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Chairman's Report for the Year 1922.

Once again the task of writing the annual report lies before me. This time I am very glad to say that we are again in Headquarters in the Receiving Home in Akola, from which we had been absent for nearly a year and a half on account of the repairs and remodeling of the same. It now has two stories, and is so very, very handy for the work. Looking over the year and the work I want to say at once that the "King's Waggons" have been with us all through the year, supplying all our needs according to His own precious Word.

Last year we had two conventions to report; this year because of Dr. W. Turnbull’s arriving in the country in January we have none. Goodness and mercy have followed us all through the year. Our ranks have been sadly depleted by the going home on furlough of so many of our old and tried missionaries as Mr. Hagburg and his family, Mr. and Mrs. O. Lapp, Mr. Peter Eicher and his family, Mrs. Ramsey and her daughter, and the Misses Peter, Bushfield, and Compton, and Mr. and Mrs. Pote, who only stayed several months on the field. Then death claimed dear Mrs. Glenn just two months to a day from her arrival in India.

We have been reinforced by the arrival of Messrs. Hostetter, Glenn and Ringenburg, and the Misses Willkie, King, Berchold, Kelley, Derr, Taylor and Corie. Yet we have five less on the field than we had 28 years ago.

While we have had only one death in our Mission this year, yet sickness has affected us very heavily. Mrs. Eicher and the Potes have had to return before their furloughs were due, on account of severe sickness. Miss E. Wyeth is nobly holding the fort though she is suffering from an incurable disease, as is dear Sister Fletcher in the same way. Then Brother S. Hamilton is also suffering with disease of the heart, and he may go home on furlough next spring. All these things cripple our work very heavily, and we want to see more of God’s healing power in our midst, yet on this line we have seen many very precious answers to prayer, when our Heavenly Father has according to His Word ransomed dear ones from the power of the grave; and we know that God still lives, and heals, but we truly desire to see more of His power manifested on this line, all through our mission stations.

Let us look at our work from several standpoints as follows, politically, financially, strategically, statistically, spiritually, etc., etc.
Politically.

We began the year in a time of political unrest, perhaps the greatest India has ever gone through. The Prince of Wales was touring the country, he had been received in Bombay on November 17th, 1921 with fierce riots and heavy loss of life, and the whole country was in a furore. On December 28th, the National Party were to hold its great annual conference in Ahmedabad (one of our stations) and in the presence of hundreds of thousands of Chauvinistic Hindoos and fanatical Mohammedans, India was to be declared a Republic and its own flag swung to the breeze for the first time in its history. Rivers of blood were to have flowed there if necessary. But the strong arm of the British Government was present. Thousands of appointed delegates from all parts of India, as one person said, "gathered and then scattered, in panic". Not a blow was struck, not a person injured, no flag was unfurled, a few tame speeches were made and it was all over. On this very day a party of 8 new missionaries had just arrived for our work. Under the circumstances we did not feel that it would conduce to good study of the language for them to go up country, where all this agitation was in the very air. So we went with them to a small Hill station 80 miles from Bombay, Lonavali, where we have a nice home of our Mission, and here without let or hindrance they began at once the study of the Gujarati and the Marathi languages.

While the beginning of the year when things were at such high pressure all over the country, and thousands were in the jails as political prisoners, and when in March of this year, the Government arrested Mr. Gandhi, who is the most looked-up-to man in all India, and sentenced him to six years in prison, most every one expected an uprising of the people from one end of India to the other. Mr. Gandhi is truly looked up to by millions as an incarnation from God, but strange to say, his arrest caused not a ripple on the surface of the population. Picketting has now practically stopped, the intense sedition meetings are not being held as they were, the different parties in the National Party are at loggerhead with each other, some of the old and tested leaders are resigning from their offices, lawyers are returning to their law practice, and the country is beginning to be distrustful of those who promised them absolute Home Rule in a year's time. The monsoon has brought not only a good harvest but more of peace and contentment than there was before. Now at the close of the year reports from nearly all of our missionaries say that they are selling many more Gospels than they have done in the past, and that the people are giving very good attention to the preached Word, and in some of our stations they are asking baptism by the scores. So we feel that God has heard prayer, and made even the wrath
of man to praise Him. Our missionaries are now all in their regular stations, and those who can are out on tour in their districts, from where they are sending these good reports. Praise God for all this.

Financially.

We have much here for which to thank God. Times have been hard all over the world, and all money markets have been, and are, tight, and the exchange is slowly but surely going down. The Home Board have drawn on our different funds here on the field for three full months' appropriations for every branch of the work, such as allowances, rents, schools, transportation, orphanages, etc. while we asked no budget for an entire year for our 160 Indian workers; and also have expended 100,000 rupees ($30,000,00) on our Mission property, in repairs, and acquiring new properties. Yet despite this, we thank God full allowances have gone out every month to missionaries and Indian workers. Surely the "King's Wagons are loaded with good things for his children, and none of our workers, orphans, teachers, or missionaries have gone hungry."

Strategically.

We as a Mission should advance, and take up a more forward position, especially on the Marathi side of the work. Here we have several large talukas or counties abutting right on our work, such as Balapur with its 204 towns, Akola with its 303, and Jalgaon Berar with its 200 towns and villages. We have been seeking to enter these talukas for the past 25 years, or more. But we cannot do so for lack of men. If we do not enter these soon, others will. Three times during this past year I have been approached by other Societies asking us for part of our Marathi work, one mission wishing to drive a wedge almost through the centre of our work. These counties have all more or less been entered and worked by our missionaries for the past 25 years, and in some places there were signs of fruit. But how can we advance when Chalisgaon and Jalgaon are only held by a single lady in each, as is also Khemgaon at the present time, while Shantipur and Mulkapur are entirely closed. Oh for young men who will step into the breaches, let us unite our forces instead of breaking it into smaller sections, and pray the Lord of the harvest to give us more men.

In the fall of 1894 we had 65 missionaries on the field, and now after 28 years we have only 60, and a dozen of these are new missionaries. Then also on the Gujarati side we have been longing to launch out into new territory, that adjoins our field with more than 500 towns untouched by missionary work of almost any kind whatever. Yet for lack of men how can we push out into these places as much as we desire to do?
In two years from now the situation in Gujarat will really be critical for every man on the field, except two new ones, will be due for furlough, except Brother Hamilton, and he may go home next spring. These things should cause us to Pause, Think and Pray, yes, pray and work and trust the Lord of the harvest to thrust out more and yet more men into this so very needy field.

The doors are now really off their hinges, and there is no let or hindrance whatever to our going anywhere in any of our districts and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us remember that opportunities are to be grasped as we meet them, otherwise they pass us and as a rule they do not come our way again, so let us fill up the gaps, fall into line with our new men, and look to the Home Board for recruits to push the battle to the gates of the enemy. God will meet us if we go forward in faith. There has never in the history of our mission been such an open door for service as there is to-day, let us not lose it, for Jesus' sake.

Spiritually:

While our people are not all that they should be, or that we desire to see them, yet we believe that our Indian workers, or some of them, are taking advance steps in God. And we believe that the Summer Schools and the extra meetings that are held at such times, are a means of blessing to the most of them. We want to see a greater desire on the part of the Indian Church to not only reach out for self-government, but for something that to my mind is much more important, and something that should always go with self-government, and that is self-support and self-propagation, and on these two factors self-control should be firmly built. This is a thing that we shall have to meet, and to handle with care, grace and patience. We find everywhere to-day that India is rising like a sleeping giant who has slept for thirty centuries. She is stretching herself, and trying to find out just where she is. This stretching and new vision will not always be so easy to handle as we may perhaps think. May God give us grace and wisdom to know just what to do at the right time. Let us determine to lead and not be driven by our people.

We want you to pray that our Indian brethren may have a real vision of their duties, as well as privilege, in taking this Message of BREAD to their own hungry people. Pray that they may have the spirit of Giving, Going, and Praying for their own people. Pray that they may have a real spirit of service for Jesus' sake, a desire to give the Gospel to their own.

Pray much for the young men in the Bible Training Schools, that they may be endued with the Power of the
Holy Spirit and a love, born in their hearts for their own people.

Statistically.

While in 1894 we had 64 missionaries, to-day we have only 60 on the field.

In 1892 we owned just one bungalow, to-day we own as a Mission 25 bungalows.

In 1892 we had not a single church, to-day we have 15 church buildings.

In 1892 we had no outstations, to-day we have 35 outstations and buildings.

In 1892 we had one orphanage with about 20 children, to-day our 4 orphanages have 513 orphans and widows, etc.

In 1892 we had no Training Schools for Indian workers, to-day we have 2 with 33 students.

In 1892 we had about 20 Christians, mostly from other Societies, to-day we have a baptised community of 2,116 adults, besides children, etc.

In 1892 we had about three teachers and workers, to-day we have 149 (and this I think is a little incomplete), composed of Ordained Pastors, Cathechists, Bible-women, Colporteurs and male and female teachers.

In 1892 we had not a clear title to our one house here in Akola, to-day we as a Mission own fully $233,100 worth of property, of which about Rs. 10,000 have been added this year either in new buildings or in the remodeling of others.

Baptisms for the past year have been 159 against 135 for the year before. Indian Christians’ offerings have risen from $935.00 last year to $1,505 this year.

163,785 meetings have been held, with an attendance approximating 417,500 people.

14,928 Gospel portions have been sold during the year. (This is also incomplete)

Personally.

My own personal work this year has been of a very mixed character, I think that in some respects it has been the hardest of all my 28 years on the field. But God has been so very good, fellowship with our people has been very sweet, and His grace has been sufficient. I have had almost perfect health during the entire term. I do not think that I have on that account been away from my work for a single day during this entire term. Bless God.

I have visited Bombay 15 times on Mission business. I have travelled thousands of miles on the hard seats of the third class railway carriages, spending 160 days or more from home; have visited all our stations with the exception of Chandur during the year, making in all just 80 visits to our own sta-
tions; have had four Executive Committee meetings in the
year; have also attended four Trustees' meeting at Pundita
Ramabai's place in Khedgaon; also went to Tithal three
times for the sale of property there. Taught several books in the
Marathi Summer School here in Akola; gave a course of talks
on Divine Healing and the Second Coming of Christ in Lona-
vala, where we were for six months with our new missionaries
studying the language, etc. Here we had an open door to a
great many educated Indians—such as Barristers, Judges, Doc-
tors, and the President of the Bombay Government, these all
saying that these meetings had been a great blessing to them,
a number of Europeans also attending at the same time. While
my days are filled with Mission business, problems, and preach-
ing whenever, and wherever I am, and can, I thank God for
the way things have been made easy for me, through the love
and sweet fellowship of our people one and all, we have sent out
the Prayer and Praise Notes almost every month, which we
believe have been made a blessing to the entire work as we have
learned through these notes the needs of the sick ones, problems
of the work etc., so these needs have been presented month by
month to the throne of grace in faith and prayer by so many
more of the missionaries and their friends than otherwise
would have been done. We have had so many of these requests
answered in very, very special ways.

Before closing this report, I want to thank first of all our
Board for their support of us personally, and of all the work
during the past year. Then we want to thank our home friends
who have had part and lot in the same, those who have stood
by the work in gifts and PRAYER.

I would like to present the few following needs for your
kind sympathy and prayers in the coming year.

1. First and foremost pray for a real revival of holiness
all through our work, a revival that will set our Indian brethren,
with ourselves, more earnestly at the work of preaching the
gospel to these dying people.

2. There is a great need for a dozen young men to enter
the districts that we already occupy, and yet cannot go for-
ward in for the lack of these. Doors are wide open to-day, and
they are asking for the Gospel message.

3. Pray that we may soon have a church building erected
in the great city of Ahmedabad, a city of over 204,000 where
we have a couple of hundred Christians.

4. Pray that we may soon have fifty more Marathi
Cathecists so that we can properly man our stations on the
Marathi side of the work.

5. Pray for a special sum of money to come in so that the
building of the bungalow in Anjangaon shall not be hindered.
We need $2,000 for this purpose.
6. Pray for more money to open up more outstations on both fields.
7. Pray that we may have better support for our missionaries and Indian workers when they go out on tour, and that many souls may soon be saved.

Let us remember these things daily at the throne of grace. God is faithful who promised who also will do it.

Pray that God will lead us aright about our own home going for furlough, etc.

Yours in the Coming King,
William Moyser.

Called Home.

BESSIE ACKERS GLENN.

Another life laid down in India was added to the number of those “counting not their lives dear unto themselves” when Mrs. E. G. Glenn went to be with our Lord February 28, 1922, having spent only two short months in this land of her adoption.

Early in life, at the age of about twelve years, she gave her heart to the Lord, and, several years later, consecrated her life for active service in “the regions beyond”.

Those who heard her farewell message at Nyack, just before sailing, remember how with tear-filled eyes she referred to a crisis in her life when God revealed to her anew the cost of wholly following Him, and when came days of darkness and conflict. But God brought victory and peace, and enabled her to choose His will regardless of what the future might hold. This experience took place sometime before she went to Nyack, and gladly her own plans were surrendered, and stepping out in faith, she spent two years at the Missionary Institute at Nyack, graduating in the class of 1920, with Mr. Glenn, whom the Lord had so marvelously kept during four years of active service in the war, permitting him to complete his course at the same time.

