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Wednesday, 4th

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Bombay Representative Christian Council was convened in the Y. W. C. A. Hall, Mayo Road, Fort, Bombay, at 10:00 a.m. with Dr. J. McKenzie in the chair. The President, The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Nasik, was, on account of illness, unable to be present. A letter from the President expressing regret at his inability to attend, was read by Dr. McKenzie and he was authorised to send in reply a message of sympathy and greeting from this Council.

The Chairman welcomed to the sessions of this Annual Meeting, Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Secretary of the National Christian Council and extended to him the privilege of the floor in all of the discussions. A half hour of devotions and prayers of thanksgiving and intercession were led by Rev. Hodge.

1. Following the Roll Call a statement concerning the necessary revision of the Schedule of Representation was made by the Secretary and letters of apology for absence were received from the following:—Rev. G. Wilson, Rev. D. R. Athavle, Dr. J. Bhaktul and Miss E. A. Gordon.

2. Recording Secretary:—Mr. L. A. Blickenstaff was appointed.

3. Nominations Committee:—On the recommendation of the Executive the following were appointed: Miss E. Moreland, (Convener), Miss L. F. Austin, Rev. D. Lewis, Rev. W. H. Lyon, Rev. P. G. Bhagat and Rev. S. L. Salvi.
4. *Census Report:*—The Chairman requested Dr. J. L. Goheen to make on behalf of the executive committee a statement regarding the coming census and the following resolution was adopted:

"In preparation for the coming census, the Council recommends to all Churches and Missions to make their own simple enumeration; also to take pains to instruct their people carefully in advance how to answer certain important questions in the census. Furthermore, the Council recommends that the following special committee be appointed to confer with the Chief Census Officer and be ready to present before Government the proper enumeration of Christians if it is found necessary to do so: Rev. J. Primrose (Convener), D. N. Tilak Esq., and Rev. G. Wilson.

5. *Deaf and Dumb Spiritual Care:*—The Secretary was requested to secure information desired by the Central Advisory Council for the Spiritual Care of the Deaf and Dumb, London, and send the same to the National Christian Council.

6. *Day of Prayer:*—It was announced that the date fixed by the National Christian Council for the Day of Prayer for India, Burma and Ceylon was Sunday, 1st December. It was agreed that the cost of Printing the Call to prayer be authorized.

7. *Christian Marriage Act:*—The following resolution was adopted:

As various Church and Mission bodies represented in this Council have had opportunity of expressing their opinion on the draft of a new Christian Marriage Act for India prepared by the Committee of the N. C. C. this Council resolves to express its general approval of the proposed Bill without offering detailed criticism but trusts that consideration will be given to the suggestions for amendment made by the various bodies represented in this Council.
8. **Treasurer's Report:**—A statement of the General Account; The Language School Account and the Bombay Tract and Book Society Appeal Account, for the year ended 31st July 1940 was rendered by the Treasurer, Mr. I. A. Harris and accepted by the Council. The Language School Account, showing a balance of Rs. 1787-2-0 was referred to the Executive Committee for investigation with a view to the co-ordination of this account and the Marathi Language School and Exmination Board Account as presented by the Marathi Language School and Examination Board, and requested to present recommendations to this Council.

9. **Budget 1940-41:**—The budget for 1940-41, as presented by the Treasurer, was approved.

10. **Report of Marathi Language School and Examination Board:**—The report including a statement of accounts for 1939-40 was presented by Miss Watt and accepted. Missions or individual missionaries are invited to make suggestions to the Convener of the Board regarding the Language School Course of Study or concerning any of the affairs of the School.

11. **Report of Gujarati Literature Committee:**—The report was made by Rev. James Ukabhai and approved. It was suggested that a wider use might be made of commentaries prepared in English and Gujarati by Rev. W. G. Mulligan and the hope was expressed that they also might be made available in Marathi.

12. **Gujarati Evangelistic Committee:**—The report was, in the absence of Rev. G. Wilson, given by Rev. D. Lewis, and was accepted.

13. **Marathi Evangelistic Committee:**—The report was given by Rev. W. H. Lyon and was approved. Arising from the report the following recommendations were adopted:

1. (As in the "Proceedings", Page 38, No. 1.)

2. (As in the "Proceedings", Page 38, No. 2.)
It was suggested that the Evangelistic Committee for Gujarati and Marathi confer regarding suitable dates for Bible Week and Week of Witness. The Secretary urged that Bible Week be also used to encourage regular Bible reading among Christians.

3. (As in the "Proceedings", Page 39, No. 3.)

4. (As in the "Proceedings", Page 39, No. 4.)

It was suggested that the committee provide and circulate a plan for panel speakers who would be available for guiding group study.

5. (As in the "Proceedings", Page 39, No. 5.)

14. *Bombay Survey Committee* :—Rev. R. T. S. Millar made the report, which was adopted, and the Committee was continued. It was decided that we renew the request to the N. C. C. for the early-services of Rev. F. Whittaker upon his return from furlough and that the Committee be requested to keep in touch with Mission and Church organisations, The Bombay Missionary Conference and the Pastors Union.

15. *Rural Reconstruction Committee* :—The report was given by Dr. J. L. Goheen and was approved. The following recommendation was adopted:

That the Provincial Research Board arrange to undertake an economic survey among Indian Village Christians in certain selected areas. The Rural Reconstruction Committee is to be consulted in this connection.

Dr. Goheen called to the attention of the meeting, the exhibition in an adjoining room, of articles made by village Christians.

16. At 3:30 p.m. the business session was adjourned for a period of Scripture reading by the Chairman, Dr. McKenzie, and prayer led by Rev. S. L. Salvi, after which tea was served by the ladies of the Bombay Missionary Conference.
17. *School of Indian Music, Gujarati* — Rev. P. G. Bhagat reported on the School of Indian Music, Gujarati, and it was voted to continue the grant of Rs. 25 for the ensuing year.

18. The afternoon business session was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. and there followed at 6:30 p.m. a Public Meeting in the Wilson College Hall at which Dr. J. McKenzie presided and Rev. J. Z. Hodge addressed a large audience on the subject of the War and its Challenge to the Christian Church in India. An offering of Rs. 132 for the N. C. C. War Emergency Fund was received.

**Thursday, 5th**

A Meeting of Secretaries of Missions was convened at 9-30 a.m. to consider the effects of the War on Missions.

The Council met at 11-30 a.m. There was a period of half hour for devotions led by Rev. J. Z. Hodge.

19. *Christian Medical Association* — Dr. G. H. Oldfield reported for the Christian Medical Association and the report was approved. Dr. G. H. Oldfield gave a report on the registration of doctors under the Bombay Medical Practitioners Act, and expressed the desire that a similar arrangement be made for nurses. Dr. Greenfield also reported concerning the payment of income-tax on medical receipts; and that at the meeting of the Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council held on August 2nd, 1940, it was resolved "That with a view to helping Mission Hospitals which are recognised by the Council for training, the following proviso be added to Clause (b) of By-law 27.

"Provided further that in a Mission Hospital recognised for the training of probationers, nurses and midwives belonging to that mission who are recruited from abroad, be allowed to work on the staff of the hospital, if their qualifications are registered in the country of their origin, and their training is considered adequate by the Registration Committee of the Council."

Attention was called to Hospital Sunday to be observed on the second Sunday of February 1941.
20. Educational Board:—Miss C. C. Thompson reported for the Educational Board, and the report was approved. Miss Dongre reported on the matter of literature available and that being prepared for work in the Adult Literacy Campaign.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss Thompson and adopted by the Council:—

"This Council hopes that every Mission School in the area will appoint one teacher to keep the claims, needs and methods of Adult Literacy work prominently before the staff and senior pupils and to enlist all possible voluntary service."

Arising out of the Report:—Rev. J. Kellock proposed the following resolutions and they were approved by the Council:—

(a) "The B. R. C. C. calls the attention of the Churches and Missions working in Bombay city to the suggestions (Printed in pp. 15 to 20 of the "Proceedings") for the improvement of the economic conditions, the housing conditions, the use of leisure time, the shepherding of Christians coming to Bombay city and their Church relationships; requests them to give their thought to these suggestions; and to consider whether all or any of them can be adopted for the strengthening of the Christian community and the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church in Bombay City.

(b) "That the Provincial Research Committee be requested to consult with persons familiar with business affairs regarding the possibility of bettering the economic condition of the Christian people in Bombay City by the setting up of such institutions as an employment bureau, an unemployment insurance scheme, a co-operative credit society, a home for persons in temporary difficulties and thrift organisations.

(c) "That the Educational Board of the B. R. C. C. be requested to make arrangements for putting into operation a Bible Study Course devised to encourage laymen and women to equip themselves with a knowledge of the Bible, with a view to enriching
their own minds and spirits and to strengthening the Church in its teaching ministry, in evangelistic work, Sunday-schools and Bible classes etc., and to arrange for the award of a diploma to persons who successfully complete the course.”

Dr. J. L. Goheen proposed the following resolution which was adopted:—

“The question of the need for simplified editions of the Gospels in Marathi and Gujarati be referred to the Educational Board with the request that they investigate this subject and communicate their findings to the British and Foreign Bible Society.”

21. Missionary Settlement:—Miss O. M. Kaane reported for the Missionary Settlement for University Women and the report was adopted.

22. Marathi Literature Committee:—Miss Moreland reported for the Marathi Literature Committee calling special attention to new publications ready for distribution. The report was adopted. Regarding the financial needs of the Bombay Tract and Book Society Rev. J. Kellock proposed the following resolution which was adopted:—

“Resolved to endorse the appeal of the Bombay Tract and Book Society to the Churches and Missions for financial support and to express the hope that they may see their way to contribute in accordance with the suggested schedule that is being sent to them.”

Tea was served at 3:45 p.m. after a period of prayer.

23. Dr. E. G. Hewat reported for the India Sunday School Union stressing the great need for and the importance of providing religious education for the children of the Church through the medium of the Sunday School. The report was accepted. Sept. 22nd was referred to as being the Day of Prayer for Sunday School work in this country.

24. Rev. J. Z. Hodge addressed the Council briefly on behalf of the War Emergency Fund recently inaugurated by the
N. C. C. and made a plea for the co-operation of all representatives in bringing the matter of contributions for the fund to the attention of their respective Church and Mission bodies.

25. Mr. Hodge also made a plea for a definite move by this Council towards the best possible co-operation in an united effort among Church and Mission organisations and suggested that some phase of closer unity be the subject of consideration at a future Annual Meeting of the B. R. C. C.

26. Mr. Hodge made a statement regarding the new Hyderabad State Christian Council and reported an encouraging beginning and a definite forward movement in that area.

27. Rev. W. H. Lyon, Rev. G. K. Satvedi and Mr. I. A. Harris made brief reports as Representatives of this Council to the 1940 N. C. C. Triennial Meetings at Nagpur, and told us of impressions and benefits received. They thanked the Council for the privilege of representing them at this Meeting.

28. Rev. Ithiel V. Master was granted the privilege of speaking briefly regarding The Christian Endeavour Society.

29. The Nominations Committee reported as follows:

President: Rev. J. B. Primrose.
Secretary: Rev. S. D. Davidson.
Treasurer: Mr. I. A. Harris.


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Rev. L. G. Templin (Convener), Dr. P. G. Bhagwat, Mr. A. B. Christian, Miss R. Dongre, Dr. J. L. Goheen, Rev. I. W. Moomaw, Miss J. E. Park, Mr. John Sadiq, Miss M. Shinde, Mr. D. Souri, Miss K. A. Steeds, Dr. J. McKenzie.
Bombay Survey Committee

Rev. R. T. S. Millar (Convener), Mr. J. P. Ravade, Rev. Fr. Huntley, Miss E. Elliott, Miss E. Moreland.

