Reports and Minutes

of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

of the

North-West India Conference

Aligarh, November 20—25, 1936.

"Saved for Service."
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## Conference Roll.

**North-West India.**

**Organized 1893.**

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### Conference Roll

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#### Associate Members.

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Women's Appointments.

North-west India Woman's Conference.

Aligarh District.

District Work, Mrs. C. C. Herrmann.
District Evangelist and Village Education Work, Miss I. A. Farmer.
Louisa Soules Girls' School, Miss E. M. Forsyth.
Keventer Primary School, Mrs. C. C. Herrmann.

Bulandshahr District.

District Work, Mrs. Robert Gardner.
District Evangelist, Miss G. E. Richards.
Village School Work, Miss G. E. Richards.

Delhi District.

District Work, to be supplied.
Butler Memorial Girls' School, Miss E. E. Warner, until March 1st: be to supplied after March 1st.
Delhi City Evangelistic Work, to be supplied.
District Evangelist and Village Educational Work, Miss Faith Clark.

Ghaziabad District.

District Work, Mrs. S. W. Clemes.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss Pearl Palmer.
Burgess Day School, Miss Pearl Palmer.
Ingraham Institute, Mrs. J. C. Pace,
Bible Training School, Mrs. S. W. Clemes.

Meerut District.

District Work, Mrs. S. W. Clemes.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss A. S. Winslow P.O., Meerut.
Meerut Boys' School, Miss Helen Buss, Manager.
Meerut Girls' School:
  a. Tuitional, Miss L. G. Bobenhouse.
  b. Hostel, Miss Mary Boyde.
APPOINTMENTS

Muttra District.
District Work, Mrs. C. C. Herrmann.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss A. Richards.
Agra Evangelistic Work, Miss C. T. Holman.
Agra Holman Institute, Miss S. C. Holman, until March 1st; after March 1st, Miss E. E. Warner.
Brindaban Evangelistic Work, Miss Elda Barry.
Brindaban Creighton—Freeman Hospital, Superintendent, Miss Elda Barry.
Brindaban Creighton—Freeman Hospital, Physicians in charge: Miss R. B. Tower, M. D. and Miss M. A. Burchard, M. D.
Brindaban Creighton School of Nursing, Principal, Miss Elda Barry.
Brindaban Creighton Laboratory, Technician's Course, Instructor, Miss H. C. Gallagher, M. Sc.
Muttra Blackstone Missionary Institute, Miss G. M. Everley (Principal) and Miss C. E. Schaefer.
Muttra Anglo-Vernacular School, Miss G. M. Everley, Manager.
Muttra, Boys' Hostel, Mrs. R. T. Templin.

Muzaffarnagar District.
District Work, Mrs. Robert John.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss A. S. Winslow, P.O., Meerut.

Roorkee District.
District Work, Mrs. Benson Baker.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss A. Lall
Girls' Middle School, Miss M. I. W. Hermiston.

Rohtak District.
District and Medical Work, Mrs. Amar Das.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss Faith Clark, P.O., Delhi.

Special Appointments.
Bareilly Theological Seminary, Mrs. H. S. Peters.
Brindaban Ashram, Mrs. A. C. Chakravarti.
Isabella Thoburn College, Miss L. V. Williams.
On Leave for Service in America:
The Misses M. C. Okey, Letah Doyle, S. E. Randall, C. E. Hoffman, J. Bothwell, Beulah Bishop, I. E. Schlater, E. Porter. Mrs. F. E. Henniger, Mrs. William Dye, Miss E. Perry, Mrs. T. C. Badley and Miss S. C. Holman, after March 1st.
Officers and Committees, 1936-37.

North-West India Conference.

President:—Mrs. B. T. Badley.
Vice-President:—Mrs. S. W. Clemes.
Secretary:—Miss M. I. W. Hermiston.
Assistant Secretary:—Miss L. V. Williams.
Field Correspondent:—Miss G. E. Richards.
All-India Treasurer:—Miss E. L. Whiting.
Statistical Secretary:—Miss H. Buss.
Assistant Statistical Secretary:—Miss M. Boyde.

Field Reference Committee.

Mrs. J. C. Pace, Chairman, Misses G. E. Richards, Everley, Farmer, Clark, Schaefer and Barry. Alternates: Misses Bobenhouse, Warner and Winslow. Miss E. L. Whiting, Central Treasurer, Ex-officio.

Field Property Committee.

Misses Barry, (Secretary,) Bobenhouse, Schaefer and Hermiston; Field Correspondent and Central Treasurer, Ex-officio.

Executive Board Member.

Miss G. E. Richards (Elected by Central Conference for four years.)

Schools Committee.

All appointed to school work. Convener, Miss Bobenhouse.

Board of Christian Education.

Chairman: Mrs. J. C. Pace; Secretary: Rev. Ralph Templin.

(1) Administration:—Revs. R. T. Templin, J. C. Pace, T. C. Badley, P. D. David, I. Mann, and Mr. J. R. Malvia, Misses Everley, Bobenhouse, Warner, Williams and Buss;
(2) Religious Education:—Revs. Robert John, S. W. Clemes,
6 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 1936-37


Joint Evangelistic Board.


United Provinces Christian Council Member.

Miss A. Richards. Alternate, Miss A. Lall. Miss G. E. Richards.

Joint Literature Committee.


Evangelistic Committee.

All appointed to evangelistic work. Convener, Miss F. A. Clark.

Language School Board of Control.

To be appointed by the Bishops.

Rokeby Committee.

Miss G. E. Richards, Field Correspondent, and the Field Correspondents of North India, Lucknow, Indus River and Central Provinces Conferences, with the Central Treasurer and the hostess.

Board of Temperance.

Evangelistic Teachers' and Summer Schools' Fund.
Miss Winslow, Mrs. Emma Moore Scott.

Isabella Thoburn College Board of Governors.
Miss Hermiston (1935-37.)

Meerut Girls' School Committee.
Principal, Ex-officio, and Principals of Girls' Schools.

Board of Governors of Muttra Training School.
Bishops of Southern Asia, Superintendent of Muttra District, Ex-officio, and Miss Farmer. Alternate, Miss Clark.

Holman Institute.
The Principal of Holman Institute, Misses G. E. Richards, Barry, Farmer, Clark, Everley, Warner, C. T. and S. C. Holman; Revs. T. C. Badley, Clemes, Herrmann, Amar Das, Templin and Mr. J. N. O. Shukla.

Board of Governors, Bareilly Theological Seminary.
Miss Schaefer.

Warne Babyfold.
Miss Barry (1937); Mrs. Templin (1937-8.)

Mary Wilson Sanitorium Committee.
Miss Farmer (Term expires 1937.)
Miss Barry (Term expires 1938.)

North India Medical Committee.
Dr. Burchard and Miss Barry.

Indigenous Missionary Societies.
Misses Schaefer, A. Lall. A. Richards, Gordon, Farmer, Clark, Warner, Mrs. Amar Das, Mrs. Clemes.

Standing Committee on Central Conference Action on Woman's Work.
Miss G. E. Richards (Field Correspondent) and Misses A. Richards and Hermiston.
Credentials Committee.

The members of the Field Reference Committee.

Board of Directors, Provident Fund.

Miss G. E. Richards (Field Correspondent) and Misses Farmer and Barry.

Provident Fund Committee.

Miss G. E. Richards (Field Correspondent) and Misses Palmer, Clark, A. Richards and Matthews.

Auditing Committee.

Misses Everley, Clark, Winslow, Buss and Hermiston.

Annual Conference Furniture Committee.

Mrs. Herrmann and Principal of Girls' School, Meerut.

W. F. M. S. Furniture Committee.

Misses Clark and Buss and Dr. Burchard.

Conference Programme Committee.

All the ladies appointed to Meerut.

Memoirs Committee.

Misses Hermiston and Williams.

Epworth League Council:

1937: Miss Warner.
      Mr. B. John.

1938: Miss Palmer.
      Mr. H. S. Peters.

1939: Miss Hermiston.
      Mr. J. E. Titus.
Official Minutes
First Session
Friday, November 20, 1936.

Opening.

The forty-fifth Session of the North-West India Woman's Conference held its opening meeting at 10.00 a.m. in Mrs. Herrmann's drawing room, Aligarh.

Chairman.

The Secretary opened the Session with prayer, after which Mrs. Clemes was elected vice-chairman.

Roll Call.

The Secretary called the roll, to which eighteen responded.

Secretary.

Miss Hermiston was elected Secretary and asked Miss Williams to act as assistant.

Elections.

The chair, by request, appointed the following committees:
Nominating Committee: Misses Bobenhouse, Clark, Perry, Lall.
Resolutions Committee: Miss Williams, Mrs. Peters.
Miss Buss was re-elected Statistical Secretary, and was asked to choose her own assistant.
Miss G. Richards was re-elected, by ballot, as Field Correspondent.
The Field Reference Committee was elected. Their names appear in the list of committees.

Reports of Committees

Miss Clark reported for the W. F. M. S. Furniture Committee that there was no change to be noted.
Miss Farmer gave a verbal report on the Mary Wilson Sanitorium. She said that Miss Buyers, business manager, would send the report for inclusion in the Minutes.
Miss Farmer reported for the Rokeby Committee that the 1936 season had been very happy, at one time with a family as large as twenty-one. The season closed with a credit balance of Rs. 1,101-1-0.

Mrs. Clemes reported for the Language School Committee. Mr. Robert Cummings is to be the principal of the school next year, and Mr. Lunn the vice-principal. Mrs. Clemes felt that we as a Conference ought to put greater stress on the missionaries' getting a good grasp of the language. After a very interesting discussion, Mrs. Pace moved that this Conference recommend to the Foreign Department that if a missionary has not passed the prescribed two years' course of language study by the time her first furlough is due, that that failure constitute sufficient reason for her not being returned to the field, this ruling to become operative after two years. Miss G. Richards moved that we urge upon all new missionaries the necessity of continuing to attend the Landaur Language School during their holidays until they have passed the two years of prescribed study. And that we as the Woman’s Conference pledge ourselves to use our influence in having them stationed in such places where efficient language study can be pursued.

The first Session adjourned at 11 o’clock.

Second Session

Friday, November 20, 1936.

Opening.

Mrs. B. T. Badley led the devotions, calling our attention to some of the commandments of Jesus and stressing the necessity for absolute obedience to them. She quoted a non-Christian as saying, “If I believed what you believe, I wouldn’t live the way you live.” She called our attention to Bishop Cushman’s recent book, Practising the Presence, and recommended strongly that we read it.

Mrs. Badley was unanimously and heartily elected chairman of the Conference. At this point, Miss Bobenhouse formally introduced Mrs. Badley and she was given a very warm and cordial welcome.

introductions.

Mrs. Herrmann, Miss Warner and Miss Winslow were given a warm welcome on their return from furlough. Mrs. H. S. Peters of Bareilly was welcomed.
Letters to Absent Members.

The Conference was sorry to learn that Miss Boyde would not be able to attend because of illness, and several members of the Conference volunteered to write to her. The list of furloughed and retired missionaries was read and various members of the Conference responded to the request that letters be sent to them. It was decided at the suggestion of Mrs. Badley that a letter be sent to Mrs. Frank W. Warne, who is now living with her daughter, Edith, in Toronto, and also that we write to Mrs. Crane, Mrs. J. T. Robertson, and Mrs. Rockwell Clancy.

Miss Forsyth.

Miss Richards told of the cable that had come announcing that Miss Forsyth would arrive on December 31, and that she is bringing Miss Emma Collins, a new missionary, for this Conference.

Central Conference Report.

Miss G. Richards reported in regard to the matter of membership in the woman's conference and spoke of the discrepancy between the ruling in the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the action taken at the 17th Session of Central Conference, which convened December 27, 1935. She moved that the chair appoint a committee to work over and co-ordinate the legal material in the Central Conference Year Book of 1935 and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Constitution, for report to this Conference not later than Monday, November 23. Mrs. Badley appointed Miss Richards as chairman of the committee, with power to appoint two members. Miss Richards appointed Miss Hermiston and Mrs. Clemes.

Executive Board Report.

Miss Richards gave a very informative report on several items relating to woman's work.

Standing Committee on Woman's Work.

Miss Richards read a letter from the Central Treasurer in regard to the appropriation for educational supervision, and told of the various inappropriate demands that were being made on the educational supervisory budget. The feeling of the Conference was expressed in the following motion made by Mrs. Pace:

That we favor the use of the educational supervisory budget for the preparation and production of literature in
the vernacular, relating to religious education, rather than
the use of it for a supervisory budget, and that this reso-

olution be sent to the secretary of the committee sanctioned
by the Foreign Department for the use of this fund. The
secretary of this committee is the Central Treasurer, and
the other members are the field correspondents of the eleven
conferences.