As a class-mate and member of our party that sailed November 19, we were closely associated with her and keenly feel the loss. It was during the days spent aboard the ship that we really learned to know our sister Bessie Glenn, who with her husband had been our appointed chaperones. Many times we spoke to one another of her loving care and mindfulness of us, and especially when we were ill, for none could have been more sympathetic and thoughtful than she. Her sweet cheerful spirit and loving ministry among us shall not soon be forgotten. It was as though God had placed her in that position that we might better know her.
During the week of her illness we were deeply impressed by her patient and uncomplaining spirit, and little did we realize that she was to be with us only a little while longer. But in the evening a serious development followed, and she passed into a state of unconsciousness, which almost immediately after was followed by an intense fever.

We at once came together for united prayer, beseeching God, should He be pleased, to spare her to us. Loving hands ministered to her, doing all that could be done. Though the fever had subsided, still unconscious, she quietly passed away just before midnight.

As we looked into her face, now pale; the hands that were once engaged in loving service, now still, it was with hearts deeply bowed in humility before our Sovereign God that we said, "Thy will be done". Our source of comfort is God, and it is the confidence that we have in Him that enables us to say, "He doeth all things well".

MRS. WM. FLETCHER

In 1900 Miss Olive Porteous responded to the Lord's call and left a good, comfortable country home of plenty in which there was a sweet Christian influence. She left a widowed mother to whom she was devotedly attached and whom she had so faithfully served in the home, and a church in which she was an active member and to which she gave her talents, especially her musical gifts. She heard the call, so she nobly took up her cross and followed Jesus. She arrived late one night at the Missionary Training College, weary and tired after many hours on the train. After her introduction to the lady students, the writer was commissioned to take her to her room, which she was to share. Alone in the room, she laid her head on the writer's shoulder and burst into tears, saying, "I cannot, I cannot remain here." The next morning, refreshed after the night's rest, she set to work to accomplish what the Lord had sent her to do.

The Home in which she had come to live was conducted on faith lines and every student had to look to the Lord for the supply of their needs. This she was ready and willing to do because she loved the Lord and had consecrated her life to Him. The discipline was hard and rigid and tested to the limit the reality, the patience and the "call" of each of its members. Miss Porteous endured trial afflicted on her unnecessarily with remarkable fortitude and grace. She was a good student and a hard worker, and never complained at the long hours of study and work, nor about the impositions of the home.

December 15th, 1902 she, accompanied by the writer, left Australia for India. Mr. Fletcher, to whom she was engaged, proceeded us to organize a work in some neglected district,
which was to be connected with the Training College. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher decided on the place for their work, but within a year this had to be abandoned because of lack of support.

In 1904 they became affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and have labored with them ever since. It came as a crushing blow to all who knew Mrs. Fletcher when it was discovered that she had a malignant cancer which was rapidly sapping her life. Prayer was made unceasingly for her both by her missionary friends and her Indian ones, that the Lord would spare her invaluable life, but the Lord took her to Himself on January 12th. Her labor of love for Him ended, and she entered into her eternal rest.

She was a devoted wife, a good mother and a faithful friend. We who knew her loved her. Two weeks before she left us she spoke of the different touring parties, and longed to be healed so that she too might be able to go out and give the Gospel to the people in her districts. She has gone to a higher service to receive her crown of righteousness. We sympathize with her husband and her two children and her dear ones at home in Australia. But He who took will also comfort.

E. Rutherford.

Ahmedabad and Shantipur.

For the past year with all its blessings and privileges, with grateful hearts we unite our praise to our Heavenly Father "who doeth all things well". The past year has been a divided one, the first half being spent in Dholka taluka, but feeling that the report given by Brother Gustafson would cover all necessary ground we will confine ourselves to the work at hand, namely, Ahmedabad and Shantipur, where we have been laboring since our wedding in August.

Ahmedabad city with its 274,000 souls offers a vast field of service, one sufficiently great to give opportunity for every talent. If work be confined to low caste people alone, there are thirty-five distinct quarters in which they live. These are in size equivalent to an equal number of villages as they average in any taluka. This city, one of India's eight largest, reveals an interesting mixing of castes and races on her ever crowded thoroughfares. Of the Hindus' eighteen principle castes she boasts of representatives of them all and of the numerous subdivisions of each caste, eighty-four being found among the Brahmans alone, she claims many sons and daughters from these. Hindus, Parsees, Mussalmans, Jains and Christians rub elbows on thronged streets. Comparatively speaking, little work for the Master is being done. Including Indian workers from other Missions, there are but six men and a Bible-woman,
beside the missionaries of our own Mission and the Zanana Mission, who are occupied in this field, for the other Missions in this great city are engaged in school work. We have tried to adjust ourselves to the work, the people and their problems, and He has encouraged our hearts in the task before us and caused us to believe that the Lord has "much people in this city". We have at present over 200 baptized adults beside children.

Slowly the Sunday morning attendance has increased but the Sunday School and Prayer Meetings are poorly attended. This possibly is partly accounted for by the fact that our people live at great distances from the bungalow which still serves the purpose of home and church. However we are of the opinion that a revival would change it all.

To overcome the Sunday School problem, we are undertaking this new year to open two other schools in centers where our people work and live. This will bring a large number of children in touch with our message.

The spirit of giving has been a little more active. This year's total shows an increase of $53 00 over the preceding one. We are confident of development along this line in the future.

Women's Meetings are conducted by Mrs. Brabazon and the ladies studying the language. These are attended for the most part by the people in our immediate vicinity, but it is hoped that by personal touch and prayer larger numbers will come. In the work of visitation also the young ladies give valuable assistance.

The "Home" itself offers a field of service which has been made a blessing to us from the beginning. With us are four young lady missionaries in different stages of language study. Two recently passed their first examination, a third is preparing for the second examination, while a fourth who has but recently come from America has begun her task of getting mastery of the Gujarati language through which medium we must tell the old, old story of His love. The consistent work and faithful application of these young folks in making a friend of so unwieldy a thing as an Oriental language, have caused us to believe for great usefulness for them in the future. Moreover, in the simple, everyday occasions homelife affords to help one another they have not been found wanting.

Last Sunday, a very precious service was held down by the river. Seven men and women who had accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour confessed Him in baptism. Oneither side of us were the dhobies washing their clothes, who stopped as we began to sing "Oh happy day", and they watched the service through. The Lord's presence seemed so real as we immersed them in water and we felt that He was there to give them power to "walk in newness of life". It was a beginning; we pray for many more.
Recently we spent a few days at Shantipur where Miss Fraser labored in faithful service for the Master. We were greatly refreshed in spirit and body by the visit. Daily we went to the surrounding villages and found a people among whom the Word was no stranger. It was a joy to preach to them. Our visit was all too short and in the future we hope to visit this little Christian village frequently.

The low-caste people of Jetalpur, a village near Shantipur, have been asking for a school for their children for some time. Formerly there was a school there. Finding a teacher, a suitable room was rented and now there is a prospect of at least twenty-five children for the school.

At Ramol we had a prosperous little school of about twelve pupils. It had been going for about two years and there was much interest among the children. Some time ago a young man was baptized from that quarter and his heart was much set toward the Lord's work. Just then Satan began his work. Some enemies of the boy's father got into a quarrel with him and beat him very badly. The case went to court and our worker was called as a witness. Because of his testimony the men who had beaten the old man were convicted and immediately they turned their wrath on him. They threatened to beat and even kill him. At times he was compelled to remain indoors. At last things became so bad his wife walked in from the village to the bungalow and begged us to take them away to save their lives. We granted her request. How true it is that sometimes the Gospel does not bring peace but a sword. The boy is still engaged at home looking after his father and it is hard to say when he will be free for school. Pray with us for this boy that he may go on with the Master and that a way may be made so that this school can be opened again.

Three outstanding needs in connection with Ahmedabad prompt us to ask for your prayers.

(1) A REVIVAL IN OUR CHURCH.
(2) A CHURCH BUILDING.
(3) A BUNGALOW for the Missionaries to live in.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brabazon.

Akola Station and District.

"The old friends are the best friends," It was something like this with which Stevenson closed one of his poems and if by "old" friends he meant the tried and proven ones the sentiment is surely true to fact. And with such a definition the Lord Jesus stands at the head of the list, for He is the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, the proven Friend above all others. It is with thoughts of Him that we turn our minds to the work and the events of another year. How many have
been the answers to prayer, the words of comfort, the proofs of His wondrous love and grace!

Nineteen years have rolled into eternity since first we sighted the shores of India, and we thought then that we would be satisfied if we were given seven years for God in this land and then could go home to be with Christ. But His thoughts were not our thoughts and His ways not our ways, and now we look back and praise Him for His heaven-high thoughts for us, and we look forward with peace and assurance that He is doing all things well. What we have done is nothing; it is not worth mentioning. What He has done is good and will be good when this age has passed away forever.

To all our friends who have prayed for us and thought of us and sacrificed for us during the past year, we send this little message of love. You may call it our "report", if you like.

One of the answers to prayer is evident in the fact that God has kept the doors open to the Gospel. We have had some weeks in village work, away from the station, and never in all our experience in such work have we received more friendly acceptance or found more willingness to listen to the Gospel than during our touring work in this year. Then, too, there is an interest in the message which is promising and encouraging. The little Scripture portions issued by the British and Foreign Bible Society, in such cheap and attractive form, have found many purchasers. In one religious festival a few days ago we sold nearly 400 copies in about three hours. Prayer precedes and follows after these little black and white wings that bear the Living Truth into many homes, and some day it will be found that God's Word has not returned unto Him void.

Our hearts are specially drawn to the farmer caste. Some of the village headmen, or burgesses, are very friendly, and they are usually of this caste. Oh, may the day come soon, when this hardy, thrifty community will rise up and shake off caste and all other sins and seek the Lord Jesus!

In the station work in Akola our duties have been spiced with variety. We have had a goodly sized Bible class, mostly men to teach in the Sunday School; the regular preaching and prayer-meeting services two and three times a week; enough of teaching and sundries of arrangement during the month of Summer School; the buying of materials and planning and directing of some badly needed buildings at the Boys' Boarding School, etc. All our fellow missionaries in our own station and in all the stations have been, in our relationships with them, so kind and good and true that it is a joy to be associated with them in the work. The friendships that we thus form and that through the years grow stronger and stronger will always abide and we shall be able to say of them and of all friendships in Christ, "The old friends are the best friends."
The aggregate number of meetings held during the year have been about 900 and attendance in these meetings about 25,000. A few have been baptized and some others may take this important step soon.

One marked answer to prayer in the line of temporal things we gratefully record. Two years ago we mentioned that we believed a Ford car would be a useful auxiliary in our district work in that it would save time and strength in getting us over the roads quickly and comfortably. Then we began to pray for the car. This year, two days before Christmas, we received a cheque representing money given by dear friends in Pennsylvania, which, with some help from other friends, almost covered the cost of the car. On New Year's day we had received the car and were driving it. Now, will our friends please pray that this Gospel car may be a vehicle of the love and light of Jesus to thousands of hearts in the great needy territory that lies all around us?

Mrs. Carner, in what work her limited strength has permitted, has found the women of the villages, though densely ignorant, often eager to hear the message of salvation. In November and December it was her pleasure and privilege to have Miss Florence Wyeth associated with her in this work. The darkness of the homes into which they and the Bible-women have gone is tragic. Most of the women think that even if there be a way of salvation it can not be for them. Like a poor outcaste in one of our village meetings they suppose that they are shut out. When we were offering Gospel portions for sale this man said to one of our workers, “I suppose I would not be permitted to have one of these books. They are for the high-born ones, are they not?” Thank God, No! “To seek and to save that which was lost”—that is our message, Hallelujah!

Pray for the women; pray for the men; pray for the children; pray for us.

Earl and Laura Carner.

Report of Akola Boarding School and Orphanage.

“He is faithful that promised.” At the beginning of the year we had the assurance that God was with us and would be to us all that we would take Him for, and He has fulfilled His promise. It has been a year of peculiar testings as well as peculiar blessings, but we praise Him for both.

On the whole, the boys have had good health but it did keep us busy for a few days when an epidemic of influenza came our way. This was followed by whooping cough, but God very graciously answered prayer and the attacks were light. Poor little Warlis lost one eye but he is quite content since he has one
Our hearts were saddened when the Death Angel entered our midst and took Daniel, a bright promising young man, who was to have gone to Bible School this year. He was taken ill suddenly and only lived about three months after that, but his short life counted for God.

A few of our boys failed to come back when school reopened in June. This was mostly due to the fact that the fathers either would not or could not pay fees. However, we praise God for the eighty-six irrepressibles who are with us. If any reader of this report finds life monotonous he should come and take care of this family and he will find all the variety he is looking for. But who can measure the vast possibilities wrapped up in these lives? Monohar, one of our older boys, left us to enter Bible School to train for the Master’s service this year, and we trust there will be many more to follow during the coming years if Jesus tarries.

The results from the school work have been very satisfactory. The Government Inspector highly commended the work of both boys and teachers. This year we have added another standard to our curriculum.

Seven boys have taken baptism during the year and there are several others who hope to be baptized soon. Mr. Carner and Mr. A. I. Garrison held special meetings for the boys and much help and blessing were received.

