MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Bengal Annual Conference
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church,
HELD AT
Calcutta, January 22—26, 1903.

BISHOP F. W. WARNE,
President.

JOSEPH CULSHAW,
Secretary.

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Rules of Order.

I.—All the business of the Conference, excepting such as may be brought forward by the President, shall be by motion.

II.—All questions of order shall be determined by the President, whose decision shall in all cases prevail, unless overruled by an appeal to the Conference: and three members dissenting from the President’s judgment shall have a right to appeal to the Conference.

III.—The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

IV.—All motions or resolutions introduced by any member of the Conference shall be reduced to writing, if the Secretary or any member requests it.

V.—No new motion or resolution shall be entertained till the one under consideration shall be disposed of, which may be by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions should intervene, namely, indefinite postponement, postponement till a given time, to lie on the table, or to amend; and these motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed.

VI.—Every member shall have a right to speak on any motion, but shall not speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than once on any one subject until all have spoken who desire to do so; unless by special permission of the Conference.

VII.—Every member when he speaks, shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address the chair; and shall not, on any occasion, use personal reflections or intemperate language.

VIII.—When a member intends to make complaint against another having a bearing upon his moral character, he shall apprise such brother of his intention, before he brings it into Conference.

IX.—No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

X.—It shall be in order for any member of the Conference, when he thinks a question has been sufficiently discussed, to move that the question be taken without further debate, and if the motion be sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the main question shall be put without further discussion.

Rules of Finance Committee.

I.—The Committee shall do business only in session convened.

II.—A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

III.—Presiding Elders shall have authority to call a meeting of the Committee during the interim of Conference sessions.

IV.—A copy of the proceedings of such meetings shall be forwarded to absent members.
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Conference Officers.

BISHOP FRANK W. WARNE, D.D.............................................. ...President.
JOSEPH CULSHAW.................................................................Secretary.
GEORGE S. HENDERSON.............................................................Assistant Secretary.
CHESTER C. MCCOWN..........................................................Statistical Secretary.
JOHN E. ROBINSON...............................................................Corresponding Secretary.
GEORGE S. HENDERSON...........Conference Treasurer of the Mission Board.
DAVID H. LEE..............Conference Treasurer and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Board of Examiners.—J. P. Meik, Chairman; Joseph Culshaw, Registrar;
McCown.

Triers of Appeals.—J. P. Meik, G. E. Stokes, C. C. Das, W. P. Byers,

Board of Deaconess Work.—J. E. Robinson, G. E. Stokes, D. H. Lee,
Mrs. Culshaw, Mrs. Denning, Mrs. Byers, Miss Knowles, Miss Samson, Mrs. Meik.

Finance Committee.—J. E. Robinson, W. P. Byers, J. O. Denning, B. M.
Mozumdar, G. S. Henderson, ex-officio; J. P. Meik, Joseph Culshaw, D. H. Lee,
G. E. Stokes, C. C. McCown; alternate, S. M. Mondol.

Board of Education.—J. P. Meik, G. E. Stokes, Joseph Culshaw, C. C.
McCown, Mrs. Lee, Miss Forster, Mrs. Denning, Miss McKinley.

Board of Conference Stewards.—G. E. Stokes, J. P. Meik, B. M.
Mozumdar, D. H. Lee, Treasurer.

Board of Epworth League.—J. O. Denning, President; C. C. McCown,
W. P. Byers, Joseph Culshaw, Vice Presidents; G. E. Stokes, Secretary and
Treasurer.

Bareilly Theological Seminary Board.—Bengal Conference Member,
J. O. Denning.

Conference Visitors to Bareilly Seminary.—J. O. Denning, J. P.
Meik.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State of the Church.—John Byork, S. M. Mondol, B. M. Mozumdar.
Conference Relations.—J. E. Robinson, W. P. Byers, B. M. Mozumdar,

Public Worship.—The Presiding Elder and preacher-in-charge of the
lace where the Conference is appointed.
MINUTES
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Proceedings of the Bengal Conference of the
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HELD AT CALCUTTA, INDIA, COMMENCING ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 1903.

JOURNAL.

FIRST SESSION.

Calcutta, January 22nd, 1903.

The sixteenth session of the Bengal Conference convened at Calcutta on Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 1903, at 10-30 A.M., Bishop F. W. Warne, presiding.

Opening.—The Conference was opened by the singing of the 241st hymn, "Majestic sweetness sits enthroned." The Bishop then read the 72nd Psalm, and led the Conference in prayer. The Conference then sang the 533rd hymn, "For ever here my rest shall be." At the close of this hymn, Bishop Thoburn entered the Conference, and all the members rose and sang the Doxology. Bishop Thoburn led the Conference in prayer, as did also D. H. Lee and G. E. Stokes.


Organization.—On motion, Joseph Culshaw was elected Secretary of the Conference. He nominated G. S. Henderson as the Assistant Secretary, who was elected. D. H. Lee was appointed Treasurer of the Conference.

Treasurer of the Board of Missions.—On motion of W. P. Byers, J. E. Robinson was nominated Treasurer of the Board of Missions for the Bengal Conference.

Transfer.—Bishop Warne announced the transfer of J. O. Denning from the Bombay Conference to the Bengal Conference.
Introductions.—J. O. and Mrs. Denning, Miss Pyne, Mrs. Chapin; Miss Eddy and W. H. Beeken, associated with the work of D. H. Lee; B. R. Barber, of the Y.M.C.A.; G. C. Hewes, N. L. Rockey of the North India Conference were introduced to the Conference.

Addresses.—Bishop Warne addressed the Conference, after which he called upon Bishop Thoburn to speak. Bishop Thoburn then addressed the Conference.

Introductions.—C. C. McCown, A. J. Barkley and Mrs. Dease were introduced to the Conference.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of C. C. McCown from the Central Illinois Conference to the Bengal Conference.

Statistical Secretary.—C. C. McCown was elected Statistical Secretary.

Standing Committees.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to make necessary changes in the standing committees for this session.

Rules of Order.—Joseph Culshaw made the motion that the rules of order printed in the Conference Minutes be adopted as the Rules of Order for this session. J. E. Robinson moved as an amendment that Rule VI read "five" minutes instead of "fifteen." The amendment was carried and the rules of order, as amended, were adopted.

The 13th Question.—The 13th Question was taken up and the name of W. P. Byers, Presiding Elder of the Asansol District, was called, his character was passed, he read the report of his district.

Hours of Conference Sessions.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, the hours of sessions were fixed from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Introduction.—F. R. Felt, M.D., of the Bombay Conference and S. S. Dease, M.D., of the North India Conference, were introduced.

Conference Bar.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, the third seat was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

Conference Visitors.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, the brethren from other Conferences were invited within the bars of the Conference, and given the privileges of membership in regard to participation in the discussions of the Conference.

The 13th Question.—The name of J. E. Robinson, Presiding Elder of the Calcutta District, and of the Calcutta Bengali District, was called; he reported his collections; his character was passed. He read the report of his districts.

The names of S. M. Mondol, G. E. Stokes, J. P. Meik, D. H. Lee, B. M. Mozumdar, Joseph Culshaw, C. C. Das, were called, they reported their collections, and their characters were passed.
Standing Committees.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the following nominations of the Presiding Elders were accepted as Standing Committees for the present session.


Colportage.—J. P. Meik, B. M. Mozumdar, Nain Sukh.


Temperance.—C. C. McCown, John Byork, C. C. Das.


Committee on Conference Relations.—The Bishop announced that he had documents from two members of the Conference, which required consideration. On motion of W. P. Byers, they were presented to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The 13th Question.—The report of the Tirhoot District was read by the Presiding Elder, W. P. Byers.

Committee on Memoirs.—On motion of W. P. Byers, a Committee on Memoirs was ordered. W. P. Byers, G. E. Stokes, Joseph Culshaw and Miss Blair were appointed.

Programme.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, the provisional programme printed in The Messenger was made the official programme of the Conference.

The 22nd Question.—The name of Henry Jackson was called. His character was passed, and he was continued in the supernumerary relation.

The 13th Question.—The name of Nain Sukh was called, he reported his collections, and his character was passed.

Statistics.—G. S. Henderson read a portion of the report of the Statistical Secretary.

The 13th Question.—The name of John Robert was called. His case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The name of Charles Dowring was called. His case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Adjournment.—After the announcements were made, the Conference adjourned to meet at 10:30 on Friday morning. The Doxology was sung, and Bishop Thoburn pronounced the Benediction.
SECOND SESSION.

Friday, January 23rd, 1903.

The second session was called to order at 10-30 A.M. by Bishop Warne.

Opening.—C. C. McCown led the devotional exercises.

Minutes—The minutes of the previous session were read, and, after correction, they were approved.

The Chair.—Bishop Thoburn took the chair.

Statistics.—G. S. Henderson continued the reading of the Statistical Report. It was adopted.

Vote of Thanks.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the hearty thanks of the Conference was given to G. S. Henderson for the careful and prompt preparation of the statistics of the year.

Committee on Resolutions.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, J. E. Robinson, J. P. Meik, D. H. Lee, Joseph Culshaw and Sitol C. Biswas were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

The 5th Question.—The name of John Byork was called, his character was passed, and he was advanced to the second year's course of studies on trial.

The 7th Question.—The name of K. C. Mullick was called, his character was passed. Bishop Warne addressed the candidate, and asked him the disciplinary questions to which he gave satisfactory answers, and he also deposited with the Secretary satisfactory written answers to questions (1) and (2) of ¶ 146 of the Discipline. On motion of W. P. Byers he was admitted into full membership with the Conference, and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Introduction.—C. J. A. Pritchard was introduced to the Conference, he addressed the Conference on the subject of the Proposed Missionary Society.

Proposed Missionary Society.—The following resolution was passed by the Conference:

WHEREAS the Bengal Conference, having heard the report of the Committee appointed at our last session to confer with Committees of other Conferences with a view to forming a connectional missionary society in Southern Asia, Resolved, that in our opinion the present is not an opportune time for the organization of such a society, and that present organizations are sufficient if faithfully used to promote the missionary cause and to obtain money therefor, and we regard it unadvisable to recommend any further action in this matter.

G. E. Stokes.

J. P. Meik.
The 4th Question.—The name of Alonzo J. Barkley was called, he gave satisfactory written answers to questions (1) and (2) of ¶146 of the Discipline, and on the recommendation of the Cedar Rapids District Conference, of the Upper Iowa Conference, U. S. A., he was admitted on trial in the Conference.

Conference Visitors to the Bareilly Seminary.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, J. O. Denning and J. P. Meik were appointed the Conference Visitors to the Bareilly Theological Seminary.

Theological Seminary Board.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, J. O. Denning was appointed the conference member of the Bareilly Theological Seminary Board.

The 9th Question.—The name of Sitol C. Biswas was called, his character was passed, and he was continued in the studies of the fourth year, with credit for the books of the course, except Porter's Compendium and Lethbridge's History of the World.

The name of Lakhon C. Sarcar was called, his character was passed, and he was continued in the studies of the fourth year, with credit for the books of the course except Porter's Compendium.

