3) How entrance to the mills may be secured for evangelistic
work?
(4) In what way can the Evangelistic Committee best serve
the institutions of learning?
(5) What value has the "Nevius" plan of church development
and evangelizing, so successfully used in Korea, for our own work?
How can it be put into successful operation?
(6) Are there other agencies or organizations available which
can more successfully carry forward an evangelistic program in any
given territory or situation than those now considered responsible?
(7) Are primary schools for non-Christians a worthy and
effective evangelizing agency?
(8) What adjustment in workers, funds, and methods available
can be made in order that a more effective evangelistic program can
be put on in the villages?
(9) In this transition period, how can the maximum values of
past leadership be conserved in effectiveness while being transferred to
the Church and the leaders of a new Christian India, and at the same
time an advance evangelistic program be inaugurated and sustained?

(10) Is it really believed among us that "the day of open-air
preaching is not done" and that "a revival of it is not only due but
has actually begun"?

(11) Do we really believe that in presenting the Gospel to the
non-Christian that "it is a prime error to preach only what they
already believe," and that "with the utmost politeness, with as much
abstinence from controversy as the audience will allow and with
imperturbable good temper one must preach what they disbelieve—the
forgiveness of sins to the Hindu, the cross to the Moslem?"

(12) Is it possible to begin where we are? If not, why not?
What are we going to do about it, and that right now?

(13) Have we an effective witness in our public preaching and
private interviews? Are we using other witnesses to the fullest extent?

(14) Have we definitely won a soul to Christ this year? How
many have we changed to such an extent that they have become
soul winners and life changers?

(15) Is there any known sin unforgiven, any surrender
unmade, any consecration incomplete, or any restitution not yet
undertaken? Are we through and through honest, loving, unselfish,
and pure? Is the Christian fragrance of our lives convincing
evidence of Christian truth?

(16) Do we really believe that "Christ is indispensable in this
time of renaissance and all the problems of this great continent can
find solution only in and through Jesus Christ," and that "He is as
ever, and as everywhere, the great regenerating and reconstructing
Factor for the individual and the society"? Have we deeply rooted
within our consciousness that "He did not say, 'without me ye cannot
do little', but 'without me ye can do nothing'"?

(17) Is it true that the Church is "too much interested in
itself, church management and organization"? If so, how can its
interest be transferred to Christ and His program of redemption?
8. We pass on to the Council, and through it to the Churches and Missions of Maharashtra, the following further objectives and recommendations which have come from various parts of the area.

(1) "Adult Bible study classes outside of the Sunday Schools in every Church."

(2) "Prayer and fellowship groups. Family prayer in every Christian home, inviting non-Christians wherever possible."

(3) "Visiting in the homes of Christians and non-Christians."

(4) "Sacrificial giving for God's work, especially the evangelistic work of the Church."

(5) "The pastors of each Church should prepare their own congregations to give themselves to this work."

(6) "Everyone should undertake afresh to study the New Testament, with the special thought of evangelism in their minds and share their findings."

(7) Everyone pledge "himself to engage in prayer for the project daily in the early morning."

(8) Secure outstanding leaders for special "work among the educated classes."

(9) Secure the services of Dr. E. Stanley Jones for an extended period in this area.

(10) Wider publicity be made of plans, suggestions, "methods accepted," helpful available literature, and suitable speakers.

(11) "Evangelistic forces should be joined wherever possible and a program of one day a week should be chalked out for a whole year. Sub-committees of the Evangelistic Committees should be appointed in different centers."

(12) A very careful study of the "Kingdom of God movement in Japan and the corresponding movement in China" and elsewhere should be made. The Oxford Group movement may be pointing us an advisable way.

(13) The following counsel was given by the Rev. J. Z. Hodge when a "week of witness" was being planned in Bombay. The same would be applicable in other centers. Thus your committee commend his suggestions as here given:—
"Arising out of our Nagpur experience, I would suggest:—

1. The effort should be a united one, all the churches taking part.

2. The aim should be to reach all classes of the community. This would include united open air meetings, meetings for students, women and children, for special classes—Europeans, Parsees and Mohammedans.