The work which required much time and patience was the erection of some new buildings and the repairing of the old ones. Almost without exception every workman in India looks for a soft job, and as a rule every workman knows how to make any job a soft one. But we surely do praise God for a cook house big enough to hold the cooking utensils without putting some of them out doors. We are glad for a godown where the rats cannot play havoc with our provisions. And a dormitory that has the leaky places stopped will be a great comfort, especially during the rains. We have waited long and prayed much for these buildings and we are still living on expectation corner and believe the other needed buildings will be forthcoming.

In July, Miss Florence Wyeth came to make her home with us for a few months. She kept us all cheered up and we were sorry when the time came for her to go.

God has supplied our financial needs and we close the year with a balance on our books. The buildings that we have are now in good condition. The boys are well and as happy as larks. Christmas, with all its gifts and good things, has come and gone. Now the boys are looking forward to a certain day when “Moyser Sahib” will come and give prizes to the boys who have been faithful throughout the year. We close the year with thanks to God for His goodness to us and we ask an interest in
your prayers that this coming year may be one in which many of these young lives may be consecrated to our Jesus for life and service.

Alice Backlund.

Harriet Beardslee.

Amraoti.

This year has been the most wonderful, the most blessed, and the most trying of all the twenty years of our work in India. The words of 1 Cor. 8:11 are the past and present expression of our experience. "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in India that we were pressed out of measure above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: for we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us:—Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed on us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf." We do rejoice in the Lord our God who has led us all the way step by step, and "He who hath led will lead."

For just six months of this year my wife and I lived in the Akola servants' houses and finished the building of the big bungalow and the general overhauling of the orphanage buildings, etc. By the first of April we finished everything. It was a dreadful rush and race between myself and the oncoming hot season. I worked night and day almost. Then came the news that while my wife was visiting at Jalgaon she fell on a fence and all our troubles have come from that fall.

During this time I had charge of Malkapur Mission station, and our two young catechists held on there and preached and sold Gospels until I came on April 1st. My sick wife met me there, and we being transferred to Amraoti, I had to pack my goods and ship them to that place. How I missed the loving and helpful hands of my wife in the packing. I had to nurse her as she could not rise from her bed, and pack and get all off. She was left that last day in the empty house on a cot while I shipped the goods. What a day it was! We then started for Bhusawal, but missing the mail train at 8:30, had to sit on the Malkapur platform till 2:30 the next morning, a ten hours wait. I then left mother at Bhusawal with Miss Williams and went back up to Amraoti to receive and empty the car. I put our things in the bungalow and came back in a week and took mother on in the heat of the hot season to Lonavala.

She was examined by a lady doctor there and was finally told that she should go to Dr. Wanless' Mission Hospital at
Miraj. Here the doctor operated on her and at once found that he could do nothing at all. He said, "Several cancers and other troubles are beyond human skill to heal. You will live six months only." While there Miss Bowles helped me, nurse mother, and we are thankful for her love and help. We left the hospital after three weeks and in much weakness came 200 miles to Poona, where the Sisters Bristol and Dempster took us in and bestowed much love on us. From there we received a loving invitation from Mrs. K. D. Garrison to stay there on our way home. So in fear and trembling we started on another 400 mile journey, and from there reached Amraoti after I had gone ahead and fixed up our house and made it habitable.

During all this time I have kept in touch with the catechists and pastor, also with the building and repair work of which I am chairman. About all the work has been finished and I thank our young missionaries who have willingly responded to the call and helped out in this repair work and thus helped to bear the burden. Anjangaon is not yet finished, but it is now on the way and will soon be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Lapp did last year’s touring, and so I am unable to report on their work. During this year the work has gone on as follows and in the following places.

_Mhisapur Outstation_

is where the work first began. We have two catechists here and their wives. There is a nice little house with rooms for the two families and a room for the missionary to live in while visiting and working around here. This work is all village preaching and shepherding the flock of new Christians, who are scattered in 20 villages round about. There are 172 Christians in these villages and about 12 more are asking for baptism, and many are interested in the Gospel. Every Sunday two services are held, one in Mhisapur and one in a near village called Borkhedi. Some of the other villagers come into these services but not many. We need as a Mission to face the question of the observance of Sunday, for if we can teach the new Christians to keep Sunday, they will attend services on that day, and we will soon have a healthy lot of men and women. This is a matter for prayer and thought. Our men in this outstation should have a word of praise. They have a lonely life, and are cut off from their friends, and it takes grace to live at Mhisapur.

_Badnera_

is our second outstation and is only six miles from Amraoti, and a large railway station. It has a nice four-roomed pastor's house and a nice pastor with a wife who is a Bible-woman. Shahu Bower is a good man and does his work well, and is a
great comfort to me. There is a little flock in Badnera with about 40 in attendance at the services. The people are from a number of missions, having come here for work on the railway. We hope to build a church here as soon as funds are in hand for it. The Government has given us the land for it. Shahu has also the care of another outstation at Pulamba where there are a number of Christians newly baptized, but there is no man to care for them, that is, to live there, and no house for him to live in. We have here also the land for a catechist’s house. The people have been visited seventeen times during the year by the pastor. We have church and Sunday School in Badnera, the pastor holding services in the large room of his house.

Amraoti Head Station,

Here we have a church and bungalow, etc. The work is threefold, church and Sunday School work, city and district preaching, and a little European visitation. Our church work suffers when the missionary is away. We have an attendance of about 90 and an average of 35 for the year. In all our work in Amraoti country there are about 258 Christians. They are not all saved, I am afraid, and need your prayers, but they are better than the best Hindu, I think. Many of them have real dealings with the Lord and we praise God for all of them, good and bad.

This report has been written under trying conditions. Poor mother takes much of my time now. She is very weak and loses ground all the time. She thanks all the beloved of the Lord who have helped us and prayed for us. We are not downhearted, beloved. It is a great fight of faith, and we know that the trying of our faith is more precious than of gold. We still ask you all to pray and thank you for all your love.

W. and O. Fletcher.

Bhusawal

The report which comes from my hand this year must necessarily bear much of personal praise to God for his help and deliverance. It may thus seem to take a too personal aspect, and yet does not our dear Father deal with us all most personally and does he not care more about the worker than the work as an impersonal thing?

Our touring season began in the taluka of Jalgaon where we were assigned to stay till Mr. Hagberg should leave Bhusawal. There we had some blessed experience for some seemed to listen to the Gospel with some eagerness and there were several marked cases of healing. One old Bheel seemed to be dying and people left our preaching and assembled to watch
him during what were supposed to be his last moments. We also entered the house, the workers and I, and I felt impelled to say to them that Jesus could raise him up. We laid hands on him and prayed in the name of Jesus and the old man did not die but became well. After that we were called to pray in the home of a Mussulman for his little baby who was ill with fever. We did so and that very hour the fever began to leave his body and the father came to our preaching the next day and testified to it. There was also a Patel headman in another village who seemed to recover very rapidly after prayer. We were called to him by his brother who heard us tell of the power of Jesus to save and heal. But the thing that hurts us is that no one came to the Saviour. Some were ready to be healed but none to be saved. So selfish are we all in our carnal state. Yet Jesus shows his grace in healing at times I am sure, that he may draw by his love the unrepentant ones.

In the latter part of January, I was taken very ill with what settled into malaria. When Mrs. Derr thought I was very near death she sent for Brother Amstutz. I remember that he came and prayed. I could not have taken a very lively part in it as I can remember little but his coming and their kneeling there, but I know that it was a wonderful comfort after that through the long weeks to say to the Lord, "I have been anointed and you will have to raise me up." He did it slowly for he had something to say to me which I had not heeded while I had been well. I praise Him for it all. I know why He felled me there, I believe, and I believe that it is bearing fruit in my life and I desire that it may bear full fruit.

Due to the weakness resultant from the sickness I was unable to take an active part in any real work till after we came from the hills to which we were very kindly advised to go early and stay long that I might have the benefit of the coolness in convalescing.

Mrs. Derr, when she was able to take time after the worst of caring for me was over, kept pegging away at the language study and that was one of the chief occupations of us both, after we returned to Bhusawal, during the better part of the rains. This was mingled with the effort to get hold of the ropes in the station work and to become to become a real working missionary.

It was a bit of a shock to receive the news that I was to take part in the work of the Summer School as I was crowded for time for preparation for it on account of the language study and as I felt highly incapable from the language viewpoint to undertake this work. However, it was a great blessing to be there and to get acquainted with the dear workers. I am sure that I had never felt their worth before as I did.
after I saw them and worked with them. They have their faults as do we, but I am sure that there is much, very much, in them that is pleasing to God and useful to Him and I am not sure that their dispositions show any markedly differing characteristics from our own.

I begged off from my final language examinations that I might attend the Indian Sabha and I am very glad for this though I am faced with the necessity of going through this ordeal in February. The intercourse with the workers at that time I look upon as highly beneficial.

Through the Lord's good grace we are now on tour. It is the greatest blessing of all to my mind to be out fulfilling the great commission in actuality among the heathen. It is a wonderful thing to be allowed to help to prepare the bride for the coming of the bridegroom, as our work in the Christian congregation really amounts to, and yet I feel that it is far more precious to be out calling out a people for His name and that through them He may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. It is a wonderful thing to satisfy our dear Saviour in any way, but I think that this is the best of all.

I feel bound to say however that the Lord has honored His word among the Indian Christians and that there has been a very marked advance in Him on the part of some. There has been a going deeper into His grace by some who were before objects of prayer on the part of the missionary and the workers because of their very apparent need of leaving the superficial for the actual. God answered prayer in the ordinary services, but perhaps more especially in the lives of those who went to the Sabha, which was a real blessing to our community; and in the cases of some who attend the few special meetings at which Bro. Alle Garrison spoke and prayed. I have also noticed that the Lord has used the sick-bed as a meeting place where he could talk to some who have risen much changed through their dealings with him there although, they had shown little spiritual improvement under the regular preaching. I attribute all these results largely to the biweekly half day of conference and prayer with the workers.

This brings me to say that the Lord has been bringing some to see that there is a provision for the believer's body in the Lord and we have had some cases of real definite and wonderful touches. One woman had been very bad for several months. I think perhaps she had never been raised up before from any sickness without the help of medicine. I plead with her and her husband who has a little personal experience of healing to let Jesus have the glory. The woman asked for anointing after a day or so. She was healed at once and has had no return of the trouble though it has been several weeks since then. I feel that we as a Mission ought to lay more
stress on this doctrine among our Indian Christians. They will step out more and more as they are encouraged.

To return to the tour, we are having a new experience, if one so young in the work can take of a retrospect at all. The Lord is proving his faithfulness in answering prayer, especially with regard to the requests which Bro. Moyser put before the Sabha for concerted prayer. We are having fine crowds. People listen eagerly, sitting or standing while two, one after the other, break to them the bread of life. Our men and myself seem to have gotten over the limit of the ten-minute sermon (I have used my watch to find out) and yet the people do not seem to get tired. We have comparatively few who bring forward any adverse arguments. Our audience are almost entirely composed of farmers and their interest seems in a measure to be real. Many books are being sold. It has been a great pleasure to sell twenty odd Gospels among one crowd in an ordinary village after people have listened to two preachings. It has also been a great joy to see so many listening. Our crowds are generally very good. We only have had to take a central stand and start in and the people seem to come down from all the roads and stop and stay. I call this the very hand of God, for I have not always seen it so in my short experience. The order is usually extremely good among the listeners.

I have never had before such an experience as on one day this week. The village was small. The crowd was very representative. Paulus preached, the people listening very well. Then a Gospel was sold to the only literate man in the village. Then they sat again. As I spoke quietly to them, and with no great demonstration or emotion of any kind, the light seemed suddenly to break into heart after heart and there were smiles of what seemed to be real joy on many faces as they grasped the fact of Jesus' great salvation. I felt impelled to press them for an acknowledgement of their need of this Gospel and was met with a chorus of response. Then I prayed that God would send it home as I bowed before Him in their midst and so showed them how easy it is to talk to God. Then we left at once. Oh, to see a BREAK among these simple folk! So simple and so sinful!

We are finding secret believers in several instances among the farmers but one man expressed the case of many so well when he said, "What is in my heart will NEVER get out for among our people Caste distinction is very strong." He is a patel, very kind and often comes to see me at the tent. One schoolmaster is reading a Testament daily. He says that he is fully convinced that he shall be saved through Jesus Christ but he fears to acknowledge him in public. Pray for these and others like them of whom I can not now write.
In connection with the touring season I must not fail to mention with deep feeling the matter of the sickness of the baby. She was taken very ill at the opening of this season and I waited a little for her. But feeling that we must get out the Gospel, and knowing that God is faithful to answer prayer I went out and made camp. The baby got worse and Mrs. Derr sent for me. Many thought that she was about to die. She looked like a little dead baby as she lay colorless and unnoticed on the bed or in her mother’s arms or mine. But God gave wonderful assistance in prayer. Somehow there seemed an awful fight of faith to be fought. But God won and the baby is so well and strong now and we are all so happy and we must praise Jesus for having raised us all one after another during the last two years from the gate of death. This is truly the very Devil’s country and we could do nothing without Jesus for everything.

A word as to the English work. According to the plans made while Bro. Hagberg was here, we have been able to re-furnish the church with comfortable chairs equipped with bookracks, a communion table, and two new pulpit-chairs. It is a greater pleasure to be able to say that the chairs have been at times well furnished with people although the Bhusawal English speaking people cannot be said to be good churchgoers. There has been a steady manifestation of grace in our midst and the conversion of two young girls, but we are praying for a fulness of God which we feel has not been in evidence among us and which is the essential for a work that pleases Him. Pray for us. We are glad to be able to announce the return of Bro. Gidney who formerly was such a help to the English work. Pray that he may be richly used among us.

