MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Bengal Annual Conference
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church,
HELD AT
Calcutta, January 2—6, 1902.

BISHOP F. W. WARNE, JOSEPH CULSHAW,
President. 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 fifteen 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 members 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.
HOMER WROTEN ........................................................................ Assistant Secretary.
FRANK E. LIEDEN ..................................................................... Statistical Secretary.
JOHN BYORK ............................................................................... Assistant Statistical Secretary.
BENJAMIN J. CHEW ................................................................... Corresponding Secretary.
JOHN E. ROBINSON ................................................................. Conference Treasurer of the Mission Board.
DAVID H. LEE ........................................................................... Conference Treasurer and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.


Board of Epworth League.—G. S. Henderson, President; G. E. Stokes, Miss Henkle, Mrs. B. J. Chew, K. C. Mullick, Vice Presidents; John, Byork; Secretary and Treasurer.

Bareilly Theological Seminary Board.—Bengal Conference Member, John E. Robinson.

Conference Visitors to Bareilly Seminary.—J. E. Robinson, G. E. Stokes.

STANDING COMMITTEES.


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


Public Worship.—The Presiding Elders and Preacher-in-charge of the place where the Conference is appointed.
MINUTES
OF THE
Proceedings of the Bengal Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
Held at Calcutta, India, commencing on Thursday, January 2nd, 1902.

JOURNAL.

FIRST SESSION.

Calcutta, January 2nd, 1902.

The fifteenth session of the Bengal Conference convened at Calcutta on Thursday, the 2nd of January, 1902, at 10:30 a.m., Bishop F. W. Warne, D.D., presiding.

Opening.—The Conference was opened by the singing of the 198th hymn, "And are we yet alive?" The Bishop asked Rockwell Clancy to lead the devotional exercises. He read from Acts 13:1-5, and 1 Corinthians 1:22 to the end, and then led the conference in prayer. The Conference then sang the hymn "Nearer my God, to Thee."


Organization.—On motion Joseph Culshaw was elected Secretary of the Conference, and Homer Wroten was chosen Assistant Secretary, F. E. Lieden was elected Statistical Secretary. D. H. Lee was appointed Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards.
Treasurer of the Board of Missions.—On motion of B. J. Chew, J. E. Robinson was nominated Treasurer of the Board of Missions for the Bengal Conference.

Corresponding Secretary.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, B. J. Chew was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Conference.

Acknowledgment of Announcement of Transfer.—The Secretary of the Conference announced that he had received an acknowledgment of his letter from the Secretary of the St. Louis Conference announcing the transfer of G. E. Stokes from the St. Louis Conference to this Conference.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced to the Conference: Rockwell Clancy of the North-west India Conference, E. M. DeMonte, F. W. May, John Byork, the Misses Henkle, Smith and Mrs. Shircore.

Committee on Conference Relations.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the Secretary and W. P. Byers were added to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Hours of Conference Sessions.—On motion of the Secretary, the hours of sessions were fixed for 10:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3:30 to 5 P.M.

Translator.—On motion of B. J. Chew, J. P Meik was appointed Translator of the Conference.

The 13th Question.—The name of W. P. Byers, Presiding Elder of the Assansol District, was called, he reported his collections and his character was passed. He read the report of his district.

The name of J. E. Robinson, Presiding Elder of the Calcutta District, was called, and his character was passed.

The names of F. E. Lieden, S. M. Mondol, J. P. Meik, Charles Dowring, and G. E. Stokes were called, they reported their collections, and their characters were passed.

The name of B. J. Chew, Presiding Elder of the Calcutta Bengali District, was called, he reported his collections, and his character was passed.

The names of Joseph Culshaw, D. H. Lee and B. M. Mozumdar were called, they reported their collections, and their characters were passed.

The name of Henry Jackson, Presiding Elder of the Tirhoot District, was called, he reported his collections, and his character was passed.
The names of John Robert and Nain Sukh were called, they reported their collections and their characters were passed.

Conference Visitor.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, Rockwell Clancy was invited within the bars of the Conference and given the full privileges of a member, as to voting and participation in the discussion of the Conference. He was also invited to partake in the deliberations of the Finance Committee.

Conference Finances.—On motion of J. P. Meik, it was resolved that, after discussion by the Finance Committee, the Treasurer of the Mission Board be asked to submit a statement of the present financial situation.

Rules of Order.—On motion of D. H. Lee, the rules of order printed in the Conference Minutes were adopted.

Committee on Resolutions.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the Committee on Conference Relations was appointed the Committee on Resolutions.

Dr. J. E. Robinson.—Whereas, The Bengal Conference has learned with much pleasure of the honour conferred upon one of its worthy members, therefore, resolved, that we as a Conference do offer our heartiest congratulations to the Rev. J. E. Robinson, D.D., because of the recognition of his ability and pray that he may live long to enjoy his honours.

Henry Jackson.

D. H. Lee.

J. P. Meik.


Theological Seminary Board.—On motion of Homer Wroten, J. E. Robinson was appointed the conference member of the Bareilly Theological Seminary Board.

Introduction.—Miss Lizzie Graydon, associated with D. H. and Mrs. Lee's work, and Mrs. Stokes were introduced to the Conference.

Presiding Elder's Report.—B. J. Chew, Presiding Elder of the Calcutta Bengali District, read his report.

Adjournment. - After the announcements, the Conference adjourned to meet at 10-30 to-morrow morning. The Doxology was sung and Henry Jackson pronounced the Benediction.
SECOND SESSION.

Friday, January 3, 1902.

The second session was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Bishop Warne.

Opening.—B. M. Mozumdar led the devotional exercises. He read a lesson from John 3. K. C. Mullick and Homer Wroten led in prayer.

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

The 30th Question.—On motion, it was resolved to hold the next Conference at Calcutta.

Calcutta Christian Schools Society.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the following persons were elected on the Committee of the Calcutta Christian Schools Society for 1902:—Robert Laidlaw, C. J. A. Pritchard, William Ross, and H. H. Remfry.

Conference Visitors to the Bareilly Seminary.—On motion of Homer Wroten, J. E. Robinson and G. E. Stokes were appointed the Conference Visitors to the Bareilly Theological Seminary.

Muttra Mission Training School.—J. E. Robinson presented the report of the Muttra Training School, and on motion, the report was accepted and a record of its acceptance ordered. The President advocated the advantages of the institution and urged the Conference to utilize its facilities. Rockwell Clancy and others spoke on the subject.

Society for the Protection of Children.—The Rev. A. E. Summers, Secretary for the Society for the Protection of Children in India, was introduced to the Conference. He addressed the Conference in reference to his work.

J. E. Robinson presented the following resolution, which was passed unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved—that we have listened to the Rev. A. E. Summers, the newly-appointed Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Children in India in representing the work contemplated by the Society and are satisfied that there is abundant scope for its operations in this land. The members of this Conference will be happy to co-operate with the Society and stand ready at all times to assist Mr. Summers in carrying on his work.
The Special Fund.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, Rockwell Clancy was asked to represent the interests of the Special Fund before the Conference. He addressed the Conference on the subject of this fund.

The following resolution was passed:

Having listened with interest and pleasure to the address of the Rev. Rockwell Clancy, Secretary of the Bishop Thoburn Special Fund for India: Resolved, that we heartily recognize the good work he has done in his official connection with the Fund and thank him for the numerous gifts for the Fund which he secured while in America; that having heard his exposition of the regulations of the Board of Missions for Special Gifts and the rules laid down by the Advisory Committee, we pledge ourselves to abide by the same and to do what we can to increase the interest of friends everywhere in the Special Fund.

B. J. Chew.
W. P. Byers.
J. E. Robinson.
B. M. Mozumdar.
Joseph Culshaw.

Presiding Elder’s Report.—Henry Jackson, Presiding Elder of the Tirhoot District, read his report.

Introductions.—C. J. A. Pritchard, Secretary of the Dharamtala English Church, was introduced and on behalf of Mrs. Pritchard he invited the Conference to afternoon tea on Saturday, at 5:30 p.m., at the Calcutta Girls’ High School, which invitation, on motion of D. H. Lee, was accepted by a rising vote.

Rev. G. W. Shields was introduced and he addressed the Conference.

The 4th Question.—The name of John Byork was called, he gave satisfactory written answers to questions (1) and (2) of ¶ 146 of the Discipline, and on the recommendation of the Asansol District Conference, he was admitted on trial in the Conference, to bring up the studies of the course for admission on trial.

The 11th Question.—On motion of W. P. Byers, John Byork was elected to Deacons’ Orders under the missionary rule.

The 9th Question.—The names of L. C. Sarcar and S. C. Biswas were called, their characters were passed, and they were advanced to the fourth year’s course of studies. S. C. Biswas to bring up the History of Greece and Rome.
The name of G. S. Henderson was called, his character was passed, and he was advanced to the fourth year's Course of Studies, to bring up Outlines of Descriptive Psychology.

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

The 12th Question.—The name of C. C. Das was called, his character was passed, and he was elected to Elders' Orders.

Adjournment.—After the announcements, the Doxology was sung, and D. H. Lee pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, January 3rd, 1902.

The third session was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Bishop Warne. After singing "Jesus lover of my Soul," Rockwell Clancy led the conference in prayer.

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

Standing Committees.—On motion of Homer Wroten, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees.

Board of Examiners.—The Secretary of the Conference reported that the Board of Examiners had met and appointed J. P. Meik as Chairman, and Homer Wroten as Registrar. G. E. Stokes was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Henry Jackson's departure from the country.

Communications from Bombay Conference.—The following resolutions were sent by the Secretary of the Bombay Conference, and read by the Assistant Secretary.

"At the session of the Bombay Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Jabalpur, December 19—23rd, 1901, among other things it was resolved:—

'That we recommend to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church that permission be granted to the District Conference of each Presiding Elder's District, if it so desire, to elect one layman to represent the work of the district in the Finance Committee, each layman so elected, having the right to speak and vote.'"
After discussion, on motion of J. P. Meik, it was **Resolved**: that we recommend to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church that permission be granted to the Finance Committee of each Conference, if it so desire, to elect one or more laymen, members of the Church within the bounds of the Conference, as members of the Finance Committee, such laymen having the right to speak and to vote.

A second resolution from the Bombay Conference was read by the Assistant Secretary.

"That this Conference appoint a permanent Committee to confer with similar Committees from the other conferences of Southern Asia, with a view to forming a connectional Missionary Society in Southern Asia which shall co-operate with the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Committee appointed,—H. R. Calkins, Chairman, Bombay; E. F. Frease, Baroda Camp; T. T. Wright, (Layman) Bombay."

On motion of G. E. Stokes, it was resolved, That in response to the invitation to us from the Bombay Conference to appoint a committee to meet a committee appointed by them to consider ways and means of promoting the missionary cause and raising money therefor, we request the Bishop to name such a committee to represent this conference. The Bishop nominated Robert Laidlaw, C. J. A. Pritchard and Geo. E. Stokes.