The name of G. S. Henderson was called, his character was passed, and he was continued in the studies of the fourth year, with credit for exegesis of that year. He is also to bring up Outlines of Descriptive Psychology of the third year.

The 10th Question.—The name of C. C. McCown was called, his character was passed, and he was, on motion of J. E. Robinson, elected to Elder's Orders.

Calcutta Christian Schools Society.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the following persons, nominated by Mr. Robert Laidlaw, were elected on the Committee of the Calcutta Christian Schools Society for 1903: C. J. A. Pritchard, William Ross, H. H. Remfry, Robert Laidlaw.

On motion of J. E. Robinson, the Conference authorized the Calcutta Christian Schools Society to take the necessary steps to amend the Constitution of that Society so that three members instead of four shall form a quorum for the transaction of ordinary routine business at the meetings of the Society.

Muttra Mission Training School.—Bishop Warne represented the work of the Muttra Training School.

Return of Parchments.—J. E. Robinson presented the parchments of F. E. Lieden, and Bishop Warne presented the parchments of Homer Wroten. They were ordered to be put on file by the Secretary.

Committee on Conference Relations.—J. E. Robinson presented Reports 1 and 2 of the Committee on Conference Relations; they were adopted.
India Sunday School Union.—R. Burges, Secretary of the India Sunday School Union, was introduced, and gave an address emphasizing work among the young.

Introduction.—J. W. Robinson of the North India Conference was introduced to the Conference.

Adjournment.—After the announcements, the Doxology was sung and Bishop Thoburn pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION.
Saturday, January 24th, 1903.

The Third Session was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Bishop Warne.

Opening.—J. W. Robinson led the devotional exercises.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Corresponding Secretary.—On motion of Joseph Culshaw, J. E. Robinson was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Conference.

Treasurer of the Board of Missions.—J. E. Robinson, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, in view of his other onerous duties, asked to be relieved of the office. The Conference regretfully accepted his resignation.

On motion of J. P. Meik, G. S. Henderson was nominated Treasurer of the Board of Missions for the Bengal Conference.

The Chair.—Bishop Thoburn took the Chair.

The 30th Question.—It was resolved to hold the next Conference at Calcutta.

Finance Committee.—On motion of G. S. Henderson the Conference proceeded to the election of the Finance Committee. John Byork and A. J. Barkley were appointed tellers. The following were elected: J. P. Meik, Joseph Culshaw, B. M. Mozumdar, D. H. Lee, and G. E. Stokes. C. C. McCown and S. M. Mondol were elected alternates.

The Bishop Thoburn Special Fund.—N. L. Rockey was asked to represent the interests of The Bishop Thoburn Special Fund before the Conference. He addressed the Conference on the subject of this Fund, after which Bishop Thoburn addressed the Conference on the importance of careful attention to the working of the Fund.

Colportage.—J. P. Meik presented the report of the Committee on Colportage. On motion of G. S. Henderson, the report was accepted.
The 15th Question.—The death of B. J. Chew was announced by the Presiding Elder. A memorial service was ordered to be held on Sunday evening, after the preaching service.

Temperance.—The report of the committee on Temperance was read by C. C. McCown. On motion of J. P. Meik, the report was accepted.

Standing Committees.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees.

State of the Church.—The report of the committee on the State of the Church was read by G. E. Stokes. On motion of J. E. Robinson, the report was accepted.

Board of Conference Stewards.—The report of the Board of Conference Stewards was read by J. P. Meik. On motion of G. E. Stokes the report was accepted.

Board of Examiners.—The Secretary of the Conference reported that the Board of Examiners had appointed Joseph Culshaw as Registrar. He also reported that J. O. Denning and C. C. McCown had been appointed to fill vacancies.

Printing of the Minutes—On motion of D. H. Lee, the Secretaries of the Conference were appointed a committee to print and publish the minutes. An edition of 250 was ordered.

Book Concern Dividend.—On motion of J. P. Meik, the Presiding Bishop was authorized to draw the usual Book Concern Dividend.

Epworth League Committee.—On motion of C. C. McCown, the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee to nominate the Epworth League Board of Control. The Bishop appointed J. E. Robinson, G. E. Stokes and Mrs. Byers.

Conference Sermon.—The Bishop appointed J. O. Denning to preach the Conference sermon. C. C. McCown alternate.

The Official Record.—On motion of D. H. Lee, the printed minutes were adopted as the official record of the minutes of the Conference.

American Methodist Institution.—J. P. Meik presented the report of a committee appointed by the Calcutta District Conference on the American Methodist Institution. On motion of J. E. Robinson the report was accepted.

Boarding School Charges.—Resolved: That the Schedule of Rates recommended by the Central Conference for charges in our boarding schools be adopted by the Bengal Conference.

J. P. MEIK.
C. C. McCOWN.
Proposed Provident Fund.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, the Constitution of a Proposed Provident Fund for the Mission workers in connection with the District Conference presented by the Calcutta and Calcutta Bengali Districts, was referred to the Central Conference.

Sunday Schools.—The report of the committee on Sunday Schools was presented by John Byork. On motion of J. E. Robinson it was accepted.

Adjournment.—The Conference sang the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced, and the Conference adjourned to meet at the call of the Bishop.

FOURTH SESSION.

Monday, January 26th, 1903.

The fourth session was called to order at 10:30 by Bishop Thoburn in the absence of Bishop Warne who had to leave for the Burma Mission Conference.

Opening.—The Bishop led the devotional exercises.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Standing Committees.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the committee of the Presiding Elders were allowed to present their report later to the Secretary.

Deaconess Board.—On motion of W. P. Byers, the report of the Deaconess Board was permitted to be presented later to the Secretary.

The Auditing Committee.—The report of the Auditing Committee was presented by J. P. Meik. On motion of J. E. Robinson, the report was accepted.

The 18th Question.—The Presiding Bishop handed the Deacon's ordination paper of John Robert to the Secretary and it was ordered to be placed on the Conference File. He presented the following certificate concerning the other parchments:

Calcutta, 26th January, 1903.

Main, John Robert, jo Bengal Kanfarans (M. E. Church) ka member hun, apnī marzī se stīfa deke us kanfarans ko aur Methodist ki manādī ke kam ko chhor deta hun. Mere laisans aur mere ordineshan ke kägazat wāpas deta hiin.

Dīkan kā laisans manjud hai aur Presiding Elder ko de gayā hai. Exhorter aur Lokal Prīchar ke laisans, aur Elder ke ordineshan ke kägazat bahut din hue, chori kī gaye; is liye we manjud
BENGAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1903.

C. Dowring.
B. M. Mozumdar.  

Epworth League Board.—G. E. Stokes presented the following report, which was accepted: J. O. Denning, President; C. C. McCown, Joseph Culshaw, W. P. Byers, Vice-Presidents; G. E. Stokes, Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee on Resolutions.—The report of the Committee on Resolutions was offered, in part by J. E. Robinson, in part by J. P. Mcik. It was adopted. [See Resolutions.]

Relation of Finance Committees.—On motion, the question of the relation between the Finance Committee of the Conference, and the Finance Committee of the Woman's Conference was referred to the Central Conference for discussion.

D. H. Lee.—D. H. Lee requested to be excused from further attendance at this session. He was excused.

Certificate of Ordination.—Bishop Thoburn presented the following Certificate of Ordination: This is to certify that I have this day ordained Chester C. McCown to the officer of Elder in the Church, and Keshub Chandra Mullick to the office of Deacon, both of these persons having been duly elected to their respective offices by the Bengal Annual Conference.

Calcutta, January 25th, 1903.

J. M. Thoburn.

Adjournment.—On motion of G. S. Henderson, it was resolved, after the hearing of the minutes and reading the appointments, that the Conference adjourn sine die.

Minutes.—The minutes of the concluding session were read and approved.

Appointments.—The Bishops addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned sine die.

Frank E. Warren
President.

Joseph Culshaw
Secretary.
RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP J. M. THOBURN.

Greater joy than we can express has come to our hearts by the presence once more among us of our beloved Bishop Thoburn, after an absence of three years. We have sorrowed with him in the sore affliction through which he was called to pass during the year that has closed. But we rejoice in the sustaining grace which has been so bountifully vouchsafed unto him. Most thankfully do we acknowledge the splendid service which he has been enabled to render to the cause of Missions during his stay in the homeland. Our prayer is that his health may be fully re-established and that while he travels and labours in the great Indian Mission field of our Church he may be preserved from all evil. We affectionately commend our honoured leader and the dear young people in the homeland who lie close to his heart, to the loving kindness of the Heavenly Father.

BISHOP F. W. WARNE.

Resolved: That it has given us great pleasure to once more welcome Bishop F. W. Warne as the President of our Conference, and that we express our highest appreciation of his genial manner and efficient work among us and greatly rejoice, with the Church, in his restored health and vigour.

MRS. J. F. GOUCHER.

We have learned of the death of Mrs. Goucher, wife of the Rev. John F. Goucher, D.D., President of the Woman's College, Baltimore, with sincere regret. The deceased lady was personally known to few of us, but from various sources we have come to known of her rare sweetness of spirit and Christ-like character. Dr. Goucher's long connection with the Missionary work of our Church, his unfailing sympathy with our Indian Mission field, his official relation to the Board of Missions and his generous gifts to the Missionary cause have given him a large place in our thought and affection. His visit to India five years ago greatly increased our esteem for him. We grieve with our brother in the sore bereavement which has overtaken him, and desire to assure him of our fraternal sympathy in this time of great trial.

WELCOME.

It has afforded us sincere gratification to welcome Brother and Sister Denning to our Conference. We desire for them a successful career in their new and interesting field. We also thank God for bringing back safely to our midst Brother and Sister Culshaw, who have a warm place in all our hearts. It is also a pleasure to welcome back Miss Jakobson, whose valuable work in behalf of our Mission at
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Pakur, and in the cause of Missions generally, has been so highly appreciated in America.

Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

Resolved.—The Conference records its heartiest appreciation of the careful and conscientious manner in which J. E. Robinson, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, has guarded the financial interests of the Conference, and we deeply regret that Brother Robinson now resigns his treasurership.

Thanks for Entertainment.

Resolved: That we record our heartiest appreciation of the kind entertainment accorded to the Conference by our brothers and sisters in this city.

MEMORIALS.

The Late B. J. Chew, B.A., B.D.

Our brother Chew was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, U.S.A., December 18th, 1864. He was the eighth child of eleven and the sixth son of the family. His father died in 1878. His mother still lives and he has four brothers surviving who mourn his death. After graduating from the Grammar School at an early age he spent some time in a nail factory before entering High School. From the High School he graduated with honours in 1883 standing "Excellent" in every study. He took a college course of four years in Ohio Wesleyan University, 1884-1888. From there he went to the Theological School of the Boston University, for his theological training. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Mallalieu in 1889, and elder by Bishop Thoburn in 1893. While prosecuting his theological studies he filled pulpits as a pastoral supply in the vicinity of Boston, his last pastorate before coming to India having been at Myricks, Mass. In November 1892, he arrived in Calcutta and was appointed to Bengali work, with which he was more or less closely identified at the time of his death.