Miss Richards stressed the fact that we ought to do
our best in our respective stations to raise the appropri-
ations for the Episcopal Fund.

Mrs. Badley expressed to Miss Richards the thanks of
the Conference for the comprehensive and efficient way in
which she had presented these various matters.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Whiting regard-
ing the course of study to be taken up by associate members
whose educational qualifications are not sufficient to enable
them to become full conference members. It was moved
that this course be printed in the Minutes.

Reports.

The report given by Miss Winslow of the fund for the
evergelistic teachers and summer schools, was accepted.

Miss Lall, representative for the Woman's School of
the Bareilly Theological Seminary, said that she had no
report to give, because she had not been asked to help with
examinations. Mrs. H. S. Peters, of the Seminary, said
that the school now sets its own papers. Miss Richards
moved that in consideration of the fact that in the Board of
Christian Education yesterday it was moved that the prin-
cipal of the Ingraham Institute correspond with the principal
of the Bareilly Theological Seminary to see if courses can be
co-ordinated, that we ask Mrs. Pace to prepare a report of
the Woman's School of the Bareilly Theological Seminary
to be presented at the Conference next year.

The Session was closed by prayer offered by Mrs. Badley.

Third Session

9:45 a. m., Saturday, November 21, 1936.

Opening.

Mrs. Everett O. Fisk, of Brookline, Massachusetts, sister
of the Misses Holman, and for sometime President of the
New England Branch, led the devotions. Basing her remarks
on the beatitudes, and giving some very helpful illustra-
tions, her message was one of inspiration.
Mrs. Fisk was formally introduced and accorded the privilege of the floor.

Mrs. Badley spoke of the Preaching Mission in America, and asked Mrs. Pace to lead the Conference in prayer for it.

The Minutes of the previous two sessions were read and, with corrections, approved.

The Secretary was asked to send the greetings of this Conference to the Indus River Woman's Conference in session at Raiwind at this time.

A letter was read from Mrs. Perrill in regard to the programmes being printed in the INDIAN WITNESS for use at the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meetings. The Conference approved of the book suggested for next year's study, namely, one on Africa. Helpful suggestions were made by one or two members and these were asked to be passed on to Mrs. Perrill. Mrs. Badley suggested that the Secretary add a word of thanks in her letter to Mrs. Perrill for her fine reviews in the WITNESS of the book now being used.

It was voted that Mrs. Clemes confer with the Bishop in matters relating to the Language School Board of Control.

Miss Bobenhouse, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the names proposed for several committees, all of which were accepted, with the exception of those of the Board of Religious Education.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Fourth Session

1:15 p. m., Saturday, November 21, 1936.

Opening.

The Session was opened by Miss Winslow leading in prayer.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Nominating Committee.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee read out the names proposed for other committees, some of which were accepted.

Rokeby Committee.

In regard to Rokeby, it was moved that this Conference request that the Field Correspondents of North India,
Lucknow, Indus River and Central Provinces Conferences serve on the Rokeby Committee with the Field Correspondent of North-West India Conference and whoever may be acting as hostess, for the purpose of formulating policies and advising in regard to administration.

**Credentials Committee.**

It was moved that the Field Reference Committee constitute the Credentials Committee in connection with the admission of associate and full members to the Woman’s Conference.

**Membership in U. P. Christian Council.**

In regard to membership in the U. P. Christian Council, North-West India Woman’s Conference is entitled to one Indian woman representative, with travelling expenses paid by the Council, and one foreign missionary once in three years, rotating with the other two Conferences, with travelling expenses paid by the council that year. It was voted that we ask our foreign missionary member to attend (though without vote if the voting member from the other Conference is present when it is her turn) the other two years as well, with the Society responsible for the travelling expenses these years, this simply with the idea of keeping in touch with what is going on.

**Method of election of representatives on the U. P. Christian Council.**

The following extract from Mr. Titus’ letter of June 1, 1932, following on the meeting of the Inter-area conference of the U. P. Christian Council held in April, 1931, regarding representation, is printed for reference:

*Lucknow Conference:*—One missionary man, and one Indian man elected by the Conference.

One Indian woman elected by the Woman’s Conference.

*North India Conference:*—The same.

*North-West India Conference:*—The same.

Note: The three Woman’s Conferences will somehow have to agree among themselves as to the missionary who shall represent them each year.

It was moved that we continue in session till 2:30.

**Retirement of Nationals.**

With reference to the Rules for the Retirement of Nationals appearing on pp. 68 and 69 of last year’s Minutes,
and the motion on page 66 that these be sent as a recommendation to the Foreign Department of the W. F. M. S. at home for action, Miss Richards read the following from Miss Watson’s letter of June 10, 1936:

“In response to the request from Northwest India Field Reference Committee that we outline a policy for retirements, returns, and furloughs of the nationals, we reply that it is our judgment, in view of the fact that increasing emphasis is being laid upon the development of the national church, that no action should be taken by the Foreign Department which would superimpose upon the field a policy dealing with such matters. The recommendations which came with this request sound reasonable and, so far as we can determine, are such as would be satisfactory to all concerned.”

Field Reference Committee Report.

Miss Richards gave the report of the Field Reference Committee, and in connection with transfers and the authority to operate bank accounts, suggested that the following excerpt from a letter of Miss Whiting’s of August 17th be printed:

“The important thing is to notify me of a transfer of work as soon as it is arranged, with the probable date when the two persons will want to transfer the funds. It is more convenient if my letter to the bank can be received before this transfer is made, then specimen signatures can be given, etc., and everything complete before the departure of the one giving over charge.”

Minutes.

Miss G. Richards and Mrs. Pace were asked to go over the Minutes with the Secretaries before presentation to the Conference.

Adjournment.

The Session adjourned at the expiration of time.

Fifth Session

12:30 p.m., Monday, November 23, 1936.

Opening.

Mrs. C. C. Herrmann opened the session by leading the devotions. She based her remarks on the texts, “Iron entered into his soul”, and “The fire upon the altar shall
be kept burning thereon, it shall not go out”. Mrs. Clemes and Mrs. Badley led in prayer. The devotional period closed with the singing of “I am thine, O Lord.”

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions.

Miss Barry was introduced on her return from furlough. Miss Whiting, Central Treasurer, and Miss Warrington, of the Baby Fold, were introduced.

Letters of Greeting.

Letters were read from Mrs. J. T. Robertson, Miss Boyde, and the Indus River Woman’s Conference. Greetings were brought by various members from Mrs. H. Sheets, Jubbulpore, Dr. Tower, Miss Donahue, and Miss McKnight.

Exchange of Minutes.

In connection with the suggestion in the letter from the Secretary of the Indus River Woman’s Conference, that there be an exchange of Minutes with each of the other Woman’s Conferences in India, so that we may learn more about what is going on in other fields and that we may know better how to pray for each other, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the Minutes of our Conference to the Secretary of each of the other conferences.

Nominations.

The chairman of the nominating committee presented the names of a few more committees, which were accepted. Mrs. B. T. Badley suggested that we have an alternate Indian lady member on the U. P. Christian Council, and this was referred to the nominating committee.

Board of Christian Education.

It was moved that the nominating committee be appointed to bring in a plan for choosing the representatives from the field who are not members of the Annual or Woman’s Conferences, in accordance with the Constitution of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education, as recorded on p. 114 of the Minutes of the 17th Session of Central Conference. This plan will be presented before the joint nominating committee as a suggested plan for the election of these members.
Central Treasurer's Report.

Miss Whiting read her report, making interesting and illuminating comments on it, all of which was much appreciated by the Conference.

Reports.

Northern India Medical Committee: Dr. Burchard reported that there had been no meeting this year.

Warne Baby Fold: Miss Barry reported that she would hand in the report to the Secretary. The Conference instructed the Secretary to have items of special interest printed in the Minutes.

The session adjourned by Miss Hermiston leading in prayer.

Sixth Session

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 24, 1936.

Opening.

The Session opened by the singing of a few devotional hymns and prayer by Mrs. Fisk.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Letter of Greeting.

A letter was read from Miss Hoffman. In it she mentioned especially the prayer that was being made for the Preaching Mission. Following on this, Mrs. B. T. Badley spoke on the great need for prayer, giving some very helpful suggestions regarding prayer, one of them being that we use a prayer list and that we extend the scope of our prayers. Several members of the conference gave their experience with prayer.

Nominating Committee.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee completed her report. It was moved that the report of the committee as a whole be accepted.

Representation on Board of Christian Education.

Miss Bobenhouse presented the following plan, which had been worked out by our Nominating Committee and presented to the Joint Nominating Committee, which had adopted it:
Since the new constitution for the Board of Christian Education (see Central Conference Minutes, 17th Session, p. 114) gives permission to the Board to co-opt persons in educational work who are not members of the Annual or Woman’s Conference to serve with the Board of Education;

That we arrange the Districts alphabetically as follows:
Aligarh, Bulandshahr, Delhi, Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Muttra, Rohtak, Roorkee.

That alternating years two primary and two secondary teachers be selected by the District Superintendent in consultation with those in charge of work. Of these two will be men teachers and two women teachers.

For 1937 and 1938, the two secondary teachers will be appointed from Aligarh and Delhi Districts, and the primary teachers from Bulandshahr and Muzaffarnagar Districts.

Reports.

Miss Perry gave the report of the Schools Committee, which was accepted.

It was moved that the time be extended to 10:45.

It was suggested that since there is no accepted scale for the teachers mentioned in the report of the Schools Committee, by common consent we let the report stand for use until such time as the Board of Christian Education can meet and take action upon it.

The report of the Board of Temperance was given by Miss Winslow and accepted.

The Session adjourned by Miss Schaefer leading in prayer.

Seventh Session
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 1936.

Opening.

Mrs. Herrmann and Miss Lall opened the session by leading in prayer.

Minutes.

The secretary read the Minutes of the previous session, and they were approved.

“Keep Well Fund.”

Dr. Burchard presented a plan, by means of which people, by paying a small percentage of their salaries
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monthly, would be entitled to free care in the Brindaban Hospital. Voted that this be printed in the Minutes for reference.

Reports.

Miss Williams read Dr. Shannon's report of Isabella Thoburn College, which was accepted. Voted that our representative on the Board of Governors of the College be instructed to suggest that a course in household science be considered as a part of the college curriculum.

Miss Barry gave the report of the Field Property Committee, which was accepted.

A very appreciative letter from Mrs. Nicholson for the resolution made at last conference, expressing our gratitude for the sacrificial work of the women at home, was read by the secretary.

Miss Barry read Miss Schaefer's report of the Indigeneous Missionary Society, which was referred back to Miss Schaefer for more details.

Voted that we meet again at the call of the President.

The session was closed with a season of prayer for God's guidance in the work of the Cabinet and the Field Reference Committee.

Eighth Session

Wednesday, November 25, 1936.

Opening.

The hymn "Jesus, the very thought of Thee," was sung, after which Miss Clark led in prayer.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Reports.

Evangelistic Committee: Miss C. T. Holman reported that the Committee had not been able to meet so that she was not able to present the report at this time. Voted that we remit to the Evangelistic Committee the preparation of their report, and that it be printed in the Minutes without having been read in Conference.

Bareilly Theological Seminary, presented by Miss Schaeffer.

Provident Fund, presented by Miss G. E. Richards.
Indigenous Missionary Society, presented by Miss Schaefer. It was voted that all the money available in the hands of this Society, namely, Rs. 54, be sent to the Bhabua Mission. Rs. 53 was sent direct to places chosen by individual groups.

Auditing Committee, presented by Miss Everley. Voted that financial matters arising out of the report of the Auditing Committee be referred to the Field Reference Committee.


Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, presented by Miss G. E. Richards. Voted that the matters contained in the problem of reconciling the differences between the Constitution of the W. F. M. S., as recorded in the Minutes of the last Central Conference, and the constitution of the W. F. M. S. at home, be referred to the Standing Committee on Woman's work.

All the reports were accepted.

Holman Institute: Miss Holman gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on her work. Miss Holman was given an ovation at the conclusion.

Minutes of the Board of Christian Education. Voted that the Minutes of the Board of Christian Education be printed in the Minutes.

Minutes.

Voted that the Secretary estimate the number of Minutes required.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved.

Extension of time.

Voted that we extend the time to 10:45 A. M.

Resolutions.

The resolutions, read by Miss Williams, were accepted with appreciation.

Closing.

