Reports and Minutes
of the
Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society
of the
North-West India Conference

Muttra, November 21—26, 1935.

"Saved for Service."
BISHOP J. W. ROBINSON, D.D.
THE LATE MRS. J. W. ROBINSON.
Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

We arrived in India in July 1904, and three weeks later the Robinsons returning from furlough became our next-door neighbours in Inayat Bagh, Lucknow, so I have known Mrs. Robinson for over 30 years.

I saw her transform that empty Bungalow into a real home, and realized from that time that her real strength was in the home.

She was interested in me as a new Memsaheb and shared with me things she had learned by experience about housekeeping in India.

She always kept before me the ideal that a wife's first duty was to keep such a home for her husband that he could give his best service to India. She certainly did that, and we who have often been amazed at the amount of work Bishop Robinson has done, realize that it was not all because of his own tremendous ability along that line, but also because nothing in the home was allowed to hinder his work, and everything was done there to help him accomplish the task given him to do. She has helped many a new Memsaheb in her first attempts at house-keeping and home-making in India.

Not many months after their return, their younger daughter was stricken with dysentery and became a real care. Her husband had a large District and so was away a good deal of the time, so on her fell the care of this sick child day and night. Finally she took her to America and the doctors there said her complete cure was due to the splendid care she had from her mother.

She was also a born teacher. I have seen her giving the girls their lessons while her hands were busy with other tasks. She did this so well even in her busy life that the girls did not enter school until the 4th Standard.

She was wonderfully interested in the Anglo-Indian Community of Lucknow, and when Bishop Robinson was pastor of the church in Lal Bagh, she went in and out of the homes with him, and they realized they had a real friend in Mrs. Robinson, and tho it is now many years ago, there are still many there who mention her name with love and reverence.

I also had the privilege of living near her in the summer in Naini Tal when she had to stay with the girls because Miriam was too delicate to be a boarder and I remember well the many times she helped us younger
mothers with advice about our problems. Only those of us who were near her knew how she longed to be in her own home with her husband and to have a hand in the work.

Her life was given for others.

Four years ago we were sent to Delhi, and again had the privilege of being neighbours of the Robinsons. But this time we found her body bent with rheumatism, worn with pain and her eye-sight impaired—but *her heart we found just the same*.

She has told me her heart-break when she saw the land the men had selected on which to build the Episcopal Residence. She knew her husband would see that a suitable residence was built, but she knew the compound would be her task and to her, *then*, it seemed an impossible task, but we all, who have seen her lovely garden, know what a beautiful place she built there. She spent hours in the garden daily and enjoyed it because she saw the beautiful flowers and trees and wanted something she could share with the others.

Her flowers gladdened the mission homes when our scanty gardens failed—they found their way to tourists’ rooms in Hotels and Hospitals, and by sick Mission and Indian bedside.

She loved her home and her garden and loved to share them with others, and she was so gracious every one loved to be in her home.

But her life and interests were not only in the home. Before she became too frail she travelled with her husband over his area many times and so knew, and was interested, in the problems of his whole area and was so loyal to her husband that she never mentioned those problems to anyone if they were not for everyone.

The new Delhi Church was something she enjoyed seeing, and she was so happy when it was completed and dedicated, and was interested in every phase of the church work. She had some beds of lovely lilies that always bloom just at Easter, and she gave each girl who came into the church that day a beautiful white lily to impress upon their minds that their lives must be as pure and beautiful as a lily, and in the window the Bishop and his family are putting in the Delhi Church in her memory will be lilies, because they represent her life too—pure and beautiful as the lily.

Her interests in Delhi were many. She was a wonderful friend to the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union and helped in every way, especially in the new home they have built in Delhi. She belonged to the Delhi Provincial Council of Women and was interested in the work they are trying to do,
Last winter on a bad rainy day she went to the prize giving of the Deaf and Dumb School in which she was interested and was touched at the children's progress. She was interested in every phase of our Delhi Mission work and each of us brought our problems to her and in her quiet way she often had helpful advice. She wanted to have a share in all we were doing and gave help with much prayerful advice. We all realized she was ill. There was no one who needed to go home for health reasons more than she, but she would not give up, because she did not want in any way to hinder her husband's work or to take him from the field before his time—and so she suffered on. She longed to be in America where she would receive the best medical help and more bodily comforts, but she stayed at her post and her prayer was that God would not let her interfere in any way with the work the Church had given Bishop Robinson to do. God heard her prayers and let her answer her own prayer by taking her home on June 17, so that the work could be finished here in India; and we can picture Mrs. Robinson today in that beautiful home He had gone to prepare for her.

CLARA N. BADLEY

*for Committee*
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Officers and Committees, 1935-36
North-west India Conference.

President:—Miss M. A. Livermore.
Vice-President:—Miss E. M. Forsyth.
Secretary:—Miss M. I. W. Hermiston.
Assistant Secretary:—Miss E. Perry.
Field Correspondent:—Miss G. 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; Miss G. Richards, Field Correspondent; Miss E. Whiting, Central Treasurer; Ex-officio; Misses Everley, Farmer, Justin, Clark and Schaefer. Alternates: Misses C. T. Holman, Livermore and Bobenhouse.

Field Property Committee.

Misses Justin, Schaefer, C. T. Holman, and Barry; Field Correspondent and Central Treasurer, Ex-officio.

Executive Board Member.

Miss G. Richards.

Schools Committee.

All appointed to school work. Secretary, Miss Perry.

Board of Education.


Joint Evangelistic Board.

Amar Dass, Chairman; Misses Clark, Livermore, Winslow, A. Richards, G. E. Richards, Farmer, C. T. Holman,

United Provinces Christian Council Board Member.
Miss G. E. Richards.

Joint Literature Committee.
Miss Justin (Representative of All-India Literature Committee), Misses Buss, Palmer, Schaefer, Mrs. Clemes, Mrs. Sharma and Revs. H. S. Peters, T. C. Badley, R. Gardner, A. C. Chakravarti, J. W. Alexander, T. S. Sherring, Mrs. J. O. N. Shukla.

Evangelistic Committee.
All appointed to evangelistic work. Miss C. T. Holman, Chairman; Miss Livermore, Secretary.

Language School Committee.
Miss Barry and Mrs. Clemes.

Rokeby Committee.
Miss G. E. Richards.

Board of Temperance.

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

Isabella Thoburn College Board of Governors.
Miss Hermiston.

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.
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 1936

T. C. Badley, Robert Gardner, W. A. Revis, S. W. Clemes, Robert John, I Mann.

Examiners, Women's School, Bareilly.
Misses Lall and A. Richards.

Board of Governors, Bareilly Theological Seminary.
Miss Schaefer.

Warne Babyfold.
Miss Barry; alternate, Mrs. Templin. Mrs. W. H. Sinclair.

Mary Wilson Sanitorium Committee.
Miss Farmer. (Term expires 1937).
Miss Barry. (Term expires 1936).

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

Indigenous Missionary Societies.
Misses Schaefer, Gallagher, A. Richards, S. C. Holman, Perry, Hermiston, Clark, Mrs. Amar Dass, Mrs. Clemes.

Standing Committee on Central Conference Action on Women's Work.
Miss G. E. Richards, (Member of Executive Board) and Misses Livermore, and A. Richards.

Board of Directors, Provident Fund.
Miss G. E. Richards (Field Correspondent) and Misses Livermore and Farmer.

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

Auditing Committee.
Misses Everly, Clark, Winslow, Buss and Hermiston.

Annual Conference Furniture.
Mrs. Templin and Misses Farmer and Perry.

W. F. M. S. Furniture
Misses Clark, Buss and Gallagher.

Conference Programme.
All the ladies appointed to Aligarh.

Memoirs.
Misses Hermiston and S. C. Holman.
## Conference Roll.

**North-west India.**

Organized 1893.

**Names.**

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## Names of Members

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### Missionaries who are Detained at Home or Retired

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†On Furlough.
Women's Appointments.

North-west India Woman's Conference.

Aligarh District.

District work, Mrs. H. C. Scholberg (until March 1st.)
District Evangelist and Village Education, Miss I. A. Farmer.
Louisa Soutles Girls' School, Miss E. L. Perry.

Bulandshahr District.

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

Delhi District.

District Work, Mrs. T. C. Badley.
Butler Memorial Girls' School, Miss C. L. Justin.
Delhi City Evangelistic Work, to be supplied.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss Faith Clark.

Ghaziabad District.

District Work, Mrs. S. W. Clemes.
District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss M. A. Livermore.
Burgess Day School, Miss M. A. Livermore.
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.
Meerut Boys' School, Miss Helen Buss (Manager).
Meerut Girls' School,
(a) Tuitional, Miss L. G. Bobenhouse
(b) Hostel, Miss Mary Boyde.

Muttra District.

District Evangelistic and Village Educational Work, Miss A. Richards.
Agra, Evangelistic Work, Miss C. T. Holman.
APPOINTMENTS

Agra, Holman Institute, Miss S. C. Holman.
  Brindaban, Evangelistic Work, Miss E. Porter (until April 1st), Miss Elda Barry (after April 1st).
  Brindaban, Creighton Freeman Hospital, Superintendent, Miss E. Porter (until April 1st), Miss Elda Barry (after April 1st).
  Brindaban, Creighton Freeman Hospital, Physician in Charge, Miss M. A. Burchard, M. D.
  Brindaban, Creighton Freeman School of Nursing, Principal, Miss E. Porter, Miss Elda Barry.
  Brindaban, Creighton Freeman Laboratory, Technician's Course Instructor, Miss H. C. Gallagher M. Sc.
  Muttra, Blackstone Missionary Institute, Miss G. M. Everley, (Principal), Miss C. E. Schaefer, Miss Pearl Palmer.
  Muttra, Anglo-Vernacular School, Boarding, Miss G. 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.

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

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

Special Appointments.
  Bareilly Theological Seminary, Mrs. H. S. Peters.
  Editor, Indian Temperance News, Mrs. J. N. Cleines.
  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, E E. Warner.
  I. E. Schlater, R. B. Tower, E. Porter (after April 1st).
  Mrs. C. C. Herrmann, Mrs. Benson Baker, Mrs. F. E. Henninger.
  Mrs. William Dye, Mrs. H. C. Scholberg.
Official Minutes
First Session
Friday, November 22, 1935.

Opening:
The forty-fourth Session of the North-West India Woman's Conference held its opening meeting at 12.30 in Smith Hall, Muttra.

Chairman:
Miss Forsyth led in the devotions after which she temporarily took the Chair. Miss Livermore was then elected to be the Chairman of the Conference, and Miss Forsyth, Vice-Chairman.

Roll Call:
Miss Perry, the Assistant Secretary, called the Roll, to which twenty responded.

Secretary:—Miss Hermiston was elected secretary and she asked Miss Perry to be assistant.