At this Annual Conference as we have gone about the usual deliberations and routine of the Conference we have greatly missed the familiar form of our brother. He had so fully identified himself with the work of the Conference, that we feel his absence most keenly.

Our loss of his strong personality, and forceful yet sympathetic spirit, is almost more than we can bear. His was a noble spirit, self-sacrificing to the last degree, and his one object in life was to do what he could to advance the cause of Jesus Christ. He was with us for a little more than nine years. He did good service from his first year. It was natural that with his scholastic attainments, Brother Chew would
eventually get attached to educational work, and for over two years he was Principal of the Calcutta Boys' School. His work in the school was of a high order, and the Government Examination Records show that he had success in preparing boys for their examination.

At the Conference held in 1897 he was appointed Principal of the American Methodist Institution and from that date until his death his best efforts were made on behalf of this Institution. It is matter of common knowledge how he put his own slender means into the work, and how heroically he worked under very adverse financial conditions to make the school a success. His work was only for a few short years, yet we have already several young men who have passed through his hands and are a credit to us as a church.

In the year 1899 our brother married Miss Flora M. Widdifield of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. They had but one child which was born and died during the year 1901. Mrs. Chew was a true helpmeet to her husband, sharing the trials and difficulties, the responsibilities and perplexities of the various departments of the work. We deeply sympathize with her in the great trial that came to her, and earnestly desire for her the sustaining grace of God and His continual favour in her appointed sphere of labour among her old fellow-workers in the North India Conference.

In 1900 Bishop Waine appointed him Presiding Elder of the Calcutta Bengali District. The load of heavy burdens at this time seemed to be complete, but at the commencement of this year there was a vacancy in the Principalship of the Calcutta Boys' School and he was chosen for the place. This, in addition to all his other work, was too heavy a burden for one man to bear. But, had it not been for the constitutional heart-weakness discerned later, he might have been with us to-day.

His work with his brethren in the Bengali circuits was a benediction. We knew him to be a brother. We are thankful for his life and example, and we trust that many such men of his calibre may bless the work in Bengal.

We cannot forget the sorrowing relatives, and at this time we pray that the God of all comfort who comforteth us in all our affliction may manifest Himself in all comfort to the bereaved family circle. We mourn his absence, but we may not complain. We bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and say with lowly hearts, "Thy will be done."

MRS. ANNA J. THOBURN.

AS I KNEW HER.

My personal recollections of Mrs. Thoburn go back through long years and antedate those of any person present here to-night. A picture of her in the early days of that our first term of school in our Seminary, as she stood in the old chapel amid a crowd of girls, all waiting
for some business with the principal—that is my first impression of her, so far as I can recall. Why she of all those girls there was the only one who made impression enough upon my mind to remain, I do not know. Perhaps it was some prophecy of the close intimacy of the years to come; perhaps it was something in the personality of this brown-haired, brown-eyed girl of seventeen, with the purity upon her face that was always its chief charm, I cannot tell.

Four years were we together there, class-mates. Day after day we recited together, evening after evening we met together in the little recess meeting, a brief service of prayer at the close of the day. Sabbath after Sabbath we sat in the sanctuary together; and always during those four years Anna Jones was the loved of the girls, and the favourite of the teachers; the sweet and affectionate friend, the diligent and faithful student, and at the end she was the valedictorian of her class. She was a young Christian then, but she was always true; always ready with prayer or service as occasion called.

Long after, I went one day into the chapel of our old school. It was a college now, the old chapel had been given up for a grand new one, and the girls were not the simple maidens of the long ago, but typical young college women of to-day—critical perhaps, and not too easily moved. Upon the platform stood one with earnest face, and tender, pleading voice, broken with emotion. It was Mrs. Thoburn. She was speaking to the young ladies of the beauty and privilege of a life given up to God. It was not now the power of her personality, it was not her own power at all that moved those girls; it was the power of the Holiest, speaking in eye, and voice and word, that awed and stirred them to emotions such as perhaps some among them had never felt before and was an inspiration which shall abide. Mrs. Thoburn herself loved the school to which she believed she owed so much, and it reveals the fidelity of her nature the fondness with which she always returned to the thought of, that, to her, dear spot.

After all, it was not in school that I really came to know and to love her, as in after years I did. It was here, in India, where you all knew her, where you all loved her, where we were so thrown together in daily, hourly contact, that the real beauty and grace of her rare nature became known to me. Besides, in the years that had intervened, the girl, who, the idolized only child of a father who loved her with an affection rare even in a parent, must, unless she were something more than human, have had little defects and selfish developments in her intercourse with her fellow schoolmates; that girl had grown and widened into the mature woman. She was now a wife and mother, a Christian whose knowledge of things heavenly and divine was a daily inspiration and a transforming influence in her own life and in the lives of those about her.

I do not need to tell you all these things, you, who knew and loved her; of her gentleness and utter truth, of the strength of her
friendships, of how, like one who lived long ago upon this earth she went about doing good. I do not need to tell you, only somehow, when the heart holds one in loving recollection, we like to hear again and once again about that one; we dwell with yearning fondness upon each new detail and every fresh setting of the old.

You know how she used to love this church, how in every meeting her voice was heard in prayer and testimony and in song. I suppose there is not one among us, belonging to those days, but that could stop, and in the hush of memory hear again her clear, sweet, strong tones in praise or earnest pleading prayer, or in the hymns, some of which we never sing without a memory of her. A few of us were sitting together after the last sad word came, talking of her, and we each said that to us her great strength lay in her power in prayer. In prayer she was singularly gifted. I think that from the first she knew how to pray as all young Christians do not, for I remember her at school, and as her Christian character had strengthened, that gift had been perfected. And so it was that we loved to hear her voice as she talked with one who was nearer to her than earthly friend. Whether here in these meetings, or wherever she might be, her thought was always busy with plans to help somebody, to help him to be good. In many and many a place in this city, upon many and many a heart her influence has been felt; her presence lingers with us still, and in these days of Conference, as we have met together in the old familiar room where she used to gather us for social times, as we have talked of her to each other, as we have heard again, from the lips of one dear to all of us, the last sacred words and messages, her spirit has seemed to hover very near.

Sweet as were her ministries among the people, it was at home, in the midst of her own little family circle, that after all we loved her best. She was very human, and that was why we loved her. She was wise in counsel and so we sought her in our difficulties. She was strong and faithful in friendship and so believed in the goodness of her friendship and in their ability, and they believed more in themselves, and longed to measure up to her ideal of them. As wife and mother she seemed to me very nearly the embodiment of all those words ought to stand for; of pure and holy womanhood. In her presence unholy thoughts and acts, or rough and passionate utterance stood rebuked. In the atmosphere about her the good, the true and the beautiful flourished and grew strong. To me, there is one among the "Blesseds" spoken by our Lord which seems wonderfully fitting when we think of her: "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." And now, in a manner that comes not to mortal sight, her eyes behold the King in His beauty. She, with the three darling little ones walk with Him in white. May it be that in sweetness of spirit; in devotion and in love, her mantle may fall upon us who remain here a little before we go to join her on the other side!

K. A. Blair.
Public Meetings.

THURSDAY.

7:30 A.M. Devotional Meeting ... Leader, Rev. W. P. Byers of Asansol.

7:30 P.M. Woman’s Foreign Missionary Meeting ... Miss Maxey in the chair; Mrs. Denning and Mrs. Lee, speakers.

FRIDAY.

7:30 A.M. Devotional Meeting ... Rev. John Byork of Asansol.

6 P.M. Bengali Church. Bengali Conference Sermon ... Rev. Lakhon C. Sarcar of Tamluk.

SATURDAY.

7:30 A.M. Believers’ Meeting ... Leader, Bishop Thoburn.

7:30 P.M. Epworth League Meeting ... Bishop Warne in the Chair; Mrs. Denning and Rev. C. C. McCown speakers.

SUNDAY.

8:30 A.M. Conference Sermon ... Rev. Joseph Culshaw.

4 P.M. Bengali Church. Ordination of Deacons and Elders, conducted by ... Bishop Thoburn, Preacher, Rev. J. P. Meik, of Pakur,

6 P.M. Sermon, Bishop Thoburn. This service was followed by the Conference Memorial Service for B. J. Chew and Mrs. Thoburn.
# APPOINTMENTS, 1903.

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(P.O. Calcutta)

Champahati — — — — Supplied by S. C. Roy.
Diamond Harbour — — — — To be supplied.
Kidderpore — — — — To be supplied.
Jhanjra — — — — Supplied by Joseph Benny.
Kulpi — — — — To be supplied.
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TIRhoot DISTRICT.—J. O. Denning, P.E.
(P. O. Mozafarpur)

Bettiah — — — — Supplied by John Peter.
Chupra — — — — Supplied by Kali Charan.
Darbhanga — — — — Nain Sukh.
Dalsing Serai — — — — To be supplied.
Samastipur — — — — To be supplied.
Mozafarpur — — — — J. O. Denning.
Ilm Bagh Boys' School — — — — J. O. Denning.
Sitamari — — — — Charles Dowring.

Wouen's Conference.
Asansol District.

Asansol Womens' Work — — — — Mrs. Byers.
" Girls' School — — — — Miss Forster.
" Bengali work ... ... ... Mrs. Mullick.
" W. F. M. S. Home — — — Miss Hoskings.
" Medical work — . . — Miss Vernieux.
" Evangelistic work ... ... — Miss Moore.

CALCUTTA DISTRICT.

Bolpur — — — — — Mrs. Culshaw.
Dennett Training School and Girls' Day School ... Mrs. Lee, Miss Eddy.
Evangelistic and Zenaana work .. — Dr. Mulford.
Day Schools — — — — Mrs. Lee, Miss Canham.
Hindustani Mission — — — — Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Das.
Hindustani Orphanage and Ghat Work — Miss Graydon.
English Church — — — — Mrs. Stokes.
Deaconess Home — Miss Moxey (Supdt.) Miss Stumpf, Mrs. Chapin.
APPOINTMENTS.

Anglo-Indian Boys' Orphanage — — — Mrs. Smith.
Girls' School — — Miss Sampson, Miss Henkle, Miss Pyne.
Darjeeling—Queen's Hill School Miss Knowles, Miss McKinley, Miss Wisner.

Pakur:

,, Pakur Girls' Boarding School — — — Mrs. Meik.
,, Evangelistic Work — — — Miss Jakobson.

Mrs. Warne, in America.

TIRHOO'T DISTRICT.

Mozafarpur.—Women's Work — — — Mrs. Denning.
,, District and Zenana Work — — Mrs. Denning.
,, Girls' Orphanage — — Mrs. Denning.
Darbhanga — — — — Mrs. Nain Sukh.
Sitamari — — — — Mrs. Dowring.
Samastipur — — — — To be supplied.

DIAMOND HARBOUR DISTRICT.

