EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Editor has given way to the Chairman for this number as it is the Annual Report for the year 1914, and there is not room for much in the line of editorials.

The war cloud hangs over the whole eastern hemisphere and a part of the western, and is the theme of the hour and yet in the work of hastening the coming of the Prince of Peace, we may go right onward and know that God has foreseen the whole from afar and all His plans provide for all possible contingences and He has not been surprised or disappointed by the failures of the plans of good men to bring peace on the earth. But one thing that is very apparent on many sides is that the war has made men serious and there has been an unusual response to Spiritual things, and life and death have become more full of meaning to many.

MEHMEDABAD.
By Louis F. Turnbull.

Mehmedabad is the most Southern station of the Alliance Mission in Gujerat, situated three hundred miles directly North of Bombay.

As we look back over the past year we realize that we have many things for which to praise God. For the seven converts who received baptism and the nineteen candidates receiving Bible teaching before taking this important step. For the gracious way Mrs. Turnbull was sustained through a long critical illness. Also for the peace and prosperity granted to India when there is such distress and suffering in many other lands.

The local church has a membership of one hundred and thirtyone men and women. These Christians are scattered in many different villages throughout the taluka (county) and quite a number live ten or twelve miles from the mission station. This
makes it necessary to have out-stations for most of the fourteen catechists and teachers. Each catechist has a circuit of villages he endeavours to visit regularly to minister to the spiritual needs of the people.

We visit these native Christian workers, as well as the Christian and non-Christian people in other villages, as often as time and strength will permit. We have had the privilege of giving the gospel message again this cold season to the people in many villages and several men and one woman have come to the Lord.

Miss Hansen, our co-worker continues to stand with us in faith, prayer and service for the work in all its different phases. Her quiet, victorious spirit is a constant inspiration to the whole Christian community.

The seven primary schools for low-caste children continue to be an encouraging feature of the work. The schools are conducted by earnest Christian teachers. Many of the children are real bright. Along with their secular studies they are taught the Bible and soon learn to memorize many scripture verses and hymns. There are about ninety-five children enrolled in these schools. Several of the older boys are now candidates for baptism.

The Hebron Farm Colony is prospering both temporally and spiritually. The Christian families living there have plenty of fertile land and comfortable houses. Here is a fine well of sweet water on the place. A school is conducted for the Christian children.

There are thirty-five young Christian people employed in a factory at Barejudi, which is a small town near the railway line seven miles from Mehmedabad. The proprietor of this factory is a Hindu but he prefers to employ Christians because they are more reliable in every way than the Hindus. Most of these young people are now married. They were formerly in the mission orphanages at Dholka and Kaira. The catechist at Mehmedabad visits them twice weekly to hold services.

Three Sunday meetings, i.e., Sunday-school, morning and afternoon preaching services, as well as the mid-week prayer meeting, are conducted regularly at the station.

On Christmas day nearly all the Christian people and most of the school-children assembled together for a special service in the church at Mehmedabad. Our hearts rejoiced as we looked into their happy faces realizing that most of them were definitely trusting Christ as their Saviour. The school-children sang several hymns and repeated many scripture portions from memory. Twelve boys in one school were able to repeat all the golden texts for the past eighteen months, without a mistake.

After the meeting they all partook of a good meal, largely at their own expense and returned home with joyful hearts in the evening.
TRAINING SCHOOL AND STATION REPORT.

BODWAD.

REVIEWING another year’s work we note many special blessings with praise to the Lord.

After our annual convention (1913) we were privileged to attend The Centenary Exercises of the American Marathi Mission. Returning from Bombay we set out on tour and continued in the district to the end of January, after which we began at our school again.

Our touring district was a large one. We toured in the eastern section of Bhusawal taluka, in a portion of Malkapur taluka north of the railway, and then we had a camp in Jalgaon, Berar from which we reached a goodly number of villages. But the larger number of villages in these districts was not reached with the gospel message last touring season.

At Sulaz, a small town in Jalgaon, Berar, there is a company of about twenty-two adults who love the Word of God. An old man who heard the gospel preached by Mr. Fuller over twenty years ago when he became a believer on Jesus with three others. He also has in his possession the much treasured Bible given to him at that time. This he reads to the little company which gathers around him each Sunday to hear the “Jesus’ book” read. The constant plea of these people now is, “come or send us a man who will live among us and lead us on in the new way.”

Please pray that both the “man” and “means” may very soon be supplied.

A few hundred scripture portions, (for half a cent each) and many tracts were distributed by the students and helpers during the year.

On Sundays besides our regular central Sunday School at the station, the students go out into different villages, generally two by two, and have classes with village children under a shady tree or wherever they can get a crowd together. To those who learn to repeat the golden text they give a S. S. lesson picture card which had previously been used by children in America. Please send us a lot of used picture cards!

The most of our time during the year is given to our Training School work.

We have nineteen names on our school roll this year. Two are day scholars, the rest are boarders; these are dependant upon us for food and clothes supplies.

Most of the students are above the Marathi VIth Standard and some are in high school studies in their secular classes.

In the three years Biblical Course of studies we had five students in the 1st year class, six in the 2nd and four in the 3rd year’s class. The latter four graduated from school and will now join the mission workers’ and teachers’ force.
The simple commencement exercises on Christmas day were very inspiring.

The friends who stood with us so faithfully by supporting these lads all these years would feel richly repaid if they could see what God has wrought in these young lives. They have a fair preparation as beginners to become efficient ministers of the Word of truth.

Our Christian community now is thirty-six. At a baptismal service last April eleven of the students were baptized in the river. During the year one of our helpers lost one child by death.

We look forward into the New Year with renewed courage and hope for much fruit through the power of the Spirit.

Again we thank God for all the privileges of service for Him. For the supply of the financial needs this year. And for the blessings of health. We also wish to thank all the dear friends who support students by their gifts and prayers.

Looking for His Coming,

Sincerely yours,

(MRS. AND MR.) C. EICHER.

REPORT OF RESCUE HOME, NOVEMBER 1913 TO NOVEMBER 1914.

THE Rescue Home at Bethony was opened November 1913 with but six charter inmates. During the year ending November 1914 it sheltered fifty-eight persons who were in need of such a home. About a score of that number were babies some of whom come with their mothers who for various reasons were separated from their husbands and in need of protection. Some of them returned to their homes. Others of the babies would have been given or sold to questionable persons had they not been rescued and sent to us.

The hot season, at best most trying on infants, seemed hotter than usual. A wave of intense heat brought an attack something like cholera and the close of the season saw three of our strongest in heaven. This was a severe test but God shortened it by a mighty deliverance. Three other very weak ones were gathered home during the year also a child of five years who had suffered long with dropsy passed away. Behind each name of each woman lies a tale of sorrow but God found in their deep need an opportunity to reach their hearts. During a revival in which few were un moved some experienced for the first time the joy of pardon while others received the Spirit to reign in heart and life some of these have been trusted to go to serve in Christian homes and have a new outlook.

Our register numbers at present fourteen women, three young children and twelve babies.

Yours searching the lost,

HELEN BUSHFIELD.
AKOLA REPORT FOR 1914.

By Mary and W. Moyser.