Music:
At this point a part of the Westminster Choir favored us with a fine musical selection, using Indian musical instruments.

Introductions and Greetings:
Miss Clark, Miss Williams and Mrs. Pace were given a hearty welcome back to India. Fine, inspirational letters were read from Miss Klingeberger and Mrs. J. T. Robertson. Miss Porter brought news from Dr. Tower, and Miss Forsyth from Miss Hoffman. The Secretary was asked to send letters of greeting to Mrs. Clemes, Mrs. Templin, Miss Klingeberger and Miss Lall, all of whom were prevented by illness from attending the Conference. The Secretary was also asked to send a telegram to Miss Gabrielson, who has just returned to India, and is now stationed in Phalera, asking her to come to Muttra, if possible, while the Conference is in Session.

Elections:
It was moved that the Statistical Secretary be appointed by acclamation. Miss Buss was thus elected and asked to choose her own assistant.
The Chairman, by request, appointed the following Committees:

Nominating Committee: Misses Forsyth, Perry, Bishop, and Schaefer, and Mrs. Scholberg.

Resolutions Committee:—Miss C. T. Holman, Mrs. Pace and Miss Buss

Miss Gertrude Richards was re-elected Field Correspondent.

The Field Reference Committee was also elected. The names appear in the list of Committees.

Reports:

The Rokeby Committee Report, sent in by Miss Richmond, was read by Miss Gertrude Richards. The Conference was asked to appoint just one member on this Committee.

Miss Williams handed in the annual report of the Principal of Isabella Thoburn College and told of the blessing the twenty delegates from the College to the Sat Tal Camp are being to their fellow-students; and also spoke of the religious and social service work the teachers and students are doing in nearby villages.

Miss Clark, Convener of the W. F. M. S. Furniture Committee, said that there had been only one request for furniture during the year.

Miss Gertrude Richards gave the Provident Fund Report. All the reports were accepted.

The Session was closed by Miss Holman leading in prayer.

Second Session

Saturday, November 23, 1935.

Opening.

Miss Bothwell led the devotions, basing her message on the words in Isaiah "In returning and rest shall ye be saved," after which we sang "O for a heart of calm repose."

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Introductions.

The Conference was very happy to welcome Mrs. Shukla, of Agra, Mrs. Lum, of Delhi, and Dr. Burchard. A message of love from Miss Lawson was deeply appreciated. Greetings were authorized to be sent to Miss Lawson. Miss
Justin read a letter from Miss Hoffman, which sounded a deep note of victory.

**Letters to Absent Members.**

The members of the Conference responded heartily to the request that letters be written to the absent members, those absent through sickness, or who are on furlough or are retired.

**Elections.**

Miss Bishop gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Each item was accepted as it was read except the following, which were referred back to the Nominating Committee:

- Board of Religious Education
- Auditing Committee

A vote by ballot made Miss G. Richards our representative on the Executive Board.

The result of the voting by ballot for delegates to Central Conference was as follows: Miss G. Richards and Miss Everley, delegates, with Miss Porter as reserve delegate.

**Muttra Training School.**

Miss Justin made a motion, seconded by Miss Farmer, to have the constitution of the Muttra Training School changed, so as to have the Board of Governors composed of more members from our own Conference. This motion, with the following amendment, made by Miss Everley, was passed, namely, that such a change be made that representatives from the Hindi and Urdu speaking areas may be on the Committee.

**W. F. M. S. Auxiliaries and Woman's Friend.**

A letter was read from Miss Whiting, sending a copy of one from Mrs. Nicholson regarding (1) Organization of Missionary Auxiliaries in India to be linked up with the International Department of which Mrs. Nicholson is Secretary, and asking that a correspondent be elected to correspond with Mrs. Nicholson and (2) that by January 1, 1930 we send all the most interesting facts, figures and stories about our work, accompanied by pictures, if possible, in order that they may be included in the special March number of the "Woman's Friend." The first part was referred to the Indigenous Missionary Societies' Committee, as was also a letter from Mrs. Perrill regarding auxiliaries. In regard to the second part, the members were asked to respond to
the request for articles and pictures, in time for inclusion in this special issue.

**Peace Resolutions.**

A copy of a letter and resolutions on peace from the W. F. M. S. of Pittsburg Conference, also sent by Miss Whiting, was read. The request that we, as a Conference, adopt the strong resolutions on peace and send them to the Secretary of the General Conference for him to present to that Conference, along with others on the same subject, from the women of other Conferences all over the world, was heartily passed.

**Reports.**

Mrs. Dye read the Evangelist Teachers' Report, and Dr. Burchard the report of the N. I. Medical Committee. Both were accepted.

**W. F. M. S. and Board of Foreign Missions.**

The following were appointed by the Chair to gather and consider the material relative to the request that our Society be amalgamated with the Board of Foreign Missions in order that it might be put before the Conference on Monday for action: Misses Richards, Porter and Justin.

Miss Livermore closed the meeting with prayer.

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**Third Session.**

Tuesday, November 26, 1935.

**Opening.**

After the singing of the hymn "From every stormy wind that blows," Miss Bishop gave some helpful thoughts on "Prayer."

**Minutes.**

With one correction, the Minutes of the previous meeting having been read, were approved.

**Provident Fund.**

The Rev. William Dye was presented to the Conference. He then explained very fully the Pension and Provident Fund plan.

**Introductions.**

Mrs. Garland, one of the W. F. M. S. Secretaries in South-west Kansas, was given a very hearty welcome. She addressed the Conference for a few minutes.
was welcomed back and Miss Gordon, of Brindaban, was introduced.

Committees.

The Auditing Committee as suggested by the Nominating Committee was accepted. The Board of Education names were again referred to the Nominating Committee. Miss Clark, by acclamation, was appointed Registrar.

W. F. M. S. and Board of Foreign Missions.

Miss G. Richards read the resolutions passed by the Indus River Woman's Conference, and parts of a letter from Miss Whiting relating to this matter.

Rules for Nationals.

Miss G. Richards read the suggested rules for the appointment, return and retirement of nationals. (Printed after Official Minutes). A motion by Miss Justin that these be sent as a recommendation to the Foreign Department of the W.F.M.S. at home for action, was seconded and passed.

Reports.

Miss Justin reported for the Field Property Committee, Mrs. Dye for the Warne Babyfold and Temperance. This Conference has nine babies in the Babyfold at present. Miss Bacon is deeply appreciative of the outstanding measures of help this Conference is giving. Miss Porter gave the report of the Mary Wilson Sanatorium, which included the report of the Health Department. The health workers are this year going to give special attention to the women at the District Conferences, wherever desired. The reports were accepted.

Miss Porter spoke for a few minutes on Central Conference Action, and Mrs. Scholberg explained the statistical blanks.

On motion made and seconded, the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Session.

November 27, 1935.

Opening.

The session was opened by the reading of portions of Daily Light by Miss Buss, followed by prayer.

Bishop Robinson.

We were honored for a few minutes by the presence of our Bishop who spoke of the fine fellowship he has had with our Conference members during his twelve years of residence in this area.
Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Introductions.

Miss Calkins and Miss Bradley, of North India Conference, were introduced.

Elections

The names brought in by the Nominating Committee for the Board of Education were accepted.

W. F. M. S. and Board of Foreign Missions.

Miss G. Richards read the memorial to be sent to Central Conference and from there to the General Executive in regard to the proposed merger, recommending that no change be made at the present time. Miss Bobenhouse moved its acceptance and Miss Everley seconded it, the Conference passing it unanimously. (Printed after Official Minutes.)

Mailing List.

The Secretary called the Roll and the members present indicated the number of copies of the Minutes desired. The Secretary was asked to make an estimate of the number required.

Reports.

The report of the Field Reference Committee was given by Miss G. Richards. She read a letter from Miss Whiting regarding the duties of the Property Committee (referring particularly to paras 142 and 143 of the 1934 Year Book). In this connection Miss Hermiston made a motion, which was seconded and passed, that each missionary who has a list of the property deeds belonging to her institution, make a copy of it and send it to Miss Whiting, asking her to check it with the original deeds of the institution in her safe.

Miss Whiting's letter put great stress on the proper keeping of books and the thorough auditing thereof. It also gave instructions regarding the Central Conference delegates and mentioned the Inter-Mission office in Bombay.

Miss Richards then read Miss Whiting's own report.

The U. P. Christian Council report was given by Miss Forsyth. In connection with it, Miss Clark was appointed to co-operate with the Rev. Amar Das in distributing the literature sent out by that Council.

The Auditing Committee's report was given by Miss Everley. All the books, except two, have been audited.

The report of the Indigenous Missionary Society was given by Miss Schaefer. The money she has in hand, over
Rs. 75, was voted to be sent to the Bhabua Mission. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the local auxiliaries could, if they wished, decide themselves where their money should go, but that a report of what was done with the money should be given at Annual Conference.

Miss Bothwell read Mrs. Clemens's report on Annual Conference Furniture. Miss Justin said that in view of the fact that she had given a very full report of the Joint Literature Committee at the Joint Session yesterday, she need not report at this Conference.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was given by Mrs. Badley. This included the names of the Examiners of the Bible Readers.

Miss Richards brought in the names nominated by the Field Reference Committee as members of the Field Property Committee. These were duly elected by the conference. All the reports were accepted.

**Associate Members.**

It was moved, seconded and passed that we accept Dr. Burchard and Miss Gordon, of Brindaban, as Associate Members of the Conference.

**Resolutions.**

Miss C. T. Holman read the resolutions. They were accepted by the Conference standing.

**Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Session were read and approved.

**Closing.**

It was particularly appropriate that Mrs. Garland, Secretary of the South-west Kansas Conference should lead the closing devotions. She asked us to read together prayerfully the hymn “Lord, speak to me,” and particularly the closing verse.

> “O use me, Lord, use even me
> Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
> Until Thy blessed face I see,
> Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.”

**M. I. W. Hermiston,**
**Conference Secretary.**

**Rules for the Retirement of Nationals**

That in as much as there are rules and regulations concerning the appointment, retirement and return of foreign missionaries it seems advisable for the sake of uniformity to formulate similar rules concerning Nationals who are paid by the W. F. M. S. and appointed by the Bishop.
1. The age of retirement shall be the end of the Conference year, nearest the 60th birthday.
2. Every six years their respective Field Reference Committees shall vote on their continuance in the work as appointees of the Bishop, and they shall be required to have a health examination by a Mission doctor approved by the Field Reference Committee.
3. Their services may be dispensed with earlier by a three-fourths vote of the Field Reference Committee, in consultation with the Bishop. (At the time of Annual Conference).

The above action was first recorded in the Minutes of the F. R. C. which met at Meerut, March 26, 1934.

It was presented to the Woman's Conference at Meerut in Nov. 1934 and after being further worked over it reached the final form at Muttra, Nov. 1935.