Jhanjra — — — — — Mrs. Benny.
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Sessions of the Bengal Conference.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference
   John O. Denning from the Bombay Conference, Chester
   C. McCown from the Central Illinois Conference

II. Who have been re-admitted?
   None.

III. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?
    None.

IV. Who have been received on trial?
    Alonzo J. Barkley.

V. Who have been continued on trial?
   (b.) John Byork.

VI. Who have been discontinued?
    None.

VII. Who have been admitted into full membership?
    (a.) Keshub C. Mullick.

VIII. What members are in studies of the third year?
    (a.) Keshub C. Mullick.

IX. What members in studies of the fourth year?
    George S. Henderson, Lakhon C Sarcar, Sitol C. Biswas.

X. What members have completed the Conference Course of study
   (a.) Chester C. McCown.

XI. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?
    None.

XII. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?
    None.

XIII. Was the character of each preacher examined?
    This was strictly done as the name of each preacher
    was called in open Conference.

XIV. Who have been transferred and to what Conference
    None.

XV. Who have died?
    B. J. Chew.

XVI. Who have been located at their own request
    None.
Question XVII. Who have been located?
None.

" XVIII. Who have withdrawn?
John Robert.

" XIX. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
F. E. Lieden.
Homer Wroten.

" XX. Who have been expelled?
None.

" XXI. What other Personal Notation should be made?
None.

" XXII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
Henry Jackson.

" XXIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
None.

" XXIV. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

" XXV. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

" XXVI. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
Rs. 2,382.

" XXVII. What are the claims on the Conference Funds?
$167 @ 3 = Rs. 691.

" XXVIII. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?
$177 which has been applied under order of the Conference.

" * XIX. Where are the Preachers stationed?
See appointments.

" XXX. Where shall the next Conference be held?
Calcutta.
With every passing year it is becoming more and more noticeable that India is undergoing a change and the time approaching when this great Empire shall be found subdued and sitting at the feet of Jesus. The indication of this transformation increases so constantly that we are amazed at the rapid change which is taking place. On every hand we hear it freely admitted that Christianity is gradually overcoming the old faiths of the country and supplanting them; many of our Christian customs are being adopted; large numbers of the people enjoy the Sabbath's rest from toil; heathen schools are closed on God's day and Christmas is looked forward to, by all classes, as the most festive time of the year. Many have read and are reading the Bible, and in many hearts there are decided leanings towards the teaching and example of the lowly Saviour of the world. Our hearts are cheered and gladdened as we observe these things, which prophets and kings desired to look into.

The English-speaking people of Asansol are cared for assiduously by Brother John Byork, who has now been two years with us. He has meetings nearly every night in the week, and there is a thriving Sunday-School and flourishing Temperance Society which has grown so enterprising that it has been publishing a little paper called the "Asansol Signal." A goodly number have united with the Church during the year, and Bro. Byork realizes that his labours are not in vain in the Lord. He has taken up several outstations and has services at Sitarampur, Kendwa and Dhanbaid on the Jherriah Branch of the East Indian Railway. The Railway Company has furnished him with a pass to travel up and down the line, and well attended services are held weekly at these points, with encouraging indications. On Christmas day the friends manifested their appreciation of Bro. Byork's untiring efforts for their welfare and presented him with a Christmas donation amounting to Rs. 132. It is encouraging to have the people look after their minister in this way and show their regard and appreciation of his services.

Our plans for our Bengali Work were entirely disarranged by the call to take charge of Tirhoot District, on the retirement of Bro. Jackson. At the time it came we were far out on the district in camp, teaching and preaching among the many villages lying south of us, whilst there, we were struck with the large numbers of Santhals, who appeared at the melas to meet their friends and enjoy their simple village dances together. We longed to speak to them in their own tongue and realized that something ought to be done to save these thrifty, industrious and well-to-do people. They are fast becoming Hindus, and unless we can reach out our hands to them speedily,
they will be merged into the gross idolatry of their Hindu neighbours. They were well dressed, hearty, happy and healthful, and as we beheld them, we yearned for them for the service of Christ. If we could secure a Santhal evangelist for a time we might gain a footing amongst them, but they are so shy and suspicious of strangers, that it is like trying to approach wild birds to get near them. There are whole villages of them and we must do our utmost to rescue them. May God raise up someone to lead the way.

We must have more preachers; men who can give their whole time to evangelistic work in the villages. We have several good men among the village leaders, who have been growing in grace and in the knowledge and love of God, who can do excellent work if they only have some one as a leader to show them how to be aggressive. We seem to have done so little and made so little inroad upon the masses of the people that we feel ashamed and grieved to think that we are left so short-handed and with so little money that we cannot develop the work as it should be. The great need of the people is the Church's call to take the gospel to them and work for them while we may.

Our village Christians are becoming stronger and more fearless and begin to understand what Christianity will do for them as individuals and families. Their children are learning in our schools, and through the knowledge and instruction there received are becoming respectable members of society in the locality where they were born.

We should take up and open work at Kendwa, the head-quarters of the Asiatic Iron Works. There are several European families who attend our English services, and there are 2,000 native employes who live in a village close by who ought to be reached. That should be one of our occupied out-stations, as the place is growing, and the company greatly increasing the works.

The work among our children is an increasing source of satisfaction to us. The boys are growing fast and are learning so well that we are more than surprised, yea delighted, at the progress they are making. Most of them can read and write well in the vernaculars, Bengali and Hindi, and even some of the little boys are in their second book of English and write a good hand. Martyn Samson, the Head Teacher, has his brother to assist him now, but we require a trained Bengali Master to prepare the Bengali boys for the higher Government Examinations. Five of the boys went up last year and a much larger number will go up this year. They have begun to enjoy their studies and are eager to learn more. Several of the older boys have gone to work and are earning for themselves. Thirty-five of the boys passed the Indian Sunday School Examination with high marks, which shows that they are learning something in the Sunday School.

The Epworth League is a crowded and enthusiastic meeting where the children enjoy themselves and learn to face a crowd. One of the boys gave a short sermon a while ago on ‘‘What must I do to be
saved," and we were all much impressed with the emphasis, manner, matter and delivery of the little fellow, as he pointed out with serious face and glowing heart, the way to be saved. It delights us to see the children developing especially religiously. We wish them first of all to be good, then everything God can make of them second to that.

The work among the lepers continues as interesting as ever. There are 85 leper inmates, and 16 untainted children, who are doing remarkably well in their studies. If they keep on as they have begun, we shall have developed a staff of workers from among the children who will be able to fill all the positions the necessity of the work may demand. During the year a number of the lepers have been baptized and several have died. To hear dying testimonies of these makes one think of the olden times when John Wesley said "Our people die well." It is scarcely conceivable how such poor, ignorant, people could have such triumphant assurances and comforting expressions of the hope of eternal glory. When we hear them we are reminded that we are preparing gems for the Master's crown. Better or more definite testimonies were never uttered in Christian lands.

In our local preacher Soradah P. Dass, the lepers have a very helpful overseer, and though all of them are not as pious as we could wish them to be, some of them are exemplary Christians.

Our Bengali Preacher, Keshub Chandra Mullick, will no doubt be ordained at this Conference. He has developed a great deal, is well liked by the people and evidently enjoys his work. He is particularly helpful in caring for the sick and dispensing medicines, very much of which kind of work has to be done. We have been able to put up a nice pakka house for him, where he and his growing family can be comfortable and contented. The school boys did all the work about this good sized building except the bricklayers' and carpenters' work. There wasn't much grumbling about it either, and in this way we were able to build at little cost.

For ten years we sighed for a back verandah for the Mission House and Bishop Warne declared, that I should have a study even if I didn't have a dining room. We now have the back verandah, and the office too and a godown at the far end of the verandah and a place other than the dining room in which to see patients and dispense medicines.

Harry Moore has been making himself generally useful, assisting with the building work and learning to care for the sick. He is studying Bengali and preparing to go up for his first examination at the end of this year. For a couple of months he helped at Mozufferpore in the Hindustani work, and the boys would have been pleased if we could have left him there with them. He is supported by a friend in Canada, and we trust that Harry will fulfil all the expectation of this worthy patron.

The W. F. M. S., with its nearly 100 girls, has grown too large for the Mission Compound and is now enjoying more spacious quarters.
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about a mile out of town. Through the efforts of Miss Kemper of Indiana "Kemper Hall," the new W. F. M. S. Home is giving room and comfort to the workers; and when the new school and dormitories are built, the girls will be comfortably settled for a long time to come. Miss Forster has had competent help throughout the year with Miss Hoskings, Miss Vernieux and her two Bengali teachers, and the splendid progress the girls have made is very gratifying indeed. Miss Forster herself passed her final Bengali Examination in the first division in December last, and now feels somewhat prepared for Bengali work.

With Miss Moore and her two Bible Women, we are hoping to get more of the Evangelistic work done among the Zenanas and village women.

We have not been able to push the work of the district as we might have done because we are so scantily supplied with funds receiving only Rs. 200 a month for all the work and workers; nevertheless year by year we are growing stronger and larger as a Mission, and God will take care of his own, and be with us as He has promised to the end of time. Our Sun shall no more go down for the Lord is our everlasting light, and the days of our mourning shall be ended.

His lamps are we
   To shine where He shall say
And lamps are not for sunny rooms
   Nor for the light of day,
But for dark places of the Earth,
   Where shame and wrong and crime have birth;
Or for the murky twilight gray
   Where wandering sheep have gone astray;
Or where the light of faith grows dim
   And souls are groping after Him;
And as sometimes flame we find,
   Clear shining through the night,
So bright we do not see the lamp,
   But only see the light,
So may we shine—His light the flame
That men may glorify His name.

THE CALCUTTA DISTRICT

AND

THE CALCUTTA BENGALI DISTRICT

J. E. ROBINSON, Presiding Elder.

On the death of our lamented brother, B. J. Chew, in June, the care of the Calcutta Bengali District for the rest of the year devolved upon me by appointment of Bishop Warne. In my report I have not felt it necessary to make a sharp distinction between the two districts. The year has been one of unusually severe trial, and at times unbelief was ready to suggest that the Lord had withdrawn His gracious presence from us. But in our darkest hours there were not
wanting manifest tokens of His favour, and we felt encouraged by the promise, which seemed appropriate to our peculiar situation: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee; In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer." Our strong confidence has been, and is, that "the trial of our faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, will be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

The Bengali Work.