Miss C. T. Holman led the Conference in the closing devotions, after which the members joined hands and, with deep feeling, sang “Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.”

M. I. W. HERMISTON,

Secretary.
Resolutions.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Bishop and Mrs. Badley into our Conference, and with gratitude for their loving and capable service through these days of the conference session. These genial personalities, their deep love for the people of their adopted country, and the desire they have shown to work with us all, are an inspiration and a source of desire for richer fellowship with each other through Christ. Our prayer is that they may be richly blessed in their ministry in the area, and that with their leading we may all come to a greater knowledge of God’s will for His Church, and a greater consecration to the task. We of the Woman’s Conference feel especially fortunate in the contact that we have had with Mrs. Badley,—a contact that has meant not only wise and efficient leadership in carrying on the business of the sessions, but a contact that has brought a sense of peace and of release from any strain there might have been, by having our President so often lead our thinking out into the realm of the high and holy things.

It will be with something of a sense of regret that we leave this Fifty-fifth Session of the North-West India Conference at Aligarh. But as we look back upon these few days, certain events and personalities will stand out clearly, and will send their lights shining down the road we will travel in the months to come.

The remembrance of the Camp Fire meeting on Sunday night will be outstanding as a time when we gathered in God’s out-of-doors to sing His praises and to give thanks for spiritual victories to which He has led many. From this our thoughts will travel back to Saturday night, when through music so generously given by Dr. Wiser and Dr. Rutherford, the Muttra girls and boys, we were lifted above the everyday things, and came a little nearer to the Giver of all good gifts.

It has been a privilege to have with us throughout the Session Mrs. Everett O. Fisk, of Brookline, Massachusetts, sister of the Misses Holman. For any one of the reasons for which Mrs. Fisk is well known in her home land, we might well have felt honored to have her in our midst. But in addition to her outstanding accomplishments, the warmth of her friendliness, the deep and sincere interest she has had for so many years in mission work, the very inspiring devotional period we shared with her,—for these
and many other blessings we are indebted to her, and in bidding her good-bye shall send with her our love and our prayers for a happy stay in India and for safe journeying as she goes on her way.

As always, we have welcomed visitors in our various sessions. Mrs. Lum, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Miss Warrington from the Baby Fold in Bareilly; Miss Whiting, the Central Treasurer; each had something good for us, and we are grateful for their coming. Welcoming back to the field our members from furlough is always a joy, and it was so this year as we greeted Mrs. Herrmann, the Misses Winslow, Warner, and Barry. Every year there are some to whom we must say "Good-bye" for a little while, and this year our love goes with our "Bon voyage" to the Misses Holman and Perry as they proceed on furlough. Most of us perhaps had not the opportunity to say our farewells to Miss Justin, but our prayers went with her in her recent departure. May the stay of these co-workers in the homeland be a rich time, and as they take up whatever work is their portion in the months ahead, we pray they may do so in the spirit of the Master and with His blessing upon them.

We would have chosen that none of our number should be absent, but there were some whose faces we missed. Some now on furlough and some retired friends sent their greetings through letters, and were with us in spirit. We deeply regretted that the Misses Gallagher and Boyde were detained because of illness.

To our Aligarh co-workers we wish to express our deep appreciation of their warm hospitality. The great amount of care taken for our comfort during our stay here calls for sincere gratitude, and we wish to give it in fullest measure to those who carried a very heavy load before our coming and throughout our stay.

Committee on Resolutions.

L. V. Williams
MRS. H. S. Peters
Reports of Committees.

Evangelistic Committee.

The Evangelistic Committee met in the drawing room of Mr. Herrmann's bungalow.

It was called to order by the Chairman, Miss C. T. Holman; Miss Winslow lead in prayer.

The following motions were passed:

1. Moved that we request Dr. C. D. Rockey to prepare a book on Old Testament study adequate for our Bible Women of sixth class level.

2. Moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate material used in Local Preacher's course with a view to using it for our Bible Readers.

Committee appointed by the chair:
- Misses G. E. Richards, A. Lall and Mrs. Clemes.

3. Moved that we grant Mrs. Cheto Masih of Bulandshahr District a certificate for 3rd year's work, without further work in hisab.

4. Resolved that Temperance work be considered an essential part of Evangelistic work, and to this end we request Miss Farmer to investigate the material available at W. C. T. U. Headquarters that might be used in villages.

F. A. Clark.

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A. S. Winslow.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Field Property Committee.

The following repairs were made in Meerut and Roorkee:
The worn brick floor of the verandah of the high school in Meerut boarding was replaced by a stone floor, at a total expenditure of about Rs. 300.
The repairs on the outer roofs of the old bungalow at Roorkee school were made, at a total cost of Rs. 550, and thus the old building was made usable as a hostel.
The Committee sanctioned the proposition that the Principal of the Meerut Girls' School purchase stone slabs, with money saved through careful management, and use these stones to floor the dormitories and verandah, which now have dirt floors.

E. M. Barry.

Field Reference Committee.

Since the Annual Conference of 1935 there have been four regular meetings as follows: December 18, 1935; and in 1936 on January 18, March 19, and July 23. The actions recorded at these meetings have been sent to all of you and the members of the Annual Conference who are in charge of work.
The ad-interim business has seemed to be endless this year, however there has been an attempt to expedite it as rapidly as possible. Probably the adjustment of the Budget required more time than any other one thing. And at the present writing it is difficult to say whether it will stand as we have it in hand or whether there will be changes suggested by the Foreign Department of the General Executive Committee. We can only hope that there will not need to be further reduction and indeed unless there is some departure from the usual precise estimating of the Secretaries of the Society, we may be assured that we shall not be 'expected to adjust again during the next three years. Realizing the burden which the Secretaries are carrying and the pain the reduction has caused them, we cannot do less than to co-operate at every point where it is possible. The kernel of the necessity for a reduction is set forth in that concise article of Miss Florence Hooper in the "Friend", dated July 1936, under the heading of "The Financial Landscape", when she says, "Financial plans have been made, hard though the adjustments have been, with one inexorable necessity in view: the budget must be balanced; the solvency of the organization must be maintained. This has seemed to us the simple mandate of elementary business ethics and our
observance of it a vital contribution to the strengthening in troubled times of a fundamental moral code.... 1937, 1938, 1939 are to be used for setting our house in order: building again the margins of financial safety; developing and completing the comprehensive plans laid some years ago for the retirement care of our entire missionary staff; planning special funds for the urgently needed increase in the number of active missionaries, for Christian Literature, agricultural and village missions and many other opportunities new and old which, in these recent years, have had to be neglected."

"As we look back, it is with deep gratitude to God that seven depression years, serious as have been their consequences, have left the Society fully solvent, with its splendid missionary force reduced but indomitable and full of well-founded hope, with expenditures pruned and revised as a base for wise expansions in future years; with membership at home convinced of the fundamental importance, necessity and worthfulness of Christian missions. The three years just ahead may present nothing spectacular—but they are vitally important to the long future. The Society must come to unification with the other Methodisms having its proverbial good-housekeeping unimpaired. Our work abroad must be so firmly established that 'no changes of season' or organization can undermine it."

Miss Hooper enumerates the fine things that are among the resources of the Society and then comes to a marvelous climax in which she quotes from Phillips Brooks, "All the great human forces become the servants of the man who possesses within himself the powers of righteousness and the power of communion with God."

As the Society has tried to plan for these three years, so your Committee is trying to divide the resources so that there will not be an abundance for anyone but with economy none need to suffer.

G. E. Richards.

Indigenous Missionary Society

The Missionary Societies in Agra, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Roorkee and Meerut have been carrying on their work faithfully during the year. Agra reported very interesting meetings held both in the mohallas and in the church. This society is using its contributions to support a worker, one of the old boys of the school, in a place otherwise unprovided for. The society in Ghaziabad, in addition to giving their regular
contributions, sent a box of clothes and little quilts to the Warne Baby Fold at Bareilly. About half of the money raised this year was sent by the societies themselves for the support of work in various places. Rs. 54 was sent through the conference, to the Bhabua Mission.

C. E. Schaefer.

Rokeby, 1936.

Language School began the first of May. Rokeby had its share of students, beginning with the new missionaries and rapidly increasing to a family of twenty-one. There were six new missionaries in their first year of study, nine in the second year, six who were taking up a second language, (or struggling with Platt's or Mirat-ul-Urus,) and seven others who came for rest. We were a happy family in spite of the germs most of us brought from the plains. Twenty of our number were treated for amoebae, as also were all the servants. All were pronounced free from amoebae before returning to the plains. For a month Rokeby looked more like a hospital than a home.

Four of the first year students stayed with us until the last of September, and several of the Punjab missionaries came for their vacation at that time. We closed September 28th.

The credit balance of last year was all used for the taxes of 1935 and for repairs. The taxes amount to Rs. 335 a year, so we began with a clean slate the first of May. The taxes are paid for 1936, and the books were closed November 1 with a credit balance of Rs. 1101-1-0.

Ida Farmer.

Temperance

An event of much interest and importance in the temperance work within the bounds of our Conference the past year was the Woman's Christian Temperance Union provincial convention held at the Headquarters Building in Delhi the latter part of October. The President, Mrs. Sharma, was formerly a member of our Woman's Conference, and Methodist women took an active part in the programme.

In Meerut, the women teachers have kept up an active organization throughout the year, and in the Boys’ School monthly meetings have been held. Recently a laymen’s meeting was held, at which a scientific lecture was given. In Hapur a temperance society was kept up with regular
meetings through the year. Ghaziabad reports a recent rally where 96 people signed the pledge.

In Aligarh, temperance meetings have been held with some regularity, and a government grant of Rs. 50 has been used in part to secure the literature for distribution in the various mohallas of Aligarh and throughout the circuits of the District. Brindaban and Bulandshahr each reports an annual temperance rally. Bulandshahr reports also the distribution of 500 copies of a temperance poem prepared by Rev. Robert Gardner.

Agra’s record is suggestive of the possibilities in each of our stations, and therefore is given in detail:

“Agra has a wonderful temperance combination. The English Baptist, the Church Missionary Society, and the American Methodist Churches unite in temperance efforts under the auspices of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union. The monthly meetings are held in different homes. A public meeting was held in St. John’s College, where Mrs. Tobit gave an address, and both Hindus and Mohammedans from the same platform gave short talks.

Among other distinguished speakers, we have had Miss Ferguson, Scotland’s gift to India, who addressed a public gathering in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Professor Wazir Chand of the Gujranwala Theological Seminary gave an interesting, informing and illuminating address in the same place.

“Every year the Agra Union contributes Rs. 50 toward the debt on Headquarters at Delhi. One hundred copies of Sudharak have been received each month for the past year, and sold for Rs. 29-13-6, giving a profit of Rs. 2-13-6 for local propaganda work. Mrs. Foster’s leaflets have been distributed each month.

“The Head Mistress of the Military School of Agra gave a very interesting talk on temperance at one of our regular monthly meetings. In these meetings music has been a feature in the programme also. Picture cards have been distributed in the hospitals, and cut flowers sent to the patients. The members of the Union visit Christian patients, and conduct evangelistic services which attract the attention of the ambulatory patients who gather around the beds of our Christian patients. The staff of the Holman Institute is arranging to present a drama in mohallas and the villages, on the crime of giving opium to babies.

“In union there is strength.” Let us unite our efforts in this great cause.”

It is suggested that for the coming year we stress not only local unions among adults wherever possible, but also young people’s organizations for their educational benefit;
that we urge co-operation with other missions and other religions in this work; that educational programmes, such as that given in the joint conference session at Aligarh, be given in the villages, *mohallas* and sadar churches; that emphasis be laid on the distribution of literature, such as the leaflets prepared by Mrs. Foster, and the Hindu periodical *Sudharak* sponsored by Mrs. Chitambar; and that we endeavor to secure additional subscriptions to the *Indian Temperance News*.

**ANNIE S. WINSLOW.**

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**Rules and Regulations of the Executive Board of Special Interest to the W. F. M. S.**

(1) The Board shall elect a Secretary, who shall be its Executive Officer. He shall also be the Executive Secretary of the Central Conference between its sessions.

(2) He shall be the legally constituted attorney for the Board, having power to sue in its name, and to act as defendant when the Board is sued. In this capacity he shall represent all bodies and organizations connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, not separately incorporated in India.

He shall prepare or approve all documents having to do with the purchase of property, its sale, transfer, or lease, and is authorized to sign on behalf of the Board any lease, deed, transfer, license, acknowledgment, or any other form of legal document needed in carrying out the work of the Board, presenting such for registration as required. He may delegate his authority to another.