As to giving, in both our works, the English work has given as usual Rs. 400 to our touring fund and has also done the furnishing of the church concerning which we have spoken, and has a considerable balance in the treasury. We do not speak proudly of this for we have only a few tithing givers and we know that the results would be much greater and more blessed if men would give themselves to God and then their substance to His work, both of which may seem very reluctant to do. We do need a spirit of repentance and revival in the English work.

In the Marathi congregation we are taking a forward step inasmuch as the people are undertaking to support their own Indian Pastor. While this is not an exceedingly great thing, we are glad, for it means a real change in thinking as to self-support in the minds of many, and we ask your prayers that they may not fall back but go on in a Scriptural manner. They ought to give to God the same as any other Alliance Christians ought to give. We have some few tithers. Pray.
with us that their number may be increased until it includes all our members, but most of all that they also may first give themselves wholly up to God. That is the great thing.

To sum up, this has been a year of blessings, testings, many failures on our part, and full of faithfulness on His. It has been a year of vision. Will you not pray with us that this present year may be one of realizing? Else how shall we present a bride ready for her Lord when He comes?

_Bhusawal Day School, English Sunday School, Etc._

How swiftly have passed the days and months since we last were in convention, and as we take a retrospect of the past year and think of our puny efforts to serve the Lord in India, we feel that we have accomplished so little, and wonder what our service has really amounted to. We seem to be never able to accomplish that which we wish to, but it comforts us to know that God looks upon the desires of our hearts as well as at the results of our work, and perhaps more. One thing we do know, He wants us to be fruit-bearing branches of the true Vine, and we trust that in the reckoning day, we shall not be found wanting.

The school work continues to be very interesting, especially as we watch the progress and characteristics of the different children. I doubt if many of the children in the Homeland could accomplish some of the wonderful feats that the Indian children do. One morning while listening to the children's reading I noticed one little boy reading so fast that I had some misgivings as to such wonderful ability, so I asked him to close the book and read the lesson for me, which he promptly did, and I found he could do it just as well with his book closed as with it open. Another morning I saw a little boy come in very late, and what wonder, for it must have taken much more than the ordinary length of time to make his toilet, for was there not a new pink shirt, a brown belt, shoes and nice bright blue stockings? What Indian boy could have come to school on time with all these to attend to? According to Indian custom he left his shoes outside and marched in triumph to his seat on the mud floor. The blue stockings, however, were too much for his next neighbor on the floor, who finally succeeded in borrowing them for a little while, and after admiring them on his own feet to his satisfaction, took them off and returned them to their owner. You say, "Where was the teacher?" Why, teaching, of course, and too busy to pay attention to such trifling matters as this. The pupils did well in their secular studies and eleven in one school received prizes for good work and passing well in their Scripture examinations.
One school so increased in numbers that we had to add a new teacher to the staff. How we praise God for answering prayer and giving two faithful Christian teachers who seem really to have the children's spiritual need at heart, as well as being competent and faithful in their secular teaching. Please pray that God will keep them faithful in these trying days and that they with us may have the joy of seeing many of these dear children won to Christ.

Our English Sunday School has kept up a good attendance throughout the year and there has been quite an increase in the offerings, so that they will not only be able to again fully support their orphan boy, but have a nice balance in the treasury, although the running expenses have been higher than usual this year.

The first Sunday in the year we had a special meeting for the children, when after a simple message, thirteen of them knelt at the altar and gave their hearts to Jesus. How we praised God for this, but our hearts tremble for these dear children who for the most part come from homes whose parents are very worldly and who seem more concerned that their children learn to dance well than that they learn to love and follow the Lord Jesus. How they need our prayers, both parents and children, and how we need your prayers for wisdom to know how to deal with them as we visit them from time to time.

We wish we could give a better report of the Christian endeavor which seemed to start out so well, but we trust to be able to give a better account in our next report.

The needs are so great all about us, the time is short, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh—Brethren, pray for us.

Katherine P. Williams.

Chalisgaon.

In the early part of the year 1922, Miss Bushfield, who had charge of the station, was obliged on account of a serious breakdown to relinquish the work and people she loved. Her going on furlough was a loss to the station and the writer. Her prayer life, her wise counsel and her zeal for souls was an inspiration and a blessing. There was also a blank left in the station which has as yet not been filled.

The work has gone on steadily during the year. There has been blessing, and the workers are earnestly pleading for a revival and the salvation of souls. There are people in a number of villages who are asking for baptism and there is much to encourage us rather than to discourage.
Several of our people have been critically ill, and in some cases their recovery seemed hopeless. It was a call to prayer, and the workers and others responded, and God graciously heard. In every case there was a definite raising up, for which we do praise God.

There was one death, one dedication, and two births during the year. 100 villages have been visited during the year, 266 meetings held, with 8,073 people attending, and 251 Gospels have been sold. There are 15 people asking for baptism and we trust that these and many more will turn from sin and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Charlotte Rutherford.

Chandur.

After Convention closed last year, several weeks were spent touring in Pachora district, then in February I came to Chandur. While much attention has necessarily been given to other kinds of work, the village preaching has been kept up regularly, and in all fifty villages have been reached during the year, leaving, however, almost three hundred untouched save as some of them have been visited by the colporteur. The gospel portions sold during the year number over 2,200. We are glad to report that the spirit of the people has quieted down and opposition on political grounds is almost nil. The people listen well, but we long for a deep spiritual desire among them.

Much time has been spent at the outstation. A little more land has been acquired there, and the well deepened preparatory to walling up. A little convention was held in the beginning of the hot season, when the word was given out in the Spirit by Pastor Shahu Bower of Badnera. One of the Christian men there was very near death's door last cold season, but was raised up in answer to prayer.

Over 250 pages of printed matter were seen through the press, considerable time being required for preparation, proof reading, etc., and some days were spent auditing Mission accounts, as well as a month at the Summer School at Akola, where it was a privilege to have fellowship with our fine band of Indian workers. Mr. Hartman has been with me a part of the year, and his fellowship and co-operation have been highly appreciated.

We would once more request prayer for this district. God has blessed in the salvation of souls, for which we praise Him, but there are tens of thousands yet unsaved who need prayer. Pray for the new Christians who have to live day after day in the stultifying atmosphere of heathen darkness, that they may not lose spiritual tone, and that their lives may be a testimony to their friends and high caste neighbors.

R. H. Smith.
Daryapur (Anjangaon).

"And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented gathered themselves together to him, and he became captain over them. For from day to day men came to David to help him until there was a great host like the host of God. All these being men of war, that could order the battle array came with a perfect heart to Hebron to make David king."

1 Sam. 22:2; 1 Chron. 12:22, 38.

Many of those who have become Christians in the last few years from among the outcasts of the Berar villages have, like the men who came to David in his exile in the wilderness, been "in distress", "in debt", or "discontented". They have been in distress through the oppression of the high caste village headman or his clan; or they have been in debt to some "sowcar" for money borrowed during the famine, or to pay the expenses of their children's marriages; or they have been discontented with their social, mental or spiritual degradation, and they have heard or imagined that by becoming Christians these difficulties could be obviated or ameliorated. When they come to us thus we have to meet them in the love of Christ and to recognize that their distresses were all permitted by Him in order to draw them to us and through us to Him. It is ever true that it is first that which is natural and after that which is spiritual, and we have sought to meet them and help them as far as we might properly do, turning their very difficulty into the "point of contact".

If we have sometimes been tempted to discouragement by the prevalence of low motives among the candidates, and the absence of overflowing spiritual life among the new Christians, we have on the other hand repeated cause to rejoice as multiplied instances come to our ears of the fact that most of those who have been baptized have entirely left idolatry and thrown in their lot with David's great Son. Only the other day we visited a village in Akote taluka (county) where a Christian woman had with her husband moved some four or five years ago from Daryapur taluka. She had been visited, I believe, only once during that entire time, but when we saw her, her husband and other villagers—all Hindus—all testified that though she was the only Christian in the whole village, she would never worship idols, but only Jesus Christ, and that she was continually trying to get her husband to become a Christian. The number of baptized and dedicated persons in Daryapur and Akote whose names are on our list is over 650, and with nearly 200 more candidates in these two talukas, the multitude of those who believe shows signs of increasing until it be even "like the host of God". Moreover, we encourage our
hearts in the Lord through faith that it is evidently from this motley depressed, and distressed company that God is choosing those who through His Spirit's working in them will be of a "perfect heart" at the approaching coronation of the King of kings.

During the early part of the year we were able to get out but very little to the villages. One reason was the strong anti-government feeling among both Hindus and Mohammedans, which had not then subsided. Another was the work which fell to our lot of laying the foundations, and acquiring materials for completing the Anjangaon Mission bungalow. A further hindrance was the great physical weakness for weeks following my severe illness at the New Year season a year ago.

The year has closed with the removal of these hindrances. God healed me in answer to prayer and I have in His mercy gradually been restored to my normal strength. The work of continuing the building of the bungalow has been handed over to Bro. Hartman, who we are thankful to say has prosecuted the work with energy, making splendid progress, setting us free for the much neglected touring. Moreover, the Home Rule spirit which we had feared would hinder the Gospel preaching has very largely subsided, and been superseded by a spirit of friendliness and inquiry for the Truth, such as I have not seen since I came to India. A great number of low caste, a number of higher caste, and even a few Mohammedans show a serious desire to become Christians.

Our first and only camp of the touring season thus far is at Hingni-Gavandgaon, three adjoining villages about 8 miles from Anjangaon. Here God has encouraged our hearts by permitting us to baptize over 40 people who have turned from idols to God, and whom for over a month we have been instructing in our camp to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven. The number of Christians here is now second only to Shingnapur, which is our largest Christian community in the county. There are still several candidates to be baptized here and in the surrounding villages. As there is no school in Hingni and Government land is probably available we feel that a school and outstation should be opened here as soon as possible.

Our Indian workers at their last convention voted to use a part of their united tithe to build an outstation at Ramtirth, in the extreme south-western corner of the taluka, where we have a moderate sized Christian community. We plan to camp here and look for a building site as soon as the Lord opens the way. We need a worker for this place as well.

Another need that presses much on our hearts is the opening up of the Akote taluka county. Our Christians in Darya- pur taluka who have relatives in a number of Akote villages
have paved our way by urging them to become Christians, so that in half-a-dozen villages of Akote a hundred candidates are asking us to come and baptize them. We hesitate to baptize them without proper provision for teaching and leading them on, and we therefore feel the urgent need of placing at least one worker at Akote. This can scarcely be done without building a house or renting a place for the worker. I lately visited Akote city which is only ten miles from our present camp, and found a small two-acre field within a half-mile of the city and to my mind suitable in every way for a Mission bungalow. I ascertained that the field would be sold if a bargain could be made. If we could buy this place for even a thousand rupees we could build a worker’s house there as soon as possible, and later a Mission bungalow.

In visiting a village in the Akote taluka from our camp we found nearly a score desiring baptism. An invalided old lady of their number asked us to come into the house to pray for her, and we were delighted as she told us how six months ago she had ceased to worship the ancient idol of their ancestors which had been established in the house for years, and consented to having her older son build it into the wall. She has since been praying in the Name of Jesus Christ of whom her son had told her. We thanked God for his grace in those far away villages as we saw the joy in her face when we had prayed for her.

It has been a great aid to have Mrs Garrison’s help among the women in the taluka. She has been used to assist many of the Indian women in this place to have confidence in Christ and Christianity.

Most of our workers are young and inexperienced, and though we are glad for every one of them, it will take time to train them for the work. Our Indian brother and pastor Raghunath in his self-sacrificing service and fruitful experience is one without whose help it would have been exceedingly difficult to accomplish what is being done. We praise God for the past and hope for the future till Jesus comes.

A. I. Garrison.

Dholka Boys’ Orphanage and Boarding School.

1922 is fast drawing to a close, still it seems but a short time since we were writing last year’s report. How time flies, and with what changes! The year has been one of great blessing to us and we believe now more than ever that the time of reaping the harvest from the seed sown “beside all waters” in Dholka Taluka is near at hand. Stand with us for the “hundredfold!” Let us get down deep into the burden of intercession and give a tremendous impetus to the year approaching,—may be the year of our Lord’s return—glorious hope!
One of the changes in the past year was an increase of twenty boarders, bringing our numbers up to 123. However, owing to the death of two of our smaller boys, one from pneumonia, the other from heart's disease, our family at present numbers 121. Not such a small group, but, on the whole, a very happy one.

The health of the children during the better part of the year was very good. Throughout the months of January, February and March we had a few cases of pneumonia, bronchitis and jaundice. Also quite a number suffered with a very contagious scalp disease and boils. Often it took as much as three hours continuous labor to cleanse and dress these sores. At one time it looked as though the entire school was going to be afflicted with this particular torment, but our gracious Father heard and answered prayer. To-day, with the exception of a very few, heads are normal. Of course, there are a number scarred. How thankful we are to have a hospital with two spacious wards in which to segregate our boys at such times. It not only makes our task easier, but prevents the scourge from getting the upper hand through careless contact.