GERTRUDE E. RICHARDS.

Memorial to the Central Conference from The North-west India Woman's Conference

Regarding the proposed merger of the W. F. M. S. with the Board of Foreign Missions, or "the Unified Administrative Approach to the Field".

While we desire such close co-operation between the W. F. M. S. and the Board of Foreign Missions as will produce the maximum results in Kingdom Building, we are convinced that:

First:—Experimentation in Administrative change in the amalgamation of the Board and the Society during the time of readjustment following the proposed union of the M. E. Church, the M. E. Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, is unwise. And that,

Second:—The effect of the proposed merger of the W. F. M. S. and the Board of Foreign Missions with its inevitable result in change in the W. F. M. S. organization would be detrimental to the work on the field.

We remember with concern that as a result of such mergers in other churches there has been a decrease in missionary interest and gifts in those churches.

We cannot forget that within our own Church the final effect of the combination of agencies in World Service was detrimental to the work on the field.

We therefore ask that this Central Conference recommend to General Conference that no change in the Administrative approach to the field be considered at this time.
Reports

Field Property Committee

New building was done in only two stations this year. In Ghaziabad two open classrooms were constructed near the Church, for use of Burgess Day School. The total expenditure was Rs. 850. There still remains some work in clearing the playground. In Brindaban, the Freeman block of Creighton-Freeman Hospital is nearing completion. The expenditure so far is Rs. 69,000. A small piece of land was purchased.

In other stations only minor repairs were made, for which no sanction was asked of the building committee.

Catherine L. Justin,
Chairman.

Board of Religious Education

The Board of Religious Education, which met Nov. 21, 1935, took the form of a round table conference. Each member present shared what was being done in the work of character-building and life changing in his station or district. We were all encouraged and filled with thanksgiving as we listened to the different reports. The first one told how a stiff chapel meeting had been done away and groups formed where the members were really expressing themselves and were getting down to the real problems in their lives. Another reported that a prayer meeting had broken up into meetings of several groups who were checking up their lives. There were series of meetings at different places after which prayer bands had been formed. Retreats had been held in different places and real life changing has been carried on. There seemed to be such earnestness in the members of the board and we felt that God is blessing our work as He has not been able to before. There seemed to be great promise for the coming year. May it be a year of definite life-changing and character-building. Shall we each make that fullest surrender, and then in the freedom and fullness of the new life bring others to Christ, till village, station, school and hospital shall have established the Kingdom of God in their midst?
Joint Literature Committee

During the year the Committee members have been interested in the distribution of Christian pictures. They have aided in making known the value of the large, out-of-date, Sunday School rolls, which may be had for the postage from America, and have supplied these to all the District Superintendents and Evangelists of the Conference. The particular rolls chosen will have value year after year in teaching the events of Passion Week. Attention is called to the first of a series of pictures for Christian homes, the Good Shepherd, produced through the efforts of Miss Clementina Butler, and available, through the Lucknow Publishing House.

Since the collection of Urdu songs is a part of the duty of the Committee, several members have been interested in it during the year. A small edition of a Christian Mela Song book, to sell at a pice, has been published, and nearly all sold. Copies of various new songs have been sent to the several stations, the words and music being copied by hand. We are grateful for the help Miss A.E. Lawson has given in making the notation for these new Urdu songs.

A considerable part of the work of the Chairman of the Committee has been to answer inquiries concerning literature available in Urdu and Hindi. One day it may be a young teacher in the N.W. Frontier Province seeks help in forming a Normal Training Library. Another day may bring a request for a suitable library for Nurses, or a list of Geography helps for schools. About 200 such inquiries were answered during the year, and over 1,000 children's books sold.

Individuals of the Committee have carried on outstanding work in the interest of Christian Literature. Mrs. S.W. Clemes continues to edit The Indian Temperance News, and Mr. T.C. Badley, Christian Education. Mrs. Sharma and Mr. Amar Das have reviewed the manuscripts for two new books for children. One, "The Most Beautiful Goat", has already been published. The other, "Forgotten Gods of Europe", is not yet in press.

A book of definite value for work with non-Christians has been prepared and published by Mr. Chakraverti. It is called "Here and Now", and records the approach to Christ of a present day seeker, and his joy in finding a Saviour who saves, though not by killing the sinner.

The Chairman of the Committee, who is a member of the All-India Literature Committee, reported that the All-India Literature Committee Fund had a balance of Rs. 5,290-10-0 on the May 24, 1935. It is urged that wider use be made of this fund, in producing Christian literature for India.

C.L. Justin.
Evangelistic Committee

This Committee urges the new Committee on Village Education appointed at this Conference, to take up the matter of teachers' salaries as soon as possible.

We urge that a copy of the Kwandagi be put into the hands of every Bible Reader and teacher, so they may be able to prepare their people, and that it be marked where the helps for these lessons may be found, so that they can be easily found by them.

It was decided that the Examinations for points be given in certain months of the year so that the rest of the year may be given to purely Evangelistic work—if possible.

Clara Badley.

Rokeby

Rokeby has had another good year. We opened the first of April. Until the middle of May there were only the eight new missionaries, then the house was full till the end of June. After that there were hardly enough to pay to keep open, but it seemed best not to shut down and we did cover expenses for that time.

It is hoped that Miss Farmer of Aligarh will take charge of Rokeby next year. The term for the Language School will be from the first of May to the end of July.

The Principal of the Language School was authorised by the Board to co-operate with the Lucknow Ashram in the plan for Language study there, during the winter months.

Please ask your conference to appoint one member only to act with your Field Correspondent on the Language School, Rokeby Committee, and send me the names of both.

Receipts for the year Rs. 5,002
Expenditure .. . .. 4,426
Credit balance 576

The expense includes Rs. 480 paid for tuition and Pundit for our missionaries. As you know we had no money from home this year.

M. Richmond.

Temperance.

Local W. C. T. U. Meetings are being held in almost every District of our Conference, and in our Schools special temperance teaching has been given.
In one or two places something more than the usual meeting has been arranged to arouse interest in Temperance Work such as in Meerut the boys of the primary school gave a play during Temperance week which was well attended and well received. The teachers take an active part in training these young people and in giving special Temperance programmes.

In Agra, the children of Miss Holman’s School gave a Drama on Opium, showing the effects it has on little children and the harm this usage does to the Community. Their objective this year is to give this Drama in the mohullus and to launch out into work among the servants of the City.

In Muttra during health week Temperance was especially emphasized and at the last meeting after Stanley Jones’ address nearly every boy signed the pledge.

Temperance Sunday was observed in every Church, in some by only a sermon, in others by the school children taking active part in the programme. In Ghaziabad with the help of their Bible Teacher the boys of the VI. Std. wrote posters and had them pasted in prominent places in the City. They also made a survey of the Compound and City to find out how many people used pan. Drink and Tobacco, giving their report in the Church service and pledging never to use any of these which harm the body and soul.

Temperance handbills from Mrs. Anderson of the Punjab have been given out in the villages and much free literature has been distributed.

Mrs. Perrill of Lucknow, has had new Pledge Cards made in the shape of Book marks with the map of India on the top and printed across the front: India free from Drink and Drugs, and at the back: My pledge of Co-operation. These are for sale at a very cheap price.

Mrs. Lum of The White Ribbon House, Delhi, tells us that the “Power House of Pathankot” is reduced to eight annas. She will be very pleased to receive something new in Literature to put in the Press.

The U. P. C. C., have formed a new Committee for Temperance, Purity and Amusements with Mrs. Clemes as Chairman. We are sure now things will begin to move and get to work for Temperance in the U. P.

M. E. Dye.
Evangelist Teachers and Summer Schools.

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M. E. DYE, Ghaziabad.

**Registrar’s Report.**

**Examination results of Bible Readers 1935.**

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E. M. FORSYTH, Registrar.

**North India Medical Committee.**

The North India Medical Committee has had one meeting during the year 1934-35, at Brindaban, Bishop Robinson presiding, with eight members present. There was some discussion concerning the present organization with a view to formulating a more definite and workable plan for the administration of the medical needs of this area and for
the disposition of the Funds entrusted to the present North India Medical Fund Committee.

There was some discussion about the present scholarships from the Fund. A part has been used for Miss Childs at the Ludhiana Medical School and a part for the Technicians course at Brindaban.

Other matters of interest to the Medical group were discussed and appropriate action taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Burchard, M. D., Brindaban, U. P.

Indigenous Missionary Societies.

During the past year the work of the Indigenous Missionary has been carried on in several stations. Delhi, Ghaziabad, Meerut and Aligarh reported interesting meetings. We hope that by next year we may be able to report societies in other stations, and increased interest throughout the conference. We should like to see the societies of our conference definitely linked up with the International Department of the Missionary Society.

The receipts for the past Conference year were Rs. 96/5/-. This money was sent to the Bhabua Mission.

C. E. Schaefer.

Conference Furniture.

Balance on hand at the end of last conference Rs. 49/9/0 etc. etc.
Balance on hand at end of last conference Rs. 49-9-0
Sale of old odd cups and saucers and some old silver 10-9-9

Balance now on hand Rs. 60-2-9

The committee recommends that the conference authorize it to purchase for conference use only, a quantity of jharans and stout table cloths, to be stored with the dishes, when not required for use.

J. Bothwell for Mrs. Clemes.

Resolutions.

We cannot express our deep feeling of loss in the retirement of our beloved Bishop J. W. Robinson at the end of this quadrennium. For his wise leadership, and unflagging sympathy and understanding during the time of his administration
in this area, the church in India will ever be debtor. As representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we are especially grateful for his deep interest in the work of our organization and for his appreciation of its significance in the church. As individuals who have found in him more than an inspiring administrative officer, who look to him as friend, brother, and father, we render praise to God for the privilege of association with him during these years. We follow him with our prayers as he goes to America, and look forward to the time when, though in an unofficial capacity, we may again lean on his sage counsel.

It is with a sense of personal bereavement that we extend to Bishop Robinson our sympathy in his loneliness since Mrs. Robinson's home-going. Each of us valued her as a friend whose interest never failed, as a comrade in labour whose faith was true, and whose rare courage never faltered—and we miss her. We thank God for the example she gave of a Christian home-maker, wife and mother, and pray that for the sake of the church of tomorrow, India's young women will learn from her.

We cordially welcome Mrs. Garland and her granddaughter, Miss Louise Archer. It has been a great pleasure to have them with us. We welcome Mrs. Lum back to India, and wish for her every success and blessing in the field of temperance work. We also welcome Dr. Burchard and Miss Gordon to our fellowship and the privileges of serving Christ in India today. It is good to have Misses Clark, Winslow, and Williams, and Mrs. Pace with us again.