All property of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia, not held by a regularly incorporated Society, shall be held by the Secretary in the name of the Executive Board, for the use of local congregations, institutions and organizations of the Church. He shall have authority to lease land to a local congregation for a period not to exceed twenty years. He shall approve and prepare all lease of property given for more than one year.

He shall be advisor to Finance Committees in cases of proposed sales and purchases of property.

(Taken from page 81 of the *MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION*, held December 27-28, 1985)
COURSE OF STUDY

For those seeking full membership in the Woman's Conference

(Note—Art. IV, A, 2, c, of the Constitution, page 107 of the Minutes of Central Conference, 1935-36.)

First Year

2. Discipline: Paras 1—75 in the 1932 Discipline.
   (After the publication of the new Discipline for India the subject matter pertaining to the above will be the basis for study.)
3. Geography: Van Loon's Geography
5. "The Lord's Supper"—Warne
6. "The A. B. C-dary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society"
7. Reading:
   "The Child in the Midst"—Dr. Bryce
   "A Covenant Keeping God"—Warne

Second Year

1. Bible: Epistles
2. Discipline: The remaining portion not covered in the first year
3. "Heroes of the Early Church"—Carpenter
4. Comparative Religion: "Out of Their Own Mouths"—Buck
5. "Christian Home Education"—Mrs. Barker
6. The L M N-tary and X Y Z-dary of the W. F. M. S.
7. Reading:
   "How to Teach Ideals" (Indian Edition)—Dr. Charter
   "Ideals That Have Helped Me"—Warne
Supplementary Manual.

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Course of Study for Bible Readers.

PAHLÁ SÁL.

1. Asán Primer, ásán bayán, Bál Bátiñká Class I. Bál Bátiñká Class II.
2. Imlá ásán Primer se, Hindi men.
3. Mere rahne ká ghar.
5. Taqsím aur zarb ek 'adad se.
6. Chár bhajan hifz ke liye.

Note:—Each district to decide which bhajins to be used and the examiner to record in her report in the district book the one presented.

DÚSRÁ SÁL.

1. Bál Bátiñká Class III and IV.
2. Hindi Imlá pahle tís safhe se.
3. Temperance Catechism.
4. Khatt i 'Amm.
5. Muqaddas I.
6. Taqsím aur zarb do 'adad se.
7. Dharmtulá.
8. Chár bhajan hifz karne ke liye.

TÍSRÁ SÁL.

1. Ratanmálá aur Hindi Imlá pahle tís safhe se.
2. Rasúlún ke A'mál. (Imtihán likhná hogá).
3. 1 Kurinthion, Ifision, Filippion.
4. Lúqá kí Injil.
5. Amanatdári.
7. Hisáb, jamá' aur tafriq. Rs. As. P.
CHAUTHÁ SÁL.

1. Masíh ká Namúna (Simplified by Dr. Buck). (Imtihán likhná hogá).
2. SatMat Nirúpan (Simplified).
4. Hisáb, taqsim aur zarb. Rs. As. P.

Note — As supplementary work for those who have passed the four years of the B.R. Course the following books are suggested:—“The Child in the Midst,” Torch Series, “Tandarust Bachcha,” “Ruh ki Mamur Zindagi.”

For the Evangelist Teachers’ Course reference may be made to the report of January 1933.
Minutes of the Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education of the North-West India Conference met in the drawing-room of Mr. Hermann at 8:00 A. M., November 19, 1936.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Templin, who led in short devotions.

The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Pace, The Misses Perry, Hermiston, Schaefer, Everley, Clark, G. E. Richards, and Miss A. Richards. Messrs. R. T. Templin, J. C. Pace, S. W. Clemes, P. D. David, T. C. Badley, J. W. Singh, Rockwell Lance, Jiwan Das. The following were present in the session after breakfast: Messrs. Amar Das, I. Mann, R. John.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after which the privileges of the floor were allowed to all present.

Growing out of the provision of Central Conference for the Board of Christian Education to be divided into three sections or Committees, namely, Administration, Religious Education, and Village Education, the agenda had been prepared in three sections covering the work of the three Committees. It was moved that as a whole body we go through the entire agenda together, acting on as many items as possible and then refer special matters to their respective committees for recommendation. The motion prevailed and Miss Hermiston presented the first item: Fees: Shall they be charged according to the income of the parents or according to the income of the earning members of the family? The matter was referred to the Committee on Administration for recommendation.

Item two referring to the scale of salaries for all Primary teachers paid by the W.F.M.S. was referred to the Village Education Committee to bring in a report concerning it.

In response to the roll call concerning the furnishing of text books, copies, pens, pencils, ink and other school supplies the reports were as follows:

Aligarh Girls' School: Furnishes text books, ink and some copies; no pencils, pens, rubbers, etc., are given.
**Meerut Boys’ School:** Furnishes text books and all copies, pens, pencils, etc. Where possible, replacements are paid for from pocket money.

**Ingraham Institute:** Furnishes text books. Students furnish the rest.

**Muttra Girls’ School:** Furnishes text books. Students furnish all other supplies.

**Blackstone Missionary Institute**

**Clancy High School**

Text books furnished. Rent charged on same according to the class. Initial charge made for stationery and boys replace their own.

**Delhi Girls’ School:** Boarders furnished text books and some supplies.

**Roorkee Girls’ School:** Hostel girls receive text books and stationery free.

**Meerut Girls’ School:** No report.

Miss Warner raised the question of Tuitional fees for scholars and the matter was referred to the Administration Section for recommendation.

Mr. Templin presented the New Basis for Promotion now in use in Clancy High School, by which boys may be promoted without examination and may also be detained without examination, or allowed to sit for the examinations.

In the absence of Rev. P.D. Phillips, due to illness, the question of the Restoration of the Educational Service Scheme was postponed until next year.

In the absence of Rev. Amar Das, Mr. Templin made a statement concerning the amalgamation of the Epworth League and the Christian Endeavor and the following people were instructed to bring in a resolution concerning it: Mrs. Pace, Misses Hermiston and G. E. Richards. The resolution was: “The Board of Christian Education of the North-West India Conference heartly endorses the resolution made at last Central Conference to unite the Epworth League and the Christian Endeavor and urges that, as soon as possible, plans be made to perfect the union. If, in order to complete the plans of amalgamation, it should be deemed necessary to adopt for the new organization the name of “Christian Endeavor”, we prefer to see that done, rather than to have the matter of a name be a hindrance in what we regard as a great forward step in the work of young people.”
The questions of the Course of Study for Village Day Schools was referred to the Section on Village Education.

Rev. H. S. Peters spoke on Measures to Improve Sunday School Teaching and discussed the possibility of their use in the village.

The motion was carried that we ask the Nominating Committees of the Woman's Conference and Men's Conference to work out a scheme whereby members might be co-opted for the Board of Christian Education.

Miss Schaefer gave a report of the Epworth League Institute held near Ghaziabad in October, 1936.

The Religious Education Committee acting as a Nominating Committee presented the following names for the Epworth League Council and Institute staff for 1937.

Miss Emma Warner and Mr. B. John. Terms expire 1937
Rev. H. S. Peters and Miss P. E. Palmer. Terms expire 1938.
Miss Hermiston and Mr. Titus. Terms expire 1939.

For 1937 Institute.

Dean, Rev. Amar Das
Dean of Men, Rev. R. T. Templin
Dean of Women, Miss Warner
Business Manager, Rev. J. C. Pace
Secretary, Miss C. E. Schaefer
Registrar, Miss G. M. Everley.

Mr. Clemes closed the morning session by an inspirational talk on How to Keep Warm Inside, suggesting that daring and discipline are necessary.

The first session adjourned to meet again at 4:00.

Mr. Pace lead in the closing prayer.

Second Session, 4:00 P. M.

The Second Session of the Board of Christian Education was opened with prayer by Miss Farmer.

Mr. Pace presented the question of a Uniform Gown for Ministers and Mr. Badley demonstrated three types of gowns. The motion prevailed that we send a recommendation to the Men's Conference favouring the adoption of a uniform pulpit dress.

Each District Evangelist reported the number of Sunday Schools in her District who meet the following requirements for a Village Sunday School:
1. Meeting in a designated, specific place.
2. Meeting at a specified time in the day, each week.
3. A register containing the names of attendants.
4. Following a prescribed Course of Study.
Miss G. E. Richards in speaking on the Literature to be used in Village Sunday Schools said that the different grades of advancement of the village groups demanded graded literature. The matter of Source Material usable was referred to the Village Education Section.

The Districts reported as follows on the number of Village Schools receiving some Grant.

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Delhi, Rohtak, Aligarh, Muttra and Roorkee Districts reported no help being furnished to individuals for books or fees. Meerut, Muzaffarnagar and Bulandshahr reported some help on books.

The Village Sections brought in the following report which was accepted, Mrs. Pace as Chairman, Miss G. E. Richards as Secretary.

1. It is our belief that there is no need for a Primary Building for a Primary School in connection with Ingraham Institute.

2. It was moved that Rev. R. Lance correspond with Mr. Ahmad Shah of the I.C.A. regarding the possibility of receiving scholarships for Depressed Class Christian boys either in a Boarding School Hostel or as a Day Scholar.

3. Moved that the Principal of Ingraham Institute negotiate with Bareilly Theological Seminary concerning the possibility of organizing a joint course of Seminary and Teacher Training Course.

4. Moved that a Committee be appointed to work out a uniform scale of salary for Primary Teachers, both men and women. The Committee named: Mrs. Pace, Chairman; Misses Everley, G. E. Richards, Messrs. R. T. Templin, Amar Das and R. Lance.

5. It was moved that a Committee be appointed to formulate a Course of study for the Village Day Schools and Village Sunday Schools. The Committee appointed: Miss G. E. Richards, Chairman; Miss A. Lall, Messrs. Pace, J. W. Singh and H. S. Peters.

The following motion with relation to school fees was passed: In the settlement of the scale of fees, Managers of schools in consultation with the Local School Committee, should take into consideration all the possible family re-
sources, and are at liberty to increase the fees as may be found justifiable.

Third Session.

November 25, 2:30 p.m.

A brief meeting of the Board of Christian Education was called by the newly appointed Chairman, Mrs. Pace. Mr. R. T. Templin was elected Secretary for the coming year.

The Schools Committee of the Woman's Conference presented the following salary scale to cover cases not provided for in the present scale, such to be in effect until a new scale may be prepared.

- Middle Pass and Trained Rs. 18–28
  Minus 10% reduction.
- Eighth Pass and Trained Rs. 26–42
  Minus 10% reduction.
- Eighth (3 year) Trained Rs. 30–46
  Minus 10% reduction.
- Ninth Pass, Tenth Fail Rs. 26–42
  Minus 10% reduction.
- Ninth Passed Trained Rs. 34–48
  Minus 10% reduction.
- Matric, V. T. C. Trained Rs. 43–55
  No reduction.

Increment for each is Re. 1 alternate years.

R. T. TEMPLIN,
Chairman.

G. M. EVERLEY,
Secretary.

The “Keep Well Fund”

We wish to present our “Keep Well” movement, which has been instituted in our own station. We believe that it is better to keep well than to get well after being sick, so we are urging our Christian community to make a monthly contribution to the “Keep Well Fund.” All of our workers and servants pay 2% of their salaries and then in the event of sickness, medicines and hospital care are furnished free. We would like to encourage members of other stations to co-operate with us, for on several occasions patients have come from the District without even money for food. For those away from Brindaban, we would not ask 2%, but 1%
monthly would be a great help to us, and for those contributing, it gives a satisfaction in helping with the support of the work. We missionaries are also participants, and separate our 2%, too. Those who do not pay a monthly percentage are asked to pay for medicines and food. When you workers send us patients, please have them prepared to meet these requirements. We still have a small appropriation for "free beds," but we are never able to stay within this amount. We do not charge our Christian patients for nursing care, but we request your co-operation in our educational programme for better health.

M. A. BURCHARD

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Memoir of Miss Adelaide Clancy.

Miss Adelaide Clancy was born in Canada, but spent the most of her life before coming to India in the State of Michigan. She was a graduate of our Methodist College in Albion, Michigan, where her family home was located. She was one of a large family of children, in which every son and daughter was a College graduate. After graduating from college, she made special preparation in Bible study for her work as a missionary.

She came from a family of staunch religious faith. Her father was an evangelist and several of her brothers were ministers. Two of her brothers were missionaries of our North-West India Conference. Thus from her childhood, she was surrounded by a strong spiritual and intellectual atmosphere in which her receptive nature became aflame with religious zeal. She consecrated her life to the service of her Lord and Master. It was a joyful service, given unstintedly. She had a happy nature. To her, life was a beautiful thing to be spent in serious service, enlivened by her keen sense of wit and spontaneous laughter.