3. A representative Central Committee should be set up who would apportion work to sub-committees or individuals.

4. Provision should be made for house to house visitation.

5. A general salutation should be prepared in English, and translated into your vernaculars. A special invitation to students and to Christians might also be given.

6. Responsibility must be laid upon the Indian Churches in the first instance, and every effort made to secure their co-operation.

7. Preparation is all important and should be continued say for four months before the special effort begins. A united weekly prayer meeting in some central place is essential. There should also be sectional prayer meetings, preferably in the vernacular. The aim should be two-fold—to deepen the spiritual life of the Christian Church, and present the Gospel to non-Christians. The fullest use should be made of Christian Literature and Indian music.

8. For the campaign itself, a team of workers should be got together. In Nagpur, we were fortunate to have the Bishop of Dornakal, Dr. Yohan Masih and Mr. Erskine Scott, reinforced by a group of other capable and earnest workers. We found it important to deal first with the Christian Community and this was the ministry specially undertaken by the Bishop of Dornakal. Special addresses given by him are being reproduced in the N. C. C Review and the first appears in the February number.

Everything indicates that the time is ripe for a forward movement all along the line, and that the emphasis should be on witness."

A. N. WARNER,
Convener.
SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC—MARATHI

The Committee appointed by the B. R. C. C. could not function as I could not raise money to conduct the School. I find that it is very difficult for the B. R. C. C. to make any grant for this work, and I think the Committee should be discontinued.

S. N. Thorat,
Convener.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC—GUJARATI

The Committee was not able to meet, but some work is going on by correspondence. We find it very difficult to do the work without financial help, so we are striving to get a little aid from some source. I am sorry to say that we have not succeeded yet but we are hopeful that we may get some help.

It is very clear to us that the need of the music school in Gujarat is very great.

Owing to the present condition and the great need I very earnestly urge the Council to sanction Rs. 100 for the expense of the music school,

P. G. Bhagat,
Convener.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC—KANARESE

The Convener reports that the starting of the School has not been possible because of unfavorable circumstances and a lack of funds. He hopes that something may be done during the next year.

Secretary.
EDUCATIONAL BOARD

The Educational Board consists of two sections—Board of Christian Higher Education and Board of Primary and Vocational Education. During this year two joint and two separate meetings of the Board were held.

The Board of Higher Education continued the consideration of several problems. A sub-Committee appointed to enquire further the possibility of carrying out the suggestion of the Lindsay Commission to establish a partly residential High School in Western India, met and submitted two reports to the Board. The merits of Alibag, Nasik, Poona and Ahmednagar were discussed. The sub-Committee visited Ahmednagar and inspected a partly residential High School that American Marathi Mission has been carrying on for about two years. The sub-Committee is enlarged and is asked to examine further the possibility of Ahmednagar.

Another sub-Committee was appointed to consider the question of hypothecation of property. It reports that the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Educational Department writes as follows:

"If Government are satisfied that the school was closed through no default of the managers, account may be taken of any depreciation in the value of the building after expert revaluation which will take account of the state in which the building has been maintained by the managers and a proportionate reduction may be made in the amount to be claimed from the managers. In the case of a primary school building from which an agreement has been accepted in lieu of a Trust Deed by the Director, the depreciation shall be calculated at a uniform rate of 4% per annum. If the Government grant extends to the acquisition of a site, account may be taken after expert revaluation, of any enhancement in the value of the site, and the proportionate share in such enhancement may operate as a set-off, either total or partial, against the reduction to be made in the refund due in respect of the grant for building."
Some interesting facts were reported to the Board concerning Wilson College. According to the recommendation of the Lindsay Commission a new constitution has been prepared and is before the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church of Scotland. The College is being extended and a new chapel is being built. It is hoped that it will help the spiritual life of the College. This year more money than ever was spent by the College to help needy Indian Christian students. In addition to the usual ten scholarships of Rs. 180/- each several scholarships of Rs. 90/- were granted. Every student who applied was given one of these scholarships. Also all men students who apply are given free rooms in the Residency. The total amount spent by the Church of Scotland Mission amounts to about Rs. 5000/-. This year this is more than half the amount spent on the whole College in form of competitive scholarships. The students who benefited represent every Mission working in the Western India. A hope was expressed that other Missions would co-operate with the College by helping students of their own denominations.