Our loving sympathy and prayers go out to Misses Klingeberger and Lal, Mrs. Clemes and Mrs. Templin, who are prevented by illness from being with us this conference session. We regret that Mrs. Amar Das and Mrs. H.S. Peters could not be with us this year.

We have missed Miss A.E. Lawson's presence in the conference. We extend to her our appreciation of all she has meant to us and to India, and our affectionate wishes and prayers for every blessing on her.

Our felicitations for a happy furlough and a safe return to India follow Misses Porter, Forsyth, Klingeberger, Bothwell, Bishop, Mesdames Badley, Dye and Scholberg. Likewise, all good wishes are extended to Dr. Greene as she goes to North India Conference to care for the boys at Sitapur. Our loss is their gain.

For the sacrificial and heroic efforts of the members and leaders of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to maintain their giving in this another year of world-wide financial depression we feel the deepest gratitude. Their loyalty and devotion have been at once a stay and a challenge to us, and
we pledge all our strength and energies to match their high endeavour.

We greatly appreciate the arrangements the local committee at Muttra have made for the conference. The increased opportunities for fellowship provided for by the plans of our hosts have been happy privileges. For the thought, care and work entailed, we offer our appreciation.

We must also especially mention the musical treats provided for us and thank all those who had a share in giving us this refreshment and inspiration.

Committee on Resolutions

| C. T. Holman |
| M. Pace |
| H. Buss |
Supplementary Manual.

Examiners of Bible Readers for 1936.

Aligarh .. Miss G. Richards.
Anupshahr .. Miss A. Lal.
Bulandshahr .. Miss A. Lal.
Delhi .. Mrs. J. D. B. Paul.
Meerut .. Miss Clark.
Muzaffarnagar .. Miss A. Richards.
Roorkee .. Miss G. Richards.
Muttra .. Miss G. Richards.
Rohtak .. Mrs. J. D. B. Paul.
Ghaziabad .. Miss Clark.

Course of Study for Bible Readers.

PAHLÁ SÁL.

1. Ásán Primer, ásán bayán, Bál Báṭiká Class I. Bál Báṭiká Class II.
2. Imlá ásán Primer se, Hindi men.
3. Mere rahne ká ghar.
5. Taqsim aur zarb ek 'adad se.
6. Chárá bhajan hifz ke liye.

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

DÚSRÁ SÁL.

1. Bál Báṭiká Class III and IV.
2. Hindi Imlá pahle tís sañhe se.
3. Temperance Catechism.
4. Khatt i 'Ámm.
5. Muqaddas I.
6. Taqsim aur zarb do 'adad se.
7. Dharmtulá.
8. Chárá bhajan hifz karne ke liye.

TISRÁ SÁL.

1. Ratanmálá aur Hindí Imlá pahle tís sañhe se.
2. Rasúlon ke A'mál. (Imtihán likhná hogá).
3. I Kurinthióñ, Ifísión, Filippión.
4. Lúqá kí Injíl.
5. Amánatdárí.
6. Mumuksh Brittánt. (Imtihán likhná hogá.)
7. Hisáb, jama' aur tafríq. Rs. As. P.

CHAUTHÁ SÁL.

1. Masíh ká Namúna (Simplified by Dr. Buck). (Imtihán likhná hogá).
2. Sat Mat Nirúpan (Simplified).
4. Hisáb, taqsím 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 kí Mamur Zindagi.”

For the Evangelist Teachers' Course reference may be made to the report of January 1933.
"We want a living God." This was the answer given when a group of professors of the Aligarh Moslem University was asked what was, in their opinion, the great desire in the hearts of men in these harassing days. The expression and the tone of the speaker, showed that he had not found his heart's desire. This last week, thousands of people have passed our gate on their way to bathe in the holy Ganges at the time of the full moon. Many went with singing and laughter, as tho going on a picnic, but others were serious and thoughtful. As they returned, weary and footsore, bearing their bottles of sacred water, there was nothing about them that signified that they had found the living God.

Dr. Ambedkar has recently stirred all India by stating that he and his people, a community of 60,000,000 low-caste souls, will not remain in the Hindu fold, but will choose another religion because during all the centuries that they have been Hindus, they have only been the down-trodden people of their community. We might say that they are searching for a better social status - and no one can blame them for that - but deep in their hearts they are searching for a living God who will help them in life's perplexities.

As we look back over the years during which we have had the privilege of working in Aligarh District, we praise God for the revelation of Himself, that He has given to many people of the same castes as Dr. Ambedkar's community. They have found a living God who helps them bear the trials that come to them because they are followers of the Christ. The Gospel has been preached to them by preachers and Bible women, the Holy Spirit has called them as He calls men and women in our land, and they have heeded the call.

In each district of our Conference we are giving systematic Bible teaching. The course is prepared each year by the Evangelistic Committee and the aim is to help develop true Christian character in the Christian community. The lessons this year are on the Christian family, our duty as to serving one another, our privilege of giving testimony for our Lord, thanksgiving for blessings received, as well as the Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost
lessons, and one on the Lord's Supper. There are several places in the district where regular Sunday services are held. One might ask, 'Wasn't it always so?' and we would answer, 'No.' In circuits where there is only one preacher for fifty or more villages, sometimes he has been found in one part of his circuit on one Sunday, and in quite another part on the next Sunday. Now it seems best to have a set time and place, and let as many as can, come into the services. In a few of these places the Communion is observed each month.

The Statistical Report will show a less number of schools for our district than formerly. The fact is that we are counting as schools, only those that are using the Government curriculum. The others are designated as Reading Classes, and as the statistical blanks have no space for them, they are left out, but the work is still going on. The Bible readers are doing good work in teaching the Bible course and prepare many for the examinations which are held three times a year. Last year we had 7,924 passes. Two hundred and forty-eight women, girls, and girl babies were baptised in our district. There are 5,102 women and girls who are church members and probationers.

There are still flocks without shepherds. I turn to the report which I made last February, after visiting Jappal Circuit and find that there were fifty-two villages and 851 Christians who have no pastor. I visited all of the villages and was urged to baptise their babies, but as our Conference has not as yet granted that privilege to women, and as all the ordained preachers were busy in their own circuits, the babies have not yet been baptised. The people pleaded for a preacher, but there is no one to go to them. I promised to come again this coming year. We are looking forward to this itinerary after Christmas.

Last week a little old woman of our community died. All of her life she had dug around the trees and plants in the garden. She could not tell one letter from another, but she had firm faith in her Heavenly Father. The day before her death she said to me, "'In my Father's house are many mansions,' and I want to go there." When I saw her the next day she couldn't speak, but she folded her hands for me to pray, and after the prayer she pointed upward. "We want a living God." She had one and she knew the fact. The work of your Bible women is to give the good news of a living God, and a loving Saviour to the women of India. We know that you are daily working and praying for them and we are grateful.
Another year of joyful service has come to an end, and each is better than the one before. It has been filled with many blessed opportunities, privileges and some accomplishments. God has been very good to us and we do not cease to thank Him for this.

Always after Conference come the plans for Christmas, and how we do enjoy preparing for this lovely season. Miss Fernstrom was with us for the health work and stayed over for the little programme which we gave the last morning. The children were wild with delight when she appeared dressed as Father Christmas. Twenty-eight children stayed for the vacation and we had a delightful time at the Christmas party around the fireplace in the drawing room. The children all came back ready for the steady pull, until Middle examinations in March.

We had so little hope for some of the girls who took their Middle last year, but our lack of faith proved to be groundless, for eleven passed in the second division, one in the third and one failed in arithmetic. We were sorry for the one who failed, but rejoiced with the twelve.

During the year our matron and some of the teachers prepared the children for church membership. The pastor took the last few lessons, and placed special emphasis on the history of our own church from its beginning to the present time. It rejoiced our hearts, on Easter morning, to see fourteen children standing at the Altar, taking the vows of the church. The regular Bible classes, the leagues and the chapel services, all help to develop the spiritual life of the whole school.

Soon after Easter came the summer vacation. From the high schools, the Bible training school, and the training schools for nurses, came the girls to spend their vacation in the only home they know, The Louisa Soules Girls’ School. They spent their time at home, making their clothes for the coming year, playing, and cooking the food that they liked best to eat. The children who were left in the boarding, when school closed, were delighted when their big sisters came home. The teachers and the children who went home came back refreshed after their holiday, and the school opened with an enrolment of 150. The work in the school and the hostel is progressing nicely, the health of the children was never better, and we are one happy family.
BULANDSHAHR DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

Gertrude E. Richards.

Considering that the profession of a physician calls him to minister to all kinds of disease, with a determination to secure for his patients the very best possible results, we have been heartened by the realization that our task is no less important than his, as we have taken up the formidable tasks of administering to the troubled souls in this large district. When we recognize what has been accomplished here in the past, and is being done in other regions for just such as these, we are brought to believe that the diseases of ignorance, superstition and poverty, are no more prevalent here than in other places. And so through the powers available to us to minister to the spiritual diseases of our people, we set to work to bring to each the remedy best suited to each.

During the year, we have, as a group of workers attempted to keep before us the objectives of the 1934 Bareilly meeting. Knowing well that everything cannot be accomplished at once, the first emphasis has been placed upon the teaching programme, as the first step in treating ignorance whether related to groups of school children or village people of all ages. The material selected by the Evangelistic Board Committee from which thirty points per person might be realized, has been faithfully taught by all Zenana workers. The weakest point which we have to overcome is that there are so many individuals who learn only a part of the prescribed course since their absence from the center makes further instruction impossible. This fact indicated the necessity for repeating some of the essential religious selections so that the people may be prepared to enter into all the parts of worship.

In the larger mohulla centers there are worship platforms and they are used for regular meetings. The people feel a special interest in these set-apart places where they may all gather for reverent and thoughtful worship. As we have made special effort to be present at the time appointed for service, we have seen the people come together with a real spiritual hunger. There has been a definite stepping-up in worship during the year.

The taking of the examinations is largely individual work, so we have tried to give special meaning to certain parts of the teaching as we have gone along. At one point where we were talking about the Creed and especially about the
communion of the Saints, I tried to explain that Bishop Warne who gave the group baptism a number of years ago was still interested in their religious progress. They were surprised at the thought, and and I am sure that an impression was made upon them.

Wherever it has been possible, offerings have been made by the Christian community, usually joyfully. As the Bible-Readers go in and out at harvest time, portions of grain and such materials as the people have to give are gladly shared with them. The spirit of giving is found among even the poorest.

Among the workers and several of the Chaudhries there is a hunger for a deeper spiritual understanding of the teachings of Jesus. This year we hope to help to satisfy this hunger by supplying to all the workers the little book "The Spirit Filled Life." One Chaudhri who is well able to understand the book has received one. We have recognized together that we all need more helpful books and to apply the teaching to our lives and the work in hand. Next year at the District Conference we shall all discuss the benefits which such a book has brought to us, for we know now that it will meet a real need.