For one reason or another our touring this year has been rather brief. Brother and Sister Aurenheimer toured with us, until they left Akola for Malkapur, where they are now stationed, we have had nice time preaching in about 40 towns and villages. We have personally given more time to our native Christians than we have done in the past, we have visited them more in their homes and held more meetings with them in their own quarters and the result has been more beneficial.

Besides our Sunday School and services in the Church we have three regular women's meetings in different places, two of these meetings are either taken charge of by Mrs. Moyser or myself. The other is taken charge by Mrs. Arnubia our Workshop Engineer's wife. This meeting is held out at our farm in Santa Barbara about 2½ miles from Akola. We have an average attendance in these meetings of about 15 in one, 20 in another and about 40 in the other, that is women and children.

I am glad to say that a number of our young men are going out each Sunday morning and holding Sunday Schools in the surrounding towns and villages there is an average attendance of 250 in our outside Sunday Schools, beside an average of 100 in the Church making an average total of 350 each Sunday. These workers are nearly all voluntary some are Tailors, blacksmiths, Carpenters, Coolies, etc., etc., one Sunday School is in control of two of our Christian Women. Kanvadi our Engineer has also had a night school in Santa Barbara all the year, for farmer boys who live around there, it has an average attendance of about six, I am glad to say that we can see a steady growth in the lives of most of our people, not only in the attendance as the religion meetings but in their daily Christian life and walk, we have not nearly so many quarrels and snarls to untangle as we formerly did. Yet I am sorry to say that we are, just now having little trouble on hand.

The offerings for the year have reached high water mark, by Rs. 733—$244.00 this includes the offering for the wounded in the war now raging, in Europe and consisted of 67 sheets, 91 pillowcases, 96 towels, 9 napkins, 7 slings, 204 handkerchiefs, 385 regulation size bandages, 44 yards of muslin besides a few books and magazines. The Church also sent an offering of Rs. 35 to the Bible Society.

We have sold 2234 gospel portions and given away a number of tracts in the year.

We have now only about 38 boys in our orphanage, we have brought them all in from Santa Barbara, although all must go out there to live, when we have the Summer School for our Marathi people and workers. The funds for our orphanage are
now very low and we should like some new patrons for a few of our boys.

Our three workers have held 629 meetings, in 40 towns and villages; the total attendance of all these meetings has been 14,784 as near as we can tell.

Our two day Schools have an average attendance of 16 in one and about 20 in the other. One of these is our orphanage School in Akola and one is held in Santa Barbara for Children of our Christians who live near there and for the children of Hindoos who live near by. One of these schools has been taught by one of our Christian Workers who gave $\frac{1}{2}$ day to this and $\frac{1}{2}$ day to his preaching work. I am glad to say that we have now got a permanent teacher for that School.

Our church gave their balance of Rs. 399—$133.00 to our Orphanage fund which was down to its lowest depth, thank God both for the money and the Spirit that gave it.

We also do so praise the Lord for the five adults, 3 women and 2 men who have followed the Lord in Baptism during the year. Two of these I had to marry as soon as they were baptized. As Hindoos they had been living as man and wife, yet they were not legally married. Thank God for other men in the Kingdom. Pray for these.

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**VIRAMGAM REPORT FOR 1913-1914.**

*By Arthur Duckworth.*

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness, loving kindness and His protecting care over us through another year; and for the privilege and joy we have had in giving the Gospel to the people in the villages, and in the different parts of our own city. At the commencement of the touring season Mrs. Duckworth and myself with two of our Christian workers went into the district to give the Gospel message to the people in the villages, Mrs. Duckworth going to the women and I to the men. We are glad to say that generally the people have gladly received us and the message of Salvation that we brought to them, and many are very much interested, so much so that some are very near the Kingdom. Last year we opened two night schools, and we are sorry to say that we had to close one of them as some one had told them that after educating them the sahib was going to carry them off somewhere. In the other school there are about fifteen boys enrolled, they are making good progress in their studies and they have learned the commandments, "The Lord's prayer," 23rd Psalm, etc., and we are hoping and praying that some from this school will give their hearts to Jesus. When the mills are closed on Sundays they come to the
meetings. We were asked this week to start night school among the children of the mill hands and we are hoping that this will open up another avenue in which we shall be able to tell of Jesus and His love. Pray for these schools and the workers in charge of them that they may be used of Him in drawing some of these boys into the fold. The stereoscope is still used and has drawn large crowds of people who while looking at the Bible scenes on the screen listen attentively to the messages of Salvation given at the same time.

There are a number of secret believers who have said that what we proclaim is true but through fear of persecution, hold back, pray for these. We have good attendances at the Sunday meetings. In the Sunday School when the boys in the School have leave from the mills there is an average attendance of twenty-three.

The number of villages visited 94
" " " Scripture portions sold 1,488
" " " New Testaments " 6
" " " Bibles " 3

We are still looking and praying for fruit from this past year's work in this service, and we go into this new year of service in joy and expectancy looking for His presence, power and blessing in the service before us. Since Convention time two men have been converted, for which we praise the Lord.

SANAND AND SABARMATI REPORT.

SANAND is a district with a population of eighty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-three inhabitants. There are about one hundred and three towns and villages. The people are chiefly of the higher castes; and their occupation is principally farming and cattle raising. And a people who were very Orthodox in their views regarding their Hindoo religions. Four and a half years ago when we came to this district we found many who said that "they never had heard the gospel before."

Those who had heard of the way of salvation were very courteous and attentive; but said "We are quite satisfied with our own religion." Now the tide is turned and we meet men and women who are under deep convictions for their sins, and they fully realize that there is salvation only through the precious blood of Jesus.

In one of our villages the testimony of a young man may serve to reveal the feeling existing in the minds of many people regarding the gospel. He said, "We do not want you to
come here for we know that what you teach is the only true way of salvation, but we cannot accept it; and we know that after hearing it if we neglect to accept it our punishment will be all the greater."

However we praise the dear Lord we were able to give the gospel message of peace to twelve thousand four hundred and eighty-four and our catechists to twenty-four thousand eight hundred ninety-five. Sold three hundred and forty-three gospels.

One young widow of the Warniya caste accepted Christ and was baptized and afterwards was married and six months later was called home by an accident caused by the explosion of a Primus Stove.

Then fourteen others have accepted Christ but have not yet accepted baptism.

The church at Ashapur is improving spiritually and temporally and also is increasing in numbers. At our Christmas service we had the joy of dedicating fifteen children to the Lord.

In our district of Sabarmati we have had the privilege of giving the gospel message to four thousand and forty-five people.

There is one very earnest enquirer but he is hindered from accepting baptism for a little season.

May we ask an interest in your prayers for all these that they may prove faithful to the end also that many others may soon follow in taking up their cross for the Master.

DAVID McKee,
SANAND.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL AND DAY SCHOOL AT KHAMGAON, BERAR.

By Anna Little.