Over five hundred people have received treatment at our little dispensary which Bro. Eaton helps us to maintain. Many a heart has been softened toward us because of help received there. Please continue to pray for this "means to an end". Whenever possible a small fee has been levied, but for the most part the people are of the poorer classes. Each one who comes must listen to a message about the Great Physician, and oft times we feel that souls, thus in pain, more readily see the futility of their own religious superstitions. O, that the Great Remedy for all their ills,—Christ our Blessed Saviour, might soon find a way through to their benighted hearts!

The school work is progressing favourably, the teachers entering in with a willingness that is encouraging, and we expect very few, if any, failures in our yearly examination held in March. Beginning with the 4th Standard and continuing through the 7th, Elementary English as an elective subject is taught. This class was opened last March and good progress has been made. The results of our daily Bible Classes have been exceptionally good. This year classes have been held in the Gospels, Acts, Genesis, Church History, Pilgrim's Progress and Old and New Testament Bible Stories. Mid-year examinations were held in all of these and very few failed to get a pass mark. Some of the papers were excellent. Two of our boys won silver medals for the best papers in the India Sunday School Union Yearly Examinations; one, a boy who has only been resident here for about two years, in the Junior Division, and the other in the Intermediate. We are sure you feel as grateful over this as we do. Pray much for our teachers, as a great deal depends
on their faithfulness. Much harm can be done by a teacher who is out of touch with the Master Teacher. At present every teacher but one is a product of the Dholka Orphanage. Government Standards are taught and the School is inspected by Government Inspectors four times a year. Two of our boys passed the Primary Teachers' Examination and four are studying in the Teacher Training College, preparing themselves for Mission work. Nine of our older boys are looking forward to entering our Mission Bible Training Class. This is the big objective of our institution. We want to see scores of these bright lads out witnessing to their Indian brethren. Pray for this!

While there has been no decided "break" in our spiritual atmosphere, yet throughout the year many of our lads have gained victories over self and sin. There are but few, and these among the new-comers, who have not taken a stand for Christ. Still there is much room for improvement. We are planning to hold special services for the boys at the close of the school year in March. Please pray for these meetings. Some of the larger boys are taking part in our daily and weekly gatherings, and we are often encouraged by their messages. The other evening in our bi-weekly Literary Society meeting one of the boys spoke on the subject of "Faith" and it was surprising to see how much of the Scripture he had memorized and with what simplicity he explained the Bible quotations. Pray for this lad. He is one of the nine looking forward to the service of the Lord. While we are not fully satisfied with the spiritual progress and often lament over the failures of our boys, still, on the whole, we have been encouraged throughout the year and look forward with bright hopes to 1923. It is so comforting to know that you are sharing the burden with us.

The Church and District work was turned over to us when Bro. Brabazon was transferred to Ahmedabad in August. During the months of August and September the yearly Summer Bible School classes in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Ephesians and Colossians were held. Several special meetings were held for the assembled workers, and we believe that all were refreshed.

Beginning in the latter part of October our workers left for the annual district tour. This year there are two touring parties, Bro. and Sister Lewellen and Mrs. Gustafson going over one half of the taluka and the writer and workers covering the other half. There is still over half of the touring season in which to get out among the villagers, and with our two parties we hope to cover the entire taluka. Please remember the touring season. There are five enquirers, four from among the lower classes and one is a Brahmin priest. This man is very near to the crossing over line. He subscribes to a monthly
religious journal, reads his Bible, prays, testifies that Christ is very God, but hangs on to his caste. Will you not pray very definitely for this poor soul?

Services among the women are held,—weekly prayer meeting and Bible Class, by Mrs. Lewellen and Mrs. Gustafson. The women of India seem a little harder to reach than the men. Some of them are very indifferent to spiritual things,—we mean our Christian women. Pray for a break among our Christian women. Sunday School and Church Services every Sunday. There are two small Sunday School classes carried on in out-stations making our S. S. enrolment 254. There are also two day schools held in the villages with an average attendance of 40. There are two prayer meetings for the men held each week,—one the regular mid-week prayer meeting and the other one for those who wish to gather to pray for a revival. Several of our workers are seemingly in earnest about a real downpour from heaven. Join us!

Mr. Lewellen is studying to take his second and final examination in the language, while Mr. Ringenberg is here studying to take his first. Please pray for these missionaries that they may not only pass their examinations, but get the language exceptionally well. Wish we had a dozen more young men studying the language! Where are the young men? What are they doing?

Number of meetings held throughout the year 986.
Number in attendance 21,682.
Gospels sold 2,080.
Tracts and pamphlets 15,158.
Bible 1.

Yours in the Master's Service,
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gustafson.

Jalgaon, Khandesh.

It scarcely seems possible that a year has passed since Ruth and I returned from furlough, but so it is. As we look back over the year with its varied and new experiences we realise that we have very much to praise God for. We would raise our Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The way has not been easy but we have been able to trace God's loving Hand in many special ways and He has given us many definite answers to prayer. We praise Him for His faithfulness and take courage and go forward.

On arrival we were placed in Jalgaon with Mr. and Mrs. Derr until they were able to move to Bhusawal to take up the work there. Mr. Derr went on tour with the Catechists while
Mrs. Derr and myself carried on the work in the Station. About the middle of March they left Jalgaon for Bhusawal, and a few days later Ruth left for School. Since then I have been alone in the work with the two Catechists and a Bible-woman. I have praised God many times for these three helpers and especially for Bhagibai, the Bible-woman. She is so faithful in her work and she has been a great help and blessing to me.

The work in the Station has gone on regularly. The two Catechists have visited the surrounding villages and Jalgaon, and Bhagibai has gone into Jalgaon town twice a day. When possible I have gone with them and then we would all four go to the villages together, or I would go into town with Bhagibai. We have had some very precious meetings in the evenings among some people in town. We would leave home about eight o'clock in the evening and return about half past nine or ten o'clock. These people belong to the poorest of the poor and they are out in the day time selling wood or grass or looking after a flock of goats for the people in the town. When they come home their wives have to cook their evening meal and after eating they are then ready to sit down and listen to the Gospel. Quite a number of these people were baptised last year and this year six more of them confessed Christ in baptism. We praise God for this and we are trying to lead them on in Christ. Pray for them for they are only babes in Christ. There is no one among them that can read and they cannot always get to the meetings on account of their work so that is why we go to them in the evening after their work is done. One has often been reminded of the words of Jesus as we have sat before them when He said: "To the poor the Gospel is preached." Yes, we find in India that it is the very poor who are most willing and ready to accept the Gospel.

There is a young man in the district who has been coming to the house to see us. Four years ago he heard the Gospel and he told us that when he heard of the sufferings of Jesus for him he wanted to become a Christian. He bought a Gospel but his people tore it to pieces and would not let him go out alone for a long time. They still watch him very closely and when he visits us he has to do it secretly. He seems to be in earnest, but he is one of the many in India who is doubly bound by sin and caste and custom, that only the mighty power of God can loose. Apart from God these cases are hopeless but God—The Lion of Judah—can break every chain and give us, and them, the victory. He has called us to set the captives free. Let us by prevailing prayer loose these many sin and caste bound people in India.

We have made many visits to the hospital which is in the next compound to ours and we have opportunities to speak to individuals and also to have meetings among the women. In this
way we meet many who come from different villages and we pray that they will carry the Good News back to the villages where they live.

The Sunday services have been well attended. Our little Chapel is not yet finished. The four bare walls are standing, but we hope that soon someone will be able to come and complete it for us.

During the year 861 meetings have been held with an approximate attendance of 14,000. Baptisms, 6; Gospels sold, 186; Church Offerings, Rs. 88-9-10; Workers tithe, Rs. 80-4-6.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Col. 4. 2.

E. Auernheimer.

Khamgaon District.

Because my report was omitted the preceding year, the Chairman has requested me to include it in this year’s report.

There were one hundred and sixty-three meetings held in forty-three different villages. Some of these villages and towns were far from the bungalow and all day trips were taken, starting early in the morning and returning after dark. It was always a joy to minister to those who had absolutely no opportunity of hearing the Word of life except it be taken to their very doors, yea, into their houses—the houses where the women are not allowed to go into public places. Often we have been received graciously and given fruit and sweets to eat, and earnestly invited to come again, but the roads being so long and hot and dusty and the oxen so slow, we have not been able to go as often as we would have liked.

Besides these meetings there were visits made to the sick, calls on those who shew a friendly spirit, help and counsel given to those who desire such.

As for the district work in this same Khamgaon taluka this year, there is not much to report. There are several reasons. First, the Rev. P. L. Eicher, the district missionary in charge, was obliged to attend to the building work on the Girls’ Boarding School compound, namely, the repairing of rooms, building, broken walls, the construction of the Widows’ Home and Hospital which are a valuable addition to the Mission property as well as the supply of a long-felt need. Later in the year Mr. Eicher and family went home because of Mrs. Eicher’s serious illness.

In May the two Indian evangelists were transferred to other needy stations and only Mugganrao and his wife were left at the out-station to meet the spiritual demands of the Heathen. They were faithful and true and have sent into the
bungalow several enquirers to be dealt with by our Boarding School missionary, Miss Krater, who already had her full portion of ministry.

The writer was asked to take charge of the Missionaries' Children's Home while Miss Lothian was away on furlough. As much as I love the Indian work and was sorry to leave it for the nine months, still I did enjoy being with the children. It means much for the kiddies to be away from their parents for three-fourths of the year every year. They taught me some new lessons which I am the richer for learning.

Before leaving with the children I had a few weeks with the Indian work, visiting the sick and calling on acquaintances among the Hindus who are interested in the Gospel, and spending a few profitable days at the out-station.

If Jesus tarries I trust to have a full year of work among the women and children of this country and also trust to see some of them accept Christ.

**Ethel M. Wyeth.**

**Khamgaon Girls' School.**

This has been a full, busy year. We have had our share of trials and sorrows. But through it all the Father's mercy has gleamed brightly. The serious illness of Mrs. Eicher necessitated the going to the homeland of Brother and Sister Eicher and family. We miss them very much in the work. Miss Ethel Wyeth was transferred to the Missionaries' Children's Home in Landour. This left the Khamgaon district without a missionary. Two of the Indian preachers were sent to work in other stations. So in this district there was only one Indian worker and wife and one Bible-woman. This staff for Khamgaon town was small but real good work was done.

At present our work consists of Orphanage, Boarding School and Widows' Home. There are thirty widows, sixty children of Christian parents and the orphans number seventy-seven, making a total of one hundred and sixty-seven inmates.

There are jungle grass-lands lying five miles from the Orphanage, and Bethany Farm consists of thirty acres. The latter is rented out to a Christian man. The grass-lands yielded seventy-five thousand bundles. Here a bundle means two hands full. The grass was cut at the rate of eight cents per hundred bundles. It was hauled but not stacked when, out of season, it began to rain. The rain continued day and night for nine days and the grass was almost ruined. But enough was saved for one stack. We should have had two. Our garden is full of good vegetables this year and we also had a crop of teri seed which are used for making cooking oil. We have had no fruit
trees since the water famine two years ago and we still deplore the loss of nineteen shade-trees.

The farm has five rather old milk-buffaloes. The united efforts of these old veterans do not supply enough milk for our babies and kiddies. The latter beg for milk but we are not in the “land flowing with milk and honey” so they must be content with bread and chutney. There are six young buffaloes that are making all sorts of promises to give the kiddies milk in a couple years. Two teams of oxen do the farm work, haul water from the well and bring the supplies from the town. One good old ox that has served his time and is almost ready for a rest home for superannuated Mission animals continues to pay his way so we keep him. He is useful if not ornamental to our farm.

We praise God that we have had very little sickness during the year. Our assistant matron, Lasso bai, went home to be with Jesus. She was stricken with paralysis. Although not able to eat or drink she lived for three days praising and glorifying God. A woman who had lately been converted remarked that the death of Lasso bai meant more to her than all the sermons she had ever heard. It was not death but simply going home to her Father’s house. A wave of conviction swept over the school after Lasso bai’s death. Mrs. Eaton, who was with us, held a service with the girls and there was searching of hearts and getting to God for salvation and heart cleansing. God met in a special way.

There were a number of girls saved during the year and thirteen were baptized. A Bible study class is carried on with the older girls. They are now studying Exodus.

The nursery has emerged from its babyhood and is now an interesting Kindergarten. Twenty-seven little tots make it a lively place.

Besides the Kindergarten there are seven Standards being taught in the school. The seven teachers have been brought up in our Mission School and have been with us from babyhood. Four of the teachers have had Normal training. The Government Inspector of Schools in this District inspects the school and gives a quarterly examination. The Bible is taught daily in all the standards.

One of the widows is in a Mission hospital being trained as a nurse. She has many opportunities to tell the story of Jesus and His love to the Hindu women who come to the hospital for treatment.

At the close of this year we can say “His mercy endureth forever”. We praise Him for we realize that “Brightly beams our Father’s mercy, like a lighthouse ever more”. His mercy is over this little corner of His work in His vineyard.

*Ruth D. Bluvelt.*

*Emma Krater.*
The new school year always starts with very busy days, but this year they seemed busier than usual, as after the full year of work including the hot season on the plains, I turned the work over to Misses Peter and Bjoland and left for a three months' vacation. They are not here to report for that three months' work; but I can give a most glowing report of the result. When I returned I found the girls in line, well trained, obedient, clean, well-dressed, in fact, just all I could wish them to be.