The following resolutions forwarded by the Bombay Conference secretary were then read by the assistant secretary:

**Resolution of Marathi District Conference, Central Provinces.**

"Whereas the law of the land forbids a Christian having two wives, and so a man with two wives on entering the Christian Church is compelled to put one away, and whereas, the woman thus put away is not permitted by existing laws to marry till the close of the seventh year:

**Resolved**: That we, the members of the C. P. District Conference Marathi Session urge the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia, to agitate the matter and try and get the Supreme Government to so change the existing law as to consider such a "put away" wife free from her husband and thus at liberty to marry."

*Kaumtee, 11th Dec. 1901. Z. Cornelius, Secretary.*

The following extract from the Minutes of the South India Annual Conference held at Hyderabad, Deccan, December 12—16, 1901, will show how the matter was dealt with by them.
Dated Hyderabad, 14th December, 1901.

A communication from the Secretary of the Central Provinces District Conference was read by the Secretary enclosing a resolution of that District Conference for the consideration of this body. On motion of C. W. Ross deSouza the matter was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Dated Hyderabad, 16th December, 1901.

W. H. L. Batstone presented a resolution on the subject of the Central Provinces District Conference, Marathi Session, which was adopted: Resolved, That the subject of the remarriage of “put-away” wives referred to this Conference by the Marathi District Conference of the Central Provinces, be referred to a Committee of three to be appointed by the Chair. The said Committee to report a year hence.

W. H. L. BATSTONE.
G. GERSHOM.

Dated Hyderabad, 16th December, 1901. (Evening Session.)

The Chair appointed the following Committee to deal with the communication of the Central Provinces District Conference (Marathi Session) A. W. Rudisill, C. W. Ross DeSouza, F. E. N. Shaw. Report to be presented at next Conference. Forwarded to the Secretary of the Bombay Conference for information, at the request of the Central Provinces District Conference.

FAWCETT SHAW, Secretary, South India Conference.

The following extract from the Minutes of the Bombay Annual Conference held at Jabalpur, December 19-23, 1901, is added:—“A resolution was received from the Marathi Session of the Central Provinces District Conference urging the Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church in Southern Asia to agitate on the matter of a wife put away by a man who had on entering the Church had two wives and try and get the supreme Government to so change the existing laws regarding the inability of ‘put away’ wives to remarry until the close of the 7th year after being put away, as to consider such a wife free from her husband and thus at liberty to marry. On motion of W. E. Robbins, W. E. Clarke, W. H. Stephens and G. W. Park were appointed a committee to act with the committees of other Conferences, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the
communication to the Secretary of the Bengal Conference for information, and to suggest that W. L. Clarke be the convener of the joint committee."

So forwarded and suggested.

W. E. ROBBINS, Secy., Bombay Conf.

Jabalpur, December 21st, 1901.

On motion of J. E. Robinson, this Conference appoints J. P. Meik, B. J. Chew, and B. M. Mozumdar to consult with the members appointed by the other Annual Conferences.

The 9th Question.—The name of Homer Wroten was called, and, on motion, he was continued in the fourth year's Course of Studies.

The 15th Question.—It being stated that no death had occurred among the members, the Bishop asked the Conference to sing the Doxology.

The 22nd Question.—On motion, Henry Jackson was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Finance Committee.—On motion of W. P. Byers the Conference proceeded to the election of the Finance Committee. G. E. Stokes and Charles Dowring were elected tellers. The following were elected: G. E. Stokes, D. H. Lee, J. P. Meik, F. E. Lieden, B. M. Mozumdar and Charles Dowring. Homer Wroten and G. S. Henderson were elected alternates.

Reinforcements for the Work.—Resolved: That we earnestly request Bishop Thoburn to seek out two young unmarried men to engage in work in the Bengal Conference in 1903 in case that the Finance Committee may ascertain that funds may be available for their support.

B. J. CHEW,
HOMER WROTEN,
JOSEPH CULSHAW,
W. P. BYERS.

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

Conference Treasurer.—On motion of G. E. Stokes, it was resolved that the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards be the Conference Treasurer and that he receive all moneys that come under the head of other benevolences.
Conference Sermon.—The Bishop appointed Homer Wroten to preach the conference sermon, B. J. Chew alternate.

Vernacular Conference Sermon.—On motion of D. H. Lee, the Bishop was requested to appoint a brother to preach a vernacular conference sermon. The Bishop appointed L. C. Sarcar; alternate, C. C. Das.

The Official Record.—On motion of B. J. Chew, the printed minutes were adopted as the official record of the Minutes of the Conference.

Printing of the Minutes.—On motion of B. J. Chew, the Secretaries of the Conference were appointed a committee to print and publish the minutes. An edition of 250 was ordered to be printed.


Introductions.—The Rev. T. Becker and K. W. Nottrott of the German Evangelical Mission of North America were introduced to the Conference.

Epworth League Committee.—The Bishop appointed W. P. Byers and Homer Wroten a committee to nominate the Epworth League Board of Control.

Epworth League Board.—On motion of W. P. Byers the following were appointed the Epworth League Board of Control: G. S. Henderson, President; G. E. Stokes, Mrs. Chew, K. C. Mullick, Miss Henkel, Vice-Presidents; John Byork, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Course of Study.—On motion of Homer Wroten, it was resolved that all persons who have passed the Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University, be required to pass the prescribed English books in the Course of Study for the Bengali Workers. All candidates who have not passed the entrance examination may be excused these books, or otherwise, at the option of the Examining Board.

Adjournment.—After the announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, the Benediction pronounced, and the Conference adjourned to meet at 10-30 to-morrow morning.
FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, January 4, 1901.

The fourth session was called to order at 10-30 A.M. by Bishop Warne. B. J. Chew conducted the devotional exercises, L. C. Sarcar led the Conference in prayer.

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

Introductions.—Miss Doremus was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the Conference with regard to the work of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America.

Resolved: That the Conference has unfeigned pleasure in welcoming Miss Doremus, the Secretary of the Union Missionary Society of America, the daughter of the sainted founder of the Society, who was the friend of all missionaries and to whom the women of many lands owe so much. We welcome her to India and pray that her visit may be an inspiration to all with whom she meets, and that on her return to America it may be her privilege to arouse vastly more interest in the salvation of the women of India.

J. E. Robinson.
J. P. Meik.
D. H. Lee.

Miss Bushfield and Miss Little were also introduced and addressed the Conference.

Assistant Statistical Secretary.—On motion of B. J. Chew, John Byork was appointed Assistant Statistical Secretary.

District Conference Minutes.—The Secretaries of the Calcutta, Calcutta Bengali, and Asansol Districts presented the minutes of the 1901 District Conferences.

Appointment of a Committee.—A resolution forwarded by the Secretary of the Calcutta District Committee, London Missionary Society, was read regarding work in the Murshidabad District. After discussion, the President appointed J. E. Robinson, B. J. Chew and J. P. Meik, a committee of reference to meet a committee that may be appointed by the L. M. S. Calcutta District Committee.

Introduction.—Mr. Handley Bird of Coimbatore, was introduced to the Conference, and he addressed the Conference.
Auditing Committee.—The report of the Auditing Committee was read by J. P. Meik, and adopted.

Standing Committees.—On motion of B. J. Chew, the following report of the Presiding Elders concerning the Conference Boards and Standing Committees was accepted.


PUBLIC WORKSHOP.—The Presiding Elders and Preacher-in-charge of the place where the Conference is appointed.

Committee Reports — Resolved, that the Standing Committees prepare the greater part of their reports before the meeting of Conference, and to enable this to be done, the chairman of each committee should send out post cards to each preacher asking for information, and every preacher is required to furnish all the necessary information.

J. E. ROBINSON.

J. P. MEIK.

Adjournment.—The announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned to meet at 3-30 P.M. After the singing of the Doxology G. E. Stokes pronounced the Benediction,
FIFTH SESSION.
    Saturday, January 4th, 1902.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 3.30 P.M.
D. H. Lee led the devotional exercises.

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

Introductions.—W. Mathie was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary, F. E. Lieden, read his report. On motion of B. J. Chew the totals of districts were read. The report was accepted after correction.

The Chair.—The Bishop asked Henry Jackson to take the chair.

Deaconess Board.—The report of the Deaconess Board was read by D. H. Lee; on motion of the Secretary, it was received.

Sunday Schools.—The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by Homer Wroten, on motion of B. J. Chew, it was accepted.

Board of Conference Stewards.—On motion of J. E. Robinson, the Board of Conference Stewards were requested to bring in their report at the next session.

Adjournment.—On motion of J. E. Robinson the Conference adjourned to meet on Monday morning at eight o'clock. Henry Jackson pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.
    Monday, January 6th, 1902.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 8 A.M.
Joseph Culshaw led the devotional exercises.

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

Conference Sermon.—The Secretary reported that J. P. Meik preached the Conference Sermon on the previous Sabbath morning.

Temperance Committee.—The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Henry Jackson. On motion of Homer Wroten, it was accepted.
State of the Church.—The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by G. E. Stokes. The Bishop addressed the Conference on the importance of work in the villages. On motion of B. J. Chew, the report was accepted.

Ordination.—The presiding bishop gave the following certificates of ordination:

Certificates of Ordination.—This is to certify that I have hereby ordained John Byork to the office of Deacon, and with the assistance of the elders, Chapder Canto Das to the office of Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Calcutta, January 5th, 1902.

Frank W. Warne.

Board of Conference Stewards.—The report of the Board of Conference Stewards was read by D. H. Lee, and, on motion of J. P. Meik, it was adopted.

Committee on Resolutions.—The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by W. P. Byers, and was unanimously adopted. [See Resolutions].

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

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

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

Frank W. Warne
President.

Joseph Culshaw
Secretary.
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BISHOP AND MRS. THOBURN.

Resolved, That we as a Conference send a cordial greeting to our beloved Bishop and Mrs. Thoburn, and express our joy to learn of the improvement of the health of both. Our fervent hope is that God will continue to favour His servant and handmaiden, so that it may be our happy privilege in the not distant future to welcome them back to India and the work they so dearly love.

BISHOP WARNE.

Resolved, That it has given us sincere pleasure to have Bishop Warne preside once more over the deliberations of our Conference, of which he was a member for so many years. We thank him for the wise counsel and practical help he has given us in our embarrassed financial situation. We desire to send greeting to Mrs. Warne, whose connection with our Conference has not ceased though for the time she is far away.

REV. HENRY AND MRS. JACKSON.

Whereas, our dear brother, Henry Jackson, by reason of advancing years and the continued ill health of Mrs. Jackson, feels constrained to retire at this Conference Session from active mission service and is about to proceed to America, therefore

Resolved, That we give expression to our high appreciation of the fidelity with which Bro. Jackson has served the Church, since his first arrival in India, forty-one years ago. His Conference brethren know of the patience and earnestness with which he has laboured in the mission work to which he has been assigned. He has not spared himself in seeking the welfare of the people, and we doubt not that God has blessed his labours more largely than may be manifest to our human vision.

We confidently look forward to a great increase of the work of God in the District over which he has presided for so many years, and our prayer to God is that our brother may be spared to hear thereof before the summons reaches him to “Come up higher.” Faith in the unchangeable promises of God assures us that the field which has been baptized with his tears and prayers, and preempted for Christ by his faith and
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toils, will one day yield a bountiful harvest, and the time will surely come when sowers and reapers shall rejoice together in the presence of God.