In Calcutta the chief centre is the Bengali Church on Dharamtala Street, a hive of various activities, including prayer and class meetings, Sunday School and Epworth League. Here gather a hundred girls connected with Mrs. Lee's "Dennett Training School" and some two score Christian boarder boys of the American Methodist Institution, with half a dozen young men of the Training Class. A number of teachers and workers make this church their rallying place. Useful work is done through its services. A couple of months ago Bishop Warne conducted several evangelistic meetings which it was believed were attended with good results. These young men and women, for whom the Church is providing a good education, are becoming voluntary workers, and one and another are finding their way into the ranks of mission workers. We should be better pleased to find our Indian brethren more largely patronizing schools of their own Mission, especially for their girls. In the suburbs of Beg Bagan, Baliaghata, Kidderpore and Champahatti, varied services—evangelistic and educational—indoor and outdoor—for old and young—are regularly maintained, and not without fruit. Baliaghata has been strengthened by the arrival of Mr. W. Beeken, from England, whose technical skill bids fair to be most useful in the training of the famine orphan boys located there. This section of Baliaghata promises to be the centre of a great work in the future. Here Bro. Lee has purchased about three acres of land at a cost of Rs. 18,000, and the buildings and improvements have been effected at an additional expense of Rs. 14,000, all of which has been paid. The Boys' Orphanage now has forty inmates and is doing well. Much outdoor work is carried on in these various centres, and considerable colportage work is prosecuted. But the time has come, it seems to some of us, when more definite, systematic, aggressive effort to reach the people of the city should be vigorously entered upon. Our Dharamtala Street Church, as we all deplore, is not reaching the outside community to any extent. Take out the boarder pupils of the Mission Schools, and the church would be a veritable skeleton. No accessions from the ranks of Hinduism or Mohammedanism are gladdening our hearts. It is absolutely necessary that provision be made to develop this church into something more than a young people's organization, or we shall let years go by without making the least
advance towards a real self-sustaining church in this great city. We are probably farther from such an ideal to-day than we were three or four years ago. And this may be said in full recognition of the good work being done among the young people, whose advantages are great. Passing from the Metropolis, we reach

**Bolpur.**

The work of the year at Bolpur has amounted to little more than holding on to what exists, to prevent disintegration. Brother Soorjoo M. Mondol supervised the work of the circuit under the direction of the Presiding Elder during the last few months of the year, with care and fidelity. But, as might be expected, no aggressive advance has been attempted. In the circuit may be found scattered elements, the nucleus of what we trust will one day be a strong church and a large and influential movement among the good class of Bengali people in Bolpur and in the adjacent villages, harder to reach at the beginning perhaps; but by and by good results will follow. The force of workers is miserably inadequate for extensive operations—an ordained preacher, a colporteur and a school teacher. We are glad to report the completion of a plain but comfortable dormitory for the famine orphan lads, costing some Rs. 1,500 and a neat church building to serve also as school, at an outlay of about Rs. 2,000, both made possible by famine fund appropriations and a few special gifts.

**Pakur.**

This circuit embraces numerous villages in several of which are little groups of our Christian people, holding their own and struggling on in their simple Christian life among rather hostile neighbours. It is a privilege to be able to reach out a helping hand to these disadvantaged people, to provide the means of grace for them and humble educational facilities for their children. In the days to come this work will prove to have been not in vain in the Lord. The people contribute of their meagre means to the maintenance of their village school and church buildings. In Pakur itself the Christian community consists mainly of the boys and girls in the schools, famine widows, and the Mission workers. No accessions have come, or are being gained, from the town itself, as is often the case. The young people are being well-trained. Few better schools are connected with our Conference than those at Pakur. The Industrial experiment known as the Poultry Farm, has yielded some profit to the Mission, but I cannot consider it of sufficient value to justify its continuance on the present lines, and Bro. Meik has agreed to work it off to a finish so as not to involve any loss. It is not an industry in which very many of our Native Christians will ever find a means of livelihood. The fruit orchard is developing. Fierce cyclonic storms did considerable damage early last year, but some profit was yielded; and there seems little question that five years from now there will be a revenue of well on to Rs. 1,000 per annum. It is
matter of regret that two of our buildings for workers were burned down during the year, undoubtedly by the hand of an incendiary. Considerable loss resulted. It is a great mistake to put up thatched buildings for Mission purposes. I trust no more will be erected at any of our stations.

South of Calcutta we strike the

**South Village and Diamond Harbour Circuits**, of both of which Bro. Mozumdar has had charge during the year. He reports:—"According to opportunity we have sown the seed of the Gospel in the hauts, bazars, villages, melas and in the Government courts to the heathens and in addition to the Christian community. There are in the two circuits 12 day schools and 12 Sunday schools. They are attended by both Christian and non-Christian children. They are working successfully. Eight adults from Hinduism and 26 children have been baptized during the year, and books to the value of Rs. 192 sold. We are lamentably in want of houses for the workers at Tamluk. Looking over the field we see much to encourage us in our work and have great hopes of much success in the future."

In these circuits there are several hundreds of a Christian community, chiefly connected with the South Villages, making their living largely by rice cultivation. They are poor, but are not wholly wanting in effort to help themselves.

A Sunday spent with these people makes one feel that the good Spirit of God despises none, but is working in the hearts of the poor and ignorant as well as in those of the more favoured in temporal things. The Diamond Harbour Circuit embraces Diamond Harbour, Tamluk (a somewhat isolated but eligible centre for purely evangelistic work, manned at present by two W.F.M.S. ladies, Miss Blair and Miss Moyer, and Bro. Lakhan Sarcar) and a number of smaller villages. Until a more aggressive policy is initiated little is to be expected at Tamluk, nor on the circuit generally. Bro. Mozumdar has regularly visited his circuits through the year, exercising a wise and careful supervision over all Mission interests. We are conscious that our Bengali work is far from receiving the attention and care that it needs, but we are resolved to give it more consideration than it has had in the past, as far as our inadequate forces allow. A wide door is open to us in Bengal, with its many millions of accessible people, notwithstanding the numerous Missions that touch us on every hand. Surely we as a Mission have a work to do in this great province more successful and satisfactory than any yet developed!

**ENGLISH WORK.**

The English work on the Calcutta District retains all its old-time importance in relation to the status of our Mission as a whole. All its interests and departments of activity are fairly prosperous. In the pastor of the Dharamtala Street Church—which is not
only entirely self-supporting, but a generous contributor to orphanages and the connectional benevolences—the congregation has an able expounder of the Word of Life and a diligent pastor of the flock. The Young People's Societies are in active operation. The Sunday School flourishes under wise and efficient leadership. The spiritual tone of the church is good, though pastor and people alike desire it might be greatly deepened. Conversions, in quantity and quality, are not what they were when a larger number of European seamen and engineers used to attend, and outsiders of the nominal Christian community of the city were more frequently present. During the year about Rs. 7,000 has been raised for the extinction of the Parsonage Debt, an achievement over which the pastor and all of us may well rejoice. Not a pice of debt now rests upon the valuable English Church property. We are assured by those who have made investigation that the financial outcome of the past year has been as satisfactory as that of any year of the decade. With all indebtedness gone, the other finances of the Church may be expected to put on added strength this year. The inevitable and necessary pruning of the Church records after a few years reduces the membership returns somewhat, for the past year; but this has been unavoidable and is only what all churches have to face from time to time. The membership record is believed to be in a thoroughly satisfactory state just now. In his pastoral work Bro. Stokes has been efficiently aided according to opportunity by his amiable wife, whose visits are much appreciated by the families of the congregation. Missionaries and people continue to enjoy the Sunday evening hospitality at the Parsonage, where we have opportunities of meeting both new friends and of renewing old acquaintances.

Educational work.

I. English.

1. It is a pleasure to record that the Calcutta Girls' School has had what may in some respects be regarded as its most prosperous year. The number of resident boarders reached its highest figure during the year, and the Government grant-in-aid was the largest ever received. Good examination results were attained. The debt remaining on the school property was paid off to the last rupee; so that both Church and School properties are now entirely free. We are facing the possibility of being obliged to provide additional accommodation soon. A suitable Kindergarten Hall is a necessity which cannot be much longer evaded. We are glad to report Miss Samson's restoration to health and her resumption of work at the opening of the school year. We thankfully acknowledge the valuable help rendered by Miss Storrs, our highly appreciated honorary missionary teacher, who is giving herself to her work with conspicuous devotion. One or two changes have been made in the staff during the year. After a quarter of a century's connection with the School, Miss Caw
has retired with the warm recognition and best wishes of the Committee and her large number of friends in the Church and community. The Committee marked their appreciation of her long and valuable service by granting her a handsome retiring gratuity. Miss Henkle joined the staff at the beginning of the year and had charge in Miss Samson's absence. More recently Miss Pyne has arrived and taken charge with enthusiasm of the Kindergarten Department; which has a fine future before it. We are very thankful for these reinforcements sent by the W. F. M. S.

2. The Calcutta Boys' School had the unique but very unenviable experience of having had three principals in as many months at the beginning of the year. As may be readily conceived, this did not particularly inure to the advantage of the institution. After the translation of Bro. Chew, Mr. F. B. Smith was acting principal for a time, and a few months ago was confirmed as Principal. The finances of the school have been carefully looked after and are more satisfactory at the present hour than they have been for some time. But there is much yet to be done in order to provide for the Institution's urgent needs. Inadequate financial resources necessitate grinding economy in every direction, and we are not able to strengthen the staff as we should like to. But brighter days are in store for the Boys' School. Our hearts have been rejoiced by the encouraging tidings conveyed to us during the past year of the provision of a handsome endowment in the form of a block of buildings, for which plans are now being considered. The rentals will give the school a substantial income, which will admit of a needed improvement in the staff and of development in other directions. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are putting their hearts into this school and we hope for better things all along the line. We cannot be too grateful to our good friend, Mr. Laidlaw, for his continued help and all he has done for the institution.

3. The Queen's Hill Girls' School, Darjeeling, after a storm-tossed period of anxiety and a serious set-back, has come to the front most encouragingly. The acquisition of the Queen's Hill property and the erection of a new school building,—the latter being made possible by the generous gift of American friends as a memorial of the late Mrs. Almira Hall Peirce, of Boston,—have developed a larger measure of public confidence and secured a larger patronage than the school ever previously enjoyed. The Government of Bengal granted us Rs. 10,000 for the year, instructing the Director of Public Instruction to include a similar grant in his budget for the coming year, leaving the way open for future negotiations. The grateful thanks of all concerned are due to Brother Henderson for the skill, speed and economy exhibited in the erection of the building. He spared neither mind nor body in pushing it rapidly to completion so as to be ready for the opening of the school in March. It was a record achievement in the building line in Darjeeling. The season registered double as many pupils as the
previous season. The year has worked out well. Miss Knowles, whose management deserves high commendation, has been able to pay a substantial amount toward the reduction of debt, and the prospects are bright for 1903. She and her colleagues have good reason to be encouraged. It begins to look as if the opening of a boarding school for small boys has become a necessity.

The Anglo-Indian Orphanages.

I. The Girls' Orphanage has prospered under Miss J. Campbell Smith, who has proved her fitness for this work by her careful management during the year. There has been an average of 44 girls in the Home during the year, all the expenditure, amounting to a few rupees less than Rs. 5,000, has been fully met, leaving a balance of about Rs. 50 to carry forward into the new year. To show the economical management of the Home I figured it out that the average expense of the entire support of a girl, including food, clothing, servants, books, medicine and the superintendent's salary, was only Rs. 7-5-0. per month. Exclusive of rent and salary the average monthly cost was about Rs. 5-10. The spirit of the home is excellent, the girls' independence is being developed, the religious influence is helpful. We are very pleased with the outcome of the year's work, and thankful to Miss Smith for her successful management and to all kind friends who have rendered assistance.