Mrs. J. Goheen, Mr. H.B. Unsworth *For a three year term.*
Mr. N. L. Harshe, Rev. S. N. Thorat *For a two year term.*
Miss. M. Shinde, Miss. J. R. Watt *For a one year term.*

*Co-opted members:* Rev. J. B. Primrose, Mr. S. Rahator.

*(Convener: Miss J. R. Watt.)*

Marathi Literature Committee

*President:* The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Nasik
*Vice President:* The Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavale
*Secretary:* Misses E. Moreland
*Treasurer:* Mr. J. S. S. Malelu
*Members:* Mrs. Lilabai Baker, Mr. G. S. Cox, Rev. H. G. Howard, Rev. J. Kellock, Miss Clara Kleiner, Rev. S. N. Thorat.

Gujarati Literature Committee


Gujarati Evangelistic Committee


Marathi Evangelistic Committee


Gujarati Indian Music

Rural Reconstruction Committee

Dr. J. L. Goheen (Convener), Mr. B. Balaram, Rev. F. A. Puffer, Miss E. N. Shickel, Rev. G. K. Satvedi, Mr. J. C. Kincaid, Mrs. L. L. Long.

Representatives

M. S. U. W.: Miss M. Cross & Mr. J. S. S. Malelu.
Christian Literature Committee of N. C. C.: Miss E. Moreland.
I. S. S. U.: Miss E. A. Gordon.

All the Nominations were approved.

30. Rev. D. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Meeting, Dr. J. McKenzie, Chairman, Rev. S. D. Davidson, Secretary, Mr. I. A. Harris, Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Blickenstaff, Recording Secretary, Rev. J. Z. Hodge of the N. C. C.; also to Miss Cross for the very convenient arrangement in the Y. W. C. A. for the Meeting of this Council, and to the Ladies of the Churches and Bombay Missionary Conference for providing tea on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

The Meeting was closed after the singing of the Doxology and prayer led by Dr. McKenzie.

Two other Missions have joined the Council.

In August 1940 the Swedish Hindustani Mission became affiliated and in September 1940 the Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission joined.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on September 3rd 1940, at Wilson College, Bombay.

Present: Dr. J. Mckenzie, Dr. J. L. Goheen, Rev. P. G. Bhagat, Rev. S. L. Salvi, Mr. I. A. Harris, and the Secretary.

1. In the absence of the President Dr. Mckenzie took the chair.

2. The Meeting opened with prayer by Dr. McKenzie.

3. The Chairman welcomed the Rev. J. Z. Hodge of the N. C. C.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were confirmed.

5. Matters Arising:

(a) Christian Marriage Act.—Previous decision confirmed.

(b) Co-opted Members.—The following co-options were confirmed.—Miss L. Ward, Miss Moreland, Rev. S. Aldis, Rev. R. Hanna, Rev. J. Primrose, Mr. J. Sadiq.

(c) Appeal for Continental Missions.—Resolved to report to the Council action already taken by the N. C. C. and B. R. C. C. and to recommend co-operation with and support of the N. C. C. in its endeavour to raise money for the War Emergency Fund which Mr. Hodge is to detail to the Council.

(d) The Coming Census.—Previous recommendation to the Council to be introduced by Dr. J. Goheen and further resolved to recommend that a small committee be appointed to take the matter in hand. The Committee to consist of Rev. J. Primrose (Convener), Mr. D. N. Tilak and Rev. G. Wilson.

(e) B. T. & B. S.—In the absence of the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Nasik, Rev. J. Kellock to bring the matter before the Council.
(f) Swedish Hindustani Mission.—The Secretary reported that this Mission has accepted the invitation to join the B. R. C. C., had paid the subscription for 1940 and appointed a representative.

6. Treasurer’s Report.—Mr. Harris presented this and the Executive refers it to the Council.

7. Day of Prayer for India, Burma and Ceylon.—Resolved to recommend to the Council that the Call be put into Marathi and Gujarati and circulated.

8. A letter of appreciation for the Survey Report and assurance that it will be carefully studied was received from the C. M. S. Aurangabad.

9. Nominations Committee.—Resolved to recommend the following names to the Council: Miss Moreland (Convener), Miss L. Austin, Rev. P. G. Bhagat, Rev. D. Lewis, Rev. W. Lyon and Rev. S. L. Salvi.

10. Recording Secretary.—Resolved to recommend to the Council the name of Mr. L. Blickenstaff.

11. The Executive then dealt with the programme of the Council and arranged for Secretaries of Missions to meet on Thursday, September 5th at 9-30 a.m. for two hours.
THE WAR EMERGENCY FUND

Immediately on the outbreak of war the National Christian Council, through its Executive Committee, gave careful consideration to its probable effect on German Missions in India. An appeal was therefore issued and met with some response. In consequence of the sad progress and extension of the war the appeal has had to be considerably widened to embrace several other Missions, and, in fact, resolves itself into an appeal for Continental Missions generally. Through the efforts of the N. C. C., other bodies, and interested individuals, help has been rendered. A number of German Missionaries have been re-interned, and in this way are provided for, yet there is the witness to maintain and the lady missionaries to be supported. The N. C. C. has now inaugurated one fund to co-ordinate all efforts to help Missions adversely affected by the war. The Fund is called the War Emergency Fund.

In an effort to insure that the B. R. C. C. shall have a full share in this ministry of helping our fellow-missionaries in need we earnestly invite you to urge your Church, Churches, or Mission to have, if possible, a special offering taken for this specific object. We face an obligation that carries beyond denominational frontiers. It concerns the whole household of faith and tests the reality of the ecumenical Christian fellowship so lately and finely exemplified at Tambaram.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

We commend the need to you for your prayerful remembrance and generous response, and suggest that gifts be sent soon to our Treasurer, Mr. I. A. Harris, Robinson Memorial, Sankli St., Býculla, Bombay.

THE RT. REV. THE BISHOP OF NASIK, President.

S. D. DAVIDSON, Secretary.
BOMBAY TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY

One of the greatest needs of the young and growing Indian Church is the production and distribution of suitable Christian literature. The Bombay Tract and Book Society exists for this purpose. It is closely associated with the Bombay Representative Christian Council inasmuch as the Executive Committee of the Tract and Book Society is the Literature Committeé of the Bombay Representative Christian Council.

The Society has in preparation a Marathi Bible Dictionary and a Marathi Concordance to the Bible. It published 7 books and a series of tracts last year and is steadily continuing with the work of getting suitable books produced for children and for adults. Its aim is to sell the publications as cheaply as possible, so that their purchase may not be beyond the means of most Indian Christians.

The Society employs the services of a full-time missionary worker. The B. R. C. C. at its meeting in 1938 passed a resolution to the effect that for the organisation and development of the work of publishing and distributing Christian literature in this area, it is absolutely necessary to have such a worker; and it reaffirmed this conviction at its meeting in 1939.

Deeply convinced of the importance of this work of producing and distributing Christian literature, we appeal to the Christian forces in Western India to supply the Rs. 4,000/- per year which is needed for the purpose. Of this sum Rs. 3,000/- is needed to provide the salary for the full-time missionary worker and 1,000/- for the subsidising of publications and other expenses.

The sources of income are (1) membership subscription to the Society, and (2) special donations from Missions and Churches and from individuals. The total amount realised from both these sources so far (up to the end of August 1940) is only about Rs. 2,000/- of which over two-thirds has been raised by special
effort and cannot be counted upon as regular income. It is necessary, therefore, if the finances of the Society are to be placed on a sound basis, that the number and the size of the regular donations from Missions and Churches and individuals be greatly increased.

We therefore appeal to the Missions and Churches and all others interested in the work of the Society for increased support without which it will be impossible for the Society to function properly and to continue rendering effective service to the cause of Christian literature in Maharashtra.

It may also be mentioned that the Society has a shop, called The Christian Book Shop, at 203 Hornby Road, Bombay. This is an important piece of Christian witness in the busiest part of the great city of Bombay. In the shop Christian books in the English, Marathi and Gujarati languages are kept on sale. The Shop was opened in February 1939, and the rent for it has been specially provided for up to the end of December 1941. Our full-time Missionary worker manages the shop in addition to her work in connection with the publication and distribution work of the Society. It is very desirable to continue this shop in its present position, but its continuance must depend on the prospects as regards financial support after December 1941.

On behalf of the Society,
B. N. Athavle, Vice-President.
J. S. S. Malelu, Treasurer.
James Kellock.
MAHARASHTRA EVANGELISTIC SURVEY CONTINUATION COMMITTEE

Summary report based on Survey Continuation Questionaire, Maharashtra.

(Note: See B. R. C. C. Exec. Comm. Resol. 5, d, 2nd para.)

A Questionaire, based on the findings and recommendations of Part I of the Maharashtra Survey Report, was sent to Church and Mission secretaries, members of the Executive and the Survey Continuation Committees of B. R. C. C., as well as to leaders in the areas visited by the Survey staff. Replies were received from nearly all the areas. What follows is an abbreviated form of a longer paper prepared on the basis of these replies for report at the B. R. C. C. meeting. It does not aim to give a complete picture of the present situation in evangelism in Maharashtra, but to note significant developments since the completion of the Survey.

I Opportunities for Fruitful Evangelistic Work

(a) More than half the replies to the Questionaire speak of new opportunities, mostly in the form of new groups or new villages seeking baptism. One case was that of a new caste coming forward—the Kolams of Berar.

(b) As to the human means of opening up these opportunities, in practically all cases, that mentioned was Christian relatives. Secondary motives often were such as hope of relief in the way of influence with police authorities and employment.

(c) Almost without exception the hope was expressed that the openings would lead to a movement of whole families and in two cases of the whole Mahar group in their respective villages. In one region twenty villages have new enquirers.

II Hindrances

(a) External: From the answers sent in it cannot be concluded that outward hindrances have, during the year, either increased or decreased. No new hindrances are mentioned. It is
interesting to see the Arya Samaj and Hindu Mahasabha in the Southern Maratha Country making common cause. In Khandesh workers going under the name of the Congress and the Bhil Seva Mandal are competing for the loyalties of Christians and potential Christians. The Gulia Maharaj movement in West Khandesh, which had attracted Bhils by the thousands, is fast waning in influence. In the Southern Maratha Country boarding houses conducted by various non-Christian societies are making tempting offers of low fees or free education to those, Christian or otherwise, who are willing to enroll as Harijans or untouchables. Christian bodies also, such as the Seventh Day Adventists and Roman Catholics are, with no small effect, using educational inducements for proselytising purposes. By the non-Christian opposition some form of economic advantage is usually promised and sometimes given. Most of the non-Christian opposition is interpreted as being based mainly on a political and, to a less extent, social motive, with a religious label. Some opposition is primarily religious with social implications.

(b) Internal: The most common internal hindrance to the growth and health of the Church is the lack of evangelistic purpose among Christians. "The church has not yet a realisation of its task," says one. One secretary goes so far as to say that evangelists, many of them, do not have a clear aim of bringing people to a decision for Christ, some saying it is not possible, others that it may even be harmful! Other reasons for the lack of evangelistic aim and zeal are given:—Pride and fear of man; insufficient break with Hindu customs on the part of professing Christians; lack of fundamental knowledge of Christianity; nominal Christianity devoid of the power of the Holy Spirit; unwise economic help given to new converts; and last, but not least, private quarrels and church divisions and factions.