Her missionary career began at the end of the year 1910. After spending one year in the work of our orphanage for famine girls in Phalera, Rajputana, she took up her work in the Blacktone Missionary Institute in Muttra. There she gave nineteen years of service—a part of the time as Principal of the Girls' Boarding School and through many years as Principal of the Bible Training School. During these years she sent out many students trained for service.

Her work was energized by her deeply spiritual life. In planning her work, she was resourceful. She had the rare quality of initiative and creative thinking. It was in her mind that the thought was born that resulted in the opening
of the Normal Training School for the training of Primary teachers in Meerut, now transferred to Muttra. It was during the Conference of January, 1921, the writer was talking with Miss Clancy concerning the future of our Girls’ School in Meerut. The thought flashed into her mind that this was the time and place to open our much-needed training school. In another six months, the thought-seed grew into the opening of the school. It has been the source from which has come the well-trained teachers who have brought such a wonderful change in the Girls’ Schools of our Conference.

We shall never be able to compute the results of her influence on the hundreds of girls and young women whose lives have been touched by her life, directly and indirectly. But we know that the harvest has been great. We who still toil in the field of education and the training of India’s daughters have caught inspiration from her zeal and purpose. She has surely heard the summons—“Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

L. G. BOBENHOUSE
Blackstone Missionary Institute.

Garnet M. Everley.
Carolyn E. Schaefer.

In many respects the past year has been an exceptionally good one. In May four young women graduated from the English Training Department and all have posts in schools of our own Mission. Ten graduated from the Vernacular Department; of this number some are studying further, some are teaching in schools, two are helping in City and Village work in other Missions, one is in Evangelistic Work, and one is married. All of these seem happy in their respective fields and are earnestly trying to serve Him who has blessed them so.

To take the places of those who left at graduation time, we have girls who come from Pauri, Pithoragarh, Jubulpore, Bilaspur, Cawnpore, Meerut, Fatehgarh, Baroda, Brindaban, and the Santalis from Pakaur. This is one of the best beginning classes we have ever had. In addition, there are eight girls who are taking a course of Religious Education, consisting of one year’s work before they enter the Vernacular Normal Training Department attached to the Girls’ Middle School here. This is giving them a poise and development in character which is needed in all teachers.

The music courses continue to be very popular. Every girl in the department is having lessons on the organ or harmonium and practices daily under supervision. In addition, each girl is learning to play the sitar or israj and her daily progress is carefully watched. All of the girls belong to the “Girls’ Chorus” which is now singing two-part music and meets twice each week for practice. Twenty-four of the girls have an opportunity to sing in the mixed choir. This keeps the girls so busy and so happy that they have no time for mischief, and hostel discipline is no problem.

Last April, the mixed choir attended the Joint Epworth League, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention in Bareilly and sang many times on the program; the orchestra also furnished several numbers. The Model Epworth League Devotional Meeting of the Convention was presented by young men and women from our own League. The choir also sang at the opening of the new Freeman Memorial Hospital in Brindaban. This year they will make other trips, trying to enrich the lives of many through their ministry of music.
Each girl has a year and a half of practice work. During this time she spends from one to three periods each day in either the Muhalla School, Boarding School Bible Classes, or Zenana work. The work is closely and carefully supervised, so that the girls have had some real experience in the work before leaving the school.

The girls all take an active part in the Epworth League Devotional Meetings held each Friday. Four or five socials or picnics are held each year in which the boys of the Clancy High School participate. Sunday evenings the girls go out in six bands to the muhallas and villages, teaching men, women, and children. During the week, play days are often held for the children of these places. Miss Palmer, who had this work on her heart and planned it, had to leave us in March for another field of service, but others continue to carry on what she began.

Muttra Epworth League had one hundred delegates at the League Institute Camp held near Ghaziabad. About thirty-five training girls were among this number and had not only the privilege of the Camp, but also the opportunities of seeing historic old Delhi with her Fort and Kutub Minar, and New Delhi with her Viceroyal Lodge, Assembly Rooms, and other important buildings. Muttra League was the winner of the Conference Shield for the best Epworth League work done during the year, according to the score card sent out from the Central Office of the League.

Each spring we offer a special Eight Week Course to girls who finish their A. V. Middle Examinations in March. This year we had twenty-five girls enrolled, coming from Almora, Bareilly, Roorkee, Aligarh and Muttra. Trips to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, to Brindiban to see the temples sacred to the memory of Lord Krishna and other gods, and to the Fire Worship in Muttra were some of the special features which made their stay with us very pleasant.

The spiritual tone of the school has been high. Personal work is done by teachers and missionaries with the girls, and they seem eager to know more about Jesus Christ and His will for their lives. Some of them have gone out with a burning passion to bring others to Jesus. We pray that we may so introduce them to Jesus Christ that they will "Grow, Glow, and Go," so that others may know Him "whom to know is Life Eternal."

Butler Memorial Girls’ School.

Emma E. Warner.

I might well call this report, "Behind The Boarding Wall," for about the first thing that impressed me upon
going into the hostel was the immense three story building that has been built behind our walls. It is so near that it is ever present in our consciousness.

Our eating, our sleeping, in fact our manner of living is all open to the view of Hindu men who live "behind the wall." However, we continue our work in spite of unseen eyes.

Miss Justin left for regular furlough early in August after the school had closed for summer vacation. I arrived late in September so Miss Clark added the school to the rest of her duties for this intervening period.

The two months that I have been here have reminded me of a picture puzzle. I am just now beginning to see what the picture is meant to be. Many gaps remain for which I do not seem to have pieces to fit. However, with a few turns and twists I suspect they will fall into place.

School re-opened October 2nd with an enrolment of two hundred and five boys and girls. One hundred and four of these are boarders and the remainder are day pupils. We have fifty-one boys in the primary classes. The school bus makes four trips to bring in on an average of seventy-five children. One days' trips cover forty-two miles. The remaining twenty-five children walk to school.

The bus has made it possible for many Christian children of Delhi to be in school who would otherwise have no opportunity for education and in many cases Christian contacts. Pastor Mann has Junior Church on Thursday mornings so that the day pupils may have the benefit of the church in their worship. All the effects of the bus are unfortunately not good, for because of it the school has been running a regular deficit. Some adjustment must be made to make it possible for the school to run with this same efficiency. The need for this bus can only be understood when one has become acquainted with the great distances in Delhi.

Fourteen girls appeared for the middle examination in the spring. Eleven of these passed the Vernacular Middle and one passed the Anglo-Vernacular Middle. We hope to strengthen the English Department this year.

I found a splendid staff of conscientious Christian teachers when I arrived. They have been doing unusually good work both in and out of school.

The school has been carrying on Sunday services in New Delhi and in a near by village. Twenty girls have signified their desire to unite with the church and are under instruction.

This is all going on within the walls but behind the wall is the Hindu residence which overlooks our every action. We
need some walls so that we may have the ordinary privacy that is necessary to human life, to say nothing of protection. The hostel situation is serious. How long can the morale of a school be held when every action is open to the view of Hindu men?

Even though many of the stones of Delhi have been well utilized there is still no lack of stones. The task is to gather them and put them together to make something to meet the present needs. The stones await the builder. We will therefore say with the Prophet Nehemiah, “So we will build the wall; and all the wall will be joined together unto the half thereof: for the people have a mind to work.” They watch behind the wall, but the Lord leadeth within the wall.

Creighton-Freeman Hospital, Brindaban.

Dr. R. B. Tower (on furlough) Miss Elda M. Barry R. N.
Dr. M. A. Burchard Miss Hannah C. Gallagher M.Sc.
Miss Eunice Porter R. N. (on furlough) Laboratory Technologist.

Our hearts are overflowing with joy and praise for the innumerable blessings which have been ours throughout the past year. One of the outstanding events was the dedication of the new Freeman wing of the hospital and the Dryden-Jennings Chapel. We were fortunate in having Bishop Robinson for this occasion as his last official service before leaving India. The children’s ward made available in this wing has been a constant joy for now we feel that adequate care is being given to these little ones. The Chapel gives us more of a sense of worship, and services no longer are held on the veranda of the bungalow.

We are also very grateful that our request to the King’s Jubilee Fund resulted in a gift for our X-ray which amounted to about one-third of the necessary amount for this new equipment. It is to be hoped that additional gifts will soon be available so that this may be obtained for use so greatly needed in our work. Bone infections have been especially numerous this year, and an X-ray was much needed for more accurate diagnosis.

The work at the hospital has continued very well in spite of the depleted staff. There are so many who might be helped if an eye specialist were always available. Many of our patients have been unfortunate Bengali widows, some of whom have had no friends at all. We cannot always count our usefulness by the number of patients helped, and the tangible evidence of spiritual advancement frequently seems meager, but there are some satisfying results. From the top of the hospital an electric light now
shines out over a city which does not have electric lights, and we hope that our Christian influence may be a beacon also in this city where Hinduism is concentrated to such a degree.

A new well was completed on the compound near the hospital, supplying water for the entire institution. What a joy it is to have good water so near, as the nearest available drinking water had been obtained from a well at a distance of one-half mile. The electric pump has also helped reduce the number of water carriers to one.

We are glad to have secured the services of an earnest Christian medical assistant and we trust that our work may be further extended in the community. Seven new students were admitted into the School of Nursing this year. Good reports are coming to us about the six nurses who graduated last year; all are in active nursing work. The standards of nursing are advancing and better educated girls are being admitted; the educational requirement for entrance is two years of high school.

About three thousand laboratory tests have been done during the year. Without the aid of the laboratory it would be impossible to diagnose many diseases. Many more requests for trained laboratory technicians are coming to us than we are able to fill.

The primary day school in the Chamar mohalla is well attended by Hindu children and a few Mohammedans. Practical lessons in hygiene are taught, such as cleaning and care of the teeth, hair, and nails. Much is learned by dramatising and singing, and each girl has learned to sew at least one doll’s dress. A number of these children attend Sunday School regularly.

Evangelistic work is carried on in the hospital by teaching in the dispensary and personal work at the bedside. The influence of this, supplemented by the service of Christian nurses, cannot be measured. Through calling on the women in their homes, the doors of the highest and the lowest have been opened to the Bible women. Many are eager for a better life, but are bound because of custom, religion and superstition. One Hindu woman is very much interested in becoming a Christian. May she and many others enter the abundant life which comes through knowing and following Christ.

Holman Institute, Agra.

Sarah C. Holman.

In February, 1923, my appointment was to Agra to continue and build up a school which, more than a year
before, had been started by Miss Farmer. My appointment was also to the city and district work. I kept saying to myself, "If only I had not been required to get a school yet," for there were no teachers, only a Bible woman, working in the Mohallas, and such help as the wife of a busy pastor could give. There were no quarters for teachers. When I did get two teachers, there was no place for them to live, so I shared my bed-room on the roof for almost a year with two Indian teachers. Part of the bungalow had been rented and the boarding was occupied by the pastor and the District Superintendent, and another renter who kept his cow in one room. It was very difficult at first, but we committed all to Him who giveth liberally and upbraideth not, and gradually faith and prayer brought teachers, teachers’ quarters and an ever increasing number of pupils. My District Superintendent, Dr. Clancy, seeing the pitiful little group of dirty, ragged, under-nourished children said, "Do you think you will ever get a school out of that?" I said, "Yes". Dr. Clancy laughed and his wife joined him. He said, "Miss Holman, when you get a school out of that, we will all take off our hats to you". I said, "You will take off your hats then, for I have been appointed to a school, and I will have a school." We did not, however, say we had a school until 1926, when we did say so with gratitude to God. We might have accomplished it earlier, if there had been money for teachers’ salaries, and if we could have concentrated on the school alone, but a great deal of work was done in the city and district. If it had not been for the tremendous work done in the city with lantern slides on the “Life of Christ” by the help of Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Daune and their wonderful prayer life, it might not have been accomplished. Again Dr. Clancy spoke, "Miss Holman, you are looking very badly. I thought I was giving you an easy job, and you are killing yourself. I do not thank you for it, and no one will thank you.” In April 1936, my nurse came into my room. She said, "Yes, you are dying, but some one had to die that we might have a school." She was one of the teachers who shared my sleeping quarters on the roof and my early experience in faith and prayer, and she has done an everlasting piece of good work in Holman Institute.