Soon after my return Miss Peter left for America. This is her first furlough after twenty-three years of service in India—a service filled with unselfishness and a love for God and souls. The parting scene at the Mehdedabad station was evident that her service had not been in vain. Stalwart men who had been boys under her training in the Orphanage wept like little children and all could have told of hours she spent in prayer burdened with their burdens. The Hindoo hides his emotions and those standing around said, "Who is this woman who makes men weep?" This gave an opportunity to speak for the Master whose love prompted that service.

Last year during the hot season we had small-pox and God graciously delivered, but this year we saw His goodness in the greater miracle of divine health for that season. We were able to let all the teachers, matrons, and nurses go for a holiday.

In June, Miss Wright was transferred to Kaira. She at once took charge of the school and correspondence. Again I shall let the results speak for the quality of service given. Every one of the 96 school girls successfully passed the yearly examinations. Seven girls are expecting to enter the Training College Preparatory Class in Godhra or Anand. Three will enter the Training College proper. Four have just completed their training and will take their places as teachers in our school. This year we had only two trained teachers, so used a Bible-woman, matron and two outside women. God very graciously blessed their faithful service. At a testimony meeting after school closed there were many who praised God for His help during the school year.

October 8th was one of the days we looked forward to after a year of plodding through routine, discipline, and difficulties. On that day we had two wonderful services. In the morning sixteen babies were dedicated to God. Following a sermon by our Pastor, Rev. John Turnbull, there was a baptismal service when fourteen girls and one woman were buried in baptism with Christ. These girls had waited a year and were carefully examined as we wanted to be sure they were saved. They seemed very clear in their testimony. Peace, when asked to tell when
she was saved said, "When Mrs. Eaton had a service here my heart was filled with great joy". As she said it the joy still shone on her face. Three girls were kept waiting as we did not want them baptised until after they have been given freedom from their heathen husbands. In the afternoon thirteen girls who had been baptised last year were taken into the church. After another good message from the Word on sanctification, the Lord's Supper was administered. These are the days that make us forget the hard places and fill our hearts with gladness!

This year we felt Kaira should have at least a little share of the direct Evangelistic Work, so we borrowed a preacher and a younger Bible-woman who is experienced and made preparations for a camp in Mr. Turnbull's territory. The day we were ready to start I had chills and fever so had to give up my cherished plans and Misses Wright and King had the privilege of going. They report great blessing and a live interest on the part of the people and I am sure their hearts are encouraged in the Lord.

Marybai, our faithful elderly Bible-woman, finds it more and more difficult to walk, but she does not give up and I keep telling her when she does give up she will lose out spiritually, so she goes to the villages every day she can and God blesses her. This year she has given the Gospel to 540 needy souls; sold 5 Bibles, 2 New Testaments, 168 Gospels, books and tracts and given away 5,000 leaflets. Her blind companion Ambabai is still cheery and never fails to have a real live testimony for Jesus.

And what shall I say of God's great goodness to this large family. Five motherless babies came for a short sojourn with us, as it seemed enroute for the land where no sorrow is, and I think He who loves them must be so glad to receive their souls again. One old blind woman was released from her suffering. Eight girls and three widows were married. With these exceptions our family of 160 has remained about the same, realizing God's mercy in every way. Truly with hearts full of praise to Him we can say, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness", and we believe for the coming year, "The goodness of God endureth continually."

Blanche B. Conger

Matar.

The opening of 1922 found us in camp at Vasnà, a town five miles from our station. There were many interruptions caused by Mission business, Committee meetings, language examinations, etc. However, during the closing days of this cam -
The Lord did a real work in the hearts of some young men. They sought Him very earnestly and received great blessing. Two months later they were baptized. Some of them have had to meet much opposition from their heathen relatives, one of them was beaten because he refused to take part in a heathen ceremony.

Our next camp was at Chanindra from which we visited all the towns within a radius of five miles. A short distance from that camp we have a loyal company of Christians where a small church has been erected. We held several meetings with them. A few were baptized at this place. Among them was a young man from a neighboring town. He was converted in one of our meetings eight years ago. He wanted to be baptized at once with some others, but as his father was a heathen he was not allowed to do so. Later the father was removed by death so he was free to publicly acknowledge Christ in baptism. He has had a very bright experience and is one of the most promising young men we have met in India. For several months he has been teaching a night school for young men in his town without any remuneration whatever. He says he wishes to teach them so they can read the Word of God. We had some thought of sending him to our Training School but he declined and we have no doubt that his life is speaking more loudly for God where he is than it would were he a paid preacher.

Our third camp was at Alindra. Here we have a large Christian community but no church building, so services are held in a private house. We have applied for a piece of land on which to erect a church. Our people have contributed very generously to this. A great many young men who have been inoculated with Mr. Gandhi’s propaganda for Swaraj (Home Rule) came to see us daily and while they showed a great deal of bitterness toward Government they were very kindly disposed toward us as we were not all mixed up with politics.

Our fourth camp was at Traj. We have only one Christian family at this place as the others were removed by death. The people of this town are very friendly and before we left they asked us to build a house in the town and place a worker there. They said they would haul the bricks and lumber for such a house free of charge.

A few weeks later we had something we had never experienced before, a serious breakdown. Truly, we had the sentence of death in ourselves but God enabled us to put our trust in Him who raises the dead. We are glad to be able to say that He has wonderfully sustained us even during the dark days when no sun or stars appeared. We were able to assist in teaching the Indian preachers in the Summer School at Dholka and Mrs. Hamilton taught several books of the Bible in the Girls’ Boarding School and Kaira also.
We started on tour five weeks ago and have just about closed the second campaign and God has done great things. Among those who came out were three old people. One old couple told us how four years ago their eldest son died in awful agony of mind. On his death bed at intervals he would scream saying "I am all alone". The old father wept as he related the sad story and said he did not wish to die in such a condition. In a niche in the wall was an idol which had been worshipped many years and also a coconut which had been offered to the idol. It was touching to see the old man feeling his way along the wall of his poorly lighted house to remove the idol which had been worshipped so long. The superstition and darkness of years fled before the power and light of the Gospel. The third was an old man whom the people say is a hundred years old but is still able to weave. He came hobbling along to our tent to attend the Sunday services, a distance of half a mile. God has truly done great things for him in saving him at the eleventh hour. The Christians of that community declare that his conversion was nothing short of a miracle. He brought out a coconut which had been offered to an idol and had been in his house more than fifty years. He requested us to break and burn it which we did in front of his house.

Among the many mercies of the past year we would not forget the remarkable healings of several of our people by prayer and the laying on of hands. Our Christian people grasp this truth more readily than those in the Homeland.

Another item that may be of interest to some is that we have been enabled at last to compile and publish what we might call an Alliance Hymn Book in the vernacular. Up to this time we have been using books published by other Missions. These did not represent all the truths we believe. The book contains about five hundred hymns including choruses.

We wish to mention the Home going of one of God's own in this district. Eight years ago one beautiful moonlit night we held a meeting in Magu's town at the close of which we asked those who would say "Yes" to Christ to manifest it by raising the hand. She raised her hand immediately and told us afterward that as soon as she did so the joy of the Lord flooded her soul. A few days later she attended service at our tent and her heathen husband said he would beat her when she returned, so we sent one of his Christian relatives to accompany her home. She was not permitted to be baptized nor to attend our church services. However, we and our workers always made it a point to hold our meetings on the verandah of an adjoining house in order that she might hear the message from her own home. Her children have followed her example and profess faith in Christ. One morning last week we drove to
her village and to our surprise found she had slipped away the previous night from this poor unfriendly earth to her heavenly home. Just before she died she asked the children to pray and she joined in prayer also. O, the heartlessness and deep superstition of heathenism! No sooner had her spirit taken its flight than her husband carried out all the heathen rites and ceremonies in connection with her burial. What a wonderful change for her to be with Him whom she so faithfully served.

The past year has been one of the best we have seen in India though not the easiest. Thirty-four have been baptized and several others are to follow a little later.

We also wish to praise the Lord for the noble band of Indian workers in our taluka with whom we have had such intimate fellowship in prayer and service. This is our twenty-ninth year of service in India and this is probably our final report. We wish to praise Him for all those who have come out of darkness into His marvellous light. We thank Him for the privilege of being sent forth to reap.

S. P. Hamilton.

Malkapur.

Last year, Mr. Fletcher sent an encouraging report from Malkapur. After many years’ sowing the first fruits had been reaped in the baptism of a man and his wife. Soon afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher were called to occupy a field that seemed to have more pressing demands, and Malkapur was left vacant. A caretaker was placed there to look after the valuable Mission property, and we went periodically from Nargaon to look after the place, but since last April there has been no Gospel messenger in that district. It is a sad necessity that requires the evacuation of a station just at the beginning of harvest. A bungalow ready built, one of the finest touring districts in our Marathi field, and thousands of heathen souls again wait for someone to come to them with the Gospel.

K. D. Garrison.

Mehmadabad.

As I sit down to review the events of the past year and to prepare this little report, Mrs. Turnbull is writing her final language examination. You will rejoice with us that now my good partner will be able to give herself more fully to the work among the Indian women, a ministry that cannot be accomplish...
ed by any mere man. The other and very important member of our family— wee John—will be nearly a year old when this paper reaches you. For his good health and that of his mother we are very grateful to the Heavenly Father. At the time of baby’s birth Mrs. Turnbull was at death’s door, but God wonderfully intervened and by His mighty power changed sorrow into another gracious seal of answered prayer.

The Mehmadabad District is smaller than that of most other missionaries, but on account of the ten out-stations supervision of the work results in a good quota of minor duties. It has been a pleasure to visit the workers at these ten places and to share with them the problems of their ministry. In several of these towns the wives of the workers are conducting primary schools to win the children of their heathen neighbours. This year we are giving over fifty New Testaments to such boys and girls who have passed in their examinations. Beside these there are as many more younger children who are still learning to read. Village schools have proved to be the means of turning several to Christ. We trust that the teachers will always keep that as their chief aim.

Our plan for itinerating has been different this season. Instead of touring with all our evangelists in one group as last year, two bands are touring on opposite sides of the district and I have been dividing my time between them. My last camp was pitched near a village where there are several Christians, so that I could meet with them for Christian fellowship and also visit the surrounding villages to tell the grand Old Story that India sorely needs but is slow to accept. There are a few candidates for baptism that are a reason for much rejoicing, but we ask your continued prayers that there may be a real conviction of many hearts and a large ingathering for Christ’s glory.

The ten young men in Training School have shown real zeal in the study of the Bible and we have rejoiced many times to see the working of the Spirit in their lives. Sometimes, when they have failed to live in harmony they have humbly asked forgiveness of one another and put away their differences in a little prayer together. That is the road of victory and every time they win out we feel any effort on our part is immensely worthwhile that these young men may be trained to do acceptable service as soldiers of Christ. They have visited the neighbouring villages during the year and in this way receive experience in witnessing before all manner of people. On the whole we feel God has wrought a great change in the spiritual life of the students and our prayer for them as for ourselves is that they may go on from glory to glory.

Some building work has added variety to life on the Compound. A line of six rooms for the students and a new
stable were erected in the rainy season. The bricks used were made on Mission land and several of the poorer village Christians were benefitted by the opportunity of work on the buildings. Two houses for workers were also built under the supervision of one of the older workers. How glorious it would be if for every brick of such houses we could build a soul for eternity into the structure of the Father's glory!

In closing we wish to mention a gracious answer to prayer that has brought great joy to the Indian brethren and our fellow missionaries. You will remember that last year's report contained an account of how God had wonderfully sent funds to buy the large field next to the Mission compound, with a view to using it for a Bible School. Since then the brother and two sisters of Miss Fecke, who died in this bungalow many years ago, have undertaken to pay for the erection of a Bible School here in memory of their missionary sister. Rejoice with us and pray that the evangelisation of Gujarat may be hastened by this missionary monument.

John R. Turnbull.

Nargaon

This report covers the fiscal year for our station, and the second term of the 15th and first term of the 16th year in the Bible Training School.

Bible Training School. — Again we are called upon to thank God for a year in which our needs have been supplied, and which has been encouraging in many ways. The average attendance was larger throughout the two terms than during the two past years, and there has been a definite spirit of revival among the students.

Last April, although we had no graduates ready, we invited Shahu Bauer, a former teacher, and now an ordained pastor, to address the school at the end of the term. The service was attended with much blessing among the students, and in some cases bore definite fruit. Another new plan has been, since last January, to give each student his living allowance and teach him to spend it wisely. This has added much to the work of the Superintendent, but it is believed that the results are worth the extra trouble. At the time of the Annual Marathi convention in Akola almost all of the students attended, paying their own expenses, and in some cases denying themselves new clothing in order to be able to go. As might be expected under such circumstances, the Lord met them with definite blessing.
Of the 23 students enrolled during the two terms, sixteen were in the classes at the Mid-year examinations just closed, and two others were in preparatory secular studies in Akola. One student, Hiralal Pagare, finished his course according to the old calendar, and was graduated in October. As he was the only graduate no special Mid-year commencement exercises were held but he was asked to address the church on the last Sunday with us, and was presented with a handsome Marathi Bible in appreciation of his helpfulness and good influence in the school during the past two terms.

One lad has come to us from the Akola Boarding School, the first for a number of years. Another very promising student who was sent by us to Akola to complete his secular studies before taking the Bible course died last summer. Apart from this loss, and the usual number of cases of fever the health of the school has been good.