II. The Boys' Orphanage deserves equal commendation. Mr. Smith has supervised it single-handed with much success, and now that he has been reinforced by one who has an expert and unique knowledge of the orphan business through half a score of years' experience in this city, prospect for a good year is bright. The finances gave us a little anxiety during the year. An appeal in the Witness and local papers brought us some needed assistance, and we cannot be too thankful under the circumstances for the outcome of the year. Receipts just about balance expenditure. Analysis of the finances show that it costs the modest sum of about Rs. 4-4 per month to satisfy the physical appetite of each of sixty boys in the institution, who all seem to be healthy and well cared for. We feel it necessary to plan for the training of at least some of these boys in some useful industries. It hardly seems wise to allow them to receive only a scholastic education in view of the battle which they are sure to have to make a place for themselves in life.

The American Methodist Institution.

It would be difficult to estimate the loss sustained by the death of Bro. Chew, who put himself so unreservedly into the work of this Institution. His example was one which may be held up for all who follow in the work. He never spared himself, and was ready to share the heaviest burden of responsibility. When he was called away it
seemed as if the bottom had fallen out of the school, but God enabled us to hold it together and by His favour we come to the end of the year with all interests as promising as at the beginning of the year. The arrival of Brother McCown in the middle of October heartened us considerably. He has taken hold of the work of the Institution with good judgment, and we look forward to a prosperous administration. We have straightened out the financial tangle which naturally resulted from the withdrawal of the one who had stood in the gap so long and the new year opens auspiciously. It is resolved to give special attention hereafter to religious instruction, and plans are in formation by which we think the whole tone of the school will be improved. The liberal things which a good friend in America has pledged himself to Bishop Thoburn to provide for this institution has greatly encouraged us.

The Seamen's Mission.

As remarked in a previous report, the character of the work at the Coffee Rooms is in some respects different from what it used to be in the earlier days of its history, when large numbers of European seamen thronged the port. The substitution of steamers for sailing vessels and the employment of lascars instead of European seamen have made a great difference in the complexion of the work. But the Coffee Rooms still continue to fill a useful place in the life of the sea-faring element. Food and clothing have been given to many distressed seamen and facilities have been at the disposal of Jack which he has fully appreciated. Brother Henderson is planning for a development of the work at Kidderpore which the Conference may help to further.

The Publishing House.

Though this was an added burden to Brother Henderson, and he had to assume the duties of Agent at a somewhat inopportune time in view of his work at Darjeeling, he has had a successful year. Improvements have been made in the interior of the Publishing House and enlarged accommodation is being provided. The jobbing department has been well patronized, some old outstandings have been gathered in, and on the whole, the Publishing House has had a good year, with the certainty of improvement in the year before us.

The Hindustani and Lascar Mission.

The last Conference left the Hindustani work without an appropriation, either for the Missionary Society's or the W. F. M. S. department. The Hindustani Preacher in charge was transferred. The way opened to provide for the work without extra cost by having Bro. C. C. Dass look after it in addition to his work at Kidderpore. A layman, Brother Good, has faithfully superintended the Sunday School. The arrangement has worked very satisfactorily. With
Mrs. Robinson and Miss Graydon active in the Sunday School and Church, the little flock, mainly consisting of the famine widows and waifs, has kept together, and some little increase has been witnessed. The spiritual tone, we believe, is as good as heretofore. The kind special gifts of two American friends provided for the W. F. M. S. Bible work, so that the work has not cost as much as it was feared it might. Two Hindustani men are kept at work among the Lascars by means of a grant from the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, and their operations have been supervised by Brother Das, who has also circulated a large amount of Christian literature.

**The Industrial Home.**

An institution that has a record of some 10,000 nights' lodging and days' entertainment for Europeans and others out of work in a single year, means something to a city like Calcutta. More than 28,000 meals were supplied in 1902. The total receipts for the year were Rs. 11,371, of which Rs. 5,601 was for work done, and the expenditure on all accounts Rs. 10,354. Donations and subscriptions amounted to Rs. 2,784. Mr. Oakley has done excellent work. He reports the moral tone of the home to be an improvement on that of previous years. The usual morning and evening devotional meetings have been kept up with unfailing regularity, and the lives of the men have been brightened and bettered by extra services of song and address held by representatives of the W. C. T. U. and others. Mrs. Remfry still continues to act as Secretary. The Christmas Dinner at the Home which she supervised gave great joy to the inmates, and the useful presents of wearing apparel gladdened their hearts. We trust the men not only receive help in material things, but are really advantaged morally and spiritually. A number of men have found positions during the year. Owing to street improvements the Home is preparing to remove to more suitable quarters in Creek Row at an early day. The rent will be higher but the facilities for more work of a remunerative character will be greater.

**Woman's Work in The Districts.**

Our sisters will have their reports for their own Conference, so that it may not be necessary to dwell upon their work at length here. The work in charge of Mrs. Lee is of a varied and most interesting character. About the time of last Conference she has been joined by Miss Graydon, who devotes her time to the Hindustani work, and since then by Miss Eddy, who is associated with the Bengali work. The city schools at various points are doing well. The famine widows are growing in knowledge of spiritual things and in grace also. At Tamluk Miss Blair and Miss Moyer work at a great disadvantage because of lack of eligible Mission premises and of suitable helpers. We are glad that the prospect of a Mission House is so encouraging,
thanks to the kind interest of friends in America. We shall have to tackle a building at Tamluk immediately. We are glad to welcome Miss Jakobson back from her very successful visit to America, where she was instrumental in developing widespread interest in Mission work among the Scandinavia community. These people have promised much assistance for Pakur. The foundations of the new Mission House there have been laid, the compound has been laid out, and before the year ends we trust the W. F. M. S. will be domiciled in its own commodious premises. Mrs. Meik has watched over the girls at Pakur with her wonted motherliness and the year's work has been successful. The Calcutta Deaconess Home has moved through the eventful year with its usual equanimity. Miss Maxey's illness caused much anxiety and the Church work felt her absence. We rejoice to have her at her post again in restored health, but the year has tested her strength severely. Mrs. Chapin, from California, has become an honorary assistant in the work of parish visitation, and is finding encouragement in her house to house work. Dr. Mulford associates herself most helpfully with the Bengali work. We are most grateful for the co-operation of these elect ladies without expense to the Mission. Missionaries coming and going find grateful place of entertainment at the Deaconess Home, on the premises of which are also housed the girls of the Orphanage.

PERSONALIA.

It was a great pleasure to welcome back Brother and Sister Culshaw at the beginning of December, much benefited by their visit to England. In preparation for District and Annual Conference, in the audit of accounts and in various ways Bro. Culshaw's help has been most valuable while awaiting appointment. We are also glad to welcome Brother Beeken and Brother Barkley to reinforce the Bengali work, and wish for them long and useful careers in his land.

TIRHOOT DISTRICT.

W. P. BYERS, Presiding Elder.

On the departure of Bro. Jackson in February the work of the District was made over to my charge, and though it is 220 miles from Asansol, I have given it several months of my time.

It was difficult, as the W. F. M. S. work was at the same time left without anyone to care for it.

On relinquishing the house Brother Jackson had occupied for so many years, it was necessary to find quarters for the boys, so during the month of February I tore down, removed and rebuilt a new school on our own premises some distance away. There are now 35 boys, some of whom may become workers. Their teacher is only
able to teach them the vernacular, and the brighter boys are beg­
ging for lessons in English, that they may be on a par with other
boys who are attending Hindu schools. They are comfortably housed
in their neat little compound which we have named "Ilm Bagh" or
Garden of Knowledge. We hope it will grow us a few teachers and
preachers for the work of the coming years. The lads are in charge
of an excellent young man, a convert of our own church, under
whose good influence the boys do well.

Darbhanga Circuit, in charge of Bro. Nain Sukh, has the largest
number of converts in the district. But they are scattered among
numerous villages long distances apart; and this makes it difficult
to visit them often; but these "kalar" (not colored) "outcast" people,
as they are called, have a future before them if they are taught care­
fully and properly, and supplied as they should be with helpers who
will build them up in the faith. Nain Sukh should have another
man after his own stamp to go itinerating, singing and preaching the
gospel to them. A large number of these accessible people might
soon be reached if some one was sent to them. "How shall they
hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be
sent."

The strategic points of the district, Bettiah, Mozufferpore, Chapra,
Samastipur, Dalsingh Serari, Darbhunga and Sitamari have been
occupied, but from lack of efficient and properly trained workers, as
much as might have been done has not been accomplished.

There is sufficient English work to keep a young man busy in
Mozufferpore, Samastipur, Sonepur and other places. And no doubt
enough could be raised to pay his salary, if a suitable man could
be found. For several months Brother De Monte itinerated with a
magic lantern, and held exhibitions before throngs of people, while
he preached to them in Hindi. He also organized an English Sunday
School in Mozufferpore and held an English service every Sunday
evening at the Railway station, preaching alternately at Sonepore and
Samastipur. Property should be secured at this latter place soon,
and a strong man should be stationed there, as it is a good centre.

Although labouring under very serious disabilities the W. F. M. S.
work has made an advance and there are now 83 girls, in charge of
Miss Brown, who has had to do, single-handed, most of the work
of the year. For a long time we were unable to secure anyone to
remain with her, but in our straits Miss Dunhill, of the W.C.T.U.,
offered her kind companionship for as long as she could stay. For
two months her benign influence was felt throughout the station. She
held a number of good meetings and discussed temperance topics, till
the whole station became imbued with temperance teaching.

The girls have been occupying Mission property, purchased for
the W.F.M.S. A fine, large home, with dormitory accommodation
for eighty girls, a splendid compound and large garden was purchased for Rs. 9,000. This was thought a much better investment than paying rent, so we went in for the real estate. On the magnificent back verandah of this large house, our services, Epworth League and Prayer Meetings are held. We are pleased to notice the increasing company that gathers there from week to week, and pray that it may soon have grown so large that a church will be necessary. The missionary and his family and the W. F. M. S. ladies can be comfortably housed beneath the wide spreading roof of “Mali Ghat” which is the name of the property. Brother and Sister Denning we are pleased to welcome back to India and to the large work, which may be done in Tirhoot. In such experienced hands, with their renewed energy, we should expect great development in that large field, which so invites the reaper’s toil.
Reports From Committees.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The accounts of the Bishop Thoburn Special Fund.
The accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Board and of the Board of
Stewards.
Your Committee beg leave to report that the undermentioned accounts have
been audited and found correct.
Accounts of the Presiding Elders of the Calcutta, Calcutta-Bangali, Asansol,
and Tirhoot Districts.
The Treasurer of the W. F. M. S.

J. P. Meik,
Chairman of Committee.

The accounts of the Bishop Thoburn Special Fund.
The accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Board and of the Board of
Stewards.