The actual results of the teaching and preaching programme cannot be tabulated. There have been nearly a thousand people examined. That means that they have had intensive teaching and are associated with a Christian community where they receive some measure of spiritual nurture. Many more than the number counted have heard the message and the singing in all of the various centers for worship.

Two of the very finest spirits among us have gone by way of death during the year. We miss them and have been unable to fill their places among the needy village folk.

We look forward to a year when we may work with, and for the group, who are to make up the indigenous Church in India.

District Schools.

Gertrude E. Richards.

Education is compulsory in several centers in the district. We are co-operating with that law through the placement of our six schools and eight teachers, and the care of about 230 children. At the six points where the schools are in operation the usual thing is that the schools hold a very high place in the thinking of the people, and in its contribution to the lives of the pupils has won a real place
for itself. At some points the school is not fulfilling its real mission to the community. There are five other centers where we have been requested to give teachers. Some of these points are so far distant, that it would be difficult to have schools there, but the need is just as real as if those children were on our door-step.

The most marked advance in attendance, intensity of purpose to learn, and zeal for Christian teaching has been shown in the Bulandshahr school. We hope that we shall soon have a place adequate to organize the school on proper lines of Urdu and Hindi teaching, with perhaps two lines of industrial work, viz. soap making and weaving of a simple sort. The very circumstances of the children call for some such practical art.

In Galauthi, the new teacher has won the confidence of the people by his quiet and sincere spirit of work among them. There also, against terrible odds, including no permanent place for the school, the master has brought the enrolment up to forty, and instilled a spirit for work which causes each pupil to go at his task independently. It is a delight to be in such an atmosphere.

Sikandrabad is not doing as well as it should with the large Christian community located near the school. There are a few children who realize the value of education, and will make something of their opportunity, but on the whole the spirit for intensive work is lacking.

In Dankaur the master and the school are held in high esteem by the various communities. Several non-Christian boys attend and are diligent in learning their scripture work. The tone of the school is good, and aside from a few poorly-taught students, the school is approaching the standard that should be in a primary school.

In Khurja, the attendance is about the same as last year, viz. forty-three. The work among the villages and city mohullas has taken on a new life, and I strongly hope that one result of this may be more boys in school. The supplies needed for effective work have been increased with the idea of increasing the scope of vision for the school, and we hope that such may be the result. There has been some improvement in the study of Urdu and Geography, but the intense desire to make something of learning in a practical way in life is not there. Fairly good results have been attained in the Scripture examinations; but there again when there are worship services, few of those same boys are interested in taking part in worship. Efforts must be made to make all kinds of learning function in everyday life.

At Larhpur, the community spirit is good. The people provide a house for the teacher and a place for the school. The
attendance varies, since field-work and making shoes seem more important than school learning. Since the master is held in a high place as teacher and spiritual leader, we hope that the matter will adjust itself. There is a great need for a school in just such a place, if the people will recognize what a school can do for them.

The spiritual teaching given in all the schools and in the villages which are in charge of the masters, is given with sympathy and a desire to show the children the fundamental teachings of Christianity. We need spirit-filled teachers with a vision of what the schools can do in building up an intelligent, wholesome church in India.
DELHI AND ROHTAK DISTRICTS.
Evangelistic Work.

I. M. Klingeberger

This last week I translated the letters of my Bible women for their patrons at home. Their reports and the various incidents and meetings they told about brought back vividly many memories of the work in the villages for the past year. We have had our struggles but on the whole it has been a good year.

There have been a number of conversions. Among these I think of a young Mohammedan widow. For some time she has been interested in Christianity. I had her come to me daily for prayer and Bible instruction for some days in July. She was so hungry for Christ and His word, that she just drank up everything I told her. She claimed forgiveness and the assurance came to her that she was accepted of Christ. She was very happy in this assurance when she was baptised in our Delhi Church on the last Sunday in July, before a big congregation.

Some more rainy season victories were won in Meerut. I was invited to come there to conduct a revival meeting in the Girls' School. The Lord blessed, and helped and a real victory was won. Three evenings in succession different ones remained for the after service, where they had a chance to confess their sins and talk and pray about their personal problems. On Saturday evening no one responded to the invitation I gave. I could see that many were under deep conviction; but somehow they did not have the courage to step out. As the line of girls began to march out of the Chapel I said, "The invitation still holds good and if any of you wish to stay, for special prayer, please do so." Somehow sixteen girls managed to slip out of the line and came to the room where we had held the after meetings. I brought them in around the chapel Altar. We worked and prayed with them until almost nine o'clock. I wish you could have heard how earnestly they prayed. They were mostly high school and normal training girls and knew what they were about. What a joy it was to stay with them until one after the other they got up, and testified to a definite victory won, and told of the new found peace and joy that had come into their hearts. Please pray for these girls that they may stand true to the Lord.

In our village work numbers have taken a definite stand for the Lord, and others still are halting and fearing to let
their friends know that in their hearts they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our scattered group of Christians have been shepherded and taught. I can truly say they have grown in grace and in the knowledge of God and His word. It has been a joy to teach them and help them in their efforts to serve the Lord acceptably.

Butler Memorial Girls' School.

Catherine L. Justin.

It has been a musical year. A class of seven went regularly to the Indian School of Music for lessons on the *sitar*, a sort of Indian guitar. We paid a small fee, but the rest was provided by the kindness of some non-Christian ladies. In addition to the music of the *sitars*, we have enjoyed the music of singers from other parts of India. Some young college men gave us a Bengali concert, and at various times we have learned from passing guests the songs of various parts of India, and even the King's Serenade from Hawaii. Our older girls sing in church, the choicest songs of Christian poets of this part of India.

Harmony is not developed in Indian songs, but part of the reason we count this a musical year lies in the harmony which has existed here. We have welcomed one new teacher, F.A. trained, from Lahore, and have been pleased with the way she has entered into the fellowship and happy life of the school. Staff and students have worked well together, and have welcomed every opportunity for evangelistic effort. The Headmistress is Superintendent of the Church Sunday School. Another teacher, with small groups of girls, all the year maintained a Sunday School for Depress-Class children. We rejoiced when a pastor was appointed for this group, and the teacher released to start another Sunday School. A third teacher held a worship service each Sunday of the spring, with a group of sweeper folk, none yet even listed as inquirers. Small groups of girls took turns in going with her to help with singing, and to play the small hand organ.

Owing to the spirit of co-operation existing, we have been able to manage the school of 185 children with just the same amount of Mission money that we had five years ago for 75. We have benefited by the fact that food prices are lower than five years ago, and that we have increased Government support for our school. We are grateful that even very poor parents now supply all clothing and bedding for their children. Most of all we credit the use of the school bus with making possible education for 50 children, with no
increase in expenditure for teachers and at a cost for transportation much less than would be the cost for boarding the children.

There have been sad strains in part of our music this year. Cut of our small group of missionaries in this Area two finished their course, and are buried in Delhi. One other was on health leave in India most of the year. Another, after terrible suffering is returning to America on health leave. There has been sorrow on sorrow, but in spite of all this He has put a new song in our mouths, and we have learned the deeper meaning of fellowship.

Delhi City Work.

M. I. W. Hermiston

Very much to my regret, a good part of this year has been spent out of Delhi, on account of illness. Between the time I returned from the hospital and went to the hills, I had the privilege of speaking to each member of the probationer's class that was taken into full membership at Easter. It is certainly a great joy to speak to these responsive young hearts, about allegiance to Jesus Christ.

The March joint meeting of the Women's meetings was an exceptionally fine one. The number in attendance was larger than usual.

Being longer in the hills this year, gave me an opportunity to do more in the way of correspondence with the home base, and also to rewrite the Delhi Parish Roll. That was a big task but a most interesting one. An analysis of the roll as it is now, though far from being absolutely accurate, because of the impossibility of getting all the facts, shows that we have approximately two hundred and seventy families, and four hundred and fifty full members. About one-third of the total members are domestic servants (and these are men). Ten are doctors, seventy are nurses and compounders, thirty-four are teachers, twenty-six are in clerical work, and fourteen are in the railway. Then there are shopkeepers, motor-drivers and mechanics, etc. The attendance at our church is often much greater than this would indicate for, besides the full members, there are adherents—and many children.

Then I was able to do some visiting in the hills too. Twice I went to see a boy in a Roman Catholic school, at the request of his grandparents, whom I had met in hospital. Several times I visited a wealthy Mohammedan family, whose only son has T. B. Dr. Butcher sent the father to me to get information about places I knew about, where the
boy could go for treatment. At first they thought they would go to Switzerland, but when the war clouds came, they decided they would go to Miraj. The boy is the only son of his mother, and very precious in her sight.

Then I visited an Arabian family living nearby. Early in the summer I got the Municipal nurse to come and help her when she was going to have her thirteenth child—a unlucky girl! “What will we do with it?” exclaimed the old grand-mother. “It’s a girl. Take it away!”

The long summer has passed, and I am back on the plains, and looking forward to a year of uninterrupted and happy work in the service of our Lord and Master, and in His strength.
GHAZIABAD DISTRICT.

Burgess Day School and District Evangelist and Educational Work.

Lily Dexter Greene.

Many folks think of Ghaziabad as Ingraham Institute, the attempted replica of Tuskegee Institute of American negro fame—well, it is that, but only in part, for that bit of American effort dropped down on the plains of North India is not in the town of Ghaziabad, but out on the Hapur Road, some two miles distant from our crowded streets.

We of the Burgess Day School live and work in Ghaziabad—the school is held in the classrooms built on either side of the auditorium of the Central Church, which is located just near the main bazaar.

The W. F. M. S. Bungalow is nearly a mile distant from the school, situated on the famous Grand Trunk Road, where many present-day kims may be seen trudging along this dusty highway.

The teachers of the school are all men, and all but two are married. They live in quarters provided in the Compound of the W. F. M. S. Home.

The distance from the living site, adds to the difficulties of the work and its supervision.

But with bicycles the masters are able to make the trips back and forth, more than once a day, for they not only teach full-time in the school, but visit their pupils in the mohullas, look up the absent or sick ones, see that medicine is provided for them, and also hold meetings in the mohullas and nearby Christian Communities.

The care of the sick is an important part of this work, and it is with deep gratitude that I report the fact, that I was able to secure a faithful and capable compounder, Mr. Frederic Dass, to carry on this work.

He has medical supervision of the boys in the school, and also visits any who may be ill in their homes, and gives medicine to them as well as to relatives.

Besides the medical work, he teaches small boys in two villages, on alternate days, and teaches a night school for boys who must work during the day.

His wife does the work of a Bible Reader visiting the girls and women in the mohullas, and teaching some of the little girl-wives to read.