The enrolment for the term just closed was:

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Last November the Inspector of Government Schools Poona, kindly authorised the enrolment of our Preparatory Department as a school of "recognized" Government standard, but it has been found impossible with so few students in that department to keep to Government requirements for recognition, and as we are aiming to have most of our preparatory work done in Akola our registration was allowed to lapse.

Two students were baptised during the year. Both were lads who had come to us in search of instruction, and we felt that we should for a few months give them the opportunity, which they would probably otherwise never have, of studying the Gospel message. Both professed conversion after a few weeks, and were baptised. One of them was sent to Akola for preparatory work, and is doing well there. The other was of high caste origin, and returned during vacation to visit his people. We have not heard from him since but there is little doubt that his faith and love for the Lord have been put under a severe test. Pray for him. We have had students this year from three Missions beside our own. There have been fewer dismissals than for several years past, and altogether conditions
in the Bible school are more promising than at any time since we have been in this work.

District Work.—Work has gone on in our needy district, with some changes in the personnel of our helpers. The Malkapur workers have been sent to us, and our outstation is now occupied by a former student, while another has been preaching in the villages about Nargaon. We have not gone into camp during the year, but all villages near us have been visited often, and the more distant ones during the cold weather, so that we are able to report 500 district meetings, and 10,000 people reached with the Gospel, and 133 Gospels sold, besides a score of hymn books. The district continues friendly, and we look forward to the harvest that is yet to be. During the last seven months Malkapur station has been under our charge, though no Evangelistic Work has been possible there.

K. D. Garrison.

Pachora.

"And they went through the towns preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere." Luke 9:6. First, we praise God that the Gospel is being preached to the poor. As in the days of Christ's ministry on earth, so we find today, the poor are the most ready to listen. We do praise God that so many people of all classes have had a chance to hear the message.

Meetings were held in the church every Sunday forenoon and afternoon and once during the week. We have been glad to welcome some new faces from time to time, but our ministry has been chiefly to those on our own compound. We have been trying by the Lord's help to lead them on into the deeper things of God, and to teach the little ones to trust in Jesus. Our Sunday School has grown, so that the average attendance has reached thirty. Three little babies were born on the compound and besides these, one other child was dedicated to the Lord. During the year the Lord has given us several definite answers to prayer for healings, and for the working out of problems that could not otherwise have been solved. We praise the Lord, too, for the definite touch He gave Mrs. Amstutz in her body after a year of testing. We thank God for the faithful ones who prayed for us.

The evangelistic efforts were put forth in the following ways. Two camps were made before New Year. After that, Mr. Smith having been transferred to Chandur, Mr. Hartman and I were left to tour alone. We were both new in the language and inexperienced, but the Lord wonderfully helped us.
Our first camp was at Verkerdi, from which we reached about fourteen villages. The next camp was at Maheji. We were a bit late for the yatra (religious fair) but saw many remnants of the offerings made to the "mother God" there. Later we made a camp at Sindad. Here we had much opposition and the people showed a strong spirit of Non-co-operation. The police patil (head man) would not sell us any fodder and later when the law was violated by the tearing up of Gospels, he would not give over the culprit. Still, the heart of a farmer was opened, and we left, feeling that our ministry there had not been in vain. In February, Mr. Hartman left to join Mr. Smith in Chandur. I was very glad that the Lord sent me a timely helpmeet in the person of Miss Esther DeMann. We were married at the Missionary Home in Lonavala on February 28th.

Mrs. Amstutz's coming to Pachora made it possible to reopen the work among the women. Since then a women's meeting has been held weekly, and since on tour, Mrs. Amstutz has been going out regularly with the two Bible-women as well as continuing her studies.

During April and May, I was called to do some repair work on the Jalgaon bungalow and also on the workers' houses at Pachora. Again in July and August I left the station to do repair work at Chalisgaon. In the mean time the workers went out regularly.

During the months we were not on tour we visited each of the twenty villages around Pachora about once a month and some we were able to reach oftener. New interest was awakened in many of them till in most every one we now have some one whom the Lord is using to give us an entrance to the hearts of others. Meetings were held regularly evenings in Pachora.

By the end of the year we hope to have covered the territory we were not able to reach last year. We are in our second camp now at Kajgaon. Our first camp was at Vadgaon. Here the people were very friendly. A guru lives here who has been favourable towards the Christian religion for several years. The people listened well, especially some of the wealthy high caste people, but upon our leaving no one was ready to break caste and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

We praise God for His working in our country. We find in this camp several hungry souls who want to be taught in the "Jesus way". Other places are calling for us and we must be up and doing. There has been a growing interest among the Mong people. Some of them have been baptized in Chalisgaon and now the interest is spreading into our district. A few weeks ago the head man of this caste, living in Girad, called at the Mission bungalow. He wants to be baptized and shows a real desire to become a Christian. If these in Girad should
step out for the Lord no doubt many others will take the same stand. Brethren, pray for us.

During the year 134 villages were reached, 496 open air meetings were held, and 200 Gospel portions were sold and many tracts given out. "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life everlasting: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Jno. 4: 35, 36.

Tilman Amstutz.

Sanand.

Our first camp of the current year was pitched at Ashapur, from whence we toured the surrounding villages in the mornings while the evenings were mainly devoted to congregational meetings with our Ashapur Christians, many of whom, sad to say, show little signs of spiritual progress. However, in the special meetings with both sexes and the many talks with individuals, the claims of the Gospel of Christ found a re-echoed response in hearts, and we believe the day will yet dawn when the Ashapur Christians will be recognized as true representatives of Him who is Our Hope.

During our stay there preparations for the building of the new bungalow were afoot and when we left in February bricks, tiles and mortar—all made on the premises—were joyful ear-nests of the building now almost completed.

Our next rendezvous was Moriaya, situated on the Dholka rail-road and a splendid centre for district work. Here, not only the "common people" but all castes heard us gladly, and we saw gleams of encouragement though no visible fruit. From Moriaya we went to Goraj in which village we found a few earnest enquirers. In the villages surrounding that centre the Old, Old Story was told many times, but here again we must repeat the Saviour's wail, "Ye will not''.

The annual Indian Conference at Mehmadabad scheduled from March 9th to 14th, a couple of weeks earlier than usual, brought the touring season to an abrupt close. On these great days we were honoured, stimulated and encouraged by expositions of the Word by our Chairman, Mr. Moyser, and Mr. Carner who came all the way from Berar to minister to the white and brown element of the Gujarat Alliance family; and Mr. Eaton, our associate missionary, inspired the large audience of about seven hundred souls to a close steady walk
with Christ, while our own beloved Mr. Hamilton's soul-stirring message was enjoyed by all.

At this juncture it fell my lot to supervise the erection and overhauling of buildings 'made with hands'. Two brick and lime houses for our Indian workers were built on the Sanand grounds and the bungalow was renovated and enlarged by the addition of a new kitchen and store room. The building work was completed about the beginning of May.

Up until this time the Ahmedabad-Shantipur work was somewhat of a heavy end to the cares of Sanand district, but the gap was joyfully filled until the second week in August when we believe, the right man, well reinforced, was installed as charge hand of that very important and prayer needy centre. While the Ahmedabad work was still in our hands we had the great joy of baptizing seven young men of heathen parentage and who are, we believe, the fruitage of the loving, unceasing efforts of our foregoing Ahmedabad missionaries and workers, but are we not all one—the sower and the reaper? and with them we surely rejoice over this fruit, which we pray "will remain" for His glory. Then one bright young man from the Sanand district also followed the Lord in baptism and with his wife, a Kaira girl, is witnessing to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the rainy season the building of the Ashapur bungalow was commenced and carried on with the usual number of interruptions and difficulties peculiar to India, until now it is about completed and ready for habitation.

Our present touring season commenced with hope and vigor on November 2nd with four Indian workers as witnesses. Owing to a siege of whooping cough with complications which attacked both children we were unable to join the district party until December 6th, but now, we trust the coast is clear for the rest of the touring season. Excepting in one village where Gospels were bought and afterwards returned with some not very encouraging discussion the Word is having "free course". The people listen attentively and intelligently and we are hopeful that this touring season the Word may not only "run" and have "free course" in Sanand district, but that it might be "glorified" in the salvation of precious souls. We might remark that about a week later another meeting was held in above-mentioned village where disturbance was, and this time the villagers turned out en masse and listened to the message with a subdued attentive air and at the close bought several Gospels and beseeched us to return soon.

Shortly before we left the bungalow the Lord through a good friend, outside the Alliance, sent us a little unexpected money which we were led to invest in the renting, painting and furnishing (with books) of a little shop centrally located
in Sanand town, where we hope to sell Gospels and Christian literature and from whence we hope the True Light will shine. The owner of the shop granted us permission to hang out any signs we desired on the condition that we do not put any inscriptions on the walls. So in a few days we hope that Timothy 1: 16 and Acts 16: 31 will shine forth in white. and red from the boards which will be affixed above the door Pray with us that this new enterprise will help us in our endeavours to "catch men".

For some months past several caste men who live near the bungalow have been showing real anxiety about their souls' salvation. They make frequent visits to the bungalow; occasionally attend the Sunday services and are often seen visiting with our workers. Two of these who we believe are very near the Kingdom have purchased Bibles and are not ashamed to be seen reading and studying the living Word in their homes and in a quiet spot of a nearby field. Recently one of these seekers on finishing the book of Genesis gave one of the workers a concise, intelligent summary of the contents of the entire book, which proves to us he not only reads but understands.

This report must not be closed without a word of thanks to those who stood with us in prayer for the deliverance of our babies from whooping cough. To God, who for Jesus and His work's sake worked rapidly and marvellously, we give all the glory.

Samuel and Jane E. Kerr.

Viramgam Station.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We are glad to be able to look back over 1922 and see how God—true to His promise—has been with us all the way. We rejoice in the love that has encouraged our hearts over and over when circumstances have turned out just the opposite to what we had hoped. To begin with, we had hoped to go out on tour with tents, etc., at the beginning of the year, but circumstances did not permit, so we continued to work in Viramgam City and the surrounding villages.

We would like to tell our friends a little about the field we have and how we have worked it from the bungalow. Viramgam city has a population of 26,000, then in the cotton season at least 5,000 more come in from distant villages for the sake of the work they can get during this busy time. They remain here about four months, and many of them hear the wonderful story of Salvation in the bazaar and the many other places in the city where we hold open-air meetings. They also buy the printed
Word and take it back with them to their villages, which in many
cases are many miles from here and outside Viramgam county.

We have no trouble in getting crowds to listen to the Gos-
pel in this city, especially during the cotton season, because
people are camping everywhere, out in the open field or under
shade trees, or even on the road-side. Besides this great oppor-
tunity right here at our door, we have 89 other villages within
a radius of ten miles from the bungalow that we reach by the
help of our camel. In addition to the villages that we are able
to reach in this manner, there are 30 more villages that we are
able to go to by railway, making a total of 120 towns that can
be covered from the bungalow. We praise the Lord for the
great privilege we have had in preaching the Gospel this past
year in most of these villages, and in a number of them many
times.

A few months ago we gave ourselves to special prayer for
Viramgam city. Twice a day we met together with our workers
in the garage, and it was precious the way the Lord met us.
We would then go down in the city and hold meetings in the
bazaar and other places. We had good crowds and sometimes
we would have as many as three meetings in as many different
places, two or three of us preaching in each place. Many people
have become interested and it has done our hearts good to see
inquiring coming to the bungalow to hear more about Christ
and His power to save. Until just recently we would think it
remarkable when anyone came to the bungalow to hear more
about Christ, but now it is the common occurrence to have high
caste Hindus in our home listening to the Gospel. Some time
ago nine well-dressed shoe makers came to see us and for nearly
two hours they sat and listened to the Gospel. Recently, six Jains
(high-caste Hindus) heard us singing at the supper table and
thought that we were having a meeting and came in. Of course,
we were glad to invite them in and for an hour or more we told
them about God's plan of salvation. They were most interested
and seemed very glad to get the Christian literature that we
gave them before leaving. Since then they have been to see us
three different times to hear more of the Gospel and to get books.
Truly the Gospel has wonderful drawing power.

Signs of fruit here have been very encouraging, and we
believe that some one will soon have the joy of reaping. Mrs.
Culver and her Bible-woman have found many open doors and
hungry hearts here in the city in their open air work and house-
to-house visitation.

Our school teacher out at Nadarni, the outstation, has not
been successful in his work as a teacher so we have had to dis-
continue the school, but we are hoping that he will be able to
do good evangelistic work in his district.

During the year we have been greatly hindered by the sick-
ness of our children who were attending school away up in Landour, North India. We fully intended to remain on the plains this hot season and continue evangelistic work in and around Viramgam and had not made any arrangements whatever to go to the hills, when our little David was taken down with dysentery at Landour. We had to leave our work and go up there and nurse him and finally bring him home with us as he was too weak to leave behind. Then a few months later John, our eldest child, had a nervous breakdown in school and again we had to make the trip to North India to bring him home where we could care for him. God undertook in both cases in a wonderful manner in answer to prayer, but we feel that a trip to America is still needed to make them well and strong. Our trials have been many and sometimes very fiery, but His grace and His living Word never failed to comfort and cheer us, thus bring blessing at all times and under all circumstances.