The Presiding Elder of the Calcutta and Calcutta Bengali Districts reports
that he has audited the following accounts:
1. Of the Calcutta Deaconess Home.
2. Of the Anglo-Indian Girls' Orphanage.
3. Of the Anglo-Indian Boys' Orphanage.
4. Of the Bolpur Circuit.
5. Of the Pakur Circuit up to last Quarterly Conference.
6. Of the South Village and the Diamond Harbour Circuits.

J. E. Robinson,
P. E., Calcutta District.

COLPORTAGE AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

We are glad to find that our preachers and colporteurs have been active in
selling the Scriptures and religious books. This is a very important part of our
work, and every worker in the Mission should realize that it is not only his privilege
but his duty to increase the circulation of the Bible, Bible portions and Christian
books among the great masses in Bengal.

1. All our workers from Presiding Elders down to the humblest village leader
should be required to sell books at every opportunity that presents itself.
2. Except by permission of the Preachers-in-charge no books shall be sold by
our workers.
3. Special attention should be paid to supplying the Christian community
with reading matter. Our workers should see that every Christian home has a Bible.
Suitable books should be selected for the Christian people and sold to them.
4. The children of our people should be encouraged to read their Bibles, by
providing them with regular Bible readings, and holding examinations to test their
knowledge. Prizes may be given to those who do best. The children should also be
encouraged to read other Christian books such as biography, missionary travels and
experiences, church history and other suitable books.
5. Our workers should be allowed from 20 to 50 per cent. commission on all
the books they sell. In addition to this when they go long distances by train, cart
or boat, their actual travelling expenses should be paid. The commission they will
receive will more than cover the extra expenses they have to incur in paying for food
while they are away from home. Beyond the commission and for actual conveyance,
no worker should be allowed any extra money for selling books.

J. P. Meik, Chairman.
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

REPORT NO. 1.

Resolved, that the matter referred to the Committee on Conference Relations concerning an alleged grievance of a member of Conference, has arisen from a misunderstanding, and that it needs no action by the Conference.

No. 2.

In consideration of all the facts of the case concerning the Conference relation of one of our number, referred to the Committee, we recommend that his character be passed, and we take this opportunity of calling the attention of all concerned to Paragraphs 162 and 227 of the Discipline in regard to cases of so-called resignation.

J. E. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Report of Treasurer, Conference Board of Stewards to the Bengal Conference, January 24, 1903, held in Calcutta.

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D. H. LEE,
Treasurer, C. B. Stewards.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

The work of the following Deaconesses has been approved and their characters have been passed:—Miss Maxey, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home, and Pastor’s Assistant, also Treasurer of the W. F. M. S.; Miss Blair, stationed at Tamlook, who rejoices in prospect of the erection this year of a mission house to shelter Miss
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Moyer and herself; Miss Jakobson, by whose visit to America the interest of the women of the Scandinavian churches was so encouragingly aroused with great benefit to Pakur, where substantial W. F. M. S. premises are in course of erection. We are pleased to learn of the appointment of Miss Stumpf, who is to arrive shortly and will be associated with the Deaconess Home.

J. E. Robinson, Chairman.

EXAMINING BOARD.

Those who have completed the conference course of studies:—
C. C. McCown.

In the fourth year's course of studies:—George S. Henderson, L. C. Sarcar, Sitol C. Biswas.

In the third year's course of studies:—Keshub C. Mullick.

In the second year's course of studies:—John Byork.

In the first year's course of studies:—A. J. Barkley.

J. P. Meik, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

When we review the work of the past year as done by our Sunday-schools and compare the results with the response as given by this committee a year ago and we feel constrained to express our conviction that what may be considered the outside of our field is not being reached to an extent that can stand favourable comment. We cannot fail to notice that when the orphan children in our orphanages, and the children of our Christian people are counted and compared with the number attending our Sunday-schools as shown in our statistical reports, the number of heathen children affected by the Sunday school must be very small indeed.

There is however an increase in the total number of Sunday-school scholars, which is very encouraging, and we rejoice in the thought that even that may mean a great deal to the kingdom of God.

We would however recommend that a more definite effort be made with a special view to reach the heathen children, as a class, specially in need of the Christian teaching and influence which the Sunday-school is so well adapted to exercise.

We think this so essential because of the special advantages enjoyed by the children in our orphanages as well as the children of Christian parents who in almost every instance receive religious instruction in their daily contact with Christianity especially in Christian schools other than Sunday-schools.

John Byork,

K. C. Mullick,

C. C. Das,

S. C. Biswas.

STATE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Surveying our work, there are many reasons for gratitude and thanksgiving. The foundations of a great Church have been well and truly laid. Others have laboured and we have entered into their labours. We are no less confident than hitherto that a not distant day thousands of the Bengali people will flock into the fold of Christ. It is however essential that we conform to the essential conditions of success if this result is to materialize. To introduce even a faint tone of discouragement into our deliberations is not our remotest thought, and yet, we cannot do other than invite your attention to the statistical report. In it is revealed that in most particulars we are making no advance and in some items we are losing ground. In proportion to the number of ministers and workers employed conversions are
conspicuously scarce and our membership is not increasing as we should expect. It is an item of heart-searching reflection that during the year we have not secured one convert for every two workers employed. We call attention to the counsel of Bishop Thoburn, that we should constantly seek to cast the net on the right side of the ship, seeking places where little or no work has been done rather than continuing to concentrate all effort in places which for years have yielded but little visible increase; we should frequently vary our methods in such ways as may be suggested to active and responsive minds, expecting by some means, to touch "chords that will vibrate in the hearts and consciences of the people."

We are pleased to say that in our mature judgment there is a steady improvement in the habits of our people in abstinence from tobacco and all intoxicants. Constant vigilance herein is necessary and everything possible should be done to train our membership in ideal principles.

G. E. Stokes.
D. H. Lee.
S. M. Mondol.
L. C. Sarkar.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

We do not need to reaffirm our attitude on this question. The church is well known as standing for total abstinence from all intoxicants. But we do need to be much more aggressive in all forms of temperance work, and especially among our children and young people. We are glad to see that the temperance topics are retained in the Sunday School lessons. Our Epworth Leagues should make systematic and aggressive efforts to press this subject on the attention of all the young people under our influence. Further than this there should be systematic teaching on both the physiological and moral effects of common Temperance, the use of tobacco and alcoholic liquors in every educational institution under the control of our church. We believe there are text books available in the principal languages used in this Conference, and we urge the introduction of these as a means of definite and effectual work.

C. C. McCown,
John Byork.
C. C. Dass.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CALCUTTA DISTRICT CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAN METHODIST INSTITUTION TO PRESENT RESOLUTIONS TO THE BENGAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The committee recommends the following:

1. That the recommendation of a quarterly conference be required in the case of all candidates for the training class in the American Methodist Institution.
2. That all candidates be required to have passed the Middle Vernacular examination.
3. That every student who is a beneficiary of the funds for the training class shall bind himself to work at least three years after finishing the course in the mission at such salary as can be offered.
4. That the ordinary course for the training class shall be two years. In case a candidate has not the required attainments for entrance to the training class, he may be received for one or two years on funds available for the training class until he may be able to pass the required standard.
5. That in the opinions of the Committee Rs. 90 or $30 a year would be a reasonable appropriation for the maintenance of a student in the training class.
6. That in the regular classes no boarder on scholarship should be received without a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference or preacher-in-charge. No boarders on scholarship should be received from other missions.

8. The committee recommends the appointment of an Advisory Committee for the American Methodist Institution consisting of five members of Annual Conference, one of whom shall be the Presiding Elder.
THE BOARD OF MISSIONS REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL GIFTS.

The following Resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Bishop Thoburn Special Fund for India at its meeting held at Jabalpur, December 20th, 1901:

1. Resolved: The Missionary Society's regulations adopted at a meeting of the Board of Managers, October 15, 1901, and printed in "Gospel in all Lands" for November, 1901, with reference to special gifts, be adopted by this Committee, and that Treasurers be requested to ensure their observance. The regulations are as follows:

SPECIAL GIFTS, &c.

(I.) Missionaries sending letters or circulars to contributors in the United States shall ask them in all cases to forward special gifts through the Missionary Society. If this rule is observed all special gifts will pass through the treasury of the Society and be made a matter of record. Special gifts are sent out from the office at the beginning of every month.

(2.) All money received as contributions or special gifts for current work whether from persons on the field, or in the United States, or elsewhere, shall be deposited at once with the Mission Treasurer.

(3.) Itemized bills shall be presented to the Mission Treasurer for the application of such funds, to be receipted when paid, audited by the Finance Committee, and placed on file by the Treasurer.

(4.) Money received for tuition in schools and as medical fees shall be deposited with the Mission Treasurer, to be paid out by him on itemized bills to be approved by the Finance Committee.

(5.) All contributions for building and property received by missionaries in the field shall be deposited with the Mission Treasurer, to be drawn out only with the consent of the Finance Committee.

(6.) All income from rentals, &c., of property owned by the Society shall go into the Mission Treasury as heretofore, to be paid out on the authority of the Board.
COURSES OF STUDY.

Studies required of Missionaries who take a vernacular course concurrently.

The privileges of this course, as regards abridgment, are not to be extended to any who do not at the same time present themselves for examination in a vernacular except in the case of those who may have completed the vernacular course. All the books are those named in the course of study in the Discipline of 1900.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Larger Catechism.—Nast.
Life of John Wesley.—Telford.
Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.—Merrill.

To be read:

Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1900.)
The Revival and the Pastor.—Peck.

FIRST YEAR.

Christian Purity, or the Heritage of Faith.—Foster.
Discipline of the M. E. Church 1900 (Parts I-V).

To be read:

Sermons (Vol. I) i-xxxiii.—Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.

Systematic Theology, Vol. II.—Miley.
Discipline of the M. E. Church 1900. (Part VI to end).

To be read:

Sermons, (Vol. I. xxxiv—lvi)—Wesley.
Digest of Methodist law. (Edition of 1900)—Merrill.

THIRD YEAR.

Biblical Hermeneutics.—Terry.

To be read:

The supernatural Book.—Foster.

FOURTH YEAR.

History of the Christian Church, Vol. II.—Hurst.

To be read:

Life and Epistles of St. Paul:—Coneybeare and Howson.
Bengali Course of Study for Missionaries
ADOPTED BY THE
Annual and Ladies' Conferences.

The Calcutta Missionary Conference has formed an Examination Board and arranged a syllabus for a Junior and a Senior Examination in Bengali for Missionaries arriving in Bengal. The Board consists of representatives of the different Missions, and will appoint the Examiners from time to time and see that the rules are carried out, or make such modifications as experience shall suggest. It is hoped that this will prove to be a convenience and help to all concerned. If candidates offer themselves, there are to be two Examinations each year at intervals of about six months, for both the first and second year course. The following are the rules and syllabus as now constituted. Ample notice will be given if, in the future, any change in the Text or Books or otherwise is made.

RULES.

1. The papers on the Text Books, Grammar and Composition shall be calculated for three hours, except the Second Year Translation, which shall be for one and a half hours.