III Growth

(a) Encouraging developments are on foot in a number of areas which give promise of future growth. But, so far as one
can judge from reports received, only with respect to the Yeotmal and Anjangaon areas and some parts of West Khandesh, can it be said that there has been significant growth? In the first, each of the past two years has shown an increase double that of the five years previously, and in the second, the past two years have shown increases each more than five times the average for the previous four years. The Scandinavian Alliance Mission has had 62% increase over the former average. On the whole for Maharashtra, however, we shall have to admit that the increase has hardly been that to be expected normally of a church in a more or less settled Christian environment, and certainly too small for an advancing church in a largely non-Christian population.

While some prefer to ignore the matter, most leaders feel it is important to see that their members correctly register as Christians in the coming census, and propose to give instruction accordingly.

IV Proposals for Advance

A brief report like this can do little more than note a few typical advance steps taken by Churches and Missions. And while the reports on growth are as yet not encouraging, there is real hope and encouragement in the new awareness of Church and Mission leaders of their opportunities and needs and in the plans made or being made to meet these by wise distribution and use of resources. It is apparent that the Survey has, under God, been a large factor in this new awareness and activity.

A. An Evangelising Church

(a) Many new undertakings in Church-Centred Evangelism, are described. Missions are more concerned about working in and through the Churches or in closest co-operation with them. More and more churches are awaking to their duty and privilege as God's agency in evangelism.

(b) Missions and churches are getting together in joint retreats and conferences for United Policies and Plans.
(c) Missions here and there are mobilising their forces and funds with reference to the real situation. As a result of the Survey a district has reduced expenditure on wide and indiscriminate touring to put a good worker in a strategic village centre. A neighbouring district has begun to concentrate on a few places with the hope of developing a live witnessing church in those places as the best means of reaching out to the wider field. Another mission is surveying its most promising villages in preparation for a redistribution of its workers. In a large district there is a new assignment of duties to the village workers to meet the need and carry out a well-rounded programme of worship, witness and service.

(d) United plans for Evangelisation of a Total Area are being made by such bodies as The Berar and Khandesh Christian Conference, the Ahmednagar Christian Conference and the combined Mission and Church bodies of the American Methodists and Church of Scotland in Nagpur. Activities being thus undertaken in the last place are preparation of a course for training candidates for baptism, refresher courses for pastors and evangelists, training class for lay volunteer workers, a Christian Book Shop for distributing Christian literature systematically throughout the city.

(e) Weeks of Witness are being continued, with increasing numbers of volunteers participating, and with more systematic preparation and follow-up work.

(f) Efforts at worship and teaching directed towards enrichment of spiritual life and power for witnessing on the part of ordinary Christians are many and varied, perhaps that getting most new emphasis being the planned daily worship services.

(g) Actual achievements towards a literate Church are small and not at all commensurate with the aims set before us, nor the provisions made for literature and leadership therefor.

(h) Training for Christian home-making is assuming greater and greater importance in church and mission programmes,
particularly in the courses offered for wives of those in training schools and classes. An interesting title of one such course is "The Christian Home among non-Christian Neighbours." This course aimed at inspiration and practical instruction in ways of making the Christian home a centre of light and service.

(i) For strengthening the *fellowship and sense of brotherhood* more thought is being given to this phase of the celebration of Christmas, Easter, Church Anniversaries, Harvest Festivals and melas.

(j) The Harvest Festival is one of the useful occasions for the teaching and practice of *Christian Giving* and *Stewardship*. Dedication of the produce of a portion of one's land and of all the eggs laid on Sunday, are among the methods followed in this connection. The Book on "Christian Giving" by the Bishop of Dornakal, in English and Marathi, is being widely used as a study book for Church and Mission workers.

**B. Adequate Ministry for an Evangelising Church, and Training**

There seems to be almost complete agreement with the classification of a ministry for the evangelising Church which is recommended in the Survey Report, that is;

1. Trained Honorary Leaders
2. Full-time Lay Workers
3. Ordained Pastors
4. Superintending Ministers

The prevailing opinion is that the greatest lack needing to be made up is in No. 1. All agree that volunteers should mean trained volunteers working in harmony with the united policy so far as possible. It is agreed also that these should be recruited from those accepted by the village group, with some guidance.

With the consciousness of the need of workers according to the above classification has come new thought about training; and
a number of new classes have been started or changes made in
the existing training courses as well as in the selection of those to
be trained. There is not space for giving examples in this
shortened report.

C. Further Measures of Co-operation

Numerous conferences and committees have been set up whose
business it is to look at the field as a whole and plan unitedly for
the work of several missions or churches. Those mentioned under
A. (d) are examples. In the American Presbyterian Mission groups
of two and three stations have been combined into "Blocks" for
planning unitedly with a view to common policies over a larger
area. The Australian Churches of Christ Mission to whom the
Survey proposed that they make a special effort to reach the Takaris
for Christ have seen and expressed the need of consultation and
cooperation with neighbouring Missions in some of whose villages
the Takari caste are living. In different cities and districts having
several mission and church bodies at work the proposal to have
united councils of evangelism has been followed. For example, in
Satara and Wai, where three missions and the Church are working,
there is a monthly meeting of a joint council for evangelism for
all the bodies concerned, and already plans are being carried out
through this joint council.

The above-mentioned and other joint bodies are considering
the best provision for specially responsive areas and for meeting
special difficulties. Readjustments of boundaries have been made in
at least two of the five areas mentioned on Page 47 (c) (iv) of
the Survey Report.

There is increasing reason to support The Bombay Tract and
Book Society, which is more and more meeting the needs of all
churches and missions, and to give it more financial support. This
is one of the best ways of economising and avoiding overlapping
and duplication of effort and expense in these days when every
Rupee must be most carefully spent. The same principle applies to all our union efforts. The Survey itself has been an outstanding project in co-operation on a Maharashtra-wide scale. Carrying out its implementing and getting its messages to the membership of all the Churches calls for the same high degree of co-operation.

Let us close this brief summary with a telling quotation from our stalwart leader in Nagpur, Mr. Hodge: "The honour of Christ and the desperate need of the world demand that we pull together" (N. C. C. Review, Sept. 1940, p. 432).

WILBUR H. LYON, Convener.

What is a Missionary?

“A missionary is one sent by Jesus as God sent Him. The great dominant note is not first the needs of men, but first the command of Jesus.

“Personal attachment to the Lord Jesus and His point of view is the one thing that must not be overlooked. In missionary enterprise the great danger is that God’s call is effaced by the needs of the people until human sympathy absolutely overwhelms the meaning of being sent by Jesus. The needs are so enormous, the conditions so perplexing, that every power of mind fails and falters. We forget that the one great reason underneath for missionary enterprise is not first the elevation of the people, not the education of the people, not the needs of the people, but first and foremost the command of Jesus—'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel!'”

SELECTED.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Summary reports of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on February 7th, and July 2nd, 1940.

1. Public Questions Committee. No Committee having been appointed last September it was decided not to appoint one at present.

2. Delegate to N. C. C. Triennial Meetings. Mr. I. A. Harris was appointed in the place of Mr. Lazarus who was unable to go.

3. Convener of the Educational Board. Miss C. C. Thompson was appointed in the place of Rev. L. G. Templin who had resigned on account of duties necessitating his absence from the country.

4. Marathi Language School Course. The Secretary brought further proposals from the Language School Board:—

1. That the Board undertakes to buy £100 worth of the new books when printed.

2. That the Board gives a grant of Rs. 250 toward the publishing of the book. The Oxford University Press are to be the publishers. The Executive resolved to approve of (i) and to suggest to the Board that it might be advisable to hold up the publishing of the book until after the next session of the School at Mahableshwar. (ii) Resolved to recommend to the Board that in regard to the matter of a grant any help which the Board could give might be better used by helping to reduce the cost of the book to students of the Language School.

Later on the Convener of the Board reported that the Language Course is now in the hands of the Oxford University Press in Bombay who are printing it. The Board has made a guarantee purchase of £100 worth of copies.

Miss Watt also intimated that, in consideration of the need of members of the Swedish Alliance Mission arising from interrupted supplies from Europe, the Board had advanced their tuition and examination fees for May without obligation.
5. Matters arising from the 1939 Council Proceedings:

Ref. Min. 7 and 8. Tamarama Follow-up work. The Executive awaits the publication of the Marathi abridged edition of the Report, and any recommendations from the Survey Continuation Committee. It was also suggested that this Committee might draw up a questionnaire to implement Min. 8.

(a) Tamarama Follow-up and Survey Report. The Secretary informed the meeting that the full Survey Report was now available. Though the supplies of copies are limited the question of a reprint was left over for the time being. The Executive places on record its appreciation of the services rendered to the Council by the Rev. W. H. Lyon in connection with this Report.

(b) Min. 12 a. Follow-up work in Bombay City. As the Dr. A. N. Warner, Convener, had left the country, the Rev. R. T. S. Millar was appointed to become Convener of the Committee. The Executive continues to recognise the need for such follow-up work in view of the findings of the Report on the economic condition of Christians in Bombay and the serious condition of the many un-attached Christians in the City. It is still hoped that the Rev. F. Whittaker will be able to assist on his return to India.

(c) Min. 15. B. T. and B. S. The Treasurer's statement indicated that only Rs. 155 had been contributed in response to the appeal sent out last year. The Chairman informed us that some gifts had been sent direct by the Society. The Executive approves of continued effort by the Society to implement previous Minutes on this subject and is of the opinion that our Chairman, who is also President of the Society should make a further appeal, perhaps on a basis estimated according to size of Missions etc.

The President, The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Nasik, reported that he had made personal appeals to friends for support and had received in response Rs. 1,600 toward the support of the full-time Manager for this year, and that he intended to send a general appeal to Missions and Churches in an effort to raise the balance.
required i.e. Rs. 1,400. The question to be again referred to the B. R. C. C. Meetings in September.

(d) The Secretary reported that three of the larger non-co-operating Missions had been approached in view of resolution 8. The Secretary was instructed to write to the N. C. C. suggesting that they might approach the Salvation Army authorities in London on the matter.

The Executive received a letter from Rev. W. H. Lyon, Convener of the Survey Continuation Committee. Mr. Lyon called the attention of the Executive to resolution No. 7 under Min. 20 of September, 1939, and suggested that to economically implement this resolution, the proposed Conference should be held on one day adjacent to the Annual Meeting. Resolved that such should not be convened this year but that at the Council meeting as much time as possible be made available for the purpose of hearing reports on matters pertaining to the Survey Follow-up. The Executive notes with satisfaction that Mr. Lyon intends to prepare and distribute the Questionnaire advocated in the resolution referred to above and is of the opinion that this will form a basis for report and discussion.

(e) Min. 28 and Ex. Mins. (h). Annual Meeting. Executive resolved to call a Council meeting in Bombay on September 4th and 5th, 1940 i.e. midweek. If possible a popular meeting to be arranged for, but it was thought impracticable to arrange for common meals. The Secretary was authorised to seek permission to use the Y. W. C. A. Hall, to invite Rev. J. Z. Hodge of the N. C. C. to take the two devotional periods and to speak at a Public Meeting to be convened in the Wilson College Hall on the evening of September the 4th. The Chairman at this meeting to be our President.

(f) Special Sundays. Cf. Sept. Council Min. 22, 1939. The Secretary reported that he had obtained certain information from the Church of England authorities and had forwarded the same to the N. C. C.
6. Letter from Mr. James Ukabhai relative to change of Convener of the Gujarati Literature Committee. Rev. W. Mulligan having gone on furlough, his work had fallen to Mr. Ukabhai. The Executive endorses this change and Mr. Ukabhai is therefore recognised as the Convener of this Committee.

7. I. S. S. U. The Secretary read a letter from Miss Moreland who made one or two suggestions. The Executive resolved to accept Miss Moreland's resignation from the position of B.R.C.C. representative to I. S. S. U. and to appoint Miss E. A. Gordon in her place.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Union indicating that the B. R. C. C. is eligible to send two representatives. The Executive resolved not to take advantage of this privilege at the present time.