THE year began with about fifteen students enrolled in the Bible classes, six in the second year's course, and ten in the first year's course. The course is that prescribed by the Mission for our catechists and Bible women. The subjects taught in the first year's course are Genesis, Garlands of Christian Doctrine, Studies in the Four Gospels. The second year subjects are Exodus, Acts, Church History, Alliance Catechism, and twelve Chapters of Torrey's Theology. In September seven students appeared for the examination. Six students passed, one student in the first
year's course, failed. Various causes arose to prevent the others from taking the examination. One of the most pleasing sights of the orphanage has been to see the young women sitting under trees or in some quiet corner poring over the Word of God. These students are now rapidly leaving for homes of their own, where we trust they will be used under God for furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. During the year the students have been going out with some missionary or elderly Bible-woman to preach the gospel in the villages or to hold Sabbath school classes. At present we are out in the district camped in a cotton-field. Lilliebai, one of the students, is with us, spending her Christmas holidays in preaching the gospel from village to village.

The day-school has thirty-five pupils enrolled with an average attendance of over thirty during the year. At the close of the year there were four teachers, one master, and three pupil teachers. In fact the work of the year has been largely done by young women-graduates of our own school.

The yearly examination was held in December by the Assistant Inspectress of schools and resulted in every student in the school passing. Prizes were given to several students for creditable work during the year, combined with the results of the December examinations held by the missionary in charge. Sewing is taught for one hour every day except Saturday and Sunday. Specimens of the work done by the pupils in sewing, penmanship, composition and drawing have just been sent to Miss Hearn, Asst. Inspectress of schools for Berar, to be sent to Japan for a big Educational Conference there, displaying types of work done by Indian school-girls.

The school possesses an excellent kindergarten apparatus. The kindergarten teacher and kindergarten class always receive the commendation of visitors. The present kindergarten teacher received part of her preparation from Imanibai who went to glory last March. She received her kindergarten training from Miss Krater years ago.

One last word must be given in this report also for our beloved Imanibai. She was a graduate of the girls' school in our orphanage here, and a normal trained teacher. She taught faithfully and lovingly for years in the day-school. In January she was taken very ill and in March her spirit took its flight to where there is "no more pain." In her death as well as in her life she bore a clear witness for the Saviour. An unbelieving nurse who was present at her death-bed wept afterwards, in describing her triumphant departure. "She being dead yet speaketh." The children of ten speak of Imanibai (or Faithful) and an impress was left on their minds that we believe through God will never be effaced.
AHMEDABAD.
By H. V. Andrews.

It is not a very difficult task to write a report of one's own work, but to report the working of the Spirit of God in a particular locality or church is by no means easy. One has to confine oneself largely to that which the eye sees.

The Alliance church in this city has grown some in numbers, and, we trust, in righteousness also. During the year eighteen adults have been baptised, and twenty-one received publicly into church membership, while twelve others are waiting to be so received. One of our members has left us for her eternal home and several have moved to other places yet we have an increase. Some who have been baptised are slow to take upon themselves the obligations of Church membership. For these we should earnestly pray. Some are considering baptism, among whom is a family of three who are intelligent people. Pray for these that none fall out by the way.

Besides the city work we have native men stationed in three near by villages where some fruit has been gathered and more is in bud.

Miss L. Pritchard has for some months financed and supervised a night school for mill children, which has had a good effect, and we trust eternal fruit will be the result.

There has been almost daily street preaching about the city and 918 Bibles or portions have been sold. The chapel for which we have long prayed is still a matter for prayer as only a portion of the needed funds are in hand. What a church building would mean to the work here cannot be expressed.

REPORT FOR JALGAON, KHANDESH FROM NOVEMBER 1st, 1912 TO JANUARY 1st, 1915.
By C. W. Schelander.

We wish to praise the Lord for his loving care and protection during the year. We have been in reasonable good health though not so strong to rough it as in former years.

The work done in our station during the year may be classified into:

1. Touring—About five months of the above named 14 months we spent in the district touring. The Catechists and myself spent a good part of the touring season on the Tapti river and Miss Rutherford with the Bible-women on the south end of the taluka. In all 100 villages were visited from two to five times and in the larger towns we held meetings nightly from
two to three weeks. We feel more impressed than ever that the people now need real preaching to their hearts continually until they come to some decision, but for this we need Spirit filled Native workers as well as Europeans that know how to go at it.

But above all else real Spirit filled personal workers are needed.

There is the town of Nazirabad: We have been preaching nightly for one month to large crowds in the daily market. Many give good attention, and are present every night. Then again in the morning we have regularly held meetings in different parts of the town. After us come the bible-women into the homes and are doing more personal work among women and old men that usually stay at home, and the result is at least, five definite conversions. These are not afraid either to testify for the Lord to the neighbours but let out what the Lord has done for them.

Now what is needed in that town is a Spirit filled Native worker that could go out among them and pray and work personally to bring out the people for Christ. But we have no such one in our whole mission, they can preach in the streets, but as for personal work they are helpless, with the exception of Christinabai, who is really a good personal worker, if we only had a few men like her for personal work.

II. REGULAR STATION WORK:—

1. Five villages are regularly visited from Jalgaon. We find a good deal of interest in three of them, but in one they are specially interested and we believe there are one or two that in their hearts are true believers.

2. The work in Jalgaon itself is in a way encouraging among the educated classes and the Bheels. I was asked by the head master of the Anglo-Vernacular school to deliver a set of lectures on the reformation to the higher classes in English, which I did gladly, some of the High School students seem interested.

We hold meeting regularly in Jalgaon market and square of the town.

There are held three to four Sunday schools, one of which is held for Christians.

Sunday afternoon meetings are held in the mission house for the Christians attended by from 12 to 20, mostly of them Christians.

The last time we had the Lord's Supper 18 took part in it.

Then a weekly prayer meeting is held every Thursday.

In all total services or meetings held among non-Christian men are 916 and among non-Christian women 770.
Total Scriptures sold:—1,137 portions. Tracts and other literature sold and given away 600.

Sunday collection Rs. 12-1-6.
Church building subscription Rs. 79-2-6.
War fund subscription Rs. 22-0-0.

May the Lord bless the work in the future to the Salvation of many souls.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1914.
By M. B. Fuller.

The February number of the India Alliance is devoted to the annual reports of our various stations. It will be seen by reading them that it has been a year of blessing in the work in spite of the financial pressure which we have felt in common with other missions. Especially the last four months of the year were months of much blessing spiritually. The visits of Rev. Jesse McPherson to several of our stations were times of much refreshing to our missionaries and Indian Christians also, and our annual meeting at Akola was a season of new visions of Jesus and of the work and the touring season was entered upon with new faith and joy.

Bombay is our headquarters of the mission, but as we are not able to spare a missionary to reside here and carry on work as we did years ago there is not much to report. I do not think that we have a station in the mission where more definite work can be done with the promise of greater results than here in Bombay. It is impossible with the work of correspondence and visiting the stations on all kinds of mission business, and to help in special meetings, to take up and carry on systematic work here.

We unite with other missionaries in united efforts, and have opportunities to preach in various Churches and in meetings for students at a large tent, near the beach, and at various places on the streets, but we have no organized church. We had a good beginning of one several years ago, but the Christians have moved away or joined other congregations. We pray for a married couple with special fitness for work in this great city of about a million inhabitants.

REPORT FOR MATAR 1914.