After twelve years of prayer, faith and work we have a staff of eighteen teachers, fourteen of whom are trained. The enrolment is four hundred and three, of whom one hundred and four are girls, besides over fifty under five years of age, not entered on the roll, whose older brothers and sisters would otherwise have to stay
home, in many cases to care for them. Two busses make two trips each day to bring the children from the more distant mohallas, and take them home. Now almost every higher school in Agra has some of our students. St. John's College and a College in Delhi has each a student who got his start in Holman Institute. We have classes from kindergarten to eighth, have Government recognition to Sixth and have it promised through eighth when we get one more teacher. The Institute receives a monthly Government grant.

There is a meeting every Saturday night for the "Old boys." A teacher gives a Bible lesson; there are songs, prayers and testimonies. On special occasions a public meeting is held in the Church. Our old boys usually find their own jobs, and we do all we can to help them. Seven are now employed in Holman Institute, two teach in the night school, and two teach in the rug-making. One boy is at work in the electric power house of whom the electric engineer writes—He is giving complete satisfaction. One Sunday when the Principal was at home for old boys and other enquirers, this same boy came with other old boys from Government High School, while she was speaking with an educated Brahmin. She said, "Charles, come and help me talk to this man." With Bible in hand, he read many passages from the Scriptures and presented arguments which the educated Brahmin could not refute. It was a thrilling experience for this handsome young boy from the Sweeper class, to speak to this older man with dignity and confidence. The next Sunday morning two Mohammedan gentlemen came for light on the Bible, when a group of sixth class boys gave a wonderful testimony for the Bible.

To protect the property and the children from the encroachment of undesirable neighbours, it became necessary to purchase an adjoining piece of land. This was done at a cost of Rs. 2,257-14-0.

The church as well as the bungalow was in need of repairs. The church has been color-washed on the outside, cleaned and color-washed several times on the inside. Electric lights and the electric fans have been installed. The large carpet covering the pulpit platform was woven in the rug factory of the Institute, as well as the long strips in the nave. In the bungalow, electric lights and fans were installed. The guest suite has been entirely done over, a new floor laid and the suite newly furnished. A new iron staircase has been erected from the back verandah to the roof. Important repairs have been made in the wall and new sections built. In the matter of new buildings in the compound, we have built one new school or, more strictly speaking, the first unit of the building.
for which plans and blue prints were originally drawn; one servants' line, one block for the rug factory, and the building now used for the half hundred and more children of pre-school age. To the compound, land and buildings have been added to the value of fifty thousand rupees without any cost to the Board of Foreign Missions or to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Two motor lorries have also been provided for the use of the Institute. But all this physical equipment is only a means to an end. Agra is a tremendous field and opportunity for service. There are 70 mohallas where we have Christian Sweepers. There are many thousands of children to be sent out to do evangelistic work in their own Mohallas, as they are doing every day. Many children who have been baptized with their parents' consent, have brought their parents and whole families to Christ. Many thans (shrines) have been broken and idol worship abolished through the influence of children. "A little child shall lead them." One chamar boy who professed to be converted, though not baptized, prayed, "Oh, I thank Thee that idol worship has been taken away from my home. Dear Lord, may idol worship be abolished from my country." Recently, I asked the upper classes what was the greatest thing they had learned in school. Many answers were given, but all for the Bible and religious teaching. One said John 3:16, another Acts 4:12, lessons on idol worship. One fine Hindu boy rose and said, "Jesus' sorrow in Gethsemane." Another said, "My changed character;" another, "Teaching on the second coming of Jesus Christ." A class of 40 probationers was taken into the Church by Bishop Badley, and a large class is now being prepared for membership. We have a good Sunday School, and this last year out of the collection were purchased 50 hymn books and 50 Bibles, and a contribution was sent to the Bible Society. Our work among the women in the homes of the children is encouraging. There are 22 groups in which the work of the W.F.M.S. is presented, and 16 of the teachers are presidents and a total of nearly 400 members. Not much money has been expected from them, as giving comes after knowledge. At a large union meeting in the Church of women from all these mohallas they were told the history of the W.F.M.S. and of the International Department.

The Director of Public Instruction recently visited Holman Institute. After he had seen the school in action he asked about the old students. When he learned of the follow-up work for the old boys, he said, "I am convinced that you are doing a great work; God's blessing on you. I will do all I can to help."
In beginning this report, I feel that we should look back fifteen years, or to July, 1921, when the Normal Training Department was opened in this school. At that time, there were very few trained teachers in the Girls’ Schools of our Conference. So this department was opened to meet a dire need. Since that time, fourteen classes of trained teachers have gone out to teach the Primary and Middle classes of our schools. The work of these teachers has resulted in a success that has brought embarrassment to the Meerut Girls’ School. Girls began to pass the A. V. Middle Examination at an earlier age and in larger numbers. They came here for the work of Classes VII and VIII in such large numbers that there was not room in the hostel for them and for the training students, so that this department was pushed out and had to seek shelter in another school. The hostel is now filled with these girls. The classroom for the Seventh Class (Ninth Grade) that could seat twenty-four comfortably, is now crowded with thirty-two desks. The teachers are brave and have taken this large class without complaining. The most of the girls are doing good work.

Although the funds have been cut down, we have more girls than we had last year. We have 183 boarders at present, in both hostels. The work has not seemed heavy, as our splendid staff of teachers have taken a share of the responsibility in an efficient manner. Our matron has been a real mother to the girls. Our faithful nurse and our kind lady doctor in the Dufferin Hospital have taken all the responsibility of the sick. From day to day, there has been a distinct consciousness of the leading of the Holy Spirit. The reality of His presence and of His dealing with situations has been one of the most wonderful experiences.

A spiritual awakening has begun among the High School girls. They are coming to a realization of the influence that deceit and cunning have upon their spiritual lives. It has resulted in a desire for a life of real purity and victory. “Fathemandi” (Victory) has been taken as the slogan of the girls who have come out into the new life. We hope that these girls will be the means of winning all the others who are not yet having victory in their lives.
Can it be possible that we have come to the end of another Conference year? It seems but a few months ago that I was writing my last report. This year has been filled with many perplexities, but God has been very good to us and He has brought us through and given us some victories. How good He is to us and how we must grieve His Great Compassionate Heart. We thank Him for the grace that He gives us to carry on the work to which He has called us.

This year we sent twelve girls for the Epworth League Institute at Ghaziabad. Some of them received a special blessing and we are hoping that they may be able to help many of the children who were not privileged to go.

Last year eleven girls were taken into full membership on Easter Sunday. During the year the Matron, assisted by some of the teachers, trained the children in the work of the church and taught them the meaning of being a member of God's church. During the year one of our friends has been translating the Membership Manual which we had been using in part, and which we consider very fine for the young ones to have. It was written for children, so we appreciate having it in the vernacular. I am sure that in the years to come our young people will know more about the working of the church than the present generation does. We shall be glad to share with anyone who would like it to use. We feel that our children are growing and developing, and we pray that God may continue to guide and lead in His own way and that His Word will be carried to those who know it not.

Others have written about the work which has been going on in the mohullas of our city. Our people have taken a firm stand for Christ and we in the school are profiting by that stand. From the families in the Shishia Para church, have come five little girls for school and boarding. They are dear little ones and how they do love school. They go home on the last Saturday of each month and teach songs to the other children, have grace before meals, and tell the stories which they have learned. One brother suggested that his sister should not go back to school in the evening but she told him that she must go as she did not have permission to stay and, anyway, she liked the boarding.

During Summer School time we gave a tea for the District and mohalla people. It was interesting to watch the women as they came, and although they turned their
backs to the men while they had tea, they certainly enjoyed themselves. They were all clean and dressed in their best. The men thought that the invitation did not include the women, but we assured them that it did and sent them flying to bring them. Afterwards we took the women through the hostel and they liked it so well that they all wanted to stay. They thought it was wonderful the way the children gathered for dinner when the bell rang. I am sure that this one trip did more to encourage them to send their children to school than any other one thing that we could have done. A few days later several other women who were not at the tea came to see the hostel. They have learned that although a home may be very simple, it can be clean and be kept so. The influence of those five little girls on the life of the mohullah is great and will be increasingly so as they grow older.

And now I have come to the end of my first term of service. It will be hard to leave this dear family of children, but I am sure that they will be in good hands. I hope that some impression has been left that will help each one to live a better Christian life. These last five years have been the best of my life, and as I go I pray God's richest blessing may rest upon the work that is going on in our beloved Hindustan.

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Madison Avenue Boys' School, Meerut

Helen Buss.

The reason for the existence of the Madison Avenue Boys' School is to make available for every boy more of the "abundant life" Jesus came to give. Many avenues have been used to bring this abundant life to our boys this year. One of the most important avenues has been through our Boy Scouts and Cubs. They have functioned vitally in character building throughout the year. Last week a public demonstration was given by the Scouts and 22 boys received their Tenderfoot badges. Many temptations are overcome through practising the rules learned in this organization. Snappy drill and games, along with work in their gardens, make for strong bodies.

We are gradually raising our educational standards and this means a better foundation for the future life of our boys. Without the full co-operation of our staff this would be impossible. All of the teachers now on the staff are especially trained for primary teaching.

An interest that is enriching the lives of all our boys is the weekly newspaper, giving news gleaned from the
various newspapers and magazines read, as well as purely local news. The older boys take turns in designing the cover and writing up the news. Some very praiseworthy designs have been made.

A new Epworth League promises to be an excellent avenue for bringing this more abundant life to our one hundred boys. Because of whooping cough in the hostel none of our boys went to Epworth League camp this year, but we hope to profit by ideas passed on to us from others who were more fortunate. A nearby village Sunday School gives them a chance to pass on to others some of the good things that have come into their lives.

In a very special way we try to teach the older boys how to appropriate the “more abundant life” in our private talks with them about their personal and spiritual problems. Gradually through the year we try to reach each boy’s heart and see that he is made so hungry for a vital experience of Christ that he will seek until he finds it. These sparks are kept alive through private morning watch and “family group” prayers. One older boy came to me time after time, very obviously anxious for a deep and abiding religious experience that would help him to be victorious over anger and resentment,—his two besetting sins. He found he could have that experience and peace in his heart only after he was willing to humble himself before those he had harmed, even though one of them happened to be a much younger boy. What a joy it is to watch this fine lad of 14 grow “in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man!”

There may be more gratifying work than helping to make this “abundant life” available for such little children, but I doubt it. We who teach them realize anew each day the need for the evidences of the abundant life ourselves.

Muttra A. V. Middle Girls’ School.

G. M. Everley.

This year teachers and pupils have taken great interest and delight in beautifying the compound and hostel. Every class, as well as every room, has its own flower and vegetable garden. The girls are so busy at this worthwhile work outside of school hours that they have little time to get into mischief. This work in the open air, plus the faithful preventative work of our school nurse, has kept the girls in excellent health of body and mind. Arbor Day was celebrated in August and since then every day has been a veritable Arbor Day.
The hostel residents number eighty in the Middle School, and there is an enrolment of one hundred fifty-five. About twenty boys live in the Clancy High School Hostel and attend the Girls' School as day scholars in the primary classes. The Normal Vernacular Training attached to the Middle School does not have its maximum number of students, but will after another year. The transfer of his department from Meerut was completed in July. Next spring the first class that has received training in Muttra will complete its course. We can see now the wisdom and the advantage to the girls of having the Normal located in the same place as the Bible Training School.

Teachers have rendered splendid service in a fine spirit throughout the year. For several years Teachers' Meetings have been held every two weeks in which vital questions and subjects related to education were discussed by the teachers themselves. This year a new plan is being tried and joint teachers' meetings with the staff of Clancy High School are being held. Christian staff members of both schools are also planning some special dinners and social evenings. The Sunday Evening "Sing Song" in which the staff members and all of the older girls and boys participate, is one of the happy occasions of the week.

Fifth and Sixth Class girls take an active part in the work of the Epworth League. Third and Fourth Class girls are happy that they can share the tasks of the Intermediate League. Each Sunday morning after Sunday School special discussion groups are held for these girls, in which an effort is made to bring them nearer to Christ and to solve some of their spiritual problems. Much use of the prayer room in the hostel is made, and younger girls often come in small groups for special prayer. There is a heart hunger which we are trying to satisfy by leading them to know and love Jesus Christ.

"There's music in the air" in Muttra and the Boarding School girls are catching it. They love to sing. Some are taking lessons on the israj, and we hope after Christmas to have at least twenty of the girls of the school taking lessons on the sitar or israj. Our dreams for next year are even greater than this. Classes from Second through Sixth take turns in conducting the Friday morning chapel service. We do not cease to marvel at the potential leadership found in this way. May God give us grace and strength to guide them all in the Way of Life, so that His will may be carried out in and through their lives.
Five Alice's, four Shanti's (meaning peace), three Prem's (meaning love), one Beauty, one Queenie, and one Faith Hope Charity John, as well as Priyavati, Satyavati, Amravati and Zillavati (the latter four all sisters) are some of the one hundred and twenty-four children in our school. Ninety-six of these are boarders. They are all Christians except seven: these are Hindus. Three of the seven belong to the Sweeper caste, one of the much-talked of "untouchable" groups. Fortunately, the children are blessedly ignorant of any difference between them.