The work of the staff under the leadership of Headmaster Samuel Dass, has been very satisfactory throughout
the year, as the same teachers have continued in the school during the entire time, I have been in Ghaziabad—now nearly five years,—the plan of continuity of service has brought splendid results.

These masters are learning to appreciate the wonderful opportunities for service, that the work of a teacher offers and are exerting an influence on the entire Christian community.

They give special attention to drill and games, and the children eagerly take part in all these activities.

We have been crowded the past year, but the wall of the play ground has been moved back about 26 feet, and two new classrooms built to take the place of the old mud-walled ones, so with this additional room the large classes will have adequate provision.

The enlarged playground will avoid the danger of drill and games on the public roadside.

The Junior Church has been conducted by the masters, the pastor and the principal in turn.

When the Junior Church was organized, the boys were sent outside after S. S. and there formed in line for Church. They were seated in a different way, and an effort was made to have them feel that this was their real church.

Opening responsive sentences on charts in both Hindi and Urdu, were placed before them, and those who could not read, memorized them, so all could take part. Psalms were repeated in union and verses learned.

When the subject was announced by the leader, a boy came to the front and read the lesson, then another child came up and led in prayer and at the close all united in the Lord’s Prayer. The leader gave a short talk often illustrating it with some simple objects.

During the service, all were urged to be very quiet and to listen closely.

At the close, a collection was taken, and all were eager to pass the little yellow basket—the money emptied out on the table before all was counted, and a little prayer of thanks offered by the collector.

During the year nine Rupees was given and sent to the Bareilly Baby Fold—this was an increase of three Rupees over last year’s amount.

The effort to bring mohulla girls into the school has met with some success, but more girls have come from the homes of the railway workers—these little girls take their places along with the boys, as naturally as tho in their own homes—this is as it should be.

With some of the old materials from the rooms that were dismantled, I was able to erect some rooms for use in
the compound and so more room is now available for the staff, and the oxen were removed from such close proximity to living quarters.

Four little boys from Deri are also provided for, and these attend the school as day pupils.

In the District, several small schools are conducted, and we have visited, and tried to encourage this work also.

On Sundays a great deal of Christian literature was distributed at the leather market, where people come from all the villages round about.

The itinerant wheel of Methodism has turned once again for me, and landed me in charge of the Boys Boarding School at Sitapur, so goodbye Ghaziabad.

Doors of opportunity are wide open here, and I enter them with praise and gratitude for all the privileges that are my portion.

Ingraham Institute.

Miss M. A. Livermore.

One of the happiest years of our Missionary life was this last one in the Ingraham Institute. The co-operation of pupils and staff in all school activities, whether of work or of play, was all that could be wished. The boys, too, grew dearer as one learned more of their trials and triumphs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pace came in the middle of October from furlough, and immediately took over the school. Happy as we were in the school, we were happier still to turn over to them, knowing that the fine traditions of the school, established by them, would be maintained.

The Government examination results were pleasing to both Principal and teachers. Out of seventeen boys sent up for the Final, fifteen passed. The Teachers' Training school, too, did well in its first Government examination. There is room in the school for fifteen students only. Two hundred young men, most of them teachers in this part of the country, applied for admission in July. The Inspector of Schools, the Principal and the teachers turned over these names for two hours, trying to decide who should be admitted.

The non-Christian attendance in the whole school was better than ever before. Among the new Christian boys entering this year, were more village boys. One reason more have not come, is that the entrance requirement is IV class, passed. But as Government gets primary schools successfully established, there is sure to be larger numbers of village Christian boys coming to the Ingraham Institute.

As we face retirement from Mission work and from this dear land of India, it will ever be a pleasure to remember the year and a half spent in the Ingraham Institute.
MEERUT DISTRICT
Evangelistic and Village Educational Work.
Estella M. Forsyth.

In many ways this has been the best year of all and here are some of the reasons:—The village and mohulla schools have advanced in favour with the District and Municipal Boards, and new Grants-in-Aid have been given; new interest manifested by pupils in their studies and in things spiritual; the village of Dotai quite stirred and reviv-ed by the faithful services of the teacher Chhutan Lall during the bubonic plague outbreak; for did he not go daily through the mohullas and give medicine to the stricken ones, and also the preventive medicine to many others; the Community Christmas dinner arranged by the Meerut Laymen uniting the Meerut City school children in a new bond of fellowship; the special evangelistic efforts in March when each teacher in Meerut had his centre for the entire week; the occasional evangelistic meeting in the Central mohulla school, which since it opens on a main thoroughfare affords excellent opportunity to meet non-Christians.

Wonderful have been the contacts in proclaiming the Gospel message in city mohulla and distant villages. Hunger for the message meets one at every turn. The printed page is gladly received and many are the requests for the New Testament. The missionary has shared her experience with the village congregations, and hearts have been touched. It was in Sikhauti and Dadri we had a wonderful day. Separate meetings in both places for men and women. There was such a crowd we could not manage all in one group. In Dadri the Jatni women did not wish to gather in the same place with the women of the chamar caste, but finally, curiosity overcame them. Responsive is just the word that expresses the attitude of the people these days. After the meeting had been going on some time, a Jatni woman said, “My heart is here listening to this teaching but I must go now”. Duty called her to take food to the men of her household who were working in the fields. The wistfulness of her tone touched my heart.

On the morning of May 6, it was necessary to rise early in order to be seated in the motor at five o’clock, so as to meet the Christian group before they left for work in the fields. We motored eighteen miles on the Baghpat road, and our Oxford Group took the village by surprise. Did I say
Oxford Group? Yes, I will call it that for we followed their plans somewhat. First of all we had a team consisting of four people. Rev. Griffith, the faithful preacher in whose circuit is Raghunathpur, Mrs. Punya Singh my Bible-reader, Baldev Dass, who was baptized on Easter Sunday, and myself. The people gathered quickly, the chaudhri (village leader), men, women and children and throughout the hour they were attentive and responsive. I announced a certain bhajan but the chaudhri said, “No, we won’t sing that, we must sing the bhajans these people know.” Are you not glad to hear that the village Church has initiative?

I was ever so pleased to have this village leader so declare himself. Some high caste Hindu boys stood nearby, and seemed to take in everything that was said. Rev. Griffith began the meeting and several of the boys he had been teaching repeated the Ten Commandments. Then came the fine evangelistic appeal that this veteran of Meerut District Methodism can give. Next, which is quite according to Group technique, came the testimony of the latest recruit. In modern language, Baldev Dass shared with us what God had done for him. I think it was his first testimony before any Christian group. I wish you might have seen how the caste boys watched him as he talked. The next one to bear witness was my Bible-reader and the people always listen well to her burning message. Then came my turn to tell of the small girl of eleven years, who gave her heart to Christ in a revival meeting on the other side of the world, and how ever since, there has been victory and joy.

More bhajans, prayer and benediction and the early service was over.

The days are full, sharing the Gospel message, sharing our sympathy and love, sharing the fuller life He has given us.

Howard Plested Memorial Girls’ School.

Laura G. Bobenhouse
Jean Bothwell.

When we reopened school in July, I had a keen sense of loneliness. We had no new class of girls to take the place of those who had passed out of the Normal Training Department. On account of the over-crowded condition of the High School hostel, it was decided that the Normal Training Department should be moved to Muttra. Another consideration was that we have long desired that our teachers should have training in teaching the Bible. In Muttra, the two courses will be correlated and our future teachers will have a three-year training course. This, of course, is subject to
the sanction of our Education Department. The plan has been submitted, but as yet sanction has not been granted.

So many girls are passing the Government Girls' Middle Examination (at the end of the Grammar Grade course) that we cannot admit all who wish to enter our High School classes. There is not enough dormitory room in the High School hostel to house so many, and only twenty-four students can be seated in the VII Class (Ninth Grade) room comfortably. Our entire enrolment is one hundred and seventy-seven, of whom all except eleven are boarders.

We have a staff of twelve earnest Christian teachers, who feel an interest in the girls' spiritual development as well as in their tuitional work. We have very profitable staff meetings where we share our problems and plan our work. Our teachers each have a group of girls with whom they meet each week, to help them in their spiritual problems.

In July, Miss Klingeberger gave very helpful talks to the girls in a five day series of meetings. A goodly number of girls were led into deeper spiritual experiences, and others of the younger girls, gave themselves to the Lord. Fifteen girls were taken into the Church in full membership on Easter Sunday and sixteen are probationers.

It has been a happy year of service, calling us to deeper consecration and greater effort.

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Helen Buss

Madison Avenue Boys' School.

When little boys have no mother, or must stay away from home for ten months of the year, it is incumbent upon the school to supply that lack. So our boys live in family units, and the family is made significant in every phase of hostel life—pride and shame, and punishment, and teaching reflect in each member—it was really heartening to find rivalry keen, to take care of a baby boy we had to admit this year.

More time than ever has been spent in developing the boys spiritually, and a group of fifteen of the older ones have found new joy in a personal experience of Christ in their lives. It has brought joy to the heart of their Miss Sahiba as well, as she has talked with each boy alone about his special need. Each one's problem has been so different from the others.

Scholastic standards have been raised as untrained teachers have been replaced with trained ones. Our six masters at present are all trained specially for primary work.
A Boy Scout troop was organized some time ago, but this year has seen it receive a sort of hypodermic of new interest and activity. New uniforms, red belts and all the other "trimmings" have turned a gangling, awkward group, into something approximating a smart regiment.

Monitors' meetings are held each week, when plans, shortcomings of family members and admonishments fill the program. Family parties, on the lawn in the summer and around the fire in the office in the cold weather, contribute to the happiness of the childhood these little fellows spend with us. We work for their happiness along with our efforts to give good food and healthy physical surrounding, for we believe a happy childhood contributes to a vigorous Christian manhood.
MUTTRA DISTRICT
Evangelistic Work.

Ada Richards.

"Hitherto the Lord Hath Helped Us".

I can surely say that the Lord hath been a wonderful guidance throughout the year in our evangelistic movements.

The particular theme of our work in our district has been, "The building of a Christian church" in every possible place, and to watch our people growing in the knowledge of Christ. It is no doubt that India is wide awake, doors are open on all sides, thousands of people in different parts of India are looking to Christ as their only Saviour. There seems a dissatisfaction in old gods and ancient religions. Can an Evangelist let such an opportunity go? I am sure not.

So we have been busy more than ever, taking Christian messages to these hungry souls.

The annual work programme with the objectives has been followed very keenly, and our people gained 7,000 points in examination.

There are eight good day schools, and we cannot help but watch the growing interest for Christianity into the children's mind. We had our district conference along with Aligarh district, and each district was greatly blessed by sharing their interest and progress with each other.

We need your prayers, friends, that the Kingdom of God may soon come into this great land.

Agra City and Village Evangelistic Work.