The past year has been to us a very encouraging one. First we wish to thank God for His Goodness in giving us health and strength for the work for which we are here. Then too, we are glad to say that we have not lost any of our flock by death. During the cool season we spent three months on tour. We pitched our tent in four different centres and in three places—
the preaching of the gospel bore definite fruit. We were only out a few days when our pony got tangled up in the rope by which she was tied and the result was she was laid up for three weeks, but we were able to visit all the villages within a radius of three miles on foot, so the work was really not hindered and physically we were benefited by the exercise. We walked to the surrounding villages in the morning and held meetings in the two near by towns at night. On Sundays the Christians gathered at our tent for worship and during our stay there some of them were spiritually quickened. Our next camp was at Wasna where we remained for five weeks. This is the place where our Christian people built a nice little church last cool season.

During our stay there the venerable Archdeacon and Mrs. Phair made us a week's visit and we had times of most precious fellowship together. A few days later Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Garrison spent two days with us, which we and our native people very much enjoyed. The only complaint we have to make is that the visit was altogether too brief. While they were there, we baptized twelve persons in the river near by. Our next camping place was at Danoda which is the most remote part of our district. We were at that place only ten days, but God gave us special blessing. We reached there late Friday night and did not get our tents up until bed-time. We have six Christian families at this place and we were anxious to see them get a real touch of God as they do not get to our services at the bungalow very often owing to their being so far away. The next day we gave ourselves to prayer and the Lord gave us much blessing which was to us a signal that He was going to do a work among them. They all met on Sunday morning at the tent, and a few heathen as well. God was in the message and there was a general breaking down followed by new joy that perhaps some had never experienced before. In the afternoon we met for prayer with our four workers, and God came down in great power and one of the number received a real baptism of the Spirit which manifested itself in a burden of intercession such as we have rarely seen.

The following Lord's day we baptized two women at this place and that night we had the Lord's supper and we shall not soon forget that service. There in that lonely jungle where nothing broke the stillness of the hour except the cry of the jackal, we sat down at His table to commemorate the awful tragedy on Calvary. The people remarked that it was the first service of that kind ever held in that part of the district. We stayed only a week at our next camp as the weather grew so warm that we were compelled to seek shelter at the bungalow.

After a month's rest in the hot season we took up the village work and during the month of August we taught the Epistle to the Romans to a class of eight workers.
We are glad to say that our Sunday Services have been very well attended during the year, which shows that they appreciate the Word of God and the fellowship of His people.

S. P. Hamilton,

REPORT FOR KAIRA ORPHANAGE FOR 1914.

It is with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving that we close this year of 1914. God has been with us to help, strengthen and guide; and it is with confidence and faith that we begin the new year 1915.

During this year many changes have come to our work. Misses Wells and Woodworth went to America on furlough and Miss Peter was in Simla resting for six months. Miss Conger and Miss Taylor both new missionaries even while studying have been a great help in the work, for their life of prayer and faith has been an inspiration to us, and they have willingly helped wherever they could fit in. Miss Prichard also came to us from Sabermati during this past year. She has worked very hard and faithfully. Her Bible classes, also the English classes and sewing classes, which she has charge of, have made steady progress. Miss Peter has taken care of the sick girls and the care of our Christian people living at Kaira has also fallen on her. Besides this she has charge of the general compound sewing. Indeed, she has helped me in every department of the work.

Financially this has been a hard year. The last three months people have been afraid to send money on account of the war. Yet we have waited on the Lord continually and we believe that He is going to supply our every need.

There has been much spiritual blessing; some of our strongest Christian girls have received new blessing and power, while some of the more indifferent ones have been converted. Some of the older girls have been greatly blessed in the Bible classes taught by Miss Prichard. During Mr. MacPherson's meeting there was much blessing. Some were truly converted at that time. We have a small band of girls who meet for prayer every night and it encourages us to hear them pour out their hearts to the Lord. We are looking to Him to lead our girls into a larger place spiritually this year.

We want to praise the Lord for special help and joy given in the work this year. We can truly say, "Blessed is the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits even the God of our salvation."

Sara Cox.
AKOLA WORKSHOP.

By J. P. Rogers.

We have been gradually improving the buildings and getting the machinery in order. An upper story has been added to the building and the roof is nearly complete. The year has been a prosperous one financially, so that we have been able to meet all bills and go on with the building thus far without debt. Our custom work is continually on the increase, and with the machinery running we should be able to carry on the business without any financial help from the mission.

There are now over fifty all told and there is commendable progress being made by the apprentices. But the most encouraging outlook of the whole is the interest which is being shown by the older workmen in the Sunday School work which they carry on, there being seven such schools, so that we have a great deal for which to be thankful, and fully believe that the Lord would have us continue the work as His blessing has been upon us in it.

CHANDUR.

By K. D. Garrison.

Touring.

The year began and ended with us on tour in the district. In almost every place visited we have found some who were interested, and more open doors than we can fill. In a county with 390 villages it is quite impossible to visit them all. If we stay long enough in a place to hold meetings for a week, as one would do at home, it would take about eight years to get around. We need at least half a dozen out-stations in this large county, with a reliable native worker in each. There are many souls who hear gladly but so seldom that it is not possible to lead them very far. We usually visit the two large religious fairs which are held in this county each year, but this year were providentially hindered from being at either. It was from one of these fairs that we were called after the first day of preaching to return to Chandur, where we arrived in time to be with dear little Teresa Moodie when she passed away, just as Mrs. Moodie was preparing to sail for furlough.

We have been glad to have Miss Rollier touring with us during the month of December.

Station Work—Evangelistic.

We have with us in Chandur one catechist, and a catechist and a Bible-woman in Dhamangaon, our out-station. During the greater part of the year we were unable to reach the more distant villages, but village work has been carried on regularly about Chandur and Dhamangaon, some 827 services being held,
apart from our church services. Visits have been made by the workers too, from 18 to 40 different towns each month, many of these having been visited several times a month. The total number recorded of those who have heard the word is 249,189. Three outside Sunday-schools are held regularly with an attendance of from 40 to 114. Only 126 gospel portions have been sold this year, owing to the fact that we could not reach the fairs where the principal yearly sales are made.

There are now six inquirers in the district, of whom three seem hopeful. Another inquirer proved himself unworthy and disappeared; and still another—a young Brahmin—failed to show up on the day appointed for his baptism, and we have not been able to get any news of him since.

**Pastoral Work.**

Our total Christian community at one time during the year numbered 48, but because of the closing of railway work and other reasons many have moved away. We have at present 20 adult Christians in Chandur and 8 more at the out-station. There are also four children of our workers in the Akola and Khamgaon schools.

The church and Sunday-school offerings for the year were Rs. 52-11-3 (§ 17.54), of which 34 rupees were special missionary offerings for the National Missionary Society, the Bible Society and the German destitute workers. A balance of Rs. 18-5-0 is on hand for minor church repairs and charity. The year’s offering is encouraging, being five times as much as given last year.

During the year the Chandur Sunday-school has been reorganised and the S. S. committee made responsible for church funds and for the Wednesday evening prayer meetings. It has proved to be much more satisfactory to have a church poor fund dispensed by this committee than for the missionary to do it independently. The Sunday-school now has 29 on the roll.