Two of the girls in the boarding are the children of leper parents. They are quite free from the dread disease, of course; but, as a matter of precaution, we have them examined periodically. We hope and pray that the time will never come when they will have to be taken away from the school because they are UNCLEAN, UNCLEAN! They are dependent on the school for everything. Their parents come to see them sometimes—come hobbling on their diseased and deformed feet. They stand at the gate and from a safe distance talk for a while to their children. Usually they bring some money for them—a few pice that they have begged in the bazaar. With fingerless hands they struggle to get it on to a big leaf that we put beside them for this purpose. Then we drop the money into an earthenware cup of strong phenyle where it is left for a day or two. After a good sun bath it is put into circulation.

We have so many extra girls this year that they are crowded in the dormitories they have. An old house, the one the missionaries used to live in, is being fixed up. When it is finished it will make quite a satisfactory dormitory—and at comparatively little expense.

The ground just behind the school building has been cleared and levelled that we might use it for basketball, badminton and deck-tennis. In about a month's time we hope to have a contest with the girls of the Muslim school, in skipping, running and jumping.

There used to be a troupe of Girl Guides here, but it was dropped when the leader left. We have started this again. Two of the teachers on the staff are the leaders. They have both been Guiders for four years. Recently the girls had the pleasure of attending a Boy Scouts' Rally. This was an incentive to them in their work as Girl Guides. When we are a little further advanced the Scout Master wishes to come and see our work.
We are teaching Hindi now as an extra language in addition to English. The school work is done in Urdu. Sewing is one of the required school courses. Our girls do very well in this as they do also in cooking. Now we are teaching them knitting as well—for two reasons: that they may be able to knit garments of various kinds for themselves and for others; also that it may be a way by which they may earn some money when they are in their own homes.

All of the girls passed at the Government Examination in March, as they did also the year before. Eight of the nine in this year’s class are now in High School and the ninth will learn nursing as soon as she can get into a hospital.

Soon it will be Christmas. The children don’t get much now-a-days in the way of THINGS, but they do manage to get a good deal in the way of happiness. For what we were able to give last Christmas through the gifts of friends we are thankful. SOAP was a very acceptable gift! Can you imagine it? They are going to get some more this Christmas! I already have one gift—from friends in Needham Heights—for Christmas. I know others will come. May it be a very happy time for you. Thank you for all you have done for us and for all that you will do, and for all that is in your heart to do, but can’t. Your loving interest means much to us. Keep us on your Prayer List.
District Reports.

Agra City and Village Work

C. T Holman.

"The day comes for your walls to be mended. The day for frontiers to be far extended."
The day has come when our frontiers in India must be far extended.

We must not hold back, we cannot. The call has come to advance. The frontiers must be far extended. The Indian people will be chiefly instrumental in extending their own borders. The foreign help is diminishing, but God's work must be extended. And so we find it working out here in Agra. The ones who have had teaching are teaching their relatives, friends and neighbours. A woman came not long ago to say that her neighbour wanted to become a Christian. She had taught her about the Christian religion and had convinced her of the truth. It is the story of the Banyan tree, branch extended from branch. Our dear Bible Women are faithful as ever strengthening and building up the baptized Christians and visiting homes of the unconverted ones. There have been over 100 baptisms during the past year. In some cases whole families, in other cases it was odds and ends of other families gathered in who had not been baptized with the other members of the families. A good many children and young people were baptized who were the fruit of Holman Institute.

A Hindu woman asked one of our Bible women to pray for the healing of her brother who was ill. The Christian woman took this as a great Challenge. She prayed most earnestly that the man might be restored to health lest the Hindus should despise the Christian religion and say there is no power in it. To the joy of both parties the man got well.

One woman tells of her child who was ill and she, still superstitious, feared that the gods, whom she had forsaken, were angry with her; she secretly took her child to a Hindu shrine again and again, but the child grew worse and worse. Then she repented of her sin and prayed to the God of heaven and her child recovered, and her faith was strengthened.

Many converts are being bitterly persecuted by relatives and caste-fellows. A leather worker who was baptized in our church last Christmas has been beaten twice recently; the last time it was feared he might not recover conscious-
ness, but after sometime he roused and when able to be moved was taken to the hospital for medical treatment. The poor man was asked to show a forgiving spirit and pray for those who had treated him so cruelly.

A request came in for a drunken husband. The poor wife said that their family was kept poor by his drinking and worse then that she feared their son would be ruined by the bad example of his father.

While many of our Christians are babes in Christ, still they have strong faith in prayer. Hindus often request us to pray for them.

This year a Bible woman was set apart to teach a school for young married women. The School was organised with a few at first but it grew so that now we have a school of fifteen bright young women. One family has given us a nice space for the school. They buy their own books and slates and pencils. Some have already finished reading the first book. They are learning to write nicely, and can sing Christian Hymns, and tell Bible stories. I was greatly pleased the last time that I inspected this school. The women had asked for more teaching and even said that they would give collection if we could give them more teaching.

One day after a teacher had given a lesson on the Second Coming of Christ one woman asked, "When is Jesus coming? I would love to see Him." The teacher said, "I do not know exactly when He will come." Then the woman asked, "Will He come before Our Miss Sahiba goes on furlough or will she be back before He comes?"

The Day school that we started at Nim Darwaza last year is quite a success. There is an enrolment of 23 young men and boys. Some are now able to read the New Testament. They can write nicely and have learned a number of Christian hymns. The non-Christian master who was there trying to decoy our people had to close up and leave, as all the Christian young men wanted to attend the Christian school as soon as there was one available. Men who are full time workers for the Municipal Board will spend their spare time, at noon, in the school.

Although there are hundreds of high-caste homes open to us still we spend most of our time with the depressed classes, the under-privileged people who deserves to have a chance. And this is the most fertile field that we have found.
In the book of Numbers we read that when Moses was leading the Children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land and they were idolatrous, complaining and indifferent, he cried out to the Lord, saying, “I am not able to bear this people alone. The load is too heavy for me.” God heard that cry. He said, “Gather some leaders together and I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put it upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee.”

A time like that of many centuries ago has come to Aligarh District. Those on whom the burden of the work fell, both Indian and missionaries, have been crying out to God, “Work in the hearts of these people. Let Thy Spirit come upon them.” God has been answering those prayers in a wonderful way during the last few months.

In several places in the district the people have been growing spiritually, but in none have they grown more than in Shishipara mohulla, in Aligarh City. Some men of the mohulla have given a church and each Sunday evening Christian people from all of the Christian mohullas have met there for a church service. The first Sunday of each month the Lord’s Supper is observed when about fifty men and women partake of the Communion. Each Sunday at noon the teachers from the Girls’ Boarding School hold a Sunday School for the children and women. While the work was encouraging, yet among the people were many who have been baptised, their names are in the church book, yet they clung to their old non-Christian customs and superstitions. They buried their dead by non-Christian rites, and were not particular whether they married their daughters to Christians or non-Christians. They claimed to be Christians when they were with Christians, and doubtless were something else when they were with others.

A day of Decision came, and it came in this way,—a son was engaged to be married to a young girl living a hundred miles away. Her relatives had come to Aligarh to attend another wedding so this boy’s parents invited them to have the engagement feast in their home. All was ready but as the guests were about to enter some Sikhs stopped them, and told them it was not proper for them to eat in the house of a Christian for they, too, were Sikhs. There was
great excitement. The man of the house was called out and
was told that if he only would slip on his wrist the bracelet
which is worn only by Sikhs that they would go into his
house for the feast. Thinking that this was the easiest way
out of a difficult situation he allowed them to put it on him,
but he had reckoned without his wife. As the company
entered she saw the bracelet on her husband’s wrist and she
rose up with all the dignity and determination of an Indian
woman who has a great problem to settle, and said, “I am a
Christian. I married a Christian. If this man has become
a Sikh he is nothing to me and I am nothing to him. I have
partaken of the Cup at the Lord’s table; I will never deny
Him. Go from my house. If I never marry my son to an­
other I will never deny my Lord.” The time of decision
had come for that husband. He slipped the bracelet from
his wrist, and the guests departed.

Indians are hospitable people and this incident caused
many stormy days in the mohullas of Aligarh city. Every
family had to take its stand for or against Christ. Hindus,
Mohammedans and Sikhs are trying to increase their num­
bers so as to have more power in the Legislature and they
were on hand to try to win converts, but many of these who
have been wavering took a firm stand as Christians. All the
Christians have signed an agreement that in the future they
will have nothing to do with non-Christian rites in any
form.

This week the first Christian marriage took place in the
mohulla before a company of two hundred people, many of
whom had never witnessed a Christian marriage ceremony.
People from many villages were present, and all seemed
delighted to think they had cut themselves off from their old
customs. Did the burden get too difficult for Moses? It
got too difficult for us, but God is still answering our many
prayers. This movement is going to spread thru the dis­
trict. I have seen signs of it in the circuits that I have
visited this fall. The time of decision has come. Pressure
is coming from the non-Christians and our people must
choose. They must be on one side or the other. God’s
Spirit is working in the hearts of the people. Most of the
decisions have been made in the absence of preacher and
missionaries, but they are made for Christ because the
preachers and Bible women have done faithful work in giv­
ing systematic teaching of the fundamentals of Christianity.
Mittoo said, “Can I deny my Lord when I have partaken of
His Cup? I will never deny Him.” Christian women in
far away America have helped her and many others to make
this decision.

Progress is being made in the schools but we have a
long way to go. The Municipal Board in Atrauli is giving ten rupees a month for our school, but we must have a building, or at least a room, if we hold the grant. There are thirty-one children in Barli Sarae school, and very good work is being done. The teacher in Kauriya Ganj is a village man but more men, women and children in his village can read the Bible then in any other village of the district. We have five men teachers in the district. The Bible readers are teaching their little school, but we list them as reading classes. The Bible examinations were held three times in each circuit last year, and eight thousand points were given. Several village and mohulla girls have come to our Boarding School this year, and several more are promised for next year.

We are to entertain Conference from the 20th of November. Then December will be here, with the Bible examinations in the circuits. After that Christmas, and after Christmas comes the New Year when I plan to be out in the villages again. Continue to pray for us. God is working mightily in India during these days, and as a Church, and as individuals, we must not fail Him.
BULANDSHAHR DISTRICT.


Gertrude E. Richards.

The group of eighteen Bible-readers and nine teachers has faced the odds of village work heroically this year. Sickness, general ill-health and non-Christian festivals has each had its time in retarding continued progress; but in spite of these handicaps the work has gone on with a spirit which in itself is a source of encouragement.

To tabulate the successes more definitely let me say that in the work of religious education on the prescribed course of study which has been taught by the Bible-readers in the villages and the mohullahs, the examination results for them showed 2,701 points. The examinations which my helper and I took of the people who had been taught by the preachers yielded 1,235 points, those from the Day Schools were 3,233 points, making a total for the two of us of 7,169 points. In addition to this the Sunday School Secretary's total was 1,417, bringing the total of the district to 8,586 points.

All the materials taught are used at some time or other by the learners in the public worship services. Each congregation knows a great number of indigenous hymns and in these Christian truths are repeated and repeated. Sometimes at an evening worship service they will sing a dozen or more of these bhajans.

We have had some very outstanding meetings this year. One evening while we were touring in the eastern end of the district we planned a meeting in the house of one of the leading Chaudharies of Anupshahr. It was a section of the city where the people had not been too enthusiastic about Christianity. For that meeting eighty or more appeared. There was a fine spirit and they all sang lustily. I wondered what unusual thing would happen there, so was somewhat prepared when at the close of the service one man stood up and asked for help in removing one of the servants at the Civil Hospital. Eventually the truth came out that when the resident sweepers had gotten angry and had gone on a strike, the Municipal Board had gotten in men from a distance and had paid no further attention to those who had left their work. I promptly said that there was nothing that we could do in such a case and they would have to take their punishment. We did have a time of
prayer in which those who had been the leaders in the strike repented of their foolishness. The next day the leader of the opposing party resigned and the whole field of labour was opened to the group with whom we had had the meeting.