C. T. Holman.

"The Lord, the Eternal, He will help me;
So I am not confounded.
I have set my face like a flint,
Knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

If we did not believe and know that the Lord is on our side, and that He can and does help us, we could not carry on. If all the problems that we have laid at the foot of the Cross, during the past years, were written here, it
would make a long report. God is on our side and He does help us miraculously. Praise His holy name.

The enemies of the Cross of Christ, are ever present and are pressing us sore. Our poor Christians have been put to severe tests during the past year. Becoming Christians lifts them out of the status of "Depressed Classes", so that it is a crime to call a Christian a "bhangi", but it also deprives the Christians of some of the meagre privileges which are in these days granted to the "Depressed Classes", although the Christians are suffering from the same disabilities as their non-Christian neighbours. So when they are offered honors or gifts or special privileges on the condition that they will recant and accept another religion, it is a severe temptation, while their children are semi-nude and under-nourished.

We need more than double the number of teachers that we now have, to give our people the teaching that is necessary to build up a Church of exemplary Christians. One evening as we were leaving a mohulla, where we had conducted an evening service, the people said to us, "Please come every evening and have prayers with us. If you will be kind enough to come every evening we will "leepo" all this section of the yard and make it clean for our meeting place." Alas! we are not able to visit any one place every day, and some places not once a week.

This year we have opened a day school in Neem Darwaza, a large mohulla about three miles from the Mission Compound. We placed a young man,—a graduate of Bareilly Seminary,—in charge of the school. He is faithful in his work and has won the hearts' of the people. Some unemployed young men, and others who are willing to give up their noon-time rest-hour attend this school and are learning to read and write and also learning to sing Christian hymns, and to read their Bibles. Here also we have our opponents. I have told our teacher that we have the Living and True God on our side, and we must win.

The missionary's work is varied in Agra. Hospital cases of all kinds come to our notice. One day we find a small boy suffering agony from an infected hand, caused by the bite of a vicious monkey. After getting the consent of the family we take him to the hospital. Another day on our way to our meeting we hear the groans, almost screams of a man who was bitten by a dog. First we had to persuade him to go with us to the hospital. Then we had to find a way to get him from his house to where the Chevrolet was parked, and then find the Doctor on a Sunday afternoon, who has charge of the hospital for such cases. I feared he would lose his leg, but the skilful doctor cured him after
some weeks of treatment. Another day it is a woman almost dying of pneumonia. She is carried to the hospital in the car and her life is spared to her little family. Thus the Chevrolet ministers to many sufferers.

One day a little five-year-old girl wandered away from one of our Christian homes and was lost in the City. That was a terrible day! The child’s mother was in bed with twins, two days old. She became almost hysterical with grief. The relatives travelled the streets all day searching for her till they were almost dead with weariness and anxiety. The mission cars were called into service. The seven police stations of Agra were notified that a little girl was lost. Bands were praying for guidance, and in direct answer to prayer the school Truant Master got on her track, and with difficulty, was able to get the child away and bring her to her home. It seemed like a case of kidnapping.

At the request of the missionary the Municipality has improved conditions in two of our Christian muhullas. In one place a piece of brick wall has been built and a flight of masonry steps has been put in. This greatly improves the appearance of the frontage, and makes the muhulla more easy of access as the weary workers go and come. In the other, two good stone bridges were constructed to span the broad deep drain, and this adds greatly to the comfort of the poor sweepers living on the other side.

Last March our beloved Pastor, Rev. James Devadasan, M. A., was called to higher service. This was a terrible blow to our Church. The Bishop sent Rev. S. Benjamin to be our Pastor. He has been very active since coming here both in our large Central Church, and the City muhullas. We have nearly three thousand Christians in the City. Mr. Benjamin has baptised 87 men, women, and children since coming to Agra. Many of these were students, who were converted in the Holman Institute.

We are most grateful to all who are supporting us and our work. It is a tremendously worthwhile project. Please pray for us, and for all with whom we come in contact. “God gives us the right to lay hold of His power for ourselves, for the Church, for others, and for the world.”

Holman Institute, Agra.

Sarah C. Holman.

Last night a guest wrote in the Guest Book of the school:—

“Having had the opportunity of visiting the community from which a number of the pupils of the Holman Institute
come, and also of seeing and hearing them in their recitation room, I am deeply impressed with the value and far reaching possibilities of the work conducted by the Institution. It is clear that here in the Institute a most significant piece of salvaging service in human material is being carried on with remarkable patience and devotion. The school is an excellent demonstration of Christianity in action on the Mission field.

L. O. HARTMAN, Editor, "Zion's Herald".

Last year it was the communal troubles that gave notoriety to Agra. This year it was a strike among the sweepers. As the sweepers are the most important people in Agra, under the present sanitary system, it is well that the strike was amicably settled. We are glad to have had a part in this work. We felt, as never before, the undergirding of the Everlasting Arms in strength and power, as we talked and prayed with some five hundred strikers,—all sweepers,—and they promised to do what we wanted them to do. The case was turned over into the hands of one of the Deputy Collectors of the Government, who is a member of our Hindustani M. E. Church, and in a few hours the whole matter was settled. This was done on the Mission Compound, where they all met, under the shadow of the Church and the Holman Institute.

SCHOOL:—

Present enrolment ...... 445.
No. of boys............. 353.
No. of girls ............. 92.

No. of classes, including
Kindergarten and Retardation class ...... 12.

OLD BOYS AND GIRLS:—Many find better jobs and are sought for. We have one boy apprenticed to the Agra Electrical Co. This is a great step for a sweeper boy. Of course, he is now a fine Christian boy. The school has made this difference. A great many are in other schools for further study. Eight boys are in the Government High School. Several are in the Mission High School in Muttra. Of these two groups, four boys are in the X class,—the highest class in a High School.

NIGHT SCHOOL:—Many boys work during the day and come to the Night school conducted by the Institute. Besides their studies they have religious instruction every
night, and special meetings on Saturday evenings, which the Principal takes. We have two fine Christian masters (teachers) in the Night school. One of these is a graduate of the Punjab University. He is a real self-sacrificing young man. He expects to take Normal Training next year, and then come back for further service in the Institution.

**CHURCH FOR THE DEPRESSED:**—Our Night school is bringing these boys into the Church. Mr. Mall, one of the masters, has a Church service every Sunday for these poor men, who are not able to attend the regular services. This congregation is growing. Fifty is the highest number we have had, but it is growing and will soon fill the Church. We have a fine Junior Church and Sunday School. These services are held in the Assembly Hall of the school where there is a choir loft, from which our surprised choir sings.

**PRAYER BAND:**—The Prayer Band continues its good work. They have more than doubled their number. One of the latest members is a Mohammedan, but he has asked that his name be not written down as he would be punished if his people found it out. He is always the first to testify or pray, and one cannot but feel the genuineness of his prayers. The Prayer Band has asked that they might have a meeting every day after school. I have just now started off a 'bus load of teachers and children to sing Christmas Carols in one of the *muhallahs* of the City.

One little fellow who was weeping because he had not been baptised, and could not stand for Jesus, with those who had been baptised, is still a bright and shining little Christian, and as soon as possible he and many others will be baptised.

**EVANGELISTIC WORK DONE BY THE TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOL:**—

No. of places in which Evangelistic work is done .. 30.
No. of meetings held ........................................ 231.
No. of Christian women under instruction ............ .479.
No. of unbaptised and Non-Christian women ............ .400.
No. of boys and men under instruction .................. .500.
No. of baptisms ........................................... 106.
This does not include the work the school children do in the homes.

**W. F. M. S.:**—

No. of societies ........................................... 20.
No. of meetings held ...................................... 96.
No. of members ........................................... 572.
Amount of money realized in fees .... Rs.15/8/0.
INDUSTRIAL WORK:—There is no space to say much about this favourite department, but we will let the Minister of Education and Industries tell what he thinks from a copy of a letter written after his visit to the school this year. When you buy a rug you are helping some very poor child to continue in school.

Copy of the letter from the Minister of Education:—“I paid a visit to the Holman Institute, Agra, this morning accompanied by the Inspector of Schools, and found everything neat and clean and in perfect order. The students who mostly belong to the Depressed Classes, appear to be well looked after and were healthy and cheerful. A unique feature of this institution is that the staff is composed of trained lady teachers, which is a great stimulus to co-education. There is no gain-saying the fact, that women by their very temperament are more sympathetic and consequently better adapted for the teaching of children. The school has an industrial side also, where instruction is imparted in rug-making and cloth-weaving. I saw some beautiful specimens of runs of rugs prepared at the Institute and the design and workmanship left nothing to be desired. The institution is doing very useful work and I wish it still further success in the future.”


Dr. R. B. Tower, on Furlough
Dr. M. A. Burchard
Miss Eunice Porter R. N.

Miss Elda Barry, R. N. on Furlough
Miss Hannah, Gallagher, M. Sc., Laboratory Instructor.

In the city on a very narrow street the small Indian house is still standing in which the Medical Mission work in Brindaban was started, more than forty years ago. The work has grown in spite of the winds of opposition met with, more in the earlier years and not unrecognised in the present day. Many Hindu pilgrims are surprised to find Christians in this orthodox and sacred stronghold of Hinduism.

This hospital is organised and governed by the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. It being the only one of its kind in the city of 18,000, is primarily for the service among women and children, but men are also admitted.

Medical work always presents two phases of interest, the patient, and his or her disease. From the poor, forlorn Bengali widow to the wealthy merchant’s wife who comes with a retinue, all have interesting aspects. We wish we could promise 100 per cent cures for all. When we have an eye specialist with us there is a long line of grateful patients who were blind and now see. There are many cases of
large abscesses drained and healed. Babies have been born under difficult circumstances, the local midwives having failed to accomplish the difficulty. But what of those cases with obscure troubles in which an X-Ray might have given needed information, the little boy with the deformed hip, taken away unimproved because we did not have accurate diagnosis for treatment. Fortunately there are some that we can treat as they were treated before X-Ray was known and they are improved. One misused Bengali widow found new health, and Christ, after a successful operation during her stay in the hospital. A child with a serious skull fracture found the Healing Touch and we hope will be the means of leading her whole family into a new experience of life. What can we know of the hundreds of lives that we only touch for a few days? Will they too find our Christ?

Many changes have taken place during the years. A better class of patient's increasing. This shows an appreciation of our endeavour to render an increasingly efficient service to all of our patients. Our aim is not how many patients may be seen per day but how thoroughly each may be cared for and to serve the needy in the spirit of Jesus. About 93 per cent of our patients are non-Christians.

Evangelistic work is carried on in the hospital and the prayers and beside talks are much appreciated. The year has shown spiritual growth among the staff and in the church. The loving service of Christian nurses often strengthens a patient for the endurance of an operation or other painful treatments. By means of the Sunshine Ambulance we can reach far out into the villages with the Gospel message and with medicines.