B. P. Hivale,
Convener.

BOMBAY VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION

The Bombay Vigilance Association did useful work during the last year in combating commercial traffic in women and children and in carrying on a vigorous campaign against traffickers and procurers. The 'Shelter' at Moreland Road continued to give protection to women of different communities who were found helpless and stranded, and specially those who suffered from V. D.

Difficulties: The Association has found that the Bombay Prevention of Prostitution Act does not help rescue work in as much as the traffickers find it very easy to evade the law. The definition of the term 'Brothel' in the Act is taken advantage of to convert places which were formerly brothels, into single room tenements.
Action against such premises is not possible under existing law. There is no law at present preventing a woman from prostituting her body. The law is directed against people making a profit out of prostitution. The strictness of proof expected by the law courts to prove offence presents another great difficulty. In such cases nothing more than circumstantial evidence is possible, but the court expects as evidence something like the evidence of an eye witness. This is more or less impossible to provide.

To add to these difficulties the strength of the Special Police Department which was already inadequate was further reduced, as the post of a sub-inspector who was suspended was not filled up.

**Cases**: In spite of these difficulties the work done by the Worker of the Association was very encouraging. There were in all 21 cases including the two pending at the end of last year. Out of these 17 were taken to court and 12 resulted in conviction of the accused. Of the cases which were taken to the court, 2 were under the Indian Penal Code, 11 under the Bombay Prevention of Prostitution Act, and 4 under the Bombay Children’s Act. In all these cases 7 minor girls, and 3 boys, and more than a dozen young girls were rescued. Besides this three girls who were in moral danger were removed to the Shelter.

**Turkish Baths**: The Worker of the Association continues to keep a watch and report regarding these establishments. The number of these institutions has become stationary for the last four years. Though some new ones have sprung up, an equal number of old ones were closed down this year.

**“Shelter”**: During the year 49 women and 8 children were admitted into the “Shelter”. The report of the Shelter regarding admissions and discharges is as follows:

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Of these girls who were in the Shelter, 29 were born at places outside Bombay Presidency, 18 were born in the Presidency and 9 in Bombay city. Of these 41 were married, 11 unmarried and 4 were widows. Three of the inmates of the Shelter got married during the year. Donations given by their husbands or relatives amounted to Rs. 165/-.

The women in the Shelter are kept engaged by needlework and knitting. A sum of Rs. 45/- was realised last year by the sale of their work. The women are also taught gardening. Efforts are made to teach them reading and writing. Outings and cinema shows are also arranged periodically for their entertainment.

The Association has spent about five thousand rupees on its work this year. The annual statement of accounts shows that Rs. 4000/- were received from the Government as grant-in-aid, and about Rs. 777/- were collected by way of subscriptions and donations. The balance at the end of the year in cash of investments is about eight thousand rupees.

**Dedication of Girls to Temples**

The Bill to prevent dedication of women to service in Hindu Temples which was introduced in the Bombay Legislative Council by Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole was passed this year and has now become law. We congratulate Rao Bahadur Bole on his success. We hope that this measure will effectively stop one of the sources of recruitment of prostitutes.
Lectures: Two lectures were delivered during the year before the Association. A lecture given on 25th June 1935 by Major (now Lieut. Col.) Jalal Shah, Govt. V D. Specialist, requires special mention here. Col. Jalal Shah's subject was: 'The Question of imparting knowledge of Social Hygiene to Students'. The lecturer pointed out the grave nature of venereal diseases and said that these diseases are not altogether incurable. Immediate and prolonged treatment can cure a patient but his experience showed that cases which come for treatment usually come at an advanced stage of the disease and thus cure is often impossible. He said that both the contraction of the disease and the delay in securing treatment is due to ignorance of the patient regarding sexual matters and venereal diseases. Among such patients, the lecturer pointed out, was a large percentage of young men, students in Colleges and upper classes in High Schools. He emphasised that it was the duty of heads of institutions to spread the knowledge of social hygiene among the young under their charge. He was confident that if young people knew about the nature of the disease and its infectious nature, they will be careful, and if unfortunately they contract it, they would not go to quacks but would consult qualified doctors and take a complete treatment for cure. He recommended that periodical lectures should be arranged in schools and colleges at which a competent person would impart informally knowledge regarding social hygiene and discuss the difficulties of young men and women with them in a sympathetic manner. This kind of instruction will go a long way in solving the problem of social morality.