We ask Brother and Sister Jackson to believe that our warm fraternal affection and united prayers will follow them to the homeland. May their lives and health be precious in the sight of the Heavenly Father and the desires of their hearts for rendering assistance to the work they love in India be abundantly realized.

REV. JOSEPH AND MRS. CULSHAW.

Resolved, That whilst we cheerfully acquiesce in the arrangement whereby Brother and Sister Culshaw are granted a year's leave to England, we recognize the fact that their going leaves a big gap in our ranks which it will be impossible to fill. They have fitted so closely and harmoniously into almost every department of our work, both English and Bengali, their absence will be greatly felt. Fellowship with them in Christian service has been to us all a very real privilege. Although they do not leave India immediately, we take occasion to bid them a hearty 'god-speed' and to assure them they will meet with a cordial "welcome-home" on their return. We sincerely hope that opportunity may come to them while on leave to secure needed help for our interesting and promising work in Bengal.

MISS CRAIG.

Resolved, That in the departure of Miss Frances Craig on her well-earned furlough the Conference will miss from its circle one of our most useful and highly esteemed workers. We cannot speak too highly of the work Miss Craig has done in connection with the Anglo-Indian boys' and girls' orphanages, which she has brought to a high state of efficiency by her wise, practical and economical management. In the Sunday School and in the choir, and in all the work of the English church she has been a most faithful worker. As Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. she has had much responsibility which she has met satisfactorily to all. We wish her a pleasant voyage and safe arrival in America, a useful sojourn among her friends, and a happy return to Calcutta in renewed vigour, in due season.

HOSPITALITY AT CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That our grateful thanks are hereby tendered to our kind friends, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. W. T. Thurlow and Mrs. H. H. Remfry, for the bountiful tiffins provided for
the Conference and visitors on the several days of the Conference sessions; also to Mrs. C. J. A. Pritchard for the delightful social hour enjoyed at her afternoon tea on Saturday and to the kind Calcutta friends for their hospitable entertainment.

MRS. PARKER.

Resolved, That we desire to express our heartfet sympathy and prayers for Mrs. Parker in her bereavement and sadness at the death of our beloved Bishop Parker. May God give her the peace of His presence. We desire to put on record an expression of our appreciation of what Bishop Parker's life and labours have done for all our mission work throughout India, in evangelistic work, in the training of preachers, and in the structure of our constitution as a mission. We rejoice with him as he is now enjoying fellowship with the Saints in light and shining in the inheritance of our Great Elder Brother.

MISS THOBURN.

Resolved, That in the death of that great friend and consecrated servant of India's girls and women, Miss Thoburn, the whole of our church in India and many thousands beyond our church borders, have suffered a great bereavement. We recall her life's labours with thankfulness and rejoice with those who have been led to Christ by her and to an intelligent and devoted service of the Master. We grieve with her loved ones, particularly with her sorrowful brother and sister, Bishop and Mrs. Thoburn and pray that our Heavenly father will soften this great sorrow that fills their hearts at Miss Thoburn's departure. May He grant them and all of us the balm of an ever-increasing sense of the reality of the eternal hope of meeting those who have died trusting in Him, who is the resurrection of the life.
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Calcutta and Kidderpore Seamen's Mission Mrs. Henderson (in America.)

Darjeeling—Queen's Hill School Miss Knowles, Miss McKinley, Miss Wisner.

Pakur Women's Work Mrs. Meik.

District Work Miss Jacobson.

On leave to America Mrs. Robinson.

CALCUTTA BENGALI DISTRICT.

Calcutta, Ballaghata, Jauin Bazar and Kumardanga School.

Mrs. Lee.

Dennett Training School and Girls' Day School, Mrs. Lee, Miss Graydon.

Calcutta & Champahati Evangelistic & Zenana Work, Mrs. Lee, Dr. Mulford.


Nihatii and Kulpi Women's Work Mrs. M. zamdar.

Tamuluk, Zenana Work, Miss Blair.

Tamuluk, School Work, Miss Moyer.

On leave to England Mrs. Culshaw.

TIRHOOT DISTRICT.

Mozuffarpore.—Women's Work Mrs. Dowring.

Zenana Work and Village Schools To be Supplied.

Girls' Orphanage Miss Dey.

Darbhunga, Women's Work Mrs. Robert.

Simastipur, Women's Work Mrs. Nain Sukh.
Disciplinary Questions.

Question I. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?
None.

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?
John Byork.

V. Who have been continued on trial?
(b.) K. C. Mullick

VI. Who have been discontinued?
None.

VII. Who have been admitted into full membership?
None.

VIII. What members are in studies of the third year?
(a.) None.

IX. What members are in studies of the fourth year?

X. What members have completed the Conference Course of study?
(a.) C. C. Das.

XI. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?
(b.) John Byork.

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?
None.

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

XVIII. Who have withdrawn?
None.

XIX. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?
None.

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?
None.

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. 3,207.

XXVII. What are the claims on the Conference Funds?
$125 @ Rs. 3 = Rs. 375.

XXVIII. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?
$193 which has been applied under order of the Conference.

XXIX. Where are the Preachers stationed?
See appointments.

XXX. Where shall the next Conference be held?
Calcutta.
In reviewing the year which has just closed we gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God in sparing the lives and continuing the health of our missionary force. It has been a year of hard work and faithful labour on the part of the brothers and sisters in charge of the various interests represented on the District. There have been difficulties not a few, and discouragements have been by no means lacking, but we come to the close of 1901 with the profound conviction that God truly has been mindful of us, and that there has been a blessed fulfilment, according to our faith, of His gracious promises. At the same time we must humbly confess that if we as a band of workers had lived more prayerfully, had enjoyed closer communion with God, and had sought and obtained a larger measure of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, much more satisfactory results would have been realized. We earnestly pray that the work of the new year on which we are about to enter may be characterized by greater devotion and a wiser utilization of the spiritual resources at our command.

As my brethren know, I deplore unduly long reports, and therefore will endeavour to be as brief as is consistent with a just representation of the important interests concerned.

I. Vernacular Work.

1. Bolpur,—Rev. F. E. Lieden, missionary-in-charge; Soorjoo M. Mondol, native member of Conference. A considerable portion of the past year has been spent in enlarging the accommodations of the mission so as to provide for the 31 boys who are now attached to this circuit. Bricks have been burnt on our own property, and a fairly substantial building, 80 by 15, with a nice front verandah is now rapidly approaching completion. This will make an inexpensive, but comfortable dormitory for the boys. Through the kindness of an American friend, supplemented by assistance to be gathered, we hope to be able during 1902 to complete a modest building that will serve the purpose of school and church, the foundations of which have just been laid. It would be nice if we could have a small house to serve as a Widows' Home, but
while this is greatly needed, it will have to wait for a more convenient season. The orphan boys are making very fair progress in their studies and showing that they are capable of development. Some of them have acquired the art of weaving, and can now make all the cloth needed for the establishment. The few famine widows, too, are getting on well, and are receiving helpful instruction in various lines of industry. Mrs. Lieden gives them much attention and God is blessing them. It is a special gratification to report that a good spiritual work has been going on among these rescued ones. Remembering their absolute and gross ignorance when brought to Bolpur, it is indeed most encouraging to witness their intelligent participation in the religious services. The Holy Spirit is manifestly working in their hearts. It is pleasing to state that Mrs. Lieden has proved a true helpmeet to her husband in the work of the Lord. Her spiritual influence on the workers and others has been marked and helpful. The advent of a baby boy a few months ago brought much joy to the household and a valuable auxiliary to the mission force of the circuit. The usual work in the villages has been carried on, the day schools and Sunday Schools visited and catechized, and the word preached and taught to many. The woman's work is somewhat slowly taking shape. It has worked under difficulties and disadvantages all along, yet not without encouragement. There are prospects of fruit which we have good hope will one day be realized. The solitary Bible woman and the teachers have done their best. Much seed has been sown among the accessible females of the community; it cannot be wholly in vain.

2. PAKUR.—Rev. J. P. Meik, missionary in charge; Sitol C. Biswas, native member of Conference. The missionary in charge writes:

The work here has gone forward steadily and the statistics will show a fair increase all round. Our native minister, Sitol C. Biswas, gives all his time to evangelistic work, and he reports very encouraging results both among the Christians and non-Christians. Besides those already baptized there are two families of leading Mohammedans from one of the villages where we have as yet no work, who are ready for baptism. One of the men is the religious teacher and leader of the village. We have not been able to place any Christian workers in this village, and on that account have delayed the baptism of these people.
We have at present only 100 boys and girls in our schools. The number has been reduced by pupils having passed out of the school and also by marriages. We shall have to make up the full number as soon as possible. We are filling up the ranks among our teachers from our own boys and girls as they pass out of the school, and at present out of nine teachers six are from our own pupils. The boys and girls have done well in the Government Examinations this year. We sent up two for the highest Bengali examination, eight for the Upper Primary, and eight for the Lower Primary, all have passed except two in the Upper Primary. We have earned Rs. 300 this year as a grant.

The Dispensary is continuing its good work and many people from distant villages come to us for treatment. We have pushed the colportage work and all our workers have been at it. The Carpenters' Shop has not done so well this year, as we have not been able to procure enough work to pay expenses. The Fruit Garden is growing and promises very good results, though this year the mangoes were a failure.

We were obliged to close one of our village schools for want of money to carry it on. This year we received only Rs. 51-8-0 a month from the Conference appropriation for the support of 50 boys. We need Rs. 175 a month. We received no money this year for rents and repairs, and it costs from Rs. 700 to Rs. 1,000 every year for this purpose; so on the whole this year has been a very trying one for us, and we have not been able to get all the money we needed. In addition to our financial difficulties we have been afflicted with a good deal of sickness among our workers and school children. My own health has been most unsatisfactory all this year and we have had to work under great disabilities.

The Poultry Farm has held its own, and after paying all expenses at the end of this year there will be a balance of Rs. 300 that will go to reduce the debt from Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 2,200.

Since 1897 the value of our property at Pakur has been greatly increased by the improvements made in the buildings and the lands. We have spent between three and four thousand rupees on improvements and the value of the property is at least Rs. 10,000 more than we paid for it. None of the money paid for improvements has been received from the Missionary Society.
The Missionary's Bungalow will have to be repaired and re-thatched this year, or else no one will be able to live in it. The preachers' houses and the boys' school also must be repaired and re-thatched this year. The repairs for 1902 will cost Rs. 1,000.

The Presiding Elder wishes to express his cordial appreciation of the careful attention which Mrs. Meik has given to the Girls' School during the year; no light task considering that she has been alone in looking after the woman's work in the absence of Miss Jacobson. Much praise is due to Mrs. Meik for her supervision of all these interests. Miss Jacobson, we are glad to learn, has been very successful in developing missionary interest among the Swedish women in America, and has organized many W. F. M. S. auxiliaries from whom substantial and permanent help is certain to be realized by the W. F. M. S. Miss Jacobson has received some encouraging help towards a W. F. M. S. building at Pakur for which object Rs. 1,321 have been received from her direct.