2. In the papers on the Text Books, 60 per cent. of the marks shall be given for translation into English and 40 per cent. in each case for questions on Grammar or retranslation of phrases occurring in the Text. These questions shall be of a simpler kind in the First Year.

3. The written questions shall be framed in English.

4. The number of the Examiners shall not be less than three in each Year's course, one of whom must be a Bengali gentleman.

5. The Oral Examinations shall be conducted by a Bengali gentleman, assisted by one or more of the Examiners, who shall consult together in assigning the marks.

6. The Address or Exposition, in the Second Year Oral Examination, must be of not less than ten minutes' length. The topic may be chosen beforehand by the candidate, but the address must not be read. In the case of gentlemen, it must be delivered before an audience unacquainted with English. In the case of ladies, the audience may be a class of Bengali girls.

7. The candidates shall be placed in three divisions according as they obtain 40, 50 or 60 per cent. at least of the marks assigned in the aggregate. They must also secure one-third of the marks in each of the papers and 50 marks at least in the Oral Examination, or otherwise they fail to pass.

8. To help cover the working expenses, each candidate shall pay an entrance fee of five rupees.

9. Notice of the number of candidates likely to appear and of the alternative books chosen should be given by each Mission three months beforehand.
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#### JUNIOR OR FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

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COURSE OF STUDIES

লোকায়ন ভিক্টন।

1. মেধদিষ্ট ইপিসকোপল মণ্ডলীর কাউটেনিয়া।
2. মেধদিষ্ট ইপিসকোপল মণ্ডলীর ডিসিলরিন।
3. পতিত আসার ব্যক্তি ও মানবিকায় তীহার কার্য।
4. বাইবেল। নিয়মিত বিষয়গুলি সমস্ত দাতৃশিক্ষার,—সংস্কার ধর, 
যুদ্ধ, ধর্ম, নরক ও মহাবিচার।

ENGLISH—Binney's Theological Compend.

লোকায়ন এলোডার।

1. পতিত আসার ও তীহার কার্য। (রাউড সাহেব কর্তৃক লিখিত)
2. মুনীর ইতিহাস। (রাউড সাহেবের)
3. ঈশ্বরের সহকারী। (রাউড সাহেবের)
4. বাইবেল নৈক্ষিক ধর্মের সহিত সিনুলাস্কোক ধর্মের তুলনা বিষয়ক 
পুনর্গুলি। (ট্রাইট সোসাইটি।)
5. ঈশ্বর দর্শন। (বহুবিখ্যাত কর্তৃক লিখিত)

ENGLISH—Compendium of Methodism. Porter. 
Doctrinal aspects of Christian Experience. 
Merrill.

বাংলার কন্ফারেন্সের সভাগুলির পরীক্ষার পুনর্গুলি।

প্রার্থনিক।

1. বাঙ্গালী ভাষার সাধারণ জ্ঞান।
2. মেধদিষ্ট ইপিসকোপল মণ্ডলীর কাউটেনিয়া।
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4. পতিত আসার ব্যক্তি এবং মানবিকায় তীহার কার্য।
5. ঈশ্বরের শিক্ষাদার। (রাউড সাহেবের)
6. পুনর্গুলি লিখন।

ENGLISH—Cambridge Bible. 1 Corinthians. 
Apostolic Age. Watson.
1. paddle, ask and receive the work. (Read the volume of the book)
2. study with love in the words of the Bible.
3. the story of the Gospel. (Read the volume of the book)
4. the Bible. — the new translations of the new translation.
5. prayer to God. (Read the volume of the book)
6. the new translation.

Luther and the Reformation. Lindsay.
Christian Baptism. Merrill.

2. the story of the Gospel. (Read the volume of the book)
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3. the Bible, translated, published in the new translation.
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ENGLISH—Isaiah—his Life and Times. Driver.
Binney's Theological Compend.
With Christ in the School of Prayer. Murray.

3. the story of the Gospel. (Read the volume of the book)
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গুরু শ্রেণী ।

১। বটলারস্‌ এনালজি। ( সি, এম, এস্‌ বুক ডিপো কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত )।

২। ইহীয় অভিজ্ঞতা। ( বিশেষ মেরিল কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত )।

( মেধিষ্টি পর্বলিসিঙ হাউস কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত )।

৩। মেধিষ্টি সুসিলীর শিক্ষাসার। ( পাঠার সাহেব কর্তৃক লিখিত )।

৪। মনিয়র উইলিয়মের হিস্টর্য। ( ট্যাক্স মোসাইটি )।

৫। গাস্টপার্ক ২য় নাগ। ( বল সাহেব কর্তৃক লিখিত )।

৬। অগ্নিতে ইতিহাস। ( মেধিষ্টি সাহেব কর্তৃ, ব্যাকার লিখিত এবং কোন )

৭। সার্চ লিখন।

ENGLISH—Cambridge Bible. Isaiah. [ Wheeler. ]

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Average Attendance: 56
Senior Leagues: 22
Senior Members: 14
Junior Leagues: 2
Junior Members: 9
Missionaries, Wives, Missions, W.M.S. Assistants, W.F.M. S. Assistants, Native Members of Conferences, Excluded, All Other Female Workers (Bible Distribution, Christian Teachers, Secretaries): 6
Total Christian Workers: 25
## STATISTICAL FORM II.

### STATISTICS OF THE BENGAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE RELATING TO CHURCH FINANCES, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30TH, 1902.

### NAMES OF CIRCUITS.

<p>| CIRCUIT NAME        | Number of Churches | Probable Value of Churches | Probable Number of Parishes | Probable Value of Parishes | Value of all other Property, including buildings, &amp;c. | Present Indebtedness on all Property (Sum of A and B) | Present Indebtedness on Church Property only | Present Indebtedness on Church and Parsonage only | Debt for BUILDING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING CHURCHES, &amp;C., in thousands of rupees | Total of Debt for Church and Parsonage only and Debt for Building, etc., &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen for Building, etc., &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen for Parsonage and ministry, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen for Other Uses, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen for Missions, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Rev. by Native Churchmen, Native Partner, or Native Agent, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen, Native Partner, or Native Agent, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen, Native Partner, or Native Agent, &amp;c., from European Sources, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen, Native Partner, or Native Agent, &amp;c., from European Sources, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees | Amount Raised by Native Churchmen, Native Partner, or Native Agent, &amp;c., from European Sources, &amp;c., in thousands of rupees |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ASAMDOIL DISTRICT.  |                    |                            |                            |                             |                                                       |                                                       |                                                 |                                                 |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |
| Asansol English     | 1                  | 6,000                     | 4,750                      | 5,900                       | 4,750                                                 | 10,750                                                | 10,350                                          | 10,350                                          | 250                                                                                                                                     | 550                                                                                                                                      | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              |
| Total               | 3                  | 6,175                     | 4,750                      | 5,900                       | 4,750                                                 | 10,750                                                | 10,350                                          | 10,350                                          | 250                                                                                                                                     | 550                                                                                                                                      | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              | 550                                                                              |
| CALCUTTA DISTRICT.  |                    |                            |                            |                             |                                                       |                                                       |                                                 |                                                 |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |
| Calcutta English    | 1                  | 1,200,000                  | 4,750                      | 4,000,000                   | 5,500                                                 | 27,000                                                | 7,000                                           | 7,000                                           | 1,200                                                                                                                                     | 2,400                                                                                                                                    | 3,600                                                                            | 3,600                                                                            | 3,600                                                                            | 3,600                                                                            | 3,600                                                                            | 3,600                                                                            | 3,600                                                                            |
| Sylhet ...          | 2                  | 2,000                     | 2,850                      | 18,500                      | 2,850                                                  | 25,000                                                | 2,500                                           | 2,500                                           | 350                                                                                                                                     | 700                                                                                                                                      | 1,050                                                                            | 1,050                                                                            | 1,050                                                                            | 1,050                                                                            | 1,050                                                                            | 1,050                                                                            | 1,050                                                                            |
| Total               | 3                  | 1,225,000                  | 4,575                      | 4,180,000                   | 5,750                                                 | 29,750                                                | 7,200                                           | 7,200                                           | 1,550                                                                                                                                    | 3,100                                                                                                                                    | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            |
| CALCUTTA BENGALI D. |                    |                            |                            |                             |                                                       |                                                       |                                                 |                                                 |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |
| Ballia ...          | 1                  | 400                       | 400                        | 400                          | 400                                                   | 400                                                   | 400                                             | 400                                             | 200                                                                                                                                     | 400                                                                                                                                      | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              |
| Total               | 1                  | 400                       | 400                        | 400                          | 400                                                   | 400                                                   | 400                                             | 400                                             | 200                                                                                                                                     | 400                                                                                                                                      | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              | 600                                                                              |
| Total               | 3                  | 1,625,000                  | 4,575                      | 4,180,000                   | 5,750                                                 | 29,750                                                | 7,200                                           | 7,200                                           | 1,550                                                                                                                                    | 3,100                                                                                                                                    | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            |
| TIRHUT DISTRICT.    |                    |                            |                            |                             |                                                       |                                                       |                                                 |                                                 |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |
| Behal ...           | 1                  | 200                       | 200                        | 200                          | 200                                                   | 200                                                   | 200                                             | 200                                             | 100                                                                                                                                     | 200                                                                                                                                      | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              |
| Total               | 1                  | 200                       | 200                        | 200                          | 200                                                   | 200                                                   | 200                                             | 200                                             | 100                                                                                                                                     | 200                                                                                                                                      | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              | 300                                                                              |
| Total               | 3                  | 1,625,000                  | 4,575                      | 4,180,000                   | 5,750                                                 | 29,750                                                | 7,200                                           | 7,200                                           | 1,550                                                                                                                                    | 3,100                                                                                                                                    | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            |
| GRAND TOTAL         | 10                 | 1,625,000                  | 4,575                      | 4,180,000                   | 5,750                                                 | 29,750                                                | 7,200                                           | 7,200                                           | 1,550                                                                                                                                    | 3,100                                                                                                                                    | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            |
| Grand Total Last Year| 10                 | 1,625,000                  | 4,575                      | 4,180,000                   | 5,750                                                 | 29,750                                                | 7,200                                           | 7,200                                           | 1,550                                                                                                                                    | 3,100                                                                                                                                    | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            | 4,650                                                                            |
| Increase            | 1                  | 1,825                     | 4,750                      | 8,989                       | 17,251                                                | 15,100                                                | 15,000                                          | 15,000                                          | 856                                                                                                                                     | 1,712                                                                                                                                   | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            |
| Decrease            | 1                  | 1,825                     | 4,750                      | 8,989                       | 17,251                                                | 15,100                                                | 15,000                                          | 15,000                                          | 856                                                                                                                                     | 1,712                                                                                                                                   | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            | 3,325                                                                            |</p>
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The table provides statistics on the number of schools, teachers, and average daily attendance for boys and girls in Vernacular and European schools. The data is broken down by district and includes a comparison with the grand totals from the previous year.
### Statistical Form IV

**Statistics of the Bengal Annual Conference relating to Colportage, for the year ending November 30th, 1902.**

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