We recommend that the B. R. C. C. should strongly urge the heads of schools and colleges in its area to meet together and formulate a plan of instruction in social hygiene which could be adopted in all the institutions in the Council area, and that the suggestion made by Col. Jalal Shah be seriously considered.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. R. Ramdas.
MISSIONARY SETTLEMENT FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN

During the year under review, there have been from 40-50 students and others in residence. The increased number has been made possible by the opening of a new wing in February last. The ceremony was performed by her Excellency Lady Brabourne, supported by Sir Stanley Reed and Miss Gedge. We record with great regret the retirement of Miss Gedge from the Staff. The services which she has rendered since her appointment in 1912 have been rich and unremitting and she will be greatly missed.

The students in residence were drawn from nine different colleges in Bombay and from five different communities—Christian 9, Jew 3, Hindu 14, Parsi 13, Persian 1. Their examination results were very good, all the Finalists passing:—2 with M. A. degree, 2 with B. T., 2 with M. B., B. S. and 8 with the B. A. degree, two of which were Honours degrees.

The Social Training Course received Government recognition last September. There have been nine students this year, two of whom completed their course in April. One of these has a full-time post. One old student who has a post as Matron of the Lady Irwin College, Delhi, is doing three months refresher work before beginning some lecturing there in Civics. The Social Training Centre is no longer a joint effort of several societies; M. S. U. W. is now solely responsible for it, and it is managed by a Sub-Committee of the Bombay Local Committee of M. S. U. W. We much hope that plans for the inauguration of a post-graduate course of Social Training in conjunction with Wilson College will mature by 1936.

We have had a full staff of four throughout the year. Miss Navalkar went on six months’ leave to England in June and I was appointed Acting-Warden in her absence. We welcomed Miss R. Dongre, B. A., to the staff in June last. Miss Kaae is Director of the Social Training Course and she and Miss King give almost their whole time to it.

Our branch of the S. Y. W. C. A. met weekly for Bible Study. A one-day joint retreat with Wilson College women was held in the Settlement and a Quiet Day for the staff and friends conducted by the Bishop of Bombay. For the Christmas Social, the students produced Nativity Tableaux which we trust conveyed the message which we exist to declare. Other activities were much as in former years.

E. A. UNDERWOOD,
INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

The Annual Meeting of the Indian Sunday School Union was held in Madras at the beginning of January 1935. There was a fairly good attendance of representatives from the various I. S. S. U. Auxiliaries and from the Representative Christian Councils, as well as of the staff. During the year under report the I. S. S. U. staff had been stationed as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Annet were at headquarters, especially for the period when the Training Courses for teachers are being conducted and for the general administrative work. Mr. and Mrs. Annet had also undertaken several extensive tours. Mr. Franklin had been stationed in Madras and in addition to his work for the Madras Auxiliary had been instrumental in organising a system by which useful information about films, which are being shown, is made available to the public. The report of this committee was published in the N. C. C. Review. Mr. and Mr. Koshe have made their headquarters in Ranchi and Mr. Koshe has had to give time to the study of Hindi in addition to his other work. Miss Moreland has done most useful work first in the Marathi area and later in the Hindi area. Miss Chamen also spoke of her work in English schools.

There was considerable time given to the question of the Union's finances and the difficulties of getting the work of the Union adequately supported. The major portion of the budget comes from the British section of the World's Sunday School Association. It was hoped that one or two members of the Executive Committee would be able when on furlough to meet the British Committee and press for more adequate support.

After attending a meeting of the I. S. S. U. Executive committee one is constrained to feel that the churches and missions in India are under a deep debt of gratitude for the devoted work which is being done by the staff of the I. S. S. U., often under difficult conditions and much crippled by inadequate financial support. The new bookroom at Coonoor is meeting the needs of a wide area and as the work grows will be an increasing asset in every way.

E. A. GORDON,
## Schedule of Representation, 1935-36

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