8. Letter from Rev. G. Wilson. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wilson who reported that the Gujarati Evangelistic Committee had their meeting but no travelling expenses were involved. The Committee is to study the Maharashtra Survey Report, but does not feel any urgent call for a Survey in their area at present.

9. Letter from the Convener of the Educational Board relative to the financial difficulty of the Board. The Executive expressed its appreciation of the fact that the Board cannot effectively do its work without meeting twice in the year. The sum of Rs. 60 above the amount budgeted to be at the disposal of the Board this year.

10. Letter from the Convener of the Rural Reconstruction Committee. To implement previous recommendations of the Committee, Dr. Goheen intimated that it was intended to hold an exhibition in connection with village industries at the time of the Council Meetings in September and asked for a grant up to Rs. 50 if required for expenses. The Executive fully supporting the idea of an exhibition sanctioned this amount.

The Executive approved the publishing of parts of the Minutes of the Rural Reconstruction Committee in the "Dnyanodaya."
11. A letter was read from the Friends of the Depressed Class League, Ahmednagar. This called attention to the needs of certain people in that area. Resolved to pass the letter on to the Ahmednagar Missionary Conference.

12. Christian Marriage Act. Resolved to recommend to the Council in September the adoption of the following resolution: 'As various Church and Mission bodies represented in this Council have had opportunity of expressing their opinion on the draft of a new Christian Marriage Act for India prepared by the Committee of the N.C.C., this Council resolves to express its general approval of the proposed Bill without offering detailed criticism but trusts that consideration will be given to the suggestions for amendment made by the various bodies represented in this Council.'

13. Letter from N.C.C. re. the Swedish Missionary Society in Bombay. It was reported that this Mission had given up their work in East Turkistan and had commenced work among the Turkish and Urdu speaking people in Bombay and that Province. Further information indicated that this Mission had started work in Poona and the Secretary was instructed to make contact and to invite co-operation.

14. Letter from N.C.C. concerning coming Census. The N.C.C. informed the Executive that the note of instruction by the Rev. J. H. McLean was promised and awaited. In the interim it was suggested that we seek advice from Prof. H. L. Puxley of Agra. Resolved that the matter be placed on the September Agenda and further to recommend to all Churches and Missions to make their own simple enumeration in an effort to prepare for the Census and obtain information which may prove valuable.

15. Matters from the N.C.C.—

(a) German Missions and Finance.
(b) The Unfinished Evangelistic task.
(c) Finances of the N.C.C.
(d) Closer co-operation.
The above matters were discussed. The difficulties of Finance were recognised and ways and means of raising funds were discussed. The Executive resolved to sympathetically consider the appeal for German Missions to be issued later on by the N.C.C. It was also resolved to refer to the B.R.C.C., the suggestion of raising our subscription to the N.C.C., by increasing the amount payable by co-operating Churches and Missions, and by a direct appeal to the Indian Churches.

The Evangelistic task is receiving the attention of the Survey Continuation Committee.

The Executive awaits action of the N.C.C. Secretaries in implementing the plans for closer co-operation as authorised by N.C.C.

Appeal for German and Scandinavian Missions. Letters from the N.C.C., Swedish Alliance Mission, The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission and the Poona Christian Conference were received. Resolved that a personal letter from the President and the Secretary on behalf of Continental Missions be sent to the Secretaries of the various Churches and Missions and to the European congregations in Bombay and other cities in the Presidency. Also that the letters from the Swedish and Scandinavian Missions be passed on to the N.C.C., and that the Poona Christian Conference be advised to make their donations, which may be earmarked for any particular object, through the B.R.C.C. or N.C.C.

16. I.S.S.U. All India Convention. The Secretary reported that the Committee appointed to arrange for the first All India Sunday School Convention planned for the coming October in Poona had decided to recommend to the I.S.S.U. that the Convention be postponed indefinitely. Also the Committee "Resolved that the position of Sunday School Work in India is so serious, with grave decreases in the numbers of Sunday School Scholars and Teachers in many places, that this meeting urges upon the India Sunday School Union the advisability of utilizing the present opportunity for bringing before all Indian Churches and Missions the urgent necessity of an immediate campaign on this subject in
every part of India. The object of such a campaign would be to adopt the title of what was to be the subject at the postponed Convention, 'Christ, The Child, and The Church' as the subject for Local Conventions in every centre in India during the coming autumn with a view to increasing numbers and efficiency in Sunday School work and giving this a premier place in the activities of the Indian Church.

The meeting urges that for such local Conventions all the members of the India Sunday School Union Staff be made available each in their own language areas, and that the National Christian Council Executive, all Provincial Christian Councils and all local Conferences and Missionary Conferences should be asked to treat this whole question of Indian Sunday School work in every language as a matter of the utmost urgency since it affects the entire future of the Christian Movement in India.” The Executive impressed with the urgent importance of the subject endorses the resolution of the Poona Committee and invites Miss Gordon to speak on the subject at the September Council Meetings.

(Later. In Miss Gordon's absence Dr. Hewal will speak.)

17. In response to an invitation from the Hyderabad State Christian Council to the B.R.C.C., to send two representatives to their first Annual Meeting in Secunderabad on July the 23rd to the 26th, it was decided to ask the Aurangabad area Committee, C.M.S., and the Scottish Mission, Jalna, to each send a representative. The representatives sent were: Archdeacon Read of Aurangabad and Miss J. L. McKean of Jalna.

18. The Executive received two financial statements from the Treasurer. The Executive sanctions the extra Rs. 75 used above what was budgeted for the last Annual Meeting. The Executive took cognisance of the fact that the meeting in Poona cost for travelling about Rs. 130 more than when held in Bombay, and also that about Rs. 30 was saved on the printing of the 'Proceedings' this year.

19. Auditors. Mr. J. S. S. Malelu and Mr. Ross Thomas appointed.
# BOMBAY REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

**Budget for 1940-41**

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|                     | Budget 1939-40  | Actual 1939-40    | Budget 1940-41 |
|                     | Rs.             | Rs.               | Rs.           |
| Annual Meeting      | 475             | 561               | 385           |
| Educational Board   | 220             | 235               | 200           |
| Other Committees    | 200             | 108               | 170           |
| Secretarial Expenses| 150             | 136               | 140           |
| Printing            | 220             | 245               | 230           |
| N. C. C.            | 200             | 200               | 200           |
| Vigilance Association| 5              | 5                 | 5             |
| Sundries            | 10              | 10                | 12            |

**I. A. Harris**

_Hon. Treasurer_
BOMBAY REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st July 1940

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Examined and found correct.

J. S. Malelu,
- G. Ross Thomas,

Hon. Auditors.

I. A. Harris,

Hon. Treasurer.

7th August, 1940
THE EDUCATIONAL BOARD, 1940

In December the recently appointed Convener Rev. L. G. Templin, Baroda, went to America to attend the Methodist General Conference. The first meeting of the Board was therefore held in March instead of January.

Adult Literacy, Gujerat: A number of Missions in Gujerat have used the Laubach method with great success. The Irish Presbyterian Mission has given demonstrations in several centres and had good results with new adherents. The Church of the Brethren has night schools and has taught illiterates in 55 villages. The Jungle Tribes Mission has had eleven teachers teaching sixty-six adults in nine centres. The Methodist Episcopal church has appointed a full-time literacy worker, Rev. I. V. Master of Nadiad. He and Miss Austin are now registered literacy workers.

Mr. Master, with the assistance of the manager Mr. Dh. R. D. Souris, conducted a most successful Summer School at the Kosamba Rural Reconstruction Centre of the Baroda State in May. 129 teachers were trained to teach illiterates, of whom 110 were State teachers and other young men receiving a scholarship of Rs. 7/8/- for the three weeks, and 19 were mission teachers supported by a similar amount from their own Missions, and allowed to attend by the courtesy of the Baroda State. As practice work 83 men and women were taught to read. The co-operation of the villagers with no distinction of caste or creed, in the conduct of the school as an ashram, was particularly fine, and 200 were served and cooked for by Harijan women at the last dinner of the school. The students formed themselves into an Adult Education Society. Each member is bound to teach one illiterate at least a year, or to pay a minimum subscription of Rs. 1/-.

The Methodist Episcopal Church conducted nine classes for illiterates between September, 1939 and February, 1940 for which they received Government grant on 38 students passed as having been made literate. During April-June, 1940 they conducted 60
classes in which 1071 students were enrolled. 506 of these have been passed as able, now, to read and write. 22 of these classes were registered for grant. Materials and running expenses of such a class, without salary of teacher, for three months averages about Rs. 35\/. Mission teachers were allowed, in accordance with a Government ruling, to have an hour or more daily off their day-school time table to be spent in the evening education of adults. This mission has also made an effort to get the boys and girls to teach illiterates in their own homes, their own teachers showing them the way. Students from central schools have also had some success in teaching illiterates during their vacations. A survey of the Gujarat Conference is being made to ascertain the percentage of literacy in the church.

The Adult Literacy Sub-Committee advocates the formation of Inter-Mission Adult Education Associations. It has further asked that, the Missions in Gujerat should each nominate a representative, in some cases two, to the Sub-Committee; two or three additional members to be co-opted by the Committee and the Missions each paying Rs. 3/- towards expenses. The Board is of opinion that where the work of Sub-Committee is not of a nature to be provided for by some such local arrangement they should be as few and as small as possible, consisting mainly of members of the Board and meeting at the times of Board and B.R.C.C. meetings. They should be able to draw for other necessary outlay on the funds of the Board to enable them to continue to work by post between meetings.

Maharashtra. The Convener of the Maharashtra Adult Literacy Sub-Committee, Dr. Hiwale, sailed for America in March and Miss R. Dongre has ably taken his place. The American Presbyterian Mission has set apart a worker, Mr. Phansopkar, for Adult Literacy. It is desired to hold Institutes for training at four centres, at least half the expenses of each to be raised locally. This Committee advocates a combination of the Laubach method with Mr. Bhagwat’s, hopes spon to have a simple Gospel of St. Matthew
for the semi-literate, and urges every mission school in the area to have one teacher keep the needs and claim of the Adult Literacy movement alive in the minds of staff and senior pupils.

During the months of April and May, 1940, a special effort was made to carry on the Literacy Campaign in Miraj, Sangli and Islampur with renewed vigour and interest.

In Miraj the work was carried on only in local institutions such as the primary schools in one of the depressed quarters, where, more especially a large group of illiterate women, both Christian and non-Christian, were taught to read and write. Likewise in the Leper Colony connected with the Miraj Medical Centre a large group of men and women was taught and all help was enthusiastically welcomed. The Miraj campaign was carried on during the month of April, and in that period 60 men and 85 women were taught. It is understood that they are going ahead with their reading, etc.

During the month of May, in 8 villages of the Sangli field, where there are Christian groups, and in all but two of which are Christian schools, the campaign was conducted with a view to having the school children teach their illiterate parents. The motto was, "EVERY HOME A LITERATE HOME" The teachers and other volunteer leaders were requested to supervise and encourage the children in their efforts to do this, and no little enthusiasm was created during this period. The effort is now being made to enlist more children in those and other villages in this campaign.

At the beginning of April a three-day Conference was held in Islampur for Volunteer Lay Leaders from villages of that district who were present attending the training institute in lay leadership. In all about 20 men and women from this area were present, and careful instruction and demonstrations were given to them with reference to conducting literacy work in their own villages.

The Literacy Campaign, generally speaking, has not been pushed with the required vigour in the several areas of this
Southern Maratha country, but now the A. P. Mission has appointed a sub-committee to deal with this subject within its own area, which will account in part for the renewed interest mentioned above.