We feel the need of a real revival in Chandur, for when judgment begins at the house of God, the outsiders will come in. There are several inquirers of long standing over whom our Christian people wield the strongest influence. And we long to see them, with ourselves, more deeply stirred for the salvation of souls in this great territory.

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**Khamgaon.**

The Lord has given us one more year of life and has filled the year with His goodness and with many opportunities of service for Him. The salvation which we preach seems greater than ever before and we are filled with joy to think that it is for us and for us to tell to others. We have found the time full but cannot see many apparent results. We have only one
baptism to record and are not very much encouraged even with that one. But we have had many proofs of the Lord's blessing in our work and while not satisfied with ourselves or our service we are more than ever convinced that men know what they ought to do concerning the message of Christ. The recorded attendance of Hindoos and Mohammedans at the open air meetings in our district during the year is 19,199 and the number of services 882. While the selling of Scripture Portions is no new thing in our taluka, this work having been done with faithfulness for many years previous to our efforts, we are glad to record the sale of about 1,700 portions. We have held three services each week in the station when at home, and the ladies in charge of the orphanage have kept up all these services in our absence. We have no organized church because the number of Christians outside the orphanage girls is very small. During the fiscal year ending Oct. 1st. we have contributed Rs. 96 to the Bible Society and Rs. 88-8-0 to the fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans in India, due the European War. This includes the money given by the orphan girls through self-denial in the matter of food and the sacrifice of useful clothing and other little treasures gathered through the years. This report does not include the work of Miss Patten and Miss Wyeth who did much work among the villages in the touring season in Khamgaon and Jalgaon talukas, and who will doubtless have a separate report. Our work has often been interrupted by things that do not seem to us to be missionary work but we are learning to take interruptions as opportunities given by the Lord and find that He blesses us as we trust Him to assign us our duties. In conclusion we praise Him of Whom and through Whom and unto Whom are all things. To Him be the glory for ever. Amen.

(Signed),  E. R. Carner.

TOURING REPORT.
By H. H. Cox.

ONE of the greatest marvels that burst upon our newly convert-
ed souls was that Jesus the Son of God came to redeem the world. Another wonder that has been revealed to God's chosen ones is that He is gathering out for His name a people from every tribe and tongue and has given them the supreme honour of publishing the glad tidings which are the means of their salvation, who believe. We realize that the ministry of reconciliation has been committed unto us. For that reason we ventured to this land to carry out His commission.

Looking at the vast field before us and seeing practically no conversions we have wondered whether the purpose for which
God sent us has been accomplished. Days, months and years have passed. The gospel has been preached. Many have been stirred in spirit and it would seem as through they were constrained to take Christ as their Saviour. There is no doubt that many decided in their hearts to be His and His alone. But when the crucial hour came and they realized what it meant to be separated from loved ones and to be turned away as outcasts, they shrank under the burden. The result being that they are still in caste.

But are we to think no change has been wrought in some of these lives? Never! Idol worship has lost its charm if it had any. To stay in the midst of superstition and those who practice it has become distasteful to them. They seek the company of Christians and desire to be with them.

We have had experiences along this line among the people this touring season. After listening to the Gospel several times one man said he did not care to return to his village. At home and in town could be heard no such sweet story as this. "No one ever tells us but you."

In nearly every village we entered there seemed to be some anxious hearts. Never before have we realized the difference the gospel is making among the people. To-day we are not discouraged. This is not the time for discouragement. The Lord is working and we believe the reaping time is near at hand.

Our touring season was shortened by our transfer to Pachora. In February we left Malkapur for this field of labour. However, while on tour we visited some sixty-nine villages and preached about one hundred times. Seven thousand men, women and children listened to the gospel message. Three hundred and four gospels we sold.

Special work among the women was done by Miss Beardslee and Mrs. Cox. They preached in forty-one villages, sold one hundred and forty-nine gospels, held one hundred and four meetings and had an average attendance of twenty-four.

Having reached our fresh station a new field of work was before us. A great deal of our time has been devoted to the work of building a bungalow. However, there have been opportunities to do a great deal of personal work among the men with whom we were in contact. The villages around Pachora have been faithfully worked. Since coming here there have been sold one hundred and twelve gospels. Eleven villages have been reached. Two hundred meetings held and about five thousand have listened to the gospel. In addition to this there have been two services every Sunday while we were in the station.

We know that all work done in Jesus' name and for His glory will stand the test.
We long to see the tide turn in this dark land. Souls must be saved. We believe they will be saved because God's promise is true. He who goeth forth weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

WOMEN'S WORK AT JALGAON.

By Charlotte Rutherford.

How to reach the untouched masses of our district has been a great problem and a deep concern to us. Strenuous efforts have been made throughout the year to give the gospel to the people, and to scatter the "Word of God" broadcast by means of the large bazaars, where the multitudes gather from the distant villages.

Thousands hear the gospel every year, and still there are thousands upon thousands who have never heard, nor ever will hear, because of the extent of our district, and because of lack of workers.

During last year's itinerating season, the work was brought to a standstill through heavy rain, but as quickly as possible it was resumed.

A second interruption occurred through the writer, being severely attacked by hard chills and fever. As soon as deliverance came, we were at our work again making the most of every hour and of every opportunity.

At the close of this busy season, the station work fully occupies the time. The homes of the native Christians are visited, and also the homes of the friendly Hindus. There are many open doors amongst them, and amongst the officials and English speaking people.

As well as house to house visitation, street meetings are held without any opposition.

The large hospital adjoining our house, has been open to us for visitation amongst the patients. We have liberty to speak and pray with the sick, as we desire; and to distribute tracts or gospels.

Another interesting feature of our work is our Sunday school in the town for the Hindu children, which has been attended regularly by them for three years.

We are able to reach a number of villages around Jalgaon by tonga, and these are frequently visited.

There is nothing to discourage us, but everything is pointing to a reaping time, which must surely come in due season, if we faint not. We shall occupy till He comes, and while it is day.
MALKAPUR, BERAR.
By Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Auernheimer.

We were in Akola up to February 9th when we came here, being transferred here by Executive Committee to take over the work from Mr. and Mrs. Cox who were transferred to Pachora. After we arrived here and got settled it was too late to go on tour, so we gave all our time to preaching the Gospel in Malkapur and some 20 towns and villages around Malkapur.

We spent part of November and December on tour and made 1 camp at central place 9 miles from home. We reached 16 different towns, thus reaching 36 towns out of our 285 towns in the county.

We found many open doors for service and also some open hearts to whom we were enabled to preach the Gospel of Christ. We believe some souls have seen their privilege in Jesus, but so far have not yielded to Him.

We held 468 services during the year and over ten thousand people heard the Gospel message. We sold 1 Bible, 664 Gospel portions and numerous other booklets. The year has been a year of seed sowing and we trust for a harvest of souls.

We dedicated 2 children, baptized one adult and buried one of our workers' children, the first Christian burial at Malkapur.

As our home is one mile out of town we do not have as many people at our Sunday services as we would and should have if we were nearer the town. Our need for the work is a hall or room for worship in the town where we could have the people attend our service on Sunday. If we had such a hall or room we could hold meetings there at all times and especially during the rainy season when out door work is often made impossible on account of the rain.

