

JOY TO THE WORLD



Christmas Greetings



I marvel at His love's extent
 Forgiving hate, distrust, dissent.
 My mind, too small, His, to conceive
 My only path is faith, believe.

—A.H.D.



—John Oxenham

What do I owe?
 To those who follow on?
 To build more sure
 The freedom we have won:
 To build more sure
 The kingdoms of Thy grace
 Kingdom secure
 In truth and righteousness.



*A Joyous
 Christmas*

May the richness
 and significance of
 this day live in your
 heart and bring you
 His joy and peace

from
 the Missionaries
 of the Marathi Field of the India Mission
 of The Christian and Missionary Alliance

(see inside)

THE INDIA ALLIANCE

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And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all people."

THE YOUNG PEOPLE . . .

A student was recently refused a seat in a teacher training College because she would not register under a category other than Christian. Berated by her Hindu father who insisted she register under that category and thus secure a seat, she replied, "If I did, would they not know from my behavior that I am a Christian?"

BIBLE SCHOOLS . . .

In answer to the question, "Why have you come to BIBLE SCHOOL?" some of the students replied, "I want to study the Bible before going on to other training." "I want to study the Bible so that God and I can become better acquainted." "That I might become a good witness for Jesus Christ, having studied His Word." The faculty at both Khamgaon and Nargaon Bible Training Schools are looking to the Lord for direction and guidance from the Holy Spirit to help make these desires a reality in the hearts of the students.

BOARDING SCHOOLS . . .

"We are late coming to school because our father had no money to send us back. So we both (ten and twelve year olds) worked in the fields ten days helping to get them ready for sowing. We each received five rupees for our work (about one dollar). We each bought one set of clothing and paid our fare here. Our father put us on the train, but there wasn't fare for him to come. After we pay our examination paper fee, we have Rs. 1.25 for expenses." Wouldn't you try to find some way of letting youngsters so anxious for training in a Christian School stay on?

SPECIAL MINISTRIES . . .

His Church in India was strengthened during the Rainy Season through a refresher course for full time workers; short term Bible Schools in various stations; children's camps and lay leaders Schools, Sunday School institutes.

Two hundred and forty adults passed the Laubach Reading course during hot season work. The Churches of the Marathi Synod sent eleven hundred and sixty three rupees to help their brethren in Chile.

EVANGELISTIC WORK . . .

Into the stronghold of superstition, where TRIBES PEOPLE still trust in blood-sacrifice and self-torture, we are making a new thrust with the saving Gospel of Christ. There are 700,000 Banjari TRIBES PEOPLE who still await the Message. With this Message we move forward . . . we move forward if God's people pray.

Last year a villager said, "We are hungry for the Word you bring—but you come only once and give us a quarter of a bhakar (bread). How can we satisfy our hunger with that?" A non-

Christian man said to another group, "You sow the Seed but no one cares for it—that is why your religion does not grow." Pray that national and foreign missionaries may be guided by the Holy Spirit to hungry hearts and that they will know how to care for the Seed which has been sown, as they spend the cold season witnessing in the villages.



OTHER TASKS . . .

Special hours have been set apart when the AKOLA BOOK STORE Library is available for women and children only. Whenever the building is open there are people sitting in the library reading. AKOLA HEAD-QUARTERS continues to be a haven of help and comfort for those beset by problems and perplexities of the work committed to them. LITERATURE WORK is going ahead by leaps and bounds. The children of missionaries at KODAIKANAL are learning to face the problems of the world in the light of the Word which they learn as a family.

HIS PROMISE . . .

"For they cried to God in the battle and He granted their entreaty because they trusted in Him." 1 Chron. 5: 20.