The Board desires to express its gratitude to the Central Literacy Committee for granting Rs. 200 to the Adult Literacy Committee (Maharashtra) for Training Institutes, Rs. 100 each to the Maharashtra and Gujerat committees for the printing of Lithographic Charts on the Laubach Method and a subsidy of Rs. 35 towards the deficit on Ajvalin, the Magazine for Adult Literacy workers in Gujerat.

*Provincial Research*: A Provincial Research Committee (Rev. J. Kellock, Convener) was appointed by the March meeting of the Board. At its first meeting the following subjects of investigation (in progress, or contemplated in the near future) were noted, (i) Gujarati word count. (ii) Economic conditions of Christians in a typical Jalna village. (iii) Remedies for defects in the social economic environment of Bombay Christians. (iv) Reactions of the Ambedkar movement to Christianity and Western Culture. (v) Theological issues raised by Dr. Kraemer's 'Christian Message in a non-Christian World', and by the Tambaram Conference. (vi) Investigation into the range of words with which illiterate Marathi village people are familiar.

The following grants were asked for from the research funds of the Central Board:—Rs. 100/- for No. 1; Rs. 100/- for No. 2; and Rs. 50/- for No. 6.

The Central Research Committee at its meeting at Nagpur, 20th July, 1940, approved the above subjects of research and agreed to recommend the grants. It adopted the Bombay resolution regarding the subsidising of research studies by non-collegiate bodies.

*Wilson College*: Members of the Staff of Wilson College have taken part in following up the report on the Survey of
Bombay Christians, and in investigating Church relationships and the economic difficulties of the Christian Church in connection with the study of the Tambaram Conference Report. The College has on an average 75 Christian students, mostly poor, and spends about Rs. 4,000/- a year in helping them. A quiet day is held for Christian staff and students on one of the first Sundays of the session and is much appreciated.

Practical Following Up of the Bombay Survey Report.

I. Improvement of economic conditions.

(a) To a large extent the problem is a general problem and not peculiar to the Christian community. Poverty, unemployment and a low standard of living are prevalent generally in India irrespective of community or of creed. The chief means for improvement of the economic conditions of the Indian Christian community must be sought for through the general improvement of the Indian people as a whole. Those Christians who are capable of doing so should take an interest in the movements for the reconstruction and improvement of the general economic life of India.

(b) Since the economic status of a community is raised by its members acquiring the ability of doing things for which there is a demand in the industrial, commercial and professional world, well-planned scholarships should be instituted to help capable young men and women to equip themselves with qualifications for which there will be a demand.

(c) Steps should be taken to secure that the Christian young men and women as they go out into the work of the world can obtain competent advice as to the line that they should follow.

(d) Christian employers should be encouraged to employ a generous proportion of Christians where their qualifications or potentialities are adequate.

(e) Steps should be taken to institute an employment bureau, a co-operative credit society, an unemployment insurance scheme and a
home for persons who are in temporary difficulties, and thrift organizations like that of the Penny Savings Banks. A strong committee of prominent Bombay Christians, including persons familiar with business affairs, should be set up to go into these matters with real determination to get practical, sound and effective schemes established for attaining the ends in view.

(f) Educative propaganda should be carried on against intemperance, gambling and extravagant expenditures that lead to debt.

II. Improvement of Housing conditions.

(a) The Missionary Conference should appoint a Vigilance Committee to watch over housing affairs. It would be the duty of this committee to make itself familiar with the conditions under which the Indian Christian people in Bombay are living with regard to housing. It would also be its duty to see that house-owners and officials were providing such facilities of lighting, sanitation, etc. as the law requires them to provide, and it could make representations to Government and the Municipality regarding the supply of lighting in passages, the preservation of cleanliness in the common parts and the surroundings of the chawls, and the provision of playing spaces for children. The committee might also be entrusted with the duty of acting as friendly counsellor to chawl-dwellers, offering such advice and guidance as would help them in their housing difficulties, and encouraging them to set a good example in the personal conduct of their homes.

(b) Something in the nature of an ideal home exhibition should be held, with the idea of showing what can be done to create homes which, in the existing circumstances, will be as satisfactory as possible, and of rousing the desire for better things in the minds of people. Through such an exhibition there might come good suggestions regarding such things as lighting, suitable and inexpensive furnishings, and the provision of various conveniences and comforts. Also it might help to encourage that house-pride
that can be a strong inducement to making houses clean and attractive.

(c) An Indian Christian Housing Society should be formed whose aim would be to control a small collection of houses for the accommodation of Indian Christian working class families, and by means of helpful management to make it a successful experiment in home building. If successfully done, this, as well as providing a number of families with good home conditions, might have great value as an example.

III. Improvement of Use of Leisure Time.

(a) Efforts should be made by churches and by individuals to give people opportunities for utilizing some of their leisure hours in intellectual pursuits. A carefully devised Bible Study Course should be arranged and a diploma be awarded to those who successfully complete the course. The Churches and Missions should combine for this purpose and have a uniform course prepared by experts. Such a scheme could be of great utility not only to the individuals whose lives would be enriched by a fuller and deeper knowledge of the Bible, but also to the whole Church which would be strengthened through its members acquiring a stronger grasp of Biblical truth. Reading Clubs and Study Groups should be formed for studying books that would be of real interest—it might be Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Tilak's Christayan, biographies of great men and women, books on Church History, etc. Literary Societies and Debating Societies should be formed where opportunity would be given to meet together and hear and talk about literary and other subjects that would expand people's outlook and feed their minds. Musical Clubs should be formed for those who are interested in singing and in instrumental music. Field Clubs should be started to develop an interest in the locality in which we live, its history, its physical formation, its places of interest, etc. Associations should be formed for the encouragement of hobbies, for the organization of rambles or for the out-door games. Associations should be formed for social service activities,
such as the teaching of illiterates or the running of boy scouts, girl guides, or play-centres. Churches might form a Young People's Society or a Christian Endeavour Movement which could include in its programme several of the above-mentioned activities. What the Indian Christian community in Bombay needs is a number of modest, friendly leaders who will take the initiative in providing opportunities for the people in their neighbourhood to get together and use some of their leisure hours pleasantly and fruitfully in such ways as we have indicated and in other ways according to their capacities and interests.

**IV. Improvement in the Shepherding of Christians coming to Bombay City.**

(a) A committee of representatives of the Churches and Missions in Bombay should be set up to make provision for such united efforts as are necessary for effectively taking care of all the people in Bombay who call themselves Christian, and for preventing all competition, over-lapping and waste of resources. In the name of the Christian cause all the responsible heads of the Churches and Missions should be confronted with the situation and urged to join in a united effort to pool our resources and try to make a great advance in regard to the general care and the spiritual nourishment of the Christian people of Bombay.

(b) Everything possible should be done that can be done by means of introductory letters and correspondence with Church officials in Bombay to ensure that no Christians coming into the city from outside are lost sight of.

(c) Church and Mission authorities in Bombay should be asked to consider the advisability of holding a general Mela for Christians of all denominations once or twice a year—with the object of helping the Christian community to be aware of itself as a single body though drawn from many different places and denominations, addresses being given on these occasions to encourage many sorts of helpful co-operation.
V Improvement of Church Relationship.

(a) In view of the disadvantages arising from the lack of unity, the question of Church union should be earnestly taken up at once. The possibility of applying in Bombay the method of having the agents of different denominations working as a single unit (the method being followed in the Copper Belt in Central Africa) should be considered.

(b) Efforts should be made to draw out and utilize the voluntary services of competent Christian men and women for helping to provide the scattered and more isolated Christian people with services and Sunday schools and meetings of various kinds.

(c) In order that the Church services may more adequately meet the religious needs of the people and evoke the desire to attend them, consideration should be given by those in authority to the training and preparation of the pastors, the forms of service and the securing of a helpful atmosphere of worship.

(d) With a view to helping pastors and others in dealing with the social problems of the city, the Sir Dorab Tata School of Sociology should be requested to give a suitable course for ministers and laymen on social service in the city.

(e) While recognising that the supporting power of the Church membership depends on the earning capacity of the people, their numbers and the nature of the institutions they have to keep up, it is nevertheless certain that it depends chiefly on the religious life of the membership and the reality of their devotion and gratitude to God in Christ, and that in the long-run the best policy for securing the support of the Church is the inculcation of the conception of Christian stewardship and systematic giving. Ministers and Church Committees should therefore take up the question of imparting instruction in systematic giving to the Church members. In schools and colleges and other places where there is contact with Christian boys and girls and young men and women, instruction should be given in the matter of giving for the support of the
Church. Steps should be taken to have Bishop Azariah's book on "Christian Giving" widely studied.

(f) Efforts should be made to increase the practice of family worship. A simple and attractive book of family prayers should be compiled and people encouraged to make use of it in regular family worship in the home.

(g) If the Church is to be strong its membership must be well-grounded and instructed in the Bible, and the people must become genuinely "Bible-minded". Ways and means should be adopted for bringing this about, so that there may arise on all hands Sunday-schools, Bible classes, Bible study groups, Adult Sunday schools. A course of study should be inaugurated which will lead to a diploma and which will signify a high standard of attainment in the knowledge of the Bible.

Mission Schools. An effort is being made to formulate the views of teachers in Mission Schools on Basic Education. There is a tendency to make handwork take its place in city schools. Most educationists feel that there is now too much language work in the High School curriculum (English, Hindi, a Classical and a Regional Language). Government has brought out a Provident Fund scheme and most missions have made representations regarding adjustment of special features of their existing Provident Fund Schemes. Most institutions in this area have adopted a scheme of Medical Inspection, with records, and are communicating any useful information to parents and guardians. More attention might be given to following up the doctor's visits. The study by pupils of the Community life around the school is giving interesting results in one or two places.

In these anxious days there is cause for great thankfulness that the good work of the institutions goes on steadily and with added earnestness leading those who learn and those who teach into closer fellowship and fuller experience of the power of God to uphold His children and to supply their need.

C. C. THOMPSON, Convener.
THE MARATHI LITERATURE COMMITTEE

(The Executive Committee of the Bombay Tract and Book Society is recognized as the Marathi Literature Committee of the B. R. C. C.)

Since the last meeting of the B. R. C. C. the personnel of the Committee has remained the same except that the Rev. Dr. B. P. Hivale went to America and Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle was elected Vice President in his place. Mr. G. S. Cox, Secretary of the B. & F. Bible Society, Bombay Auxiliary, was added to the Committee.

The members are therefore as follows:

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Nasik, President.
Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle, Vice President.
Miss E. Moreland, Secretary.
Mr. J. S. S. Malelu, Treasurer.
Mr. G. S. Cox. Rev. H. G. Howard.

A plan is being perfected whereby two members of the committee retire each year, having served three years. This need not be interpreted to prevent re-election, but it is hoped that it will insure healthy change.

As the Committee has other business such as managing the Book Shop, it was decided to set up a small sub-committee on Publications to report to the Committee. It is hoped that this will accomplish two things:—give to the manuscripts submitted more detailed attention and save the time of the larger committee so it need not meet so often.