During the year an outstation was built at Herrenkhed. It is a joint outstation for Nargaon and Malkapur, but so far we have not been able to put workers there, as neither at Nargon nor here were workers available. We trust however that soon this outstation will be manned and the Gospel given regularly to some 15 or more villages.

REPORT FOR DHOLKA AND WORK IN VIRAMGAM IN 1914.

Returned from furlough, reaching Bombay December 6, 1913. At Bombay received information that I had been appointed to work in Viramgam Taluka with Brother Duckworth. After some days spent in getting an outfit, and getting it ready I reached the camp on December 22, and the next day began work in a new field, for me.
I continued touring till March 1914, on which day I went to Viramgam, and in a few days began to tour from the bungalow. The cottonpicking season was on, and it was nearly impossible to get congregations, so we concluded to work in Viramgam. During the months of March and April, hundreds of loads of cotton were brought there, and we found large crowds of people near the gates. The crowds were new every day and we met with people, many of whom came from villages, from 15 to 30 miles or more distant. We enjoyed this work very much.

We found Viramgam and Taluka very good places to sell gospels, and Testaments.

During the touring season and at Viramgam, I visited 107 villages, and held 122 meetings, preaching to 4,657 people.

We sold 274 gospels and six New Testaments.

About April 24th Mr. Fuller requested me to go to Dholka to relieve Brother and Sister Schoonmaker from the work, that they might get away for a rest. I therefore went to Dholka as soon as possible, and have been there through the Summer, and up to the present, have managed the orphanage, and have had the workers in charge, though I have gone to the villages but four times. Have superintended the S. S. and preached with few exceptions on Sunday, also conduct nearly all the meetings with the boys through the weeks.

In July I baptised 10 boys that Brother and Sister Schoonmaker had been instrumental in bringing to the Lord.

On September 16, Rev. J. McPherson came to Dholka and meetings were held for five days. These meetings were a source of much blessing to many of our people. The workers, teachers and Christian community were quickened, and some of the boys were saved. Others began to pray and repent of their sins, but the meetings closed without their taking a definite stand for Christ, but two weeks later eight of them came out clearly for the Lord, and gave bright testimonies to a definite work in their heart.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Back.

SHANTIPUR AHMEDABAD DISTRICT, 1914.

By Jessie C. Fraser.

I CAN truly say with a very thankful heart “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” Every day and every hour all through this year. His loving kindness is new every morning and His faithfulness every night. Praise the Lord He is working in the hearts of the people in the surrounding villages. They have heard the Word of life over and over again and I trust that the time is now near for a number to turn unto the Lord before He-
comes. I am sure that there are some high caste people that would come out on the Lord's side, but because of caste etc., are afraid. I have had some real inquirers who. I know are seeking God with the whole heart. Mostly all the people who can read have had gospels and Scripture portions given them. Some tell me that they have read God's Word and believe that it is true.

I was hindered from touring last year as I had a good deal of trouble with the high caste people of Jetalpur because of putting the school children of the Dherd quarter into the Government School, but everything is all quiet now and I trust and pray that all will work out for the glory of God. The children in Gamdi also in Jetalpur are bright, they come to Sunday School and the larger boys were able to recite the golden texts for the whole year and sing some of the hymns very nicely, and I have them taught the Catechism and this year ten of them have passed in the I. S. S. U. All India S. S. Examination. We all know that the children are the Hope of India.

We have S. S. here every Sunday morning and preaching service and in the evenings, the workers and I go to the villages where the schools and candidates are and have meetings with them, and some of the farmers who were formerly workers take charge of the evening meetings here. Mr. McKee comes from time to time to administer The Lord's Supper, he is also very good to help me with any difficult cases that have to be dealt with. One young man has been baptized this year, there are 78 candidates. I have not kept an account of all the meetings held as I have so many calls all the time. The number kept account of are 503, number of people who have attended these meetings 9,411. Sold some gospels and have given a number away free, also Scripture portions. I have not received much money for the work this year. I have sick people come as I always keep some medicines on hand and these get the gospel. I send all bad cases to the Salvation Army Hospital which is about 5 miles from here.

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

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REPORT FOR 1914.
By Oswald Dinham.

I ARRIVED in Pachora on the 18th Dec. 1914, and to my great surprise and joy found our dear little baby girl already two days old. For the next few days I found plenty to keep me busy at home. Early in January I was called to attend the Committee Meeting at Akola, and at that meeting we were transferred to Chalisgaon. However we did not reach Chalisgaon until the latter end of February.
On the 10th of January with the Workers I joined Brother Schelander at the Mahaji Yatra, and we spent some good days together in preaching the gospel and selling Scripture Portions.

From there I went on for the Sunday Services in Bhusawal. On my return I set out on tour in the Pachora Taluka, and with the Workers I had some very good meetings in a number of villages, but not having bullocks at that time I often found myself footsore and very weary by evening. After breaking camp I came in and began preparations for leaving Pachora, and we had our packing almost completed when our precious baby took very sick.

We called in the Doctor to find out what she was suffering from; and he advised us to leave with all speed for the Jalgaon Hospital, as her case would probably call for an operation. An hour later we were in the train on our way to Jalgaon. We went straight to the hospital, and as the disease proved to be infectious, the Doctor would not permit Mrs. Dinham to leave the hospital with the child. The dear little girlie lingered in great suffering for 16 days, and then went to be with Jesus. With sad hearts, yet rejoicing in the Lord knowing that Jesus doeth all things well, we returned to Pachora to remove our things to Chalisgaon. On reaching Chalisgaon we received a right hearty welcome from our dear Brother and Sister Garrison, and we were not long in getting settled in our new home. Later on it was my joy and privilege in answer to a call from the friends to go to Khamgaon and hold some special meetings; Mrs. Dinham joined me there after the Committee Meeting in Akola. The Lord was with us, and gave us some very blessed meetings.

On the 25th of August we had a very delightful baptismal service, when a young couple confessing their faith in Jesus Christ were baptised in the Chalisgaon river. Then on the following evening at our Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Chapel, we had the joy of dedicating their only child—a dear little girl.

At the beginning of August, we opened a little Day School, some of the children are making fairly good progress. It opens the way to the children's hearts, and sometimes to the hearts of their parents.

We have also started a little Christian Endeavour Society, the meetings are held once a week; and they have proved a blessing. Weekly Cottage Prayer Meetings have also been helpful, as we believe that some of our Christian people have had a real Spiritual uplift through these meetings. A couple of weeks ago we had no less than 75 at our Sunday afternoon Service, a number of Christians from Nugar side being present. We have found the people, with few exceptions, glad to listen to the gospel,
many of them are convinced of the Truth, but unwilling to pay the price and step out for Christ.

The number of meetings etc., for the year are as follows:—

Preached in 75 villages, holding 1,142 meetings, with 19,199 hearers. Sold 1,171 gospels, and 58 Gospel Hymn Books, and gave away tracts. Baptised 2 adults and dedicated 2 children in Chalisgaon, 24 professions of conversion (Inquirers) (I believe they really accepted Christ). Paid and received visits from all classes. The Spiritual outlook in Chalisgaon is very hopeful.

REPORT OF THE BHUSAVAL WORK FOR 1914.

By A. I. Garrison.

Our report for Bhusawal really commences with March instead of January as the Hagberg family did not leave here on furlough until then. We were transferred here from Chalisgaon.