We have had one baptism this past year, a young Moham medan who remained with us for a couple of months but just lately returned to his parents up in Kathiawar. We are praying that God will bring him back to us and put it into his heart to enter the Bible School at Mehmadabad. Our cook’s wife has taken Christ as her Saviour and prays and testifies in meetings. Recently she accompanied Mrs. Culver to a village where she testified before a crowd of heathen women of how Christ had saved her soul and how happy she now is. She had never heard of Christ until she came to us some months ago. She opened to the Gospel like a flower opens to the sun. Her ten years old step-son seems to be following in her footsteps and has given evidence of having Christ as his Saviour, but her husband is still out of the fold. We are all praying for him and ask an interest in your prayers in his behalf. By caste they are Bhils, who are noted for drunkenness, and this cook was no exception, but not once has he had the odor of drink on his breath since coming to us.

Our Sunday services at the bungalow consist in having the Sunday School lesson in the morning and preaching in the afternoon. Sometimes we have as many as 35 people in our meetings, which are conducted on the verandah or in the garage when it is empty.

Beside the work mentioned in this report our district work is summed up as follows: Trips made to preach the Gospel — 608. Approximate number of meetings held — 1750. Approximate attendance — 37,000. Number of villages visited — 130. Number of Gospel sold — 3,500. Number of tracts sold — 1,800.

We most earnestly ask that all who read this report will unite with us in praying for Viramgam, that God will bless His Work and lead many souls to accept Christ as their Saviour.

John N. Culver.
Village Work in Viramgam

"I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." I recall how these words came and strengthened my heart while as a missionary candidate I sat awaiting my turn to be ushered into the presence of "the powers that be" for their examination, cross-examination and final verdict. All missionaries, brave or timid, know something of the peculiar sensation that takes possession of one at such a time, and how one needs to stand upon the Word of God—lest one's faith fail at the last moment. Six brief, happy years have gone by, and somehow this morning as I sit in my tent door and in my mind's eye look out over the countless mud houses and smoky huts, with their myriads of needy souls that make up our parish here, and to whom it has been my unspeakable joy and privilege to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ for some time, this verse comes to me anew, reminding me of His faithfulness and causing me to praise Him afresh for the "door" that has so graciously been swung open for even me. Sometimes we feel tempted to think that the enemy would count it no small joy to bang shut the door of Viramgam, and for this reason we believe that the Lord has some thing very special in store for this taluka some day, which thus far has been the most fruitless part of our Gujarati field.

It is so easy to tell of the Lord's goodness, but it is always with more or less reluctance, I believe, that we have to speak of our own work—even though it be essentially the Lord's. We would so much prefer to have our friends at home "come and see". I know if they could come and see, they would not have censured the writer too severely for very reluctantly obeying orders to go to even such a worthy place as the Kaira Orphanage for three months during last touring season. However, there seemed to be no other way and therefore touring had to close with the month of January. Hence this report does not cover the work that we had hoped to do. It begins with January 1922, during which month we had two camping places, visiting 58 villages and holding 70 meetings. February, March and April were spent in Kaira, and after my return from there we visited about 40 villages from the bungalow during the hot season. During the rains, when the weather permitted, we held meetings in Viramgam City and nearby villages. Because of having to go to Akolga at the end of October, I did not start on regular tour until after my return from there; but in the early part of October, I camped for about three weeks in a place called Rampura, where I was fortunate in securing the loan of a small bungalow, thus eliminating at least part of the usual bag and baggage needed for touring work. The owner, a business man of a good deal of influence, is in possession of a Bible, and I
would ask the readers' prayers for this man and those with whom he comes in contact. While camping here a good deal of work was done in the villages along the railway, as the country roads were still impassable. Mehsana, a large railway junction outside of the taluka, was visited a few times, resulting in the sale of about 300 Gospels, 70 books, 2 Bibles and 2 New Testaments. One day I had nothing left but a Gujarati Church History which I had bought to read myself, and one man bought that; I believe the Lord can use even this.

In the early part of November I took the opportunity of attending a fair in Siddhpur, which is one of the popular places of pilgrimage in this section. Here thousands of people were gathered in the river bed of the Sarasvati, doing their best to bathe in a few inches of water. In order to get to the centre of interest, as well as the centre of the crowd, I had to fall in line with the rest of the company and take a little dip into these “holy” waters and thus say good-bye to my already too dull shoe-shine. I counted it no small joy to have the privilege of mingling with and breathing a prayer for this surging throng, and none the less do I rejoice to know that about 500 Gospels, 200 books, 2 Bibles and 2 New Testaments were carried away from this place into hundreds of homes—and we hope into hundreds of hearts the Word will find its way.

About the middle of November we started out on tour, and I am writing this from our third camping place. We have during the past month visited 73 villages. These include several in the southern part of the taluka which I have been to for the first time. We found here very large and attentive audiences, but the majority of the people are illiterate and hence we did not sell as many Gospels as we usually do in new territory. Still we rejoice in the fact that over 300 Gospels are scattered throughout these distant villages, and we believe that they will count for fruit. A Bible and two New Testaments were also sold here. From our present camp we have taken the liberty of slipping over into Kathiawar Province, which borders on our taluka and which has a number of villages within easy reach from here and where no one is working. One day while looking for a certain village which we had mapped out with a few others for the day's trip, we got on the wrong road and came to a village which was not shown on the map and which we did not know about. But in this, as in many other incidents which come into district life, we feel that the Lord guided, for in this place we not only had a very attentive audience, but the head man of the village was very glad for the opportunity of buying a Bible, and we are praying that out of this lonely little out-of-the-way place, where they may not hear again for years, many may turn to Him because of the Gospels given out there, and this one Bible.

About three years ago Miss Peter and I toured in this part,
and at that time we often spoke of and prayed for a certain village where the people seemed especially indifferent and uninterested and where we could usually get only about a dozen people to listen. A few weeks ago we looked this place up again, and before going I told my Indian helper not to get discouraged if we did not get a very good hearing; but to our glad surprise the whole village turned out and listened eagerly and quietly and were glad to hear again the message which they formerly seemed to despise. We are asking God to continue to work in these hearts and cause them to turn to Him. It seems, slow, up-hill work, but when we consider the sad fact of our own slowness in getting to them, we cannot wonder at their slowness in grasping the truth and coming into the light. Where lies the blame? Who is responsible.

About a mile from here lies a tiny little village; in this village is a certain home—a very comfortable one; in this home for nearly three years a Bible has occupied a place on the shelf. We came across it the other day; we took it down and handled it and observed that it bore the marks of having been used at least some; but so far as we know this family are still without Christ—although they know of Him. Our hearts cry out in despair almost as we realize that if we could have followed up this Bible from the time it was sold by at least a monthly visit for instruction and prayer, this might long ere now have been a happy Christian home. Prayer for them is vital, but prayer with them we know would mean still more to these many needy souls who are so far from the truth. This is only one of many similar cases. We know of at least 15 Bibles and 33 Testaments here and there throughout Virangam taluka; but to keep in personal touch with the owners of these is the great problem. We can only commit them to Him to teach them by His Spirit alone, without much human aid, much as we would love to have the joy of teaching and leading these hungry, inquiring souls personally into a knowledge of Him whom to know is life everlasting. In a few more days we must fold up our tents and leave one needy place for the sake of others just as needy—farther on.

The Ford has made it possible for me to visit every village and hamlet in Virangam, and this is far more than I could possibly otherwise have done; hence I feel that I should take this opportunity of praising God for supplying this means of going in and out of the open door of opportunity that has been granted us here. I am sure that the friends who have made this investment will on "that day" receive dividends that will make their hearts glad. Are there not others who are looking for a safe and paying investment? In face of the tremendous task of trying to make known Christ to the millions of souls committed to us as a small missionary band, I feel I need make no apology.
for asking you here, What could be a better investment than a Gospel Ford in such vast districts as Akote, Amraoti, Daryapur and other talukas, where the missionaries are literally groaning under the burden of being unable to get over their territory, while thousands daily perish without Christ? And are there not still others who would like to invest still MORE time in PRAYER for us all—and for Viramgam—that HIS NAME may be “magnified among the heathen”?

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| Districts | Ministers doing field work, Male | Ministers doing field work, Female | Missionaries on the field, Total | Missionaries on the field, Women | Orphans, Total | Orphans, Male | Orphans, Female | Colporteurs | Bible Women, Total | Bible Women, Male | Bible Women, Female | Teachers, Total | Teachers, Male | Teachers, Female | Total Indian Workers | Organized Churches, Male | Baptized Believers, Male | Baptized in 1921 | Number of Enquirers | Sunday School Attendance, Male | Sunday School Attendance, Female | Tax Schools, Boys | Tax Schools, Girls | Boarding Schools, Male | Boarding Schools, Female | Bible Schools, Male | Bible Schools, Female | Amount of Native offerings paid | Amount received for work apart from Boarding Remittance | Monthly Rentals | Value of property | Approximate Population of Districts |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| BERAR     |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 193,400        |
| Chandur   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 5,000          |
| Amraoti   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Duryapur  |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Murizapur |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Akola     |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Akote     |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Balapur   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Jalgaon   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Khandagaon|                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| Malikpur  |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 125,700        |
| E. KHANDESH |                             |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 160,000        |
| Nargaon   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 60,000         |
| Bhayawal  |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 60,000         |
| Jalgaon   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 60,000         |
| Panchora  |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 60,000         |
| Chalisgaon|                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 60,000         |
| GUJARAT   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 135,000        |
| Viramgam  |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 193,000        |
| Sanand    |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Ahmedabad |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Mehmadbod|                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 4000           |
| Kaira     |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Matra     |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Dholka    |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Shantipur |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Lonavla; Chikhaldra, Ooty |             |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Mt. Abu   |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 7000           |
| Totals    |                               |                               |                                |                                |                 |             |             |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | 262,600        |

**Notes:**
- The table outlines various statistics for different districts within the states of Berar, E. Khandes, and Gujarat in India.
- It provides data on various aspects such as number of enquirers, school attendance, tax schools, and monthly rentals.
- The values in the last column, Approximate Population of Districts, vary from 12,500 to 262,600.
# Alliance Missionaries in India

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**Chairman, Rev. Wm. Moyser, Akola, Berar.**

## Berar.

**AKOLA**
- Rev. J. P. Rodgers 1887
- Rev. Wm. Moyser 1894
- Mrs. Wm. Moyser 1892
- Rev. E. R. Carner 1904
- Mrs. E. R. Carner 1902
- Miss H. Beardslee 1911
- Miss A. Backlund 1917
- Miss M. H. Doderlein 1921
- Miss M. Graham 1921
- Mr. E. G. Glenn 1921
- Miss J. E. Derr 1922
- Miss S. Kelly 1922
- Miss M. E. Taylor 1922
- Mr. N. Moroni 1923

**AMRAOTTI**
- Rev. Wm. Fletcher 1904
- *Mrs. Wm. Fletcher 1904

**CHANDUR**
- Rev. R. H. Smith 1917
- Mr. B. H. Hostetter 1921

**DARYAPUR**
- [P. O. Aujangaon (Surji)]
  - Rev. A. L. Garrison 1909
  - Mrs. A. L. Garrison 1911
  - Mr. L. E. Hartman 1920
  - Mrs. L. E. Hartman 1921

**KHAMGAON**
- Miss E. Krater 1902
- Miss E. Wyeth 1908
- Miss R. E. Blauvelt 1919
- Miss F. Wyeth 1920

**MALKAPUR**

**MURTIZAPUR**
- Rev. L. J. Cutler 1894

## Gujarat.

**AHMEDABAD**
- Rev. J. F. Brabazon 1916
- Mrs. J. F. Brabazon 1920
- Miss R. Bowles 1921
- Miss E. King 1921
- Miss E. Berchtold 1921
- Miss E. Gerig 1922

**DHOLKA**
- Rev. C. A. Gustafson 1917
- Mrs. C. A. Gustafson 1917

**KAIRA**
- Miss B. Conger 1911
- Miss T. Wright 1920

**MATA R (P. O. KAIRA)**
- Rev. S. P. Hamilton 1894
- Mrs. S. P. Hamilton 1894

**MEHMADABAD**
- Rev. J. R. Turnbull 1916
- Mrs. J. R. Turnbull 1920
- Mr. W. Gardener 1923

**SANAND**
- Rev. S. Kerr 1917
- Mrs. S. Kerr 1917
- Miss M. Wing 1921

**SHANTIPUR**

**VIRAMGAM**
- Rev. J. N. Culver 1906
- Mrs. J. N. Culver 1905
- Miss C. Bjoland 1916

## Khandesh.

**BHUSAVAL**
- Miss K. Williams 1909
- Rev. J. F. Derr 1919
- Mrs. J. F. Derr 1919

**CHALISGAON**
- Miss C. Rutherford 1904

**JALGAON**
- Miss E. Auerneheimer 1904

**NARGAON**
- Rev. K. D. Garrison 1910
- Mrs. K. D. Garrison 1909
- Miss E. Moore 1917

**PACHORA**
- Rev. T. Amstutz 1919
- Mrs. T. Amstutz 1921

**OOTACAMUND, M.P.**
- Missionary Children's Home
  - Miss E. Lothian 1904

Released for work with Ramabai
- Mukti Mission, Kedgaon, Poona District
  - Miss L. B. Fuller 1903

*Mrs. Fletcher passed away January 12th, 1923.*
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