3. HINDUSTANI CIRCUIT.—Rev. C. Dowring, Preacher-in-charge, reports: "Our Sunday services have been carried on regularly, but a change has taken place in the evening services. Now we have our evening services at Baliaghata instead of in the Bengali Church. This service is for the boys who are living there. During the time of service some Hindus and Mohammedans also come and stay a short while and hear the good news. Wednesday's meetings have been very useful to the famine girls and boys that are in Mrs. Lee's School. They recite verses from the Scriptures, which is a very hopeful work for their growth in grace. May the Lord bless them abundantly day by day. Leagues are in good condition. We appreciate Mrs. Robinson's valuable services rendered to the work."

The Lascar work has been carried on as usual, with what results cannot be estimated. The men are visited and conversed with, and the way of salvation explained to them. Those in hospital are also visited, and the seed is thus sown by many waters. We trust that good is being done, although, as in much work of the kind, no visible outcome can be reported.

Bro. Dowring has worked faithfully and has not spared himself. The year has been one of peculiar trial. The defection of workers and the exposure of the evil doings of some of them, leading to their summary dismissal,—their wickedness having been fully made manifest,—has been a sad feature of
1901. The difficulty of getting thoroughly reliable Hindustani workers in Calcutta is very great; but we cannot conceive that it is God’s plan to carry on work by means of agents of whose corrupt lives there can be no doubt. The Preacher-in-charge reports collections as follows:—Missionary, Rs. 5; Conference Claimants, Rs. 2; Children’s Day, Rs. 2; Sunday School, Rs. 17; School Fees, Rs. 14; Church Rs. 1-9 for Sanai Bazar Church, Rs. 50.

II. EDUCATIONAL WORK.

1. CALCUTTA GIRLS’ SCHOOL.—Miss Samson has been ably supported by Miss Storrs, our esteemed honorary missionary, in the work of the year, and now most gladly welcomes Miss Henkle, another experienced teacher from America, to co-operate with her. After a year at Queen’s Hill School, we are glad to have Miss Caw back in Calcutta. The Principal reports favourably of the staff of the school, and is giving all diligence to make it as efficient as possible. Particularly good health has been vouchsafed to the school during the past year. It is believed that solid work has been done in all standards. The record of the results of the Government examinations of last year is a most pleasing one. Of the pupils sent up, 80 per cent. of the High School passed, 50 per cent. of the Middle School and 78 per cent. of the Primary School. For the recent examinations, the results of which will not be known until a couple of weeks hence, 52 pupils were entered, 8 from the High School, 18 from the Middle, and 26 from the Primary.

This year has witnessed the arrival of a supply of handsome school furniture of improved modern style, and needed additions have also been made to the boarding department. Two additional pianos have been procured, and some good books have been added to the Library by the kindness of friends. There is good hope that before long a competent Kindergarten superintendent will be appointed from America. It is very encouraging that the Government grant for the year has been, with one exception, the largest ever earned by the School, amounting to Rs. 5,246, the school income from all sources reached the large figure of Rs. 38,726. Equally encouraging is it to know that the number of boarders reached its highest mark during 1901, namely, 110. An instalment of the debt on the school has been paid, and the balance we fully expect will be wiped out during 1902. The standing of this school is thoroughly maintained and its prospects are as bright as ever.
2. Calcutta Boys’ School.—From the report presented by the Principal, J. Gordon Kennedy, Esq., we gather that excellent work was done in the Infant and Primary Departments. The pupils are well grounded in the elementary branches. The Middle and High Departments have been affected by frequent changes in the teaching staff, but the Principal devoted a considerable portion of his time to teaching the special subjects. The passes in last year’s examinations were not so numerous as could be wished, but the pupils who passed took good rank, indicating that the quality of the work done was good.

At the Primary Scholarship Examination recently held, eight candidates were presented; at the Middle School Examination nine; and at the High School Examination, three. The results of these examinations are expected in a couple of weeks. This year additional interest has been lent to the school athletics by the success which attended our boys at the Presidency Athletic Meeting. In the contests for the Schools’ Challenge Shield our pupils gained three first prizes, and brought home the Shield for the first time in the history of the school. In the contest for H. E. The Viceroy’s Medal, awarded to the cadet who obtains the highest aggregate of points in shooting, one of our pupils won the coveted prize. In the same competition three other cadets secured prizes. During the year there has been comparatively little sickness amongst the boarders, and no sickness of a serious or infectious character. The higher interests of the pupils have not been neglected. The tone of the school has been exceedingly good, and it has been a constant endeavour to hold up to the boys a high ideal of manhood, which each was encouraged and helped to realize in his individual life.

In the resignation of Mr. Kennedy, who has been principal for five full years, the school has lost an accomplished educator and worthy Christian gentleman. We wish Mr. Kennedy a hearty ‘godspeed’ as he takes up work as Professor in the Canning College, Lucknow. The vacancy in the principalship will be filled by Mr. Robert P. Fleming, who comes highly recommended from Oak Openings, Naini Tal, and who has an excellent reputation as an instructor. Thoroughly acquainted with Indian educational work, we look for a successful career for him in connection with the Calcutta Boys’ School. The aim of the Board of Governors is to make it as good as the best of similar schools in this or any other city of India.
3. QUEEN'S HILL GIRLS' SCHOOL, DARJEELING.—The history of the Girls' School enterprise in the beautiful hill station has been a chequered one, but we cannot doubt that bright days are in store for it. The purchase of property for school purposes, with the new building now in process of erection, will give the school a more solid basis for more successful operations, that it has yet had. Friends in America are rallying to the help of the enterprise, and there is a good prospect of substantial aid from Government. Miss Wisner has joined Miss Knowles and Miss McKinley, thus providing the school with what must be regarded as a superior staff. The principal writes:

"The school year has been full of experiences. At one time we seemed hedged about by difficulties, but God mercifully removed them, and has crowned the year with His goodness. Numbers have slightly increased over last year, but we can measure our best success by the earnest, patient work that has been done by the teachers. They have worked for the betterment of the lives of the children as well as their secular improvement and this is our hope. If we could keep the same children year by year they would have an opportunity of making thorough scholars and useful women under such teaching. India is full of changes; and one of them is the frequent transfer of children from one school to another upon the slightest pretext.

"During the past year we have purchased the Queen's Hill property, including 'The Repose' and 'Woodville,' desirably situated, at a convenient distance from the Mall and Railway Station, and are erecting a new building. This latter is made possible through the generous gift of a lady as a Memorial to her mother, Mrs. Almira Hall Peirce, whose name the new building will bear, and it will be used entirely for school purposes. It will contain bright school rooms and well-ventilated dormitories, a hospital-room and gymnasium, furnishings of which are already promised by a friend.

"Each year we have had at the request of parents a few boys under ten years of age; and as we have now separate houses, we shall continue this department with increased facilities of dormitory and playground room. Seven pupils were sent up for the Government Examinations in November, two for High School, two for Middle and three for Primary. Results not yet known. Seven were also sent up for Trinity College Theory in Music, all with good results."
“Although our methods may differ, we have no antagonism toward other schools. Our aim is Protestant Christian education with the best appliances for school work, which may help toward forming noble a Christian character.”

I should not fail to express our grateful appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by Rev. Geo. Henderson, in supervising the extensive repairs needed in the new properties, and in planning and erecting the new building. He has laboured with great energy and helped us in numberless ways.

4. Anglo-Indian Boys' and Girls' Orphanages.—Miss Frances Craig, Superintendent, reports:

The past year has been one of the best in the history of the orphanages. We have had a larger number of children under our care this year than in any preceding year, and less difficulty in securing funds for the support of this work. We accept this as an expression of divine favour, and as we look back over the year with all of its experiences our hearts are filled with thankfulness to God for the “daily benefits” of the year. The largest number of children in the orphanages at any time during the year was 106. This number rather exceeds our accommodations, but so many needy children came to us, and we felt that we could not turn them away. During the year several of our boys and girls have united with the Church and we believe in many of their lives Christian character is being definitely moulded and lives of usefulness will be the result of the work now being done. Several of our boys will go out from us this year into the active duties of life, and we hope they will be good representatives of Christian manhood.

Two of our children were “called up higher” during the past year. One, a boy of great promise, and with a high ambition in life, but the Heavenly Father had larger plans for his life and “he was not, for God took him.” The other little fellow was our youngest child, called to be among the number who are “around the throne of God in heaven.”

As was said in the beginning, the financial burden of this work has seemed lighter than usual this year. We closed each month free from debt; and at the end of the year, we have a small sum in our treasury. This fact is due largely to the generous giving of our church people. We have received not only a liberal offering from the “Christian’s Day” collection but on other occasions we have been most kindly re-
membered. The Harvest Day thank-offering was given us, and liberal gifts at other times. We are specially remembered on Christmas Day. A large collection of toys given from a society connected with St. Andrew's Church made glad the hearts of the children, and good cheer of various kinds. To all these friends we wish to express our heartiest thanks. The coming year is bright with hope, and we look out into it with a more earnest desire, as "labourers together with God" in this work, to be more faithful and more worthy of the trust committed to our care.

The Presiding Elder wishes to add a few words of cordial appreciation of the excellent management of these institutions. In making the usual audits of the accounts, I have been able clearly to apprehend the economical basis on which these institutions are conducted. The total receipts of the Boys' orphanage were Rs. 6,701, and expenditure, Rs. 6,665; and of Girls' Orphanage Rs. 5,266 and expenditure Rs. 4,802. I question whether any institutions of similar grade can be found in India in which such good results of management are realized at such moderate expenditure. In the assistant superintendent of the Boys' Orphanage that institution is favoured with a manager of rare ability. His expenditure shows that his average of 60 boys were boarded at a cost for food of only Rs. 4 per mensem, and the food is as good and liberal in its allowance as that ordinarily given in boarding schools in the city. It reflects credit on the management that the whole cost of support of the institution—including food, clothing, salaries, tuition, rent, taxes, servants, and every item of expenditure—works out at a little less than Rs. 10 per mensem. That is a record which would be hard to beat. I take pleasure in assuring those who contribute to the maintenance of these orphanages that long experience of the working of the educational institutions justifies the statement that nowhere have I found wiser and more beneficial management than that which these orphanages enjoy.

We take sincere pleasure in commending Miss Craig to the practical sympathy of all interested in such work as that to which she has devoted herself so successfully, and hope that she may be able to secure the assistance she desires for the buildings so necessary for satisfactory administration of orphanage work. We are glad that a beginning has been made in collecting a building fund, and trust that while on furlough Miss Craig will find many ready to help her in the valuable work she is doing.
We are pleased to welcome Miss Smith to the Girls' Orphanage, relieving Miss Craig while the latter is on furlough. Miss Smith has come well-reported of from Rangoon and is getting her hand in nicely and is devoting her energies to mastering the details of the important work that devolves upon her.

During the year the Deaconess Home has been transferred from 149 to 150 Dharamtala, next door to the church, and has become the domicile of the Girls' Orphanage. The accommodations are not altogether what we should desire for a large number of girls, but a considerable saving in expenditure has been secured by the change, and everything moves on smoothly.