The matter of a Conference for Marathi Literature workers for all Maharashtra is still being considered, and plans are being made to hold such a conference—even in wartime. At this Conference the question of what is most needed in the area in the way of Marathi Literature for the next five years would be considered.
Since the last report the following books have been published:

The Life of Sadhu Sundar Singh, by Parker, Revised and enlarged ... ... 6 as.
Christ's Way to India's Heart, by Pickett ... 8 "
Three Months' Readings in the Book of Luke ... 4 "
Christian Faith and Practice, Stanton ... 4 "
Apollo, the friend of the Pygmies ... 4 "
Oberlin, the consecrated village pastor ... 1½ "
A series of five Question Tracts, 16 pp. each ... ½ "
A Book of Worship for Village Churches, Zeigler, with some additional material ... 10 "

There are others who publish books and place them on sale in the Christian Book Shop. A partial list is as follows:

Commentary on First Corinthians, by the Bishop of Dornakal published in Marathi by the Bishop of Nasik ... ... ... 8 as.
The Book of Common Prayer, published by the S.P.C.K. 12 "
Christian Giving, by the Bishop of Dornakal, published by the N. C. C. ... ... 4 "
Mother's New Sardi and other stories by Miss Bissell, published by Mr. D. N. Tilak at the Nagarik Press 8 "
The Kingdom of God and the Church of Christ, written and published by the Rev. J. F. Edwards ... 4 "
Life in England or My Trip to England, written and published by Mr. S. K. Rahator ... 8 "
The Hidden Years, by John Oxenham, published by Miss A. A. Abbott ... ... 14 "
Luke's Gospel in the large type by the B. & F. Bible Society ... ... ... ½ "
A revised edition of Pandita Ramabai's New Testament, published by the Ramabai Mukti Mission in celebration of their fiftieth anniversary ... ... Re. 1
We would also mention the new phonograph records and the Sunday School Reward Sheets, 64 pictures on the Life of Christ, with Marathi letter press.

A full list of new books is given each quarter in the C. L. S. Bookman, and distributed free to all missionaries and other Christian workers. A new catalogue has been prepared by the S. P. C. K. and B. T. & B. S.

As is well known, the war has made conditions very difficult for all who deal in books and paper, and for all who draw much of their stock from over-seas. We would therefore ask special prayer for the future of the Book Shop.

The churches and missions of Maharashtra have responded nobly to appeals of the B. E. C. C. for support of a literature missionary, but their efforts still leave a great deal to be raised by private donations. We commend this matter also to your prayers.

We would close with gratitude to God that so much has been done this last year, much of it not mentioned in this lengthy report, to advance the cause of Christian Literature in Maharashtra.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Moreland,
Secretary
MARATHI LANGUAGE SCHOOL
AND EXAMINATION BOARD

Report for 1939-40

The year under review has not been marked by any outstanding events in the work of the Language School Board. The Board has met three times and various subjects have been discussed but among these none involving change of policy or management. The question of the new Language Course has again occupied the attention of the Board. Certain issues have from time to time been raised but these have been mainly of a kind which are met in the adaptation and use of the course rather than in insistence on any fundamental alteration. The course is still in the mimeographed form but the matter of printing is now in the hands of the Oxford University Press. This will necessarily be a long process in these days and it will be months yet before the printed book is available. The share to be taken by the Board in the expense of the publication was under discussion at the February meeting. The giving of a loan towards the publication was considered impracticable and it was eventually decided to guarantee purchase of £100 worth of copies of the Course on publication. This was sanctioned at the B. R. C. C. Executive meeting in February.

The Mahabaleshwar Language School season opened on 5th March with an enrolment of thirty-five students and by the end of the three months that number had increased to fifty-five, a group representing eighteen different missions working in the Marathi Language area. The School was superintended by Miss Watt. There were twelve pandits working in the School and at the end of the season, of these twelve, all who were not in regular employment elsewhere obtained appointments with various missions. The tragedy of the international situation cast its shadow over the School and the private lives of several were touched by the consequences of the war. One result of this was to make the members all the more conscious of their unity in spiritual need and to draw
them together in a firmer bond of fellowship and prayer. In view of the urgent financial situation of members of the Scandinavian Missions attending the School, the Board decided by circular to remit for the time being payment by these missions of fees for tuition and examination during the month of May. This involved a sum of Rs. 250/- and as consequence the Mahabaleshwar Language School had to forgo its usual credit balance and closed its account with a deficit of Rs. 87/- which was made up by drawing money from the General Account of the Board.

Language examinations were held at the statutory times in October, February and May. For the First Year examination thirty-four candidates in all presented themselves, of whom twenty-five passed, seven with honours. Twenty-four candidates appeared for the Second Year examination and of these twenty passed, four with honours. The Board would emphasise once more the necessity for adequate time being given by Missions to those studying the language. One point to note with regard to the financial side of the examinations is that the Board has passed a minute fixing a fee of two rupees for a candidate resitting only a section of any examination.

The annual statement of accounts is appended herewith. It shows an item of expenditure under the heading of Building and Repairs. This represents the repair and renovation of the Language School huts at Mahabaleshwar and the erection of a flight of steps leading from the bazaar to the School. These renovations have much improved the Language School property and were much appreciated by those who benefited by them this year. The audited accounts are as follows:
# Marathi Language School & Examination Board

## Statements of Account, 1939-1940

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* i.e. Hut Fund Account Balance Rs. 780 6 0
  General Account Balance 1,679 11 4

**Total... Rs. 2,460 1 4**

Examined and found correct.

ROSS THOMAS,

**Auditor.**

31st July, 1940.

## Hut Fund Account

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J. R. WATT, **Convener**
THE GUJARATI LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The Committee held its usual three meetings during the year in the months of January, March and July and arrangements were made for the publication of literature.

The following was accomplished during the year:—

I. Production and Publication.

A. New Books, Tracts and Leaflets:—

1. Talk to an Indian Girl on her Coming of Age, Translated by Mr. Ibrahim Ranchhodhbhai. 2,000
2. Talk to an Indian Girl about to be Married, Translated by Mr. William M. Jani, B. A. 2,000
3. Talk to Expectant Mothers, Translated by Mr. Arthur D. Solankey, B. A. 2,000
5. The World Mission of the Church, Translated by the Rev. W. G. Mulligan, M. A. and Mr. James Ukabhai. 750

Published by the I. P. Mission Fund:—

6. The Father’s Wells, By the Rev. W. G. Mulligan, M. A. 500
7. Founders of Israel, Translated by the Rev. Himatlal Ashirvad. 500
8. The Judges and Kings of United Israel, Translated by the Rev. Himatlal Ashirvad, 500
9. A Short Account of Hinduism, by the Rev. G. Wilson, B. A. 500

But for the last two books all others were revised by me and their final proofs were also corrected by me.
B. Reprints:

1. Why I Became a Christian? 2,000
2. What About a Pie? 5,000
3. After Death What? 5,000
4. Bhajanavali, (Collection of Gospel hymns) 25,000
5. Good News For Everybody (Leaflet) 25,000
6. A Clean Heart (""") 25,000
7. The Truths of Christianity (""") 25,000
8. Royal Guest (""") 25,000

Published by the Evangelistic Committee of the Church Council of Gujarat and Kathiawar:

9. Good News (Tract) 20,000

C. Regular Publications:

1. Khristi Bandhu: This is the monthly magazine of the Gujarat Churches of which the Secretary of the Gujarat Tract and Book Society was appointed editor in January 1940. 1264 people are subscribing to the magazine from seven different churches and denominations. Last year there was a deficit of Rs. 48/- in the account of this magazine and it is hoped that by the end of this year the magazine with the help of the grants will be free from a deficit balance.

2. Quarterly Notes on the I. S. S. U. Lessons: These notes have been edited by the Secretary of the Gujarat Tract and Book Society since January 1940. The number of subscribers from six different denominations is 1291 which is 39 more that we had last year.

D. Miscellaneous:

2. Prayer Appeal on behalf of the N. C. C.
3. Programme for the Evangelist Week.
4. Appeal of Prayer on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
5. A message to the Churches from the B. R. C. C.
II. The following MSS are ready for publication.

1. The Deity of Christ, by Mr. A. L. Bose, B. A.
2. Samson's Lamp, by Miss Carey.
3. The Life More Abundant, Translated by Mr. A. O. Patel.
4. Messages for all (Ongole Series).
5. Kings and the Prophets, Translated by Mr. James Ukabhai.

III. Distribution.

I. P. Mission Press, Surat, acts as the Society's Depot and distributing centre. During the year it sent out 65,179 books and tracts. Of these 60,486 were published by the G. T. S., 4,120 by the Publication Fund of the I. P. Mission, 623 by the Scott Memorial Literature Fund of the I. P. Mission. In addition 1,00,705 leaflets and handbills were sent out of which 28,655 were picture leaflets.

Following leaflets were distributed free:—

Way of Salvation 13,450
God has spoken 23,150

All the above three publications were made available by the help of the Scripture Gift Mission.

IV Donations and Subscriptions.

Donations and subscriptions during the year 1939-40 were received as follows:—

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Total Rs. 1,235 5 3

This shows an increase of Rs. 180-3-2 over last year's.
V Grants.

From the N. C. C. for the following books:

1. Form of Worship for Village Churches 86 2 0
2. The World Mission of the Church ... 136 4 0

Total Rs. 222 6 0

Also we acknowledge with thanks the grant of Rs. 600-0-0 sanctioned by the N. C. C. towards the salary of the Literature worker.

VI. Statement of Account with N.C.C.

1st August 1939 to 31st July 1940.

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I certify that this statement is correct.

JAMES BROLLY  
27th July 1940, Ahmedabad.

JAMES UKABHAI,  
Convener.
GUJARATI EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Only one meeting of this Committee was held during the year, namely, in November last, when plans were drawn up for the annual Week of Witness, and this Report is being prepared by the Convener on the strength of the information sent in to him by members of the Committee.

1. Our work centres largely round the Week of Witness. We call it the "Week", but in some Churches it extends to a Month, and even where the prevailing practice has been to observe only one week, it is getting common to find the preaching bands carrying on for two and even three weeks.

Records seem to have been more carefully kept this year, and the result is a great increase in the figures for every item reported on, save in the case of the number of Bibles sold. But this is more than met by the number of Gospels sold rising from 16,000 to 28,000. For what these statistics reveal we are devoutly thankful to God. Your Committee recognises, however, that there is a danger in high figures. There is a lurking fear lest the workers in their enthusiasm may strive to keep surpassing the previous year's splendid record. We therefore always make it our aim to stress the quality of the work rather than the quantity of it.

2. We seek to reach this goal by the encouragement of thoughtful and prayerful preparation for the Week, and for this purpose your Committee has for the past two years been publishing Bible Study Notes to be used at the weekly meetings held, as a rule, for the two months preceding the Week. This year the Notes were a series of eight Studies in the Epistle to the Ephesians. These Studies have been found helpful, and the members of the Committee are unanimous in recommending that similar aids to Bible Study be published during the coming cold weather. They are issued free, and the cost of printing and dispatch is being met so far by contributions from two of the larger Churches.
3. But probably of more potency in inspiring the Churches for this effort is the holding of Retreats and Bible Schools for Pastors and Evangelists. This practice is growing in our area. In the Methodist Church last year no fewer than 15 such Retreats were held. The Christian and Missionary Alliance held a three-days Retreat for Pastors last year at Viramgam, and plans have been drawn up for holding one during the coming cold weather to which Teachers will be invited as well as the Pastors and Evangelists, and it is proposed to follow these meetings with a three-day Retreat for Pastors only. During the year the American Wesleyan Mission held a Jungle Camp for all its workers, where stress was laid on the question of the Evangelisation of the Depressed Classes, while in the field of the Presbytery of Gujarat and Kathiawar three Retreats for men workers and one for Bible-women were held. Add to this the growing use of Youth Camps, and we have before us what should be, with God's blessing, a powerful instrument for the quickening of the spiritual life of the leaders of the Church, and, through them, the life of the whole Church.

4. Your Committee has not taken any further steps in the matter of a Survey of the Gujarat field. The members realise that a Survey would be a help, but at the same time they also feel that owing to the very close co-operation that goes on between the Churches in Gujarat the need for Survey is not a clamant one.