ENGLISH WORK.

The first work upon our arrival was to organise the Church for the English speaking people of Bhusawal. Though preaching has gone on in the neat little stone Chapel in the English section of the town for nearly twenty years, there has been during that time we believe no Church organization. It was felt that better work could be done if the truly converted attendants could be organized. After this step was taken Brother Fuller was invited on July 19th. to preach and to publicly receive into the Church the first twelve members of the Bhusawal Alliance Chapel. Soon after we arrived a midweek prayer meeting was commenced, which has continued until the present time with an average of about nine attendants. The Sunday School has gone on steadily under Mrs. Bannister's efficient superintendency. Fifty-seven names are now enrolled. The Sunday evening services have increased somewhat in attendance since our arrival, the average now being 25.

We have been unable to give our whole time to either the English or native work, as each department should really occupy the entire time of a missionary family. Nevertheless we have been able to do considerable visiting among the Eurasian and English people. We have since March over 60 recorded visits among this class of people. That means a visit to each of their homes to have prayer, and does not include visits they have
made to our bungalow. Mrs. Garrison has constantly visited with me and helped in all the work. I have dedicated two infants, and had the sad duty of burying five. One lady and two men confessed Christ as Saviour during the past months, but there has long been a great burden on our hearts for a revival among these English people. When Brother Fuller wrote saying that Rev. Jesse MacPherson would come to Bhusawal the first of October for special meetings we thanked God and urged all our friends to pray much for the salvation of souls. We began a weekly workers' class over a month before Mr. MacPherson came, having as its object the preparation of our Church members for aggressive soul winning, the text-book being Dr. Torrey's "How to Bring Men to Christ." The class was encouragingly attended throughout.

Brother MacPherson's messages were given in the power of the Holy Ghost. The meetings continued in all about ten days both morning and evening. Those who publicly testified to being converted amounted to over a dozen persons. Others were reclaimed and some filled with the Holy Spirit. In a former number we have given instances of those who were blessed and will not therefore repeat them in this report. We sincerely thank God for all He did in our midst. Every one of the Church members who attended testified either to receiving the Holy Spirit or some new blessing, and the whole atmosphere of the Church has been changed. The members themselves asked for a Bible class and an additional prayer meeting each week, and these still continue with much blessing. A reason of spiritual testing followed the revival and a few haveallen away, but others are standing true. Six more members joined since the meetings, bringing the total up to eighteen.

The church subscription has gradually increased to about $14.00 monthly. The Sunday night collections are also usually very good. We have been able to put a stone floor in the front portico, and to improve the interior of the church a great deal.

**Native Work.**

The native Church has also been organized since March, and has at present 20 members. We have had numerous other applicants but we seek to be careful not to receive as members those nominal Christians whom we are not certain are converted. Brother MacPherson spoke quite a number of times through an interpreter to our native Christians from this and adjoining stations. The messages were just suited to the needs of the people. In the after meetings there was a spirit of confession of sin, and restitution. We especially rejoiced to
see some of our native helpers get into a place of liberty and blessing.

Since we arrived I have recorded 64 visits to the homes of our native Christians; four children dedicated; four persons buried; six converted; three baptized, and a number sanctified. The Church and Sunday School collections of the native Christians for the Lord's work since the first of the year 1914 has been $18.58. The Marathi Sunday School continues with the Hindoo children's attendance in the majority and we have hopes of much fruit in this branch of the work. An extra preaching service has been commenced on Sunday. I preach usually every Sunday morning and one of the Indian helpers in the afternoon. The morning service has had an average attendance of 30. The smallest recorded number present at the Wednesday prayer meeting is 14, and the largest 26.

Mrs. Bannister's Marathi Mission common school has increased its roll to 128, eight of these being girls. There are four classes and as many teachers regularly employed—three of them being Christians. We feel more and more that this school creates a great opportunity to instruct Hindoo and Mohammedan children about Christianity and plant seeds that will spring up unto everlasting life.

One of our native helpers has continued to be stationed at Varangaon, our out-station, and two remain at Bhusawal to help in the work here. There are also two Bible-women, one supported by the mission and one from private funds. A Bible Society book seller is constantly engaged at the railway station selling Scripture portions. I have been able to do no touring; but little village preaching since coming to Bhusawal, but hope to arrange it so that I can do more this coming year.

A new church building and houses for our Indian preacher are our present financial needs for which we wish you would help us to pray; but our still greater need is souls for our hire from the heathen darkness around us. We are believing God for a deeper revival among our Marathi Christians also than we have yet seen. Will you not help us to pray for these things?

KHAMGAON ORPHANAGE REPORT.

We praise God for all His love and care during the past year. He has supplied all our needs financially, and to-day we have a balance in hand with which to start the New Year. There has not been much sickness among the children and we find the older girls reach out to touch the Lord for their bodie
in a real way. Last year at our native subha, Mr. Franklin’s translation of the Gospel of Healing by Rev. A. B. Simpson, was on sale. A number of the girls, who had a little money of their own, bought the Gospel of Healing and the reading of this precious little book has been a great blessing among the girls. One girl who had been a weak sickly girl, from the effects of the famine, and whom the doctors declared would never get well, threw away her medicine and said she would trust the Word of the Lord and not lean on the word of man. This girl works as hard as any girl in the school and best of all she is cheerful, happy and helpful, which before she was just the opposite.

Jesus has not only been a Healer in our midst, but He has also been saving some of the girls. Three girls are asking for baptism and not a few of the younger children are confessing their need and seeking God.

The war in Europe has made the older girls think much about the near coming of our Lord and prayer meetings that went on until midnight were held and the girls began to seek the Lord knowing they were not ready to meet Him. At this time one of the girls was baptized by the Spirit and she began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance. “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day and forever,” ‘Saviour Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King.’ He is all his in our midst.

Last touring season eight of our girls took turn about in going out with the missionaries on tour. They went out as helpers and proved a blessing to the missionaries as well as to the village women.

Not long ago an appeal was made for the Indian War Relief Fund. The girls, who had a little money gave liberally and the rest sacrificed, freely to help the widows and orphans, by giving luchardees (native dress), blankets, articles of clothing, warm jackets, etc. Not a few offered to do coolie work and give the money to the Relief Fund, whilst others worked over time and did extra sewing to help in the good cause. They wanted to give up certain food and eat dry bread but his we refused to let them do as they were sacrificing along his line to be able to give an offering to the Bible society.

During the year a tiny baby died and one little girl who was sent to us from a village in April. Five girls were married. A widow took her baby girl and left. Two women, whom their husbands had thrown off several years ago, who had been making their home with us, have been reconciled to their
husbands and have gone to their own homes. Three of our own girls returned from Mukti and five other girls from Kedgaon with them. Ten new little girls, have come to live with us, four of whom have Christian parents. At present the orphanage numbers sixty people.

Two girls are out on tour and two work from the orphanage daily among the people.

EMMA KRATER.

REPORT FOR AMRAOTI STATION AND DISTRICT
FOR 1914.

By William Fletcher.