Dharamtala Street English Church.—Rev. Geo. E. Stokes, Pastor. The first year of Brother Stokes's pastorate has closed encouragingly. Financially the church has held its own well. At the quarterly Conference held last Monday, the Treasurer was able to report a substantial balance in hand on account of various funds. One or two of these may have shown a deficiency, but the general outcome has been satisfactory. During the year the Church has undergone thorough repairs and been fitted up with a new equipment of punkahs, all involving a considerable extra expenditure. The congregations have kept up well, and the good attendance noticed during the trying hot months and monsoon period was very encouraging. The same may be said of the weekly prayer-meetings. Brother and Sister Stokes have done a large amount of pastoral visiting, which we have reason to believe has been much appreciated by and profitable to the people. In recent months many new faces have been noticed in the Sabbath services. The Young People's Societies have been maintained in full vigour, and numerous cottage-meetings have been held through the weeks of the year. The pleasant social gathering at the parsonage on Sunday evenings has been maintained, and over Mrs. Stokes's tea and cake old friendships are cemented and often new acquaintances made.

The Sunday school has prospered under the vigorous superintendence of Brother Thurlow though the lack of teachers has been felt during the year. No special revival interest has been witnessed during the year, but the claims of Christ and the privileges of discipleship have been kept before the people in all the services of the church, and a number of persons from time to time have expressed personal desire for salvation,
From the pastor's report we learn that during the year 12 were received by letter, 19 on probation, and 16 into membership; 10 have died and 12 dismissed by letter. The year's work promises well for the succeeding years of the new pastor's ministry. As his grasp on the situation becomes more intelligent by experience, we may confidently expect increasingly good results.

The church celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its dedication on Tuesday at the Watchnight Service, and instituted an effort to pay off the indebtedness remaining on the parsonage, which we trust will be crowned with complete success during the year. A cablegram of greeting to Bishop Thoburn was sent at the close of the Watchnight Service.

It is a pleasure to record the valuable assistance rendered by the church deaconess, Miss Maxey, who as pastor's assistant has had her hands full of all kinds of work pertaining to the charge. We regret that a rather serious spell of illness laid her aside for a time, but happily did not necessitate her going away, nor prevent her total of visits during the year amounting to considerably over a thousand. Her intimate knowledge of all church affairs and people has been most useful to the new pastor, and the church is greatly indebted to Miss Maxey for the services so faithfully rendered without cost to its funds.

THE SEAMEN'S MISSION.

Rev. Geo. Henderson, Superintendent. It would be difficult to estimate the practical value of the work that has been accomplished through the Seamen's Coffee Rooms, 19 Lal Bazaar, in the years of its illustrious history. The character of the work is in some respects different from what it used to be in earlier days, owing to the extensive substitution of steamers for sailing vessels for cargo carrying to this part. But the Coffee Rooms still continue to be a blessing to large numbers of seamen, to whom it is a haven of rest and a means of protection. Hundreds have been supplied with food and clothing, many have been provided with food and lodging; the Savings Bank has conserved the hard earnings of Jacks by the score, who otherwise would have been fleeced by the harpies that dog their steps and prey upon them; the refreshment room has been well patronized; and facilities for home correspondence has been much appreciated. We are glad that the Superintendent has found it possible to provide accommodation for a number of young men who have come from Great Britain to work in Calcutta. The influences around
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them are helpful at a time when they need the restraints and stimulus of Christian example and Christian advice. It was a pleasure on New Year's Day to see a goodly number of seamen gathered for a service of praise and address, to be reminded of their privileges and exhorted to forsake evil and cleave to that which is good.

Mr. Henderson has been ably assisted during the year by Mr. Max Weeborg, of whose diligence and fidelity I cannot speak too highly. The Coffee Rooms appear to be a splendid training ground for Christian workers. It has given an excellent pastor to our Asansole English Church, and we cannot tell what Brother Weeborg may attain unto. Our thanks are due to all who helped in the work at the Coffee Rooms during the year.

Plans for the opening of work at Kidderpore are under consideration, and it is hoped effective measures may be possible this year to carry them out successfully.

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

A practical way of estimating the value of this institution is to note the fact that an aggregate of 10,065 nights' lodging and days' entertainment were furnished to men out of employment and in temporary distress. More than 30,000 meals were supplied. The total receipts for the year to December 15th, including balance from 1900, were Rs. 14,502; and the expenditure on all accounts was Rs. 14,522. Over Rs. 5,000 worth of carpentering work was done, and the donations and subscriptions amounted to Rs. 2,366.

Mr. Oakley, the Superintendent, deserves credit for his faithful and efficient work, and we think the home is on a better basis at the close of 1901 than at any previous period. We are glad to have the energetic lady Secretary, Mrs. Remfray, back again after a visit to England. Her interest in the Home has been unabated, and to her kindness is due the bountiful Christmas repast provided for the inmates. For the latter part of the year, Rev. Geo. E. Stokes has been president, giving the affairs of the Home all the supervision it required. Now that the Founder of the Home, Bishop Warne, is unable to give the personal attention he formerly gave, it might not be amiss to revise the Committee and provide for its perpetuation.

Religious Services.—In addition to the regular morning and evening prayers are held on various mornings and evenings of the week, conducted by ladies and gentlemen interested in the welfare of the institution. Our hearty thanks are due to those who have so kindly helped.
The work on the Calcutta Bengali District has gone on much as usual during the past year. The statistics will show no very great advancement and yet there has been a large amount of consecrated, earnest service on the part of missionaries and all other workers. There have been, moreover, distinct gains in various directions. In colportage, in the training of workers, and in the acquisition of a knowledge of Bengali on the part of missionaries, there has certainly been a prophetic advance, nor should I pass over the work of translation that has been done. "The Tongue of Fire" and a little "Life of David" in Bengali are passing through the press and other work has been also taken up. Furthermore the foundation of the orphanage and mission work at Baliaghata and the provisions made for a house for our ladies at Tamluk, indicate that our forces are going out to possess the land in the name of our Master, and that we are growing away from the tendency to concentrate our work in Calcutta.

But let us take up the work more in detail and I will begin with the work of our ladies.

The Dennet Training School, Day School and Zenana Work.

Mrs Lee writes: We have about 110 girls in our training school not including our famine girls that are twenty-three in number. The latter with fifteen widow women are learning Hindustani, several of whom are doing very well having finished their second reader. Spiritually these famine people are doing well, and I am now sure of three or four Christian workers from among them. The training school has had much against it this year. We lost our pundit by death and found it hard to find a Christian teacher to fill his place; still we have been able to send up twenty-five girls to the Government examination, all of whom passed high in their test examination, and we are hopeful that most of them will pass the Government examination. Three new teachers from the training class have been appointed to work this year. We are now planning for a change of code in all standards which means a special training of the teachers. We have eight Bible-women at work, which represents 150 houses regularly visited, and have visited three or four melas since last conference. Our four day-schools are about as they were
last year, also our Sunday-school work. We often have 100 children in the Baliaghata Sunday School, seventy-five in the Kamardanga Sunday-school and a fair attendance in the other. We are glad to welcome Miss Graydon as a worker among us, and trust it is God's plan for us unitedly to accomplish more this year, and we will if God spares Dr. Mulford's health to enable her to prosecute the work she has taken up among us."

Miss Dey has been of great help especially in teaching the famine women in Hindustani, in taking the Bible-classes and in leading the Epworth League. I consider that Miss Dey is our example of how our Bengali brethren and sisters may acceptably fill the place of missionaries.

In her report Mrs. Lee speaks with regret of the spiritual progress made in the school among the girls and of the encouraging features of the work in the zenanas and among the women they have worked for. I agree with her in thinking that our schools and work need the baptism of the Holy Spirit and that we should earnestly seek for it.

**Calcutta and Suburban Day-schools and Zenana Work at Beg Bagan.**

Mrs. Culshaw reports that at the close of the year 1901 there were 180 children in the schools at Jaun Bazar, Beg Bagan, Champahati and Jhanjra. In the early part of the year the plague affected the attendance at the two first-mentioned schools. She has given more time to systematic examination of the classes, and required that better work be done in reading, writing and similar subjects, teachers having been inclined to think that the learning of the Catechism and Bible verses and the singing of hymns were all that they need to pay attention to. A Government grant of Rs. 40 was made to the school at Champahati, and the Jaun Bazar school earned a grant of Rs. 186 for passing a Hindu girl in the Primary examination. The teachers in all the schools have tried to be faithful and in every case have been anxious to please. The school work has been the door for zenana work, and the latter gives much encouragement so that it is hoped that Bible-women's work may be begun in Champahati and Jhanjra.

**The Tamluk Work.**

Miss Blair says "The second year which I have spent in Tamluk has been in many respects more satisfactory than the first, chiefly because I had another with me to share my home."
This year Miss Blair has personally done a good deal of work in the school in Tamluk, owing to the fact that several teachers left the work to get married. The school has to compete with a Government school, but during a part of the year the attendance rose to fifty or sixty. The zenana work under Miss Moyer has been encouraging. Forty or fifty houses are on the visiting list and much interest is shown in the Bible lessons and hymns. The ladies of the New York Central Conference having become interested in Tamluk the prospect for a mission house is encouraging. One friend in Syracuse has subscribed $500 towards it and other amounts have been received, $500 having been given by the Cincinnati Branch of the W.F.M.S., so that there is good sum in sight for the house that is so much needed. I am sure we all rejoice with our sisters in their important work. It is also proper to congratulate Miss Moyer on having passed her first examination in Bengali in the first division; as this examination is given under the direction of the Missionary Conference no one can doubt its thoroughness and the fidelity with which Miss Moyer has done her work.

**Dharmatala Street and Kidderpore.**

Work has been carried on by two Bible-women under the direction of Mrs. Chew. They have visited the homes of the Christian women of the congregation of Dharmatala Street and also Campbell Hospital and the homes of non-Christians. They have distributed 3,150 tracts and sold 318. Some five widows living in the Hospital were baptized, and indeed it offers a field where constant work may be done among poor friendless women, the younger of whom if not taken care of may be led away into lives of sin. Homes have been found for one such helpless creature, and another disappeared for whom provisions were being made. Mrs. Chew thinks a home should be started to take in these women, but it may perhaps be better to seek to find them employment and a refuge in Christian homes. The work among the zenana women in Kidderpore is very interesting and efforts will be made to open a girls' school there to help in the other work in progress in that place.

**The Diamond Harbour Circuit.**

We now take up the work in the hands of the preachers. Bro. Mozumdar has gone about his large circuit with great fidelity. His work has called him to travel on foot, by steamboat and railroad and by small boat, over a good many miles. He has preached in hats, villages and melas. There have
been sold 3,110 Bible portions and 5,525 tracts and books. In
the circuit there are six schools containing 132 scholars that
Sircar and others have been able seconders of the preacher.

THE BEG BEGAN AND SOUTH VILLAGE CIRCUIT.

We unite with the pastor, Bro. Culshaw, in thinking that
there has been general improvement in the work and spiritual
life of the communities in his charge. The statistics will indi­
cate something of the improvement, but a personal knowledge
of the people past and present is necessary to appreciate the
present condition of affairs. I agree with Bro. Culshaw in
thinking we need more pastoral oversight for our outlying
churches and trust that such may be provided. Several of our
missionaries are so heavily engaged in local work that preach­
ing the Gospel in the country districts is being in some measure
neglected. This is one of our problems. It seems to me that
mention ought to be made of the translation work that Bro.
Culshaw is engaged in. Besides being a member of the Bible
Translation Committee he has overseen the translation of
Merrill’s Aspects of Christian Experience, and is now engag­
ed on Arthur’s Tongue of Fire and a Commentary on the
Gospel by Mark.