At another place in the cold season we were overtaken by a heavy rain when we had gone to a village to examine the women and children. We were in a small mud hut with the buffalo cow in the other end of it. The women and children came and told their Bible stories, prayed and sang songs. From one to five this was going on and as people are more or less free when it rains people of all descriptions came in and listened reverently and attentively. They said that the teaching was good. Thus the message is spread in regions where the workers are not plentiful but still are faithful.

In the six day schools we have almost 300 children. There is an increase of 65 over the enrolment of last year. There are a few places where in addition to this number we shall have a whole new class from January first. The influence of Compulsory Education is in evidence here. We are fortunate to be established so that we can give religious education as well as secular education to the Christian children. In all of our village schools the boys may complete the first six years of Primary schooling, and we are beginning to direct them to some line beyond that,—either higher study so that they may help in the teaching force, or to learn some trade whereby they may raise their level of living. To see even this much advance among the poorer classes is gratifying.

One night school is in operation. Several keen young men who work on Municipal carts in the day-time come to the school-house in the evening for three hours of work with the "three R's" and some time with Scripture. Such an opportunity has to be grasped by the church to keep in touch with the mass of bright, alert young men who belong to the Christian community. There is no teacher's salary involved in this work, for one of the day school teachers has taken this as his volunteer service, while two other masters have village groups which they teach to read and for whom they conduct Sunday Schools and church services.

The spirit of work has been everywhere and it has been a pleasure and a high privilege to be in it.
DELHI AND ROHTAK DISTRICTS.

F. A. Clark.

It has been a year of joyful service in my two large districts. Since it is my first year in evangelistic work, it has been for me a time of groping and feeling my way. Not only must I learn the way about the two great districts, becoming acquainted with the workers and circuits, but I also had to learn how to meet the people and how to make the best contacts and approaches to our village Christians. Their inability to understand my brogue and dialect in trying to speak their language was a constant source of regret to me. As I go into the villages and see their great spiritual needs this inability to talk freely with them seems a great barrier. However, with the aid of our Preachers, Bible-readers, and my motor driver, the year has been satisfying in many ways.

There comes vividly to my mind memories of my week's daura with Padri F. Budden; our wonderful day of fellowship with the chaudharies of his different villages whom he had called that we might prepare them for the help we expected of them in our special week of evangelism; our worship services in the different villages where he had taught the people a real sense of worship. The men and women sat in rows on rag carpets, a simple wooden cross was placed on the ground in front of them, and Padri Budden sat back of this. The order of worship especially arranged for the villages was used, and all whole-heartedly took part. A bag for taking the collection was part of the equipment and was used in its place. How eagerly the men, women and children all gathered about as we went into each village. It was most evident that Padri Budden held a place of real affection in their hearts, and he was a real pastor. It is with a sense of sorrow and a consciousness of a great loss that we have recently heard of the passing away of both Padri and Mrs. Budden. They were called to the reward of their master within a few days of each other. I know the villages will mourn them as their own.

Our joint District Conference which has just closed was a time of beautiful fellowship with Jesus and of spiritual refreshing. All consecrated ourselves anew to the Master's service, and some with a deeper sense than ever before. Our prayer is that we may have a deeper realization of His presence and guidance and that we may lead our village Christians into a real knowledge of Him.
THE 18th OF MARCH I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MUTTRA TO TAKE OVER THE EVANGELISTIC AND VILLAGE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF GHAZIABAD DISTRICT. I WONDER HOW ELISHA FELT WHEN ELIJAH'S MANTLE FELL ON HIM. WAS IT TOO BIG? DID ELIJAH WONDER IF HE COULD REALLY WEAR IT? WAS HE AS OVERWHELMED AS I WAS, WHEN MISS LIVERMORE LEFT ME IN CHARGE? IN MY OWN STRENGTH I COULD DO NOTHING BUT THIS MESSAGE KEPT COMING TO ME "—GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A TIMID SPIRIT, BUT A SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE AND DISCIPLINE." IT HAS BEEN THE BEST EIGHT MONTHS OF MY LIFE FOR I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO GET CLOSE TO THE VERY HEART OF INDIA.

MY VISION FOR THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS IS LIKE MISS LIVERMORE'S, THAT EACH TEACHER SHALL BE FIRST OF ALL VITALLY FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST. I KNEW THAT THEY MUST CATCH THIS SPIRIT, BUT ONCE THEY WERE TRANSFORMED CHRIST COULD TRANSFORM THE WHOLE VILLAGE THROUGH THEM. THROUGH WORKERS' MEETINGS, RETREATS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS THE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN Brought TO A REALIZATION OF THEIR NEED FOR A DEEPER SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SOME HAVE TAKEN DEFINITE STEPS TOWARD PAYING THE PRICE TO OBTAIN THIS.

ONE TEACHER WHO IS DOING HEROIC WORK HAS HAD VERY LIMITED EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES, BUT HE IS TAKING THE CHILDREN ALMOST AS FAR AS HE HIMSELF HAS GONE. HE HAS BEEN A REAL PASTOR TO THE PEOPLE AS WELL AS A TEACHER. THE THING FOR WHICH HE IS WORKING AND PRAYING IS THAT THE PEOPLE SHALL OBTAIN GROUND ON WHICH THEY MAY THEMSELVES BUILD THEIR OWN LITTLE MUD CHURCH AND SCHOOL HOUSE. UNTIL THAT TIME HE IS SACRIFICIALLY LIVING IN A PLACE HARDLY FIT FOR THE CATTLE.

I WISH YOU HAD BEEN WITH ME ONE DAY THIS FALL. WE LEFT HOME EARLY IN THE MORNING TO VISIT A VILLAGE TEN MILES AWAY. WE WANTED TO SEE THE SCHOOL WHEN IT OPENED. UPON ARRIVING WE FOUND THE TEACHER, WHO IS ALSO A BUSY HOUSEWIFE, MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF HER THREE CHILDREN. WE NEEDED NO ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE LITTLE GIRL, WHO IS AFRAID OF A FOREIGN FACE, CRIED LUSTILY AND WAS QUIETED WITH DIFFICULTY. THE SCHOOL CHILDREN BEGAN TO STRAGGLE IN, EIGHT OF THEM, AND JOY! TWO OF THEM WERE GIRLS! THE SCHOOL WAS HELD IN THE OPEN AND THE TEACHER'S HUSBAND, WHO IS THE VILLAGE PREACHER, LED THE DEVOTIONS. SINCE WE WERE RETURNING FOR AN EVENING MEETING WE EXAMINED ONLY A FEW CHILDREN AND WENT ON TO SPEND THE DAY AT THE EPWORTH LEAGUE CAMP. HERE WE FOUND OVER A HUNDRED YOUNG PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM HAD
come out of such villages, seriously facing how they might meet India's deepest needs.

The moonlight night was an ideal time for our village meeting, for the women and girls had returned from their work in the fields and were eager to hear the message. One boy who sat at my left interested me greatly. After the speaker sat down, he asked permission to speak. He told the story of the Good Samaritan as perhaps the Great Teacher might have told it to the villagers that night. After the story he said, "Our only neighbours are the landowners, who oppress us. The Good Samaritan has not come to our village yet." It is true, the village is besieged by oppression, ignorance, superstition, sickness and sin. One could not find worse robbers than those who prey upon these poor villagers. The Brahman and high caste pass by on the other side. It is our hope that our village preacher and teacher may be the means of bringing the Good Samaritan to these needy villages.

More intensive work has been possible in the Burgess Day School where over a hundred slum children are having an opportunity to find the "Abundant Life". Our work is made possible by prayer. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."
MEERUT DISTRICT.

Evangelistic and Village Educational Work.

Annie S. Winslow.

The Meerut District day schools and village zenana work were supervised by Miss Forsyth in her able way until she left for furlough in January; then Miss Buss took up this responsibility in addition to the management of the Madison Avenue Boys' School, and looked after the details of the work very carefully for eight months. She has been very helpful, also, in explaining the essential features to her successor.

The first of September found me back in Meerut, as requested by the Field Reference Committee, and glad to be in the harness again. I have visited all of the schools of the district since I came, but have been able to do little itinerating aside from that as the time has been filled to overflowing with various other duties.

Four of our day schools are "recognized" schools. Special credit is due to the staff of the Meerut Lal Kurti School who are holding the interest of the pupils and training them in orderly habits of study and work. The Meerut Central School has been facing difficulties in various ways, but is making a creditable showing, nevertheless. The Hapur School continues to show the results of the faithful work done there. A monthly meeting of the Meerut teachers is being held at the Mission Home, for discussion of problems and possibilities in the schools, and we hope to include the other teachers of the district in this meeting from time to time.

There have been several cases of serious illness among the Bible-readers during the year, and two have been called to their Heavenly Home,—Mrs. Lartius and Mrs. Walden. The District Conference held in Ghaziabad the first week in October was a means of definite blessing to most of our Bible-readers and teachers. The retreat also, which was held in Meerut last spring, brought new vision and determination to our city teachers and workers.
MUTTRA DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

Ada Richards

Just a few days after the summer vacation we got the news of another cut in our mission funds. I was greatly discouraged to think how our preachers were going to manage on such small incomes and that there was possibility of their becoming slack in their work. Just at that time I set my heart on praying without ceasing for the situation, when in answer to my prayer the beautiful text was given to me, "All things work together for good to them who love the Lord."

However, we planned a "retreat" for our workers and the chief leaders of the villages. We asked the preachers to bring only two leaders from each circuit, but instead of having twenty-four leaders from our twelve circuits, there were about fifty present, all through the efforts of our preachers.

There have been wonderful results in villages from this Retreat,—Chawdheri Refresher Courses, in other words. A chawdheri, when I met him after the retreat, said to me, "My tears came out when the bread was given to me at the communion service and I really felt that Christ died for us." Another said, "Ever since I went to the retreat, I feel a different man; there is no other desire for me in this world but to own Jesus as my own." There were many other testimonies and had I space enough I would have said much on the subject.

I certainly feel that although the economic conditions are serious in India, the opportunities of service to our Lord are grasped in a most wonderful way. People from all directions in our district are just pouring in for baptism and we find time to visit them whenever we can, and hope to win them for Christ.

Our district conference was under the wise supervision of Rev. Amar Das, our present District Superintendent. We were helped a great deal by his good advice for our future work. Much is being done in India for the uplift of rural areas, and so we are all interested in holding schools for our village children.

We have five good schools in our district, run by three masters and two Bible women, and four reading classes as well run by our Bible women. There is always difficulty in
getting children to come regularly as, being poor, they must look after their home duties, looking after goats and pigs, gathering fuel, etc. Still we persuade them to attend school at least for two or three hours.

Counting our blessings, we certainly find them innumerable, and thank the Lord for His goodness.
MUZAFFARNAGAR DISTRICT.

Evangelistic and Village Educational Work.

Annie S. Winslow.

It has been very interesting to get back to the Muzaffarnagar District again, and pick up the threads of the work I left a year and a half ago. Miss Clark has very ably carried this work during my absence, in addition to her other appointed duties.

Thus far there has been little opportunity for itinerating among the stations and villages, but the District Conference afforded an opportunity to meet with the workers and learn of their joys and sorrows, their difficulties and triumphs. One teacher and his wife have dropped out of the ranks; otherwise the workers are the same. One marvels at the zeal shown by those whose age entitles them to rest awhile during the sunset time, and one wonders what the future has in store for our work when so large a proportion of the workers have passed the prime of life! Yet we believe that "the prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

The teachers were privileged to attend the retreat held in Meerut last spring, and it was a means of blessing to them. The speakers at the District Conference gave messages which brought new vision and determination, as well as a new confidence in the Divine Leader for the days to come.
ROOKEE DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

Adeline Lall.

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8. 37.

In the month of May there was a big conference held at Lucknow. The depressed classes demanded their rights and equality of freedom. They want a religion that will give them freedom.

We have the message of love and our Lord's prayer, "that they all may be one." In our District in several places "Sikhs," "Aryas," Mohammedans had meetings and lectures, gave free books and clothes to children and ate with them, so that the village Christians might go back to their religion. I am glad to tell you our Christians stood well and witnessed for Christ as their Saviour, and the Preacher and his wife as their best friends.

There are 14 Bible Readers who are living in different places and serving village Christians. We have 7 Reading Classes where boys, girls and young people are taught. About 400 people were examined in the prescribed Bible course; they passed well.

We had our District Conference 9-15 October. All the workers came in, and it was a time of joy and blessing.

We have a women's aid society; there are 30 members. We meet every month. Women take interest and give their time and money whenever they can afford it.

We are thankful to you, dear friends, for the love and confidence you have in us in serving the Lord. Remember us in your prayers.

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