January 1st 1914, found us on tour in the district. We had a good time right through, and finished this first tour on February 9th. We would have toured three weeks longer but for Cholera, which was so bad that we could not find a town without it, in which to camp. God was our refuge those days and kept us all in the midst of dangers. We would here praise Him for all His love, throughout the past year. It has been a year of many joys and blessings in God’s service. Truly the Lord has been good to us. He has been with us in troubles, and delivered us, and supplied all our needs. The touring was a time of great joy to us, and we found the people on the whole very willing to give us a hearing. In several villages, the people were especially open, and took many Scripture portions. There were a few villages where we were not wanted, and we were made to understand this.

Our last camp was at Bhatkuli; where especially among the Mohammedans, we sold a lot of Gospels. We were having a good time with the people, when Cholera broke out, brought on through the khen mochin festival. There tens of thousands of people had gathered to worship a god, whom they were told would be able to forgive their sins, and bring them blessing, but instead sorrow and death was the result. On one station alone forty people died while waiting for a train to take them home. It was so bad where we were camped, that the many corpses buried and burnt near our tent, made it very objectionable, and unwise to stay. Also the water carrier got Cholera and from this well we were drinking, so we felt it wise to break camp and come home to Amraoti. Our tents were all taken down, goods all packed, and loaded into three carts, but no one would give us bullocks for our tonga. They kept us sitting there all the after
oon, till nine o’clock that night before they would give us bullocks, and then made us pay three times the price. Why we felt so keenly, was that our dear baby was very ill, and wasted. At last we made a start, and after a rough anxious journey, we sighted the dull grim walls of Amraoti City at two o’clock next morning. We entered the West gate of the city, and traversed it right through to the East gate. All was as still as death not a living soul of the forty-five thousand inhabitants was to be seen.

We reached home tired, but rejoicing because of the privilege of owing beside all waters. In this our first tour of the year we held 152 meetings preached to 3,898 people and sold 302 gospels, and visited 43 villages.

Our Sunday School has done better this year. We have had an average of 28 children at school, and the attendance for the year has been 1,406. We had a nice time on Christmas day. Our people had beautifully decorated the Church with coloured papers and had put up a Christmas tree which added quite a little to the beauty. We had a service, before little presents and sweets were given to the people numbering 71 in all.

The Church work has encouraged us especially the last half of this year. Some families who used to attend so irregularly, are now attending regularly. Death in one instance has been the means of bringing one family. We have held 106 church services, and 2,073 people have attended. We have a preaching band who go into the bazaar on Sundays to proclaim the Gospel, of which I have written about before. Since June, we have opened up a regular work every Monday at Badnera for native Christian people, and also preach in the bazaar. We also visit regularly seven of the nearest villages to Amraoti, this we include in our daily preaching city work. We have a preacher’s plan with 23 appointments on it, which are in and around the city, quite apart from each other, which takes us a month to do, preaching at one of these places every morning, and bazaar in the evening.

We have now come to the close of another year, and are in the middle of our second tour among the villages. Our first camp was for sixteen days, during which time, we, that is, both men and women visited twenty-six villages, and held ninety-two meetings preaching to one thousand, seven hundred and thirty-four people, not including many children. We sold one hundred and seventy-two Gospels, and three New Testaments.

We feel sure that those two weeks there were not in vain, and that some day we shall see the fruit of our labours.

Two patels or headmen of two different villages, bought a New Testament each, and promised to read them to the people.
May the entrance of the Word give light.

One other young man to whom I had given a Gospel last year, eagerly bought a New Testament this year. These are all signs to us, that God is working. Praise His Name.

Dec. 31st, 1914

LONAVLA.

By Katherine P. William.

On January the first we went according to appointment to our new station Amraoti to work with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

A few days after arriving there we started out in the district full of hope for a blessed touring season and we were not disappointed for our hearts were encouraged again and again at the many doors that were opened to us as we went from village to village preaching the gospel and on the whole we can say the people heard us gladly. Some doors that were at first closed were afterwards opened to us, one being that of one of the head masters of a large village school, a high caste man who finally allowed us to come and after our first visit he told us that we might come any time to preach to the women of his household. He seemed much impressed with the message and bought a gospel we later sent him the four Gospels in English.

On returning to our station we spent another happy three weeks in the work there when we were called to Lonavla to nurse Mrs. Erickson and Miss McAuley and just before they sailed for America we were appointed to take charge of the Lonavla Rest Home until convention time.

Now just a little about Lonavla and the Home. Lonavla is not one of the high hill stations but rather a semi-hill station situated in the Bor Ghauts between Bombay and Poona, a delightful little place to which tired, worn and sick missionaries may "come apart and rest awhile," a place that has proved a great blessing to many of our own and some other missionaries. During the past two years some of the pleasant walks have been cut off but the place has been greatly beautified by the beautiful lakes which have taken their place, brought in by a new water scheme which is being laid to supply Electricity to Bombay. During the past hot season there were from twelve to sixteen people, including a few children, in the home and we were a happy family indeed, thankful for this good home provided for us where we could get away from the intense heat of the plains.
Family prayers were held daily and a service on Sunday mornings to which outsiders were invited, these were seasons of great blessing and refreshing, to soul and body.

The home was kept open during the rainy season and while it could hardly be called pleasant, several who could not leave their work in the hot season came to Lonavla where they at least enjoyed a time of rest and quiet.

Having completed our ministry there we were much glad at the end of September to return to our loved village work on the plains where we are once more in the midst of the cold season's touring work. So far there has been much blessing and we are encouraged anew as we hear Him say, "Lo I am with you all the days."

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

SOME friends at home have been in doubt about sending money direct to the field since the outbreak of the European war and have not sent as usual for fear that it would not reach us. We wish to say again that money sent by International Post Office Money Order is paid at the mission house at any of our stations and we get about three hundred and six rupees for a hundred dollars. All who support orphans or mission workers can get their money to the field without delay by sending it in this way. Even people living on rural mail routes can give their money to their postman and a Money Order can be made out at the office and the receipt given to them the next day. This receipt should be sent to the person to whom the money is sent so that in case of delay the Money Order can be traced.

The money cannot be lost, for if the order is lost another will be issued if the receipt is kept. There is no safer way to send money up to fifty dollars. Above that amount separate orders must be made for each fifty dollars or fractional part thereof.

ITEMS.

The Headquarters of the mission were removed January 15, from Girgaum, to Colaba, another section of Bombay, and all mail should be addressed to Alliance Mission, Colaba, Bombay.
Mr. Andrews reports the dedication of nine children on Christmas day, and four persons publicly received into the Church. On New Year’s day four more we received.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutler also report the baptism of seven adults, five men and two women, January 12.

Praise is offered for the young weaver baptized on New Year’s day. He counted the cost and literally forsook home and relatives and property for Christ’s sake. He is now in the Training School to prepare to become a messenger of the Gospel to his own people.

Prayer is asked for these new converts, and for a family contemplating baptism, and for several others.
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**Bhusawal, English Church, 17 members. S.S. 60.**

**N.B.**—Some of the figures for total Christian Communities are approximate, and also attendance at Sunday Schools. More inquirers might have been counted, but the table as a whole is substantially correct.

The changing of the financial year to begin from January 1st instead of October 1st has caused a little confusion but hereafter it will be for the year from January 1st to December 31st.
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