BALIAGHATA AND BENGALI BOYS’ ORPHANAGE.

Bro. Wroten has been busy during the year in studying
Bengali, and in helping Bro. and Sister Lee in their work. On
August 1st he took charge of the Boys’ Orphanage. During
the year the buildings under construction were completed and
make the missionary and the orphan boys with their resident
teacher a very comfortable home, besides serving for a school and
church. About three acres of land opposite the previously pur­
chased plot have been bought and are to be utilized for the
practical training of boys and girls of the Bengali Mission; a
girls’ school is now being built on the land. Bro. Wroten has
attended several melas, and engaged in open air preaching
regularly at College Square. Besides this he has occasionally
taken English services and has written several very interesting
articles for home papers that will help keep our work before
the church.

THE CITY MISSION.

Bro. Lee has been so busy during the year over building
operations and other matters connected with the financial part
of his work, that he has not been able to do as much work among
students as in former years, but some work has been done in this line. A colportage campaign was also undertaken which resulted in the sale of 2,000 books and Gospel portions. We cannot help but congratulate Bro. and Sister Lee and Bro. Wroten on the way God has prospered them in their work, especially in the property given, and the girls and famine people entrusted to their care.

**THE DHARAMTALA AND KIDDERPORE CIRCUIT.**

The work on this Circuit has gone on with some interesting developments. There is growing up in our Dharamtala Church a membership that is of a higher social rank than we had before. The mere fact of Christians belonging to a higher social rank is not so important, but there is with it the feeling that the church is for some other purpose than an object to beg from when in need. Our educated young men and women are becoming voluntary workers and leaders among the people. Several changes took place in the men who were doing the work of assistant pastor, but now considering his other duties the work is well cared for by Bro. Solomon Christoponthi. Bro. C. C. Dass has had great success in his colportage work, and has during the year sold Rs. 900 worth of books, and is gathering around him a Christian community at Kidderpore and introducing the Gospel into a circle of non-Christian homes.

**THE AMERICAN METHODIST INSTITUTION AND THE BIBLE TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

Have gone on with encouraging results. Two Christian young men passed the Entrance examination of the Calcutta University last March, and three more have a very bright chance of passing this year. There are 302 boys in attendance of which number about one-fourth are Christians. We believe the school is the lever with which to lift up our poor Christian people, and the means of getting us into touch with non-Christians whose fees help us do work we otherwise could not touch. The amount of money realized from fees and other items will be found in the statistical report.

The Bible Training Department has its encouraging features, but time will be required to develop them. Young men must be sifted out so that only those of promise and real devotion may be finally accepted. Brethren are requested to search for young men of real Christian gifts and promise for this training. There are five young men under training and
I am expecting two more. They go out preaching with one of our preachers and I hope to give them more practical experience by sending them out with various brethren to see how the work of preaching and selling books is done in the villages and market places.

I have audited the accounts of the Beg Bagan and South Village Circuit, the Baliaghata Circuit and those of the Diamond Harbour Circuit.

The work done in our Summer School was very helpful, and I begin to think that better work is done for examinations held after the school than at the time of Annual Conference. This school will become, I trust, more and more successful each year.

In conclusion, I think we must hold before us the need of patience and devotion. It takes time and hard work to acquire Bengali and then it requires that we really love the people, so that we shall gladly suffer exile and labour so that we may be able to get about among the people, and people not only of the town but of the village. I think we need to keep before our minds the danger of over-concentration in Calcutta and of the sacred obligation we are under, of going to those who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death," to whom no one has yet gone.

ASANSOL DISTRICT.

W. P. Byers, Presiding Elder.

The new year begins auspiciously with us at Asansol. Our anticipations and expectations have been more than realized, in some particulars, though we have not been able to accomplish as much as was in our hearts to do. But we find ourselves at the beginning of another year with desires fulfilled, prayers answered, a band of God-given workers, growing work, open doors, abounding blessing and everything to be thankful for.

With Bro. Byork in charge of the English work the year's toil has not been such a strain as it was when all had to be cared for by one man. Still, with so many sick and suffering ones to care for, our hands have always been laden with work. Bro. Byork has rendered excellent service, as is evidenced by the large congregations and number of interested people, who gather and assist in the various meetings. He is left entirely free and devotes himself solely to the one branch of work, and it keeps him busy, for we have a temperance meeting on
Monday evenings, a cottage meeting on Tuesday, a Prayer meeting on Wednesday, a Band of Hope meeting on Thursday and Young Men's meeting on Friday, besides a Sunday morning Service on the guard's side, and the usual Sunday School and Evening Service. All these show that they are looked after by a vigorous worker. Our brother has been cheered in his toil by seeing a number unite with the church—encouraging fruits of his labours.

Moreover, our English congregation has begun to furnish us with some of the help we have so long needed. Misses Thorley and Vernieux who have been helping for the past year, are some of the fruits of Bro. Yatman's visit two years ago. The former has the care of the widows' and girls' industrial work and Miss Vernieux is in charge of the hospital and sick children. Miss Mary Moore is from Karmatar, one of our outstations. She was converted here and then went to Miss Thoburn at Lucknow, for study and preparation for evangelistic work. She has had charge of the bakery since Miss Smith's marriage but will soon be free for her much-loved work.

And now her brother, Harry Moore, has joined us, to assist in the vernacular and general work. Already he has made himself very useful and found favour in the eyes of the people. Little did we think that so small a place would furnish us, after a few years, with two such helpful workers.

Last to come and share the work is Miss Addie Hoskins, who will have charge of the young ladies' home, and perhaps do some teaching. Converted in Asansol some years ago, she began the study of Bengali and took a class in our day school—all we had at that time. The removal of her family took her from us for several years, in which she has been serving in our mission at Allahabad, and now we are glad to welcome her back.

But this is not all our English congregation is doing. We keep up a connection with Calcutta and Dharamtala Street by sending as many of our boys and girls as we can down here to be educated and trained for lives of usefulness.

Our Church organist is one of our girls who has had her education and musical training in the Calcutta Girls' School, and another of our girls, you may be pleased to hear, will sing at some of your concerts one of these days.

We have eight more girls down here in Calcutta getting ready for life's battle and service. There are several boys also whom we rejoice to have in our own institutions, and these we hope to have to take hold in years to come. Meanwhile it is
of untold advantage to them to be where they can learn more than they could anywhere else in India, for to attend Dharamtala Street Church is an education of itself.

Bro. and Sister de Monte, whom we were obliged to relinquish at the beginning of the year, for lack of funds and house room, have found a field and favour at the neighbouring station of Baidyanath and are doing promising work among the pilgrims who are constantly thronging the place. Bro. de Monte ought to be free for evangelistic work. It is his province, and the sphere in which he is eminently fitted to labour. His linguistic ability is surprising, for he has mastered the Hindi since going to Baidyanath, and now speaks and prays fluently in it.

In our Bengali work we have very much encouragement. Not because we have had large accessions this year, but because of the improvement in the Christians we had and of the concern they have begun to manifest for the salvation of their friends and fellow countrymen. Our converts are chiefly from the poorer classes, and sometimes they have much to endure in the way of petty persecution, but it is pleasing to observe them gathering strength and adding to their faith, courage and knowledge. To hear their testimonies, in the presence of their idolatrous friends and neighbours is inspiring, and is an indication that they are learning not to be afraid.

The movement among the Chamars, noticeable in so many parts of India, prevails with us also, and it looks as if we might in a few years, gather all these poor people into the fold of Christ. We have several bright lads of this caste in our school, and no doubt these educated and advanced members of their community will prove a blessing to their coming brethren.

The Bauiris move more slowly religiously. Perhaps it is owing to the drinking habits of so many of these wretched people. They know that we cannot tolerate it, so remain away from the only source of hope and salvation. But our Bauiri boys are coming on and their non-Christian relatives begin to think it would be worth while to have their children like those who have left their old playmates so far behind.

Another hopeful sign is to find the women interested in their heathen sisters and attempting something for their rescue and salvation. If we only had a few efficient Bible-
women whom we could send out to raise up a generation of pious women! But alas! there are very few of the older women who are able to read or are capable of such work. Rebu does what she can, but what is that among so many. May the coming year find much being done for the women and mothers of the district.

On Christmas day we had a packed service and all the people were glad and happy. Seeing so many and having had difficulty in finding a place inside the Church, a Hindustani brother said: "Sahib, you'll soon have to have two services now. You see how the Hindustani people are increasing; there will soon be enough to fill the Church." It was a pleasing sight to see so many happy faces and so many of our people able to celebrate the "bara din"—great day—by coming to Church.

Our Bengali preacher, Keshub Mullick, has been abundant in labours, preaching, visiting, prescribing and dispensing medicine for the sick, until he has become known about the compound as the doctor Babu. When the shadow of death—cholera—fell athwart our threshold and school, by his anxious and assiduous attention, during the days and nights of watching, he earned the title which the children have given him, and saved the lives of several who might otherwise have succumbed to it.

A head teacher, Martyn Samson, having been found to take charge of the Boys' School, that interesting institution has had a thriving year. Three of the older boys went up for the Lower-Primary examination, and a larger class will be ready for next year. The famine boys have made remarkable progress in Bengali, Hindi and English. Many of them in a little over a year, in spite of considerable illness, have learned to read and write, and in some cases to do it well. Moreover, they have all learned how to sew, and the patchwork quilts they have made are making a number of people comfortable these cold nights. Several of the larger boys are at work on the Railway, and some are engaged as servants. Three boys assist in the Bakery, which turns out excellent bread, and all the boys work in the garden. We are endeavouring to inculcate in them a love for labour which will make them thrifty and industrious when they grow older. If we can do this we feel we shall have taught them something very desirable.

But the most favourable feature of their improvement is in their knowledge of Scripture. Without having seen it one
would scarcely believe that heathen children could get such a grasp of Bible knowledge in so short a time. When reviewing the last quarter's Sunday school lessons with them, I was surprised at the answers I received and the details they had remembered. A number pray in the prayer meeting with a fluency that is delightful to hear. One of the boys had a long spell of fever and became so reduced and weak that he thought he was going to die. Turning to the missionary he said: "Sahib, I'd like the Guzerati boys to bury me, and tell Gajanand (his friend) to try and find my older brother and tell him about Jesus." Then he said he would like to pray, and turning on his side he covered his face and prayed saying, "Oh, Jesus, I don't know very much, but I know you love children and forgive sinners. Bless all the boys and make them good and take me up to your heavenly home." He recovered and his life shows that he was ready to go at that time if he had been called away. Thank God for every one of these dear children. They are growing fast and will soon be men, and we shall have some workers from among them who will be workers indeed.

The Leper Asylum has had an unusual year and filled up so that an addition to the women's quarters has been necessary. There have been a number of baptisms among them and the new converts are gradually falling into the newer and better way of living. A visit from Chundra Lela in October was made a great blessing to the lepers, and her experience and testimony led several to begin a Christian life.