George Wilson
# Statistical Report of the Week of Witness

## Part I

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<th>Church</th>
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**Literature Sales During Week of Witness**

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George Wilson.
MARATHI EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

The work of the Evangelistic Committee this year had been largely that of the follow-up of the Maharashtra Evangelistic Survey. Our terms of reference are given in the Proceedings of the B. R. C. C. meeting of Sept. 1939, page xiv-xvi, Sec. 20. In accordance with Resolution 9, page xvi, the six members of the Marathi Evangelistic Committee, with the addition of Rev. S. J. R. Ramdas of the Educational Board, Rev. S. D. Davidson of the Language School Board, Miss E. Moreland of the Literature Committee and Mrs. Louise Fisher (vice Mr. Balaram) of the Rural Reconstruction Committee, were constituted as the Survey Continuation Committee.

The Bible Society and Evangelism

This Survey Continuation Committee met in Poona, Feb. 14, 1940, with all but two members present (Rev. S. T. Nawagiri and Mrs. Louise Fisher). While the main purpose of the meeting was to devise ways and means of placing the findings and recommendations of the Survey before the Missions and Churches, time was devoted in the beginning to the work of the Bible Society as it is related to the whole evangelistic programme. The Committee was fortunate in having Mr. Stephen Cox, Secretary of the Bombay Branch of the Bible Society present in the meeting.

Mr. Cox explained the new policy of the Bible Society with reference to the help it proposes to give: such as special projects of Scripture selling at fairs, etc.; special discounts on orders of Scripture portions for evangelistic weeks; and the loan of the services of the Society's able and experienced Scripture salesman. The new plans are designed to make the most effective use of any funds the Society may be able to give. They envisage Scripture distribution not merely as the service of a few full-time colporters, but as the concern of every active Christian. The Evangelistic Committee wishes to commend these new plans to all leaders of
Churches and Missions in Maharashtra, and to urge them to heartily co-operate with the Society by careful and timely devising of projects which they may place before the Bible Society with a view to securing their help.

Two Special Evangelistic Weeks

1. "Bible Week" A valuable proposal issued as an outcome of the discussion on ways of co-ordinating the plans of the Evangelistic Committee with those of the Bible Society. That is, that there should be observed a special evangelistic week during the October holidays to be called "Bible Week", when the main effort will be on the sale and distribution of Scriptures, and the using of the Scriptures in every desirable way. Experiments on this plan in Sangli and elsewhere have proved fruitful.

2. "Week of Witness." It was decided to recommend, also, a second special evangelistic week to be called the "Week of Witness," and to begin with Whitsunday (Pentecost). This seemed to the members of the Committee the most appropriate time in the Church calendar for such a week, commemorating the beginning of the witnessing with power of the Apostolic Church after the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and also giving effect to the major teaching of the Church on witnessing, by deeds as well as precept. It was further noted that teachers and others have vacations at this time, and so will be able to fully participate in the campaign; and, again, that the villagers are comparatively free to attend meetings at this season. (It has been pointed out that Whitsunday while ideal for 1940, when it came on May 12th, will be too late for 1941, when it comes on June 1st.)

Maharashtra Survey Report

The Committee heard a report from the Survey staff of the progress to date in getting the Report of the Survey of each area written, corrected, and checked for permission of the responsible people to print into what would be Part II of the Report, and the publishing of the combined Parts I and II as the full Report. It heard
a report also of the revising and abbreviating of Part I (General Findings and Recommendations) and their translation for the Marathi edition. We owe many thanks to Mr. J. J. Gorde, member of the Committee for the work of translating the Report and to Rev. S. N. Thorat for checking over the manuscript. The Committee expressed its conviction that this "Survey of Evangelistic Opportunities", with its rich findings and its clear and numerous recommendations should be widely circulated and read by all interested in the growing Church in Maharashtra. The Committee also recorded its conviction that the Marathi edition should be used as a text book in classes for Church and Mission workers of all grades, for refresher courses, summer schools, Sunday School teachers’ classes, and for women’s and young people’s societies.

Carrying the Message of the Survey to the Churches

1. A Call to the Churches. In regard to Resolution No. 4 (B.R.C.C. Proceedings 1939 P. xv), that "A Call to the Churches in Maharashtra" should be issued for wide circulation based upon the practical proposals contained in the Survey Report under the heading 'An Evangelising Church', a special committee, consisting of Rev. S. D. Davidson, Mr. J. J. Gorde and Rev. W. H. Lyon, was appointed to prepare the "Call" and arrange for its distribution by post and through the Christian papers.

The "Call" was prepared in mimeograph form in English and in printed form in Marathi, a few of the former and 1500 of the latter. At least one English copy and several Marathi copies were sent to each Church and Mission secretary and to some others, and orders for further copies were invited. Likewise copies were sent to pastors and other leaders. Copies were sent for printing in English and Marathi to Christian papers.

2. Conventions. With reference to Resolution No. 5 (B. R. C. C. Proc. P. xv), that, "With a view to carrying the message of the Report to the Churches and the rank of the Church members, a series of united conventions should be organised...", the Com-
mittee is of the opinion that use should be made of conventions and conferences already organised, supplementing these wherever needed by conferences specially organised for considering the proposals contained in the Report. The Committee prepared a list of such already existing conferences so far as known to them.

It was felt that, in addition to large conventions, valuable work can be done in discussing the Report in smaller groups also, such as those attending refresher courses, training classes for volunteer leaders, and theological classes, as well as in women's and young people's societies.


This latter method of carrying the message to the Churches, that of conventions, has been little advertised, and not a great deal has yet been done, due largely to pre-occupation of those concerned with other matters. More of this can be done soon, it is believed, after the Report is in hand for use of all in Marathi.

3. Regional Conference for Maharashtra. In regard to Resolution No. 7 (B. R. C. C. Proc. Page xv), the Convener was authorized to take up with the Executive Committee, the question of the time of the "Regional Conference of Maharashtra to meet for the purpose of reviewing the work of Churches and Missions," in the light of the Survey findings and recommendations.

It was suggested that consideration be given as to whether the conference might not well be held just preceding the annual
meeting of the B. R. C. C. It was thought, in view of present conditions, too great expense of time and money should not be incurred. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee with the suggestion of a one day conference on the day just previous to the opening day of the B. R. C. C. regular meeting. However, the Executive Committee, (meeting on July 2nd, 1940) to quote the reply of the secretary, was “of the opinion that just now we should not extend the September meetings, but it was resolved to give a good deal of time to reports regarding the Survey follow-up work.”

4. Pre-Conference Questionaire. As a means of collecting up-to-date information to form a basis for discussion and further advance proposals at the conference, the Convener sent out a questionnaire made up in line with the findings and recommendations of the Survey Report, and at the same time asked for reports of local or sectional conferences which might have evolved suggestions valuable to be placed before the B. R. C. C.

Recommendations Summarized

1. That the B. R. C. C. heartily endorses the new arrangements of the Bible Society for helping those engaged in Scripture distribution, and urges all to co-operate by carefully planning ways most effectively to utilize this help.

2. That the B. R. C. C. recommends to Churches and Missions, wherever possible, to make plans for carrying on two special evangelistic weeks during the coming year, as follows:

   (1) “Bible Week”, during the October holidays.

   (2) “Week of Witness”, beginning with the day of Pentecost (Whitsunday), (or early in May).

That we request all responsible leaders to keep careful reports of these special campaigns, under the heads of: preparation for the special week programmes carried out; persons participating; visible results, including sales of Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions, and other literature; as well as effects produced in individual lives
and in groups leading to openings for continuing evangelistic work.

3. That the B. R. C. C. request all concerned to use the Survey Report as a textbook in classes for Church and Mission workers, in refresher courses and summer schools, and in series of special meetings, whether for men, women or young people.

4. That the B. R. C. C. request that a large place be given, in the programmes of conferences and conventions, for addresses and discussions on matters brought forward in the findings and recommendations of the Survey Report; and that, so far as possible, the effort be made to carry the discussions to the point of formulation of plans for action.

That, at the same time, the B. R. C. C. stands ready to give any help it can, through its Evangelistic Committee (or Survey Continuation Committee) in making plans for such programmes.

5. That a questionnaire similar to that circulated this year, be made for collecting fresh data and revealing progress made in matters recommended in the Survey Report, as a preparation for a conference to be held at the time of or preceding the annual B. R. C. C. meeting.

Wilbur H. Lyon,
Convener.
THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

Your Committee would respectfully report that a meeting was held during the year under review, when all but one of the members were present, and at which time most of the business connected with the work of this Committee was transacted as follows:—

1. The follow-up of the Tambaram Council Meeting, or ‘Putting Madras into Action’.

(a) In preparation for this meeting, members had made careful study of the Tambaram Council Report, especially Sec. XII and the Report of the Special Group, No. 6, “The Church and Rural Problems”; also the book by Merle Davis “The Economic and Social Environment of the Younger Churches”; articles by Prof. E. C. Bhatti of Allahabad, and the recent book by the Bishop of Dornakal entitled, “Christian Giving”. The Committee endorses strongly the recommendation of the Tambaram Meeting that the problem of the economic basis of the Church is primarily a spiritual one. To that end, it is recommended to the Churches and Missions of the B. R. C. C. that there should be more constant attention given to Bible Study including the organization of classes for adults as well as young people. The Committee likewise recommends that the use of the Bishop of Dornakal’s book, “Christian Giving”, now available in the Marathi language at 4 annas a copy from the N. C. C., Nagpur, and the Christian Book Shop, Bombay, should be made in all of the Churches.

(b) It was likewise felt that the leadership of the Church should be given more practical training with a view both towards a better understanding of the economic and social problems of the Church, and the practical experience in methods of solving and meeting these problems. In this connection Mr. Balaram told his new “Rural Co-operative and Marketing Scheme” officially called “The Multi-purpose Co-operative Society” of Puntamba, which has been registered with the Government. Mr. Balaram explained how it was the purpose of this Society to give divinity students at least six months’ practical training in the villages around Puntamba.
in connection with the numerous enterprises of the Society. He has promised to furnish a descriptive account of the Society which will be published at some later date.

Likewise the Committee was told of the splendid work of the Khergam Co-operative Society where members are connected with the Christian village of Khergam, some miles out from the city of Bulsar, Surat Dist. The Khergam Church itself as a flourishing village Church is worthy of special notice, and Rev. G. K. Satvedi has promised to furnish a descriptive account of recent developments in that Church and in the Khergam Co-operative Society.

II. Suitable subsidiary industries for village people:

In discussing such industries, the Committee presents the following list as suggestive:

1. Bamboo work—baskets, mats, and many other kinds of articles.
2. Tape weaving.
3. Toy making—using wood, paper pulp, bamboo, etc.
4. Cloth buttons—with rag pieces for the body.
5. Tin-smithing, Tinning and Soldering.
6. Leather articles—including belts, bags, shoes, etc.
8. Making knitting needles from Bamboo.
9. Hooked rugs and mats.
10. Crochet mats.
11. Spool or reel knitting of tapes for waist-bands.
12. Rope making and the use of Sisal-fibre in the preparation of belts, bags, mats, runners, rugs, sacking, and many other articles.
13. Dyeing, Soap making, etc., in order to economise in the home. (The need for thrift and economy—home independence—should be inculcated in every Christian home.)
14. Broom making and making of mats of palm leaves, etc.
15. Glazing and Pottery work.
16. Cement and Concrete work.
17. Home vegetable and flower gardening.
18. Growing of Papaya trees for the extraction of Papain from the fruit—a very good market for this.
19. Making of conserves of Jams, Jellys, etc.
20. Poultry Keeping.
21. Fruit production.
22. Goat rearing.
23. Spinning and weaving.
24. Manure conservation—the proper storage and disposal of all waste organic matters.