At this season of the year the chief occupational therapy is knitting. Practically every patient who is able, is knitting or learning to knit as well as her relatives who are with her. Husbands are delighted with the attainments of their wives and daughters.

The finished portion of Freeman Wing has been in use throughout the year. Only those who worked here in the cramped quarters can fully realise what a tremendous advance and help the new building is to all concerned. The installation of septic tanks marks a decided forward step in sanitation. The new building is not yet completed due to the litigation of over two years' duration. The case has now been dismissed in our favor. We hope no further appeal will be made.

Registration of nurses is advancing in parts of India. Seven nurses passed their final examinations this year. All are registered. Candidates having had two years of High School work are admitted for training.
The Laboratory Technicians' Course has been lengthened to ten months. A lot of laboratory work is done, and now we find we cannot do without it. A class of five students were admitted this year, of which three will complete the work.

Our needs are for one more woman physician and surgeon, one man surgeon, more rooms for nurses and Laboratory students, and an X-Ray machine. Now we have electricity and O, what a joy!

There is so much corrective work to be done. Very little thought is given to it until the time for marriage arrives. Often women undergo an operation in the hope that it may prevent or delay the bringing of another wife into the home. It is impossible to understand the fear and superstition under which thousands of the women live. May that inward light, "The light of Christ in the conscience" shine into their hearts and help them in the battle with prejudice which is the real obstacle in their way.

Statistics.

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Blackstone Missionary Institute.

Garnet M. Everley
Carolyn E. Schaefer
Pearl M. Palmer.

The past year has brought some new features into the work of the Training School which have made a large contribution to the success of the work of the school and added great interest to the work as carried on. One of these has been the affiliation of the Westminster School of Music with the Blackstone Missionary Institute. Mr. Patterson, as Director of the school, has given largely of his time to help the Training girls, realizing that they can do much in the ministry of music wherever they may go. A mixed choir of forty voices has been organized and is doing part singing most creditably. The girls are each learning to play one Indian instrument, either the sitar or the asraj, and are also having daily lessons in music.
and notation. Those showing special aptitude will be given special opportunity to learn the organ or piano. We have only begun to realize the benefits to be derived from such a course. Our girls are happy and singing much of the time. We hope to do our share to develop a "Singing Church".

The Normal Training Department is in the process of being transferred from Meerut to Muttra and the third year of Religious Education has been added. We have a very strong group of girls in the Three Year-Course and can assure you, that when these girls get out into our schools, we shall not only have girls who can teach subject matter, but also girls trained to teach Bible and character education. We covet your sympathy and patience in the development and training of these young women, and hope that they may be able to make a really great contribution to the religious life of our schools in the years to come.

Last spring a special course was offered to girls who had finished their A. V. Middle Examinations in March. For ten weeks they were with us and many of them were completely changed in attitude and life, because of the courses offered and the participation in revival held at Easter time. A short course of four weeks was also offered to boys who had completed their Matric Examination. We are planning to offer such courses again in the spring of 1936. From July, 1935 the English Training Department was opened to young men as well as young women. One young man is enrolled and thus far we feel that the adventure in co-education has been a success. Other young men are planning to enter next July.

The Muhalla School operated as a Practice School for the Training Girls, continues to grow. Former students always make inquiries concerning its progress as though it were their "beloved child". A group of girls under the supervision of Miss Hector, goes each day to the Zenanas for practice in this kind of work. The Boarding School furnishes a field for practice in all of the Bible Classes from A Class through Sixth Class. The Graded Sunday School, with its different Departments has given the girls a vision of what may be done through that channel of work, as they are a real part of it.

Miss Palmer came to us in December 1934 after the departure of Miss Randall for furlough. She has been a real inspiration to the girls in Christian living and has endeared herself to the girls through her personal evangelism and many efforts to help them in their daily religious life. Under her guidance through the Missionary Depart-
ment of the Epworth League, work in one village and one mohulla has been opened up where the girls go weekly.

A. V. Middle Girls' School.

Garnet M. Everley.

During the past year the Boarding School has grown in numbers both as to hostel residents and day pupils. A large number of the new students consist of boys who reside in the Boys' Hostel and come to us as day students. This new experiment of the W. F. M. S. has proved very satisfactory to all parties concerned, and we trust that it may be continued.

All of the girls who appeared for the A. V. Middle examination passed, and have gone on for further study. The spirit among the girls is splendid and the co-operation of staff members is most commendable. They are doing everything in their power to bring the school up to a high standard. The Teachers' Meetings planned by the staff are both inspirational and informational, and help us to keep up to a high standard in Teaching and Christian living.

We were all greatly strengthened in our spiritual lives by the visit and meetings of Dr. Stanley E. Jones in October. Our teachers attended all of the meetings in the city which were held for those of other religions. The choir of voices furnished music for the occasion.

The Boarding School, as well as the Training School, is profiting through the location of the Westminster School of Music in the City of Muttra. Girls of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Classes have music three times each week, and the Second and Third Classes have music once a week under the direction of Mr. Patterson. Discussion Groups dealing with personal religious problems are held for the older girls each Sunday. Two Church Membership classes are held during the year terminating at Easter when the girls join the church on Probation or as Full Members. Certificates of Church Membership are provided for each, and a form of service used which makes the day one long to be remembered by those participating.

Under the auspices of the Epworth League, the older girls participated in the Week of Evangelism, and also go weekly to the mohullas and villages where Sunday Schools, Village Play Day, and House to House Visitation occupy their time. They have begun to get the vision of what they may do for those outside the Mission Compound, and are eager to tell the message of love to others.
We are striving to develop girls and boys who will go out with a spirit of service, who will be eager to serve sacrificially, and who will know how to cope with the great problems which India faces during these days. The transfer of the Vernacular Normal School from Meerut to Muttra, where it is connected with the A. V. Middle School and also affiliated with the Vernacular Bible Training, will make possible, we trust, a new type of teacher for our Boarding Schools. We want all of our girls, but especially these, our future teachers, to go out filled with Christ's love and radiant in His joy and peace.
MUZAFFARNAGAR DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

F. A. Clark.

This report should be made by Miss Winslow who is now on furlough, for it was she who had charge of the work during the winter months when the greater part of the village work is done. The responsibility came into my hands in April when the season for itinerating in the villages is about closed. Being in charge of a Middle School in Roorkee, almost thirty miles from the nearest point in my district, is somewhat of a handicap in keeping in touch with my work there.

However, I have greatly enjoyed my contacts with the village work and our workers who are carrying on this work. I must learn as I go along, for the work is new to me. Up to this time my principal work has been in keeping in touch with our village schools. Most of them were in villages I could visit during the rainy season, when other villages could not be reached. We have three very earnest young masters and one Bible Reader who are carrying on good schools which are thoroughly examined each month. The children are as carefully trained in their religious life as in their vernacular work.

We have just finished our District Conference which we felt was a spiritual blessing to us all. There we carefully planned our work for next year. Should the work still remain in my hands after annual Conference plans are made for visiting as many villages in each circuit as possible. We are hoping to be able to carry on our village examinations more systematically.

Even though one cannot do justice to District work and be responsible for a Middle School at the same time, I feel that the combination has had its advantages. It is from the District that we draw our girls in our schools. I have had an opportunity to get into the homes of some of them and find out the circumstances under which they live, and to know something of the problems with which their parents struggle in educating their children. Those in the homeland would be amazed to know what mere pitances some of them receive as salaries. However, I do not meet with discouragement; all are marching on with an eager desire to be of service in His kingdom, and to help develop our Village Christian Church. Let us remember to hold them up in prayer, that they might be greatly used in His service.
ROORKEE DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Report.

A. Lall.

Some of you would like to know the village places in which our Christians live. Each village has all castes of people living in it, and each caste has its own separate little place. The mohulla in which the sweeper Christians live, is at a good distance from the village. Any one can at once know the mohulla when they see pigs running about and a heap of rubbish. They have mud houses with no windows. The little room inside is dark. There they cook and sleep. They have no proper bedding. Women have only old rags for mattresses and they use their garments for covering. These poor people have hard work to do, men and women both. Their wages are very little, a few annas a month and one chappati from the family where they work.

In these mohullas our Bible women are working. We have six reading classes for children, I call them reading classes because with great difficulty Bible Readers can get the children.

You would like to know about these classes. The class has students from four to twenty years old. They are children, young men, and women. Some children have hardly any clothes on them. Some do not wash their faces and never think of doing their hair. Some will have a bundle of grain to eat or a chappati (Bread). Some will have a baby to take care of. The teacher has hard work to get them in order. The class is held under a tree. A child may have been in school just for about half an hour when the mother comes and asks the teacher to let the child go to bring bread from the houses where she works or takes care of pigs. The teacher persuades the mother to let the child stay for an hour or so. There is always disturbance in the class. Although there are many disturbances, still they learn well. They have their scripture lesson daily, they learn twelve Bible stories with verses, 23 Psalms and other objectives. Every quarter they are examined in reading, writing and Bible lessons.

The Bible woman is a teacher, adviser and a helper. She knows all about their troubles. Women come to her house for medicines and letter writing.

We are very few workers for hundreds of villages but our Lord said, "Fear not little flock, I am with you"
We are sowing the seed of Christ's word in faith and hope and love. The Lord is the one who causes the seed to spring up. Pray that the Lord may found His kingdom in this land and send forth more workers.

Girls' Middle School

F. A. Clark.

Can it be that almost a year has passed since I returned from furlough? It was such a pleasant surprise to find myself appointed here in Roorkee where I had spent two such happy years of my last term. It was a joy to find the lovely new school building which had been erected since my transfer from here. It seems perfect to me in every point. Our work is made easier by good equipment and an earnest faithful staff. We feel gratified by having all ten of our middle class girls pass their Government examinations in March. My one regret is that we have not been able to enlarge our hostels. We are very crowded for room, and one building used is in a very bad state of repairs. How I long for verandas upon which the girls might sleep and use for playing during the rainy season.

During the spring we had great joy in training a class of nineteen girls for Church membership. We worked with them in groups and as individuals, trying to lead them into a real Christian experience. We were so glad Bishop Robinson could be with us on Good Friday and receive them into full membership. The service was most impressive, one that each girl shall always remember.

Our desire is that we may reach out and be of more service in the community. One of our palsied Bible Readers who has given years of faithful service in visiting and carrying the Gospel to others, is now made happy each Sunday by a visit from some of us who sing, pray, and read the Bible with her. We are opening Sunday Schools in our Christian mohullas where our teachers and girls may be able to share with others, the joys of their Christian experience.

A group of sixteen girls and our whole staff have just returned from the Saharanpur Convention. They report inspirational services and a time of real blessing. Our aim is to develop in our girls a vital Christian experience such as they cannot help but want to share with others.