Sarodah Das, the caretaker, is one of our Chamar Christians, an ideal worker, loving, kind, and conscientious, a local preacher, and one whom I expect to see ordained in a few years.

The Epworth League Meetings are enthusiastic gatherings which the children feel belong to them, and there they are free to sing or speak or pray. It is a place for drawing out and developing our young people and we thank God for it.

The women's work is bound to have more attention now than ever it had before, with five young ladies and Keshub's and Martyn's wives to help it on. Mrs. Byers hardly knows what she must do now with such a band about her. It certainly is delightful to know that some things which could not be undertaken may now be done. And another year will show what a difference it has made.
Miss Forster passed her Bengali examinations in July and she is going to be one who will know Bengali properly. She can speak freely and fluently and write and cipher in it without any difficulty.

The girls under her have got on well, and though a teacher for the larger class has been sorely needed, the girls have passed forward and eight tried this year for the Lower Primary Examinations. Nearly all the girls are well now and able to be in class. Five work at the Bakery and are getting to be good cake-makers.

Ellen continues at her post as Chief Baker and is never happier than when she can bring in a lot of rupees.

A notable event of the year was the finding of Ellen by her relatives. It seems she was carried off with a number of others by a cooly recruiter and on arrival at Asansol refused to go further. It was then she was found by Adolph, my Hindustani preacher, and brought to the Mission House. Her brother sought for her for three years and finally gave up the search as fruitless. A man from her village came to Asansol on business and providentially met her at a wayside well. She asked about her people and found that her mother and brother were still alive but had mourned for her as dead. Ellen’s husband went to bring her mother, but the old woman would not trust herself to his care, but came one day about a month after with the man who had found Ellen. The old mother is now in Asansol and her brother and his family and two cousins. They are under instruction and we trust they may soon come out as Christians.

FINANCES.

How are all these workers supported is a question some might ask.

The English congregation provides for Bro. Byork, the bakery has been paying Miss Moore’s salary as well as Ellen’s and that of the man in charge of the bread. Harry Moore receives an allowance from his father, and our Bengali congregation supports two village leaders or pastor-teachers. A friend in Canada supports two more, and the Bible Society pays our colporteur’s salary.

The receipts in the Bakery have totalled Rs. 4,900 and the expenditures have been equal, owing to the large outlay of
moving twice, making two ovens, and buying the bread-making outfit.

**House Room.**

Perhaps our friends may be wondering where we house all our help. We have been obliged to rent, but we trust that our able and large-hearted friend, Mrs. Crandon, and her coadjutors, will make it possible for us to purchase before the year is out.

It has at times been a problem how all we had in hand was to be carried on, but the river of God's supplies has made glad our hearts from time to time throughout the year.

With the now sainted Dr. Parker, we esteem it the privilege of our lives to teach "these little ones" for a little while "that they may through Christ rise to heights of glory, and exalt His name forever."

"Those who have tested this highest joy, 'the joy of the Lord,' will never again ask—'Is life worth living?' Life, any life, would be well spent under any conceivable conditions, in bringing one soul to know and love and serve God and His son, and by so doing one temple at least would be secured where name and memory would be held for ever and for ever in affectionate praise—a regenerate heart in heaven. That fame will prove immortal when all the poems and monuments and pyramids of earth have gone into dust."—*From the life of John G. Paton.*

And should not I at God and duty's call,  
Fly to the utmost limit of the ball  
Cross the wide sea, along the desert toil,  
Or circumnavigate each Indian Isle?  
To torrid regions fly to save the lost,  
Or brave the rigours of eternal frost?  
I may, like Brainerd, perish in my bloom;  
A group of Indians weeping round my tomb;  
I may, like Martyn, lay my burning head  
In some lone Persian hut or Turkish shed;  
I may, like Coke, be buried in the wave;  
I may like Howard, find a Tartar's grave;  
Or perish, like a Zavier, on the beach,  
In some lone cottage, out of friendship's reach;  
I may, but never let my soul repine;  
"Lo I am with you"—heaven is in that line;  
Tropic or pole, or mild or burning zone,  
"'Tis but a step to my eternal home."

Our experience has been "Jehovah Jireh" and we exalt and magnify His glorious name, evermore praying Him, Lord God of Hosts, world without end.—*Amen.*
TIRHOOT DISTRICT.

HENRY JACKSON, Presiding Elder.

One of the last official acts of Bishop Thoburn while Presiding Elder of the Bengal District, of what was known then as the South India Conference and included nearly one half of Upper India, Burma and the Straits Settlements was to secure through Bishop Hurst, who had episcopal charge, my appointment to Tirhoot or as he stated in my transfer to India, the Province of Behar. We arrived in May, 1888, and proceeded after a few days' rest in Calcutta to Tirhoot with instructions to begin work wherever a suitable house could be obtained. After making enquiries we found that Mozafarpur was the centre of a large District. The Lutheran Mission had been established there for many years. The Missionary-in-charge gave us a very hearty welcome and we at once entered upon our work. We soon gathered a small community about us and began to look around for other centres. In a short time some four native workers, who had been employed in the North India Conference, but who for various reasons had drifted into Behar and were connected with the Baptist Mission at Dinapur and Gya, came to me asking to be taken back into their own mission which they were glad to find had been opened in Behar. Dr. J. M. Thoburn, Jr., now pastor of Calvary Church, Allegheny, was my first Presiding Elder. The second year the sainted Dr. McCoy was in charge as Presiding Elder of the Calcutta District. In the third year our now esteemed Bishop Warne had me in charge and I am thankful, aided me, as best he could, in those days, by his own counsels and financial aid. Having passed through such wise tutelage it was thought safe to allow me to assume charge, and a new district was created with one Preacher-in-Charge and one Presiding Elder, in the one person. It was rather unique but even in Methodism necessity knows no law.

Darbhanga, Partabgunge, Seetamari, Bettiah, Chapra, and Samastipore were, as help was afforded, taken up and included in the appointments of the District. Bishop Thoburn secured three native brethren who in various capacities had been connected for a while with the North India Conference and sent them to assist me. They entered very vigorously upon their work and in a very short time had baptized several hundred persons.

Following the order of the appointments: we have Bettiah where there is an exhorter and a colporteur at work. There is here a very strong and flourishing Roman Catholic Mission, and much of the opposition we have met with has been from this quarter. There is here a good site for a mission house for a native brother, there is also a piece of ground which we have set apart as a cemetery. There was for a while a small Boys' School which has been closed.

At Chapra we began the year with a young man whom we found in Lucknow looking for work. He was not satisfied with his portion and
left to find work elsewhere. There is a nice piece of ground here for a Cemetery. We purpose re-opening work at this point. We had here a very flourishing Girls' School, which for want of funds some years ago was closed. Darbhanga has been from the beginning our most interesting field. Many however of those who were baptized have removed looking for work in other places. Here Brother J. Roberts has been labouring during the past year. His health for several months was very poor and he was unable to work. He is now giving attention to bazaar preaching and mohallah visitation. He has two out stations under him where there are exhorters who are engaged in visiting from village to village where we have had baptisms. Our property here is a native preacher's house and ground, two small lots and a house and lot in one of the out-stations. We have here, also, a cemetery. Dinapore was first opened on the invitation of a Methodist servant who wrote me that he had a number of candidates for baptism. After examination I baptized them and sent a brother to look after them. Being servants, they left one by one, and we have now only one with his family remaining.

Mozafarpur has from the beginning of our work been our headquarters. As soon as we secured suitable accommodation, we began to collect boys and girls, some of whom were orphans. A Boys' and a Girls' School were opened. Medical work was begun first in a native house which we hired and where for many months Mrs. Jackson spent several hours daily. This work was afterwards carried on in the mission house and finally in the building purchased by the W. F. M. S. Here it continued for some years. Thousands were annually treated and many were the kind wishes and prayers offered by grateful patients who came for treatment. The plague scare necessitated the closing of the dispensary. Mrs. Jackson was no longer able to superintend it in person and we had no one who could carry it on. Three years ago Miss Söderstrom and Miss Campbell brought their orphanage from Calcutta and taking over the girls we had, began the girls' orphanage in Mozafarpur. Miss Campbell has been in charge of the girls and has done excellent work. Nothing could, it appears to me, have been better done than that which has been done. The girls, of whom there are twenty-six, have made steady and excellent progress. Three have passed very satisfactorily in the Lower Primary and others are hoping to pass in some preliminary examinations. A few Sabbaths ago I received five of the larger girls into full connection. It will, I know, be of no avail, but I cannot refrain from saying that considering the difficulties that have been in Miss Campbell's way it is a surprise that so much has been done and done so well. Miss Söderstrom has had charge of the Zenana Work and Village Schools. Three and four women, and at one time I think there were six women assisting her. A number of houses were visited. Daily instructions were given in quite a number of them. Girls' Schools were opened at different points and kept open until opposition made
it necessary to close them and open others. Miss Soderstrom has laboured faithfully under very serious physical difficulties.

The boys' school or orphanage has twenty-two boys; most of them are quite young. The older ones have obtained employment. Their health has been excellent and their progress satisfactory. Early in the year several of the boys were taught \textit{dari} making. They have succeeded fairly well.

Bazaar preaching and colportage have been faithfully kept up.

We have at this point three pieces of land, two houses and a cemetery. I was about forgetting to say that we have a home which gives nightly shelter to a number of very poor people, one meal of \textit{Sattu} is given to each inmate every morning.

Samastipur is in charge of Bro. Nain Sukh who holds regular Sabbath services, preaches in the bazar and visits two out-stations. In Dalsingsarai we have rented an old inn and give accommodation to about a dozen families of our people who are employed about the railway or in the town, as coolies.

A regular Sabbath School has been maintained among the children of the employees of the railway. The attendance is small as quite a number of the children are sent to schools in the hills and Calcutta. A regular Sabbath evening service has been held for some years. We trust some good has been done, and that in the future the good seed will bear abundant fruit.

We have yet another station, Seetamari. There are here a local preacher and a colporteur. There is only a small company, about sixteen in all. The markets are visited and the word is presented and sold and distributed. The mission owns a house and two pieces of land.

Returning to our \textit{resume} when we began work in Behar, there was but one Lutheran Missionary and his wife stationed in Mozafarpur. Now there are three, one at Mozafarpur, one at Darbhanga and one at Chapra. The Roman Catholics occupied only Bettiah, now they have priests and regular services at Mozafarpur and Samastipore and at Darbhanga a Boys' Orphanage. An Independent Missionary is occupying a part of the field we had to give up. Two agents of the \textit{"Regions Beyond" Mission} are at Motihari and two more at Sawan. A Chaplain of the Additional Clergy Aid Society has lately been sent to Somastipore and Darbhanga. A lady working among the Bengalis is an independent missionary and resides at Mozafarpur. Two ladies of the Zenana Bible Mission have opened up a mission at Darbhanga and contemplate opening a Zenana Hospital in Mozafarpur. Had all this addition come to our own field and work, we might perhaps say \textit{"What hath God wrought"} and though the agents, most of them, are from other branches of the Christian Church, ought we not to be thankful that they too have seen the importance of this vast field and are planning for greater things.
It is with feelings of sadness that we come so near to the close of our life's work. I have been permitted to spend nearly thirty-two years of my ministerial life in India and I can truly say I am devoutly thankful to God for the honor and the privilege. Think Brethren, of us only in what is good, forget and forgive all that has in any way given you pain or has been in any measure unpleasant to you. Remember us at the Throne of Mercy. Rely upon us, if it be the Lord's will that we labour at home, to do all we can for you. I have made my first promise, may God help me to fulfil it, and in similar promises may we be prompt, and may they serve to keep alive our mutual interest.
Your Committee beg leave to report that the undermentioned accounts have been audited and found correct:

1. Accounts of the Presiding Elders of the Calcutta Bengali, Asansol, and Tihoot Districts.
2. The Treasurer of the W.F.M.S.
3. W. F. M. S. accounts of the following Districts and Circuits: Asansol, Calcutta Bengali, Tamlook, Heg Bagan and South Villages, Mrs. Lee's Work.
4. The accounts of the Bishop Thoburn Special Fund.
5. The accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Board and of the Conference Treasurer will be audited as soon as they are closed.