Note:—A study of local conditions and opportunities should be made before attempting to introduce any of the above-mentioned industries. Furthermore, all articles produced should be of unquestionable quality and workmanship, thus creating a name for integrity, honesty and reliability for the Christian community. Anyone who has constructive suggestions for the use of waste materials of the village will please convey them to the Convener.

III. Challenge to Christian Youth.

This subject was regarded by the Committee as one of the utmost importance, but, due to the fact that the time was over, it was not possible to consider it fully. However, it is obvious that there is a great challenge and an inviting opportunity to Christian youth to prepare itself for the purpose of building up the spiritual, social, physical, and economic life of the Church. The Committee, therefore, requests that the challenge be presented to Christian youth with telling emphasis wherever and whenever possible.

Furthermore, at the meeting the Committee took up the subject of having an exhibition of articles made by village Christians at the time of the B. R. C. C. Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee very graciously endorsed unanimously this proposal of your Committee, also sanctioning a grant of Rs. 50/- towards the expenses of the exhibition. At the time of this writing, plans are well under way for the exhibition.
It is also gratifying to know that a few Missions and Churches have special Committees appointed for the economic and social improvement of their village Christians. Your Committee would respectfully invite their hearty co-operation in this great common cause of strengthening their economic, social, and spiritual life of the village Churches and the members of the Christian community in general.

It is to be noted that the Educational Board has developed plans for the vigorous prosecution of the Campaign against Adult Illiteracy in the Marathi-speaking area. Therefore, this subject does not come within the purview of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. GOHEEN, Convener.

THE BOMBAY SURVEY COMMITTEE

The Committee held one meeting to confer with Mr. Whittaker on the tasks to be fulfilled and the methods of fulfilling them. After a preliminary discussion, it was agreed that the primary urgent task was the co-ordination of mission and church activity in Bombay city. Some further information was felt to be necessary concerning specific activities and methods. It was decided that Mr. Whittaker should prepare, on the basis of previous surveys and reports, a questionnaire to be used among pastors and church workers to elicit the information required. The preparation of this was delayed by Mr. Whittaker's having to go on furlough; but he has promised to send us the fruits of his labours so that the Committee may get to work and have the necessary material ready for his return. We are still waiting to hear from him, and meanwhile keeping in touch with what is being done by the Bombay Missionary Conference and others in following up Mr. Kellock's Survey.

R. T. S. MILLAR,
Convener.
INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

The I. S. S. U. had hoped to inaugurate its new constitution by holding the first Triennial All India Sunday School Convention in Poona in October of this year and a strong local Committee had been formed to make the necessary arrangements. Naturally a great deal of the time of the two meetings of the Executive Committee (held in October 1939 and in March 1940) was given to the consideration of the programme for the Convention and to the best ways of securing adequate delegations of Sunday School workers from all over the country. But under the present circumstances it was unanimously decided that the Convention must be postponed indefinitely. This conclusion was reached with great reluctance for the Church in India is faced with the fact that attendance at Sunday School is falling off in all denominations. It has therefore been suggested that this whole question would be thoroughly discussed at meetings of the Provincial Christian Councils, Church Councils, Mission organisations etc. It would be a very helpful thing if arrangements could be made in different language areas for courses for Sunday School teachers.

The most important event in the last year was the appointment of Miss S. Y. Masih as a Sunday School Secretary and worker. Miss Masih is stationed in the North and as she knows both Urdu and Hindi, her services will be much in demand over a wide area. The I. S. S. U. have long desired to have an Indian woman on their staff and the appointment will bring the work of the Union into yet closer touch with the Churches. Miss Masih has had a number of years’ teaching experience in Delhi.

In these critical days—the maintenance of all our Christian work is going to be very difficult—but the work of the Sunday School, which is vital to the up-building of the Church in India, must be one of the last to suffer. The I. S. S. U. Secretaries are available to give help and advice and again I would plead that more effort should be made to send S. S. teachers to one of the S. S. teacher Summer Schools in Coonoor or Mussoorie.

E. A. GORDON.
MISSIONARY SETTLEMENT FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN

BOMBAY SETTLEMENT. The main item to report from the Settlement is that the Social Training Centre, after being in abeyance for the last three years, has been re-opened with three full-time students who are in residence in the Hostel. All three are Christians. A few students from outside attend the classes, which are held in English. The Course has been entirely re-organised and comprises classes in the main principles of social work and the study of more specialised branches such as Juvenile Delinquency, Moral Welfare and Industry and Labour. There are also classes in Book-keeping and Record-keeping, and case work and lectures in Psychology, Maternity and Child Welfare and other subjects. The certificate course lasts normally for a full year and is open to women matriculates and non-graduates preferably above the age of twenty. We have been very fortunate in securing valuable help from outside in teaching the various theoretical subjects. Miss Kaae is giving two lectures a week, Miss Dongre is in charge of the practical work, and Miss Ward is taking a course in Bible Study.

The average number of students in the Hostel has been high throughout the year. There are at present fifty-two students in residence of whom twenty are Hindus, fourteen Parsis, eight Roman Catholics, six Protestant Christians, three Moslems and one Jewess. With so full a house it has been a double boon to have completed the extensive repairs of the building undertaken last year. We gratefully report that whatever debt we had in connection with these repairs has now been successfully paid off.

Miss Ward, our new settler, came out to Bombay in February 1940. She is a student of Westfield College, University of London, and holds an Honours Degree in Classics. Miss Ward taught in a school near Glasgow for four years prior to her coming to India, and her knowledge and teaching experience are already valued greatly both by the students and the staff of the Settlement.
Besides her work for the Social Training Centre, Miss Dongre continues her College visiting and the literacy work which is her special interest.

Miss Lane Smith's plans are still uncertain. She was to go home on furlough in August but owing to the war she has not been able to do so.

**Poona Settlement.** Miss Underwood, the Warden, writes as follows:—

"Last year the B. R. C. C. passed a resolution supporting the continuance of the work of the Society in Poona after the expiry of its experimental period. We are glad to report that the Home Base Committee was able to approve the continuation of the work as long as funds permit. Numbers in the Hostel have been small; two residents have been young professional women. Only one Christian girl came up from the moffusil to a Poona College this year and two local ones. There are eight Christian girls in all in the Colleges this year. We had expected to draw most of our students from the Medical School, but for two years no Christian girl has been admitted. This is no doubt largely due to the fact that the standard of entrance has been raised to that of Intermediate Science, which entails two years at a Science College before entrance into the Medical School, and is perhaps financially beyond the means of most Christian families. Our other work, teaching, lecturing, Student Christian Movement etc., continues unabated."

A detailed report of our work would include mention of our Quiet Day, lectures, debates and other activities and of the many and varied ways in which we have been helped by friends in the carrying out of our work. We are conscious that all these activities represent opportunities for the Settlements to be of use in working for the advancement of the Kingdom of God which is needed today more urgently than ever. May we not be found wanting in the faith and prayer needed for the carrying on of His work.

O. M. Kaar,  
Warden.
THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

In the Bombay Medical Practitioners Act of 1938 all persons not registered in Bombay are prohibited from practising medicine in the Bombay Province. This would have prevented a number of mission doctors from practising. Representation was made on behalf of the Christian Medical Association to Government and recently Government decided that this prohibition should not apply to the medical practitioners who are employed by the following institutions and who hold such medical qualifications as would entitle them to be registered as qualified medical practitioners in the countries in which they received such qualifications:

1. The American Methodist Mission Hospital, Nadiad.
2. Basel Mission Hospital, Gadag-Betgeri.
3. Evangeline Booth Hospital, Ahmednagar.
6. Mission Hospital, Dahanu Road.
7. Canada Mission Hospital, Nasik.
8. The American Marathi Mission Hospital, Wai.
10. Ramabai Mukti Mission Hospital, Kedgaon.
11. Seventh Day Adventist Mission Hospital, Surat.
12. Brethren Mission Hospital, Bulsar.
13. Navsari Medical and Surgical Hall.
14. Suvarta Memorial Hospital, M.P. Mission, Dhulia.
15. Charitable Dispensary, Bavla.
16. Karnataka Health Institute, Hukeri Road.
17. The American Mission Hospital, Miraj.
18. The Sir William Wanless Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Miraj.

This is very satisfactory so far as the mission medical practitioners are concerned, but it is felt that some similar concession should be obtained for foreign nurses whose qualifications, although of the highest rank in their own countries, are not at present recognised in India.
In the Province of Bombay income tax is being levied on the fees of mission doctors although it had been made clear that these fees are for the charitable institutions with which the doctors are associated and not for personal gain. In two provinces protests against the levying of income tax on fees collected in the name of a mission hospital have been successful. Any mission doctor having difficulty with the Income tax authorities in this respect, should refer the matter to Delhi, and inform the area secretary so that further representations may be made.

The Association's Hospital Supply Agency under the management of Mr. H. Couldrey has done very good work during the past year and has shewn a creditable profit on the Agency transactions, although the aim of the venture is not to gain profit but to supply drugs of undoubted quality to mission institutions. In the present state of the world's markets it is especially gratifying that we have such an institution on which we can rely.

The scheme for medical training under the auspices of the Christian Medical Association seems to be crystallising into the idea of converting the women's medical school at Vellore, under the leadership of Dr. Ida Scudder, into a school for both men and women, and raising the standard of teaching to the full M.B., B.S. course, in affiliation with the Madras Medical Council.

Dr. Goheen is trying to raise the standard of teaching in the Miraj Medical School, and now the Inter-science grade is insisted upon for admission. A fourth year class will be commenced next year and it is possible that the standard of training may have to be raised to the Bombay M.B., B.S. standard in the near future. This is a very big move to be contemplating, and an expensive one, and it is realised that the medical school at Miraj should be a Union school, to make it feasible. Miraj is already recognised as a training school for the M.S. degree.

The Wanless Tuberculosis Sanatorium which is a Union institution has now completed ten years of very useful existence.
Funds are urgently needed to keep up the standard of treatment and to enable charitable work to be done on a larger scale.

The American Marathi Mission Hospital at Ahmednagar which has been closed for a number of years has now been re-opened under the control of the Salvation Army, under the name of the Evangeline Booth Hospital, with Dr. Anderson as Superintendent. The missions in the Ahmednagar district appreciate this move and pray that the newly opened hospital may be greatly used by God in the coming years.

The tragic events which have affected the nationality of many missionaries from Europe have resulted in much distress among missionaries from the countries affected. The medical work, in common with all other branches of the work, has suffered, and a fund has been opened for the assistance of mission hospitals which are cut off from foreign sources of income. It is suggested that mission hospitals which have not so far been affected should contribute regularly each month to this fund. Contributions should be sent to the General Secretary, Dr. B. C. Oliver, Victoria Road, Nagpur.

G. H. Oldfield.
SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC, GUJARATI

It was not possible, for some reasons, to conduct the Music School during the month of May. It is also very hard to hold the class except in vacation time. So, after thinking over the matter it was decided to hold the class at Anklesvar, in Vocational Training School and teach Indian Bhajans and English Hymns which have been translated in Gujarati to the pupil teachers who were coming from different Missions working in Gujerat. They were 35 in number. The School was conducted in the month of August for two weeks.

By the help of Rev. W J. Kinzie and Rev. A. F. Bollinger I was able to hold the class. Mr. Kinzie was giving the notes while Mr. Bollinger was teaching how to sing the hymn properly. In addition to this a period was devoted to teaching Indian Bhajans as well as some Ragas and Tals with the help of Harmonium and Tabla. Both practical and theoretical knowledge was imparted to the students.

It is our desire to continue this class next year and do a little more advanced work. We shall be much obliged if the Council will continue the grant for this work.

P. G. BHAGAT,
Convener.

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