J. P. Meik.
J. Culshaw.
G. E. Stokes.

I certify that I have audited the accounts of the Calcutta Deaconess Home, of the Anglo Indian Boys' and Girls' Orphanages and of the Hindustani Circuit.
I also certify that the accounts of the Methodst Publishing House, of the Calcutta Girls' School, and of the Calcutta Boys' School, have been duly audited by public accountants.

The accounts of the Bolpur and Pakur Circuits have been audited in most part, and the audits will be completed at the next Quarterly Conferences.

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

EXAMINING BOARD.

Those who have completed the conference course of studies:

In the fourth year's course of study:—Homer Wroten, G. S. Henderson, L. C. Sarcar, S. C. Biswas.
In the third year's course of study:—None.
In the second year's course of study:—K. C. Mullick.
In the first year's course of study:—John Byork.

Homer Wroten,
Registrar.

BOARD OF DEACONESES.

The Deaconess Board has examined the work and passed the characters of the following Deaconesses.

Miss Maxey, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home and Pastor's Assistant who is known in the city as the succourer of many;
Miss Craig, in charge of the Anglo-Indian Orphanages, and Treasurer of the W.F.M.S., who in going on her well-earned vacation to America carries with her our earnest prayers and heartiest commendations to the highest confidence of all.
Miss Jacobson whose activity in her visit to the States has so quickened interest in our work and resulted already in such substantial help for Pakur;
Miss Blair of Tamlook also, who, associated with Miss Moyer, rejoices in contributions through the W. F. M. S. which promise in the near future, we trust, a home for their work in that important station.
It was found that during the year Miss Campbell had felt led to turn aside to other work apart from ourselves. We recognize the good services rendered whilst with us and wish her God-speed in the new line of work.

We desire to call attention to the fact that the Discipline requires annual certificates of character and standing of Deaconesses from the 4th Quarterly Conferences of the charge to which they belong.

Also the rules of the Discipline regarding the distinctive costumes prescribed by the Conference board or the home to which they belong.

D. H. Lee,  
Secretary.

J. E. Robinson,  
President.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Last year a report was presented by this Committee lamenting the seeming retrograde movement in Sunday-school work. The backward movement seems to be still unchecked. The statistics show that we are, as a conference, gradually relinquishing our hold upon the children of Bengal. When we remember that at least 12 per cent. of the number we report are famine relief it shows a still more distressing neglect of the children all around us. And all this is in face of the fact that we continually remind ourselves of the importance of children's work at District Conferences and Epworth League Conventions all over India. The Committee recommends a more thorough supervision of this work on the part of pastors-in-charge. The need is a larger teaching force and one which knows something of our Bible and prepares to teach the prescribed lessons intelligently.

Homer Weoten,  
P. E. Lieden.  
C. C. Das.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee find nothing new to offer on this question. Our position is thoroughly defined. We taste not, touch not, the accursed thing. We can do no better than by precept and example to sustain our record as a church in all the future. We are devoutly thankful that there has been no necessity, in any of our Conferences, to resort to the Rules of our Discipline, which so fully and closely put forth the position "we maintain."

Signed in behalf of the Committee.

H. Jackson.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

After surveying our work we feel that we have reason to thank God and take courage. Conversions have not been unknown within our borders and our work has been extended in a material way at many points. "First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." While we have not witnessed in Bengal the large ingathering of people for which our hearts have longed, we doubt not but through faith and the baptism of the Holy Spirit we shall witness at a not distant day the ripe fruitage of Christian truth and toil in a vast ingathering of people to God's people.

Geo. E. Stokes,  
Joseph Culshaw,  
C. Dowling,  
W. P. Byers.
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Conference Claimants' Fund.

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D. H. Lee, Treasurer Conference Board of Stewards.

MUTTRA MISSION TRAINING SCHOOL.

The past year has been one of unparalleled prosperity in the history of the school. The school has become better known, there have been more letters of inquiry and much more general interest.

The total number of students enrolled during the year has been sixty-three: divided as follows, English Department, twelve; Vernacular Department, Regular Course, twenty; Special Course, twenty-two; and in the class for Pastor-Teachers' wives, nine.

Of the twelve in the English Department, three have been graduated, one of whom is employed as Zenana Assistant in Muttra; one is doing evangelistic work in Gonda District, North-India Conference; while the third is a Deaconess in the Muttra Deaconess Home and teacher in the Vernacular Department of the Training School.

At present there are seven in the English Department.

Through the munificence of Mr. Blackstone of America, a new house is being constructed, which will give us the needed library and study room, class rooms and dormitory.

From the Vernacular Department six have been graduated. Of these, one has been called to her God, one is working in the Muttra Zenanas as Bible Reader, one is teaching in the Orphanage at Phalera, another in Ajmere, one teaching in the Boarding School at Bijnour, and one has returned to work with Miss Kyle who sent her.

Thus we have the pleasure to report that of the nine graduates during the year every one is engaged in some form of Christian work.

The Boarding Department has been so filled that we have been obliged to enlarge our buildings there.

Mary Eva Gregg, Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
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: That 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.

1.) 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.

Systematic Theology, Vol. I. Miley.
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—lviii —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.—Conybeare 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. 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 Examinations, or otherwise they fail to pass.
8. To help cover the working expenses, each candidate shall pay
an entrance fee of five rupees.

6. Notice of the number of candidates likely to appear and of
the alternative books chosen should be given by each Mission three
months beforehand.

**JUNIOR OR FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.**

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**II. Oral.**

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BENGAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1902.

লোকায়ন ডিকুমেন্ট।

১। মৈথিলিক ইন্দিয়ার্ন মুদুলীর কাতেক্ষিয়া।
২। মৈথিলিক ইন্দিয়ার্ন মুদুলীর তিরিক্ষিত।
৩। পরিক আয়ার ব্যক্তিত্ব ও মানুষায় উত্তারার কার্য।
৪। বাইবেল। নিয়ন্ত্রিত বিষয়গুলি সম্পন্ন শাস্ত্রশিক্ষা, সংস্কৃত্য দ্বয়, বিবাহ, মূর্ত্ত্ব, পুর্ণ, নরক ও মহাবিচার।

ENGLISH—Binney’s Theological Compend.

লোকায়ন এল্ডার।

১। পরিক আয়ার ও উত্তারার কার্য। (রাউস সাহেব কর্তৃক লিখিত)
২। মুদুলীর ইতিহাস। (রবার্টসন সাহেবের)
৩। ঐতিহ্যের সহকারী। (রাউস সাহেবের)
৪। বাইবেল প্রকাশিত ধর্মের সহিত হিন্দুশাস্ত্রোক্ত ধর্মের তুলনা বিষয়ক পুস্তক।
(ট্যাঙ্গ সোসাইটি)
৫। ইসলাম দর্শন। (বাংলা বিবাহ কর্তৃক লিখিত)

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

বাংলার কম্যুনিয়নের সভ্যতার পরিক্ষার পুস্তক।

প্রবিষ্টিকা।

১। বাঙ্গালী ভাষায় সাধারণ জ্ঞান।
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৫। শ্রীমান শিক্ষার। (রাউস সাহেবের)
৬। সাধারণ লিখন।

ENGLISH—Cambridge Bible. 1 Corinthians.
Apostolic Age. Watson.
   Luther and the Reformation. Lindsay.
   Christian Baptism. Merrill.

2. Isaiah—his Life and Times. Driver.
   Binney’s Theological Compend.
   With Christ in the School of Prayer. Murray.

3. Romans and Luke’s Account of Jesus. (From the Baptist’s Viewpoint.)
   The Book of Revelation.
   The Parable of the Twelve.
   The great debate between the Church and the Synagogue.
   The mission of the apostles.
ENGLISH—The Ministry of the Lord Jesus. Selby.
Christian Evidences. Row.
The Revival and the Pastor. Peck.

One Thousand Questions concerning Methodism.
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### NAMES OF CIRCUITS.

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### CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

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Note: The table provides a detailed breakdown of various statistical data related to the church membership, including baptisms, Sunday schools, Epworth leagues, and Christian workers.
## Statistical Form II.

**Statistics of the Bengal Annual Conference Relating to Church Finances, for the Year Ending Nov. 30th, 1901.**

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**Statistics of the Bengal Annual Conference Relating to Schools, for the Year Ending November 30th, 1901.**

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  - Number of Boys' Schools: 2
  - Total: 86
  - Average Daily Attendance: 80

#### Calcutta District
- **English**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
  - Total: 22
  - Average Daily Attendance: 22
- **Bolpur**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 7
  - Total: 216
  - Average Daily Attendance: 22
- **Hindustani**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
  - Total: 12
  - Average Daily Attendance: 12
- **Pakur**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 3
  - Total: 85
  - Average Daily Attendance: 27
- **Seamen's Work**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
  - Total: 3
  - Average Daily Attendance: 3

#### Calcutta Bengali Dist.
- **Ballighata**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 2
  - Total: 11
  - Average Daily Attendance: 8
- **Beg Bagan**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
  - Total: 12
  - Average Daily Attendance: 12
- **Dharamtala Bengali**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
  - Total: 3
  - Average Daily Attendance: 3
- **Diamond Harbour**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 4
  - Total: 229
  - Average Daily Attendance: 29
- **South Villages**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 6
  - Total: 345
  - Average Daily Attendance: 9

#### Tirhoot District
- **Bettiah**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
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- **Chapra**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
  - Total: 12
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- **Darbhanga**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
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- **Dinapore**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
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- **Mozafferpore**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
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- **Samastipore**
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- **Seetamari**
  - No. of Boys' Schools: 1
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#### Grand Total
- **Grand Total last year**
  - Total: 31
  - Average Daily Attendance: 12
- **Increase**
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- **Decrease**
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**Grand Totals**
- Total: 27
- Average Daily Attendance: 27

**Grand Total last year**
- Total: 31
- Average Daily Attendance: 12

**Increase**
- Total: 4
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**Decrease**
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### Statistical Form IV.

**Statistics of the Bengal Annual Conference Relating to Colportage,**

For the Year Ending November 30th, 1901.

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Colportage how Supported.

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- Missionary Society.
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↑ Mission and Bible Society.