"Ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication." 1 Cor. 1: 11.

As we stand upon the threshold of a new year of service for the Master in this needy land, we pause a moment to ask you to unite with us in praise to Him for His manifold goodness to us during the year that has closed. No attempt will be made here to review our work, as the Annual Report will soon be issued. But let us praise Him together for His wondrous works.

Let us praise Him for those whom He has promoted to be "with Christ, which is far better." Rev. J. P. Rogers, the oldest of our number on the field in age and in years of service, was promoted during the year, leaving us the precious memory and example of one who walked with God, and whose prayers have been a bulwark to our work. Mrs. Fletcher's home going was noted in the last Annual Report. Praise God for the beautiful way in which He has sustained the bereaved family, filling Mr. Fletcher's life with the joy of the Lord and making him a great blessing to us all. While we were gathered in Conference, Samuel Ryaram, a faithful Indian Evangelist, one of our Training School graduates, who had spent a number of years in fruitful service, was called higher. We shall miss him also in the work this touring season, and through the coming years.

Let us praise God for the very precious sense of His presence during our Annual Conference, recently closed. Efforts to secure a speaker from outside the Mission were fruitless, but it became evident that the Lord's plan had been to meet us and bless us through the messages which He gave us through one another. And
how precious His Word became as one after another interpreted it in the light of the Lord’s dealings with us through the past year! Our hearts were melted together as one, which made the business meetings go through without a single hitch or disagreement. Prayer tents were erected, and were in use a great deal of the time, day and night; and before dispersing to our far separated posts, the final Monday was spent entirely in prayer, at which time the Lord gave renewed vision of His glory and beauty and power. Victories were won then for the coming months.

We are thankful to the Lord for the privilege of living and serving Him in India, and for the years of devoted service, and accumulated promises which we now inherit. We remember with thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Moyser’s untiring and whole hearted service. After thirty years spent for India, they have gone on furlough for a much needed rest.

It was a joy at Conference to welcome back from furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Schelander, and with them Misses Ramseyer, Steed, Karner and Hagberg, re-enforcements to our thinned ranks. Miss Hagberg is the daughter of our veteran missionaries Mr. and Mrs. P. Hagberg. The young ladies are in Akola studying the language, and Mr. Crocker, also a new arrival, is studying at Khamgaon. Misses Peter and Woodward are about to return to the Gujarati field, and will likewise be heartily welcomed.

Praise God for our needs supplied during the past year, and that we have been enabled to purchase the Ford Car for the large and needy district of Daryapur, which is already making it possible to reach hitherto un-reached portions of that field.

We thank our Heavenly Father for some very definite healing touches in our midst at the time of the recent Conference, and since. We are sure that it is His will to manifest His power to heal more frequently and bring added glory to His name.

Praise God for the promising lads in our preparatory schools, who look forward to serving the Lord as soon as they are equipped, and for the girls in our boarding schools, safe from the contamination of heathenism during their tender years, who are to be the helpers of these men in the Lord’s work in the days to come.
"With thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God."

There is much that should drive us to our knees these days.

India is still in troublous times politically. The church in India, including our own mission, stands on the threshold of a new era. It is beginning to desire to assert its powers. Wise spiritual leadership at such a time may mean a distinct advance toward the ability to shoulder greater responsibility.

Pray for the language students who at present comprise 35 per cent of our missionary staff on the field. Not only are these days important to them because they are learning the language of the people to whom the Lord has sent them, but they are also "looking on the field", and learning to know the people and the work, and future success will depend in large measure upon the accuracy of their understanding of the task.

Since so many of our missionaries are language students, and only one-third of our number have entered their second term of service, it is difficult to adequately man the existing work, much less to press forward into the new territory, as we plan to do as fast as workers are available. Pray much for the members of the Executive Committee, that they may "have understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do."

Pray for the Survey Committee which is considering how best we can reach farther with the Gospel, and the most strategic disposition of our forces.

Pray for the speedy recuperation of our missionaries now on furlough and their return to the work.

Pray for the "Prayer Bell." For many years our little India Alliance monthly paper had a wide ministry, and since its discontinuance, it has been missed in many quarters. It is not our present intention, however, to resume its publication, for the activities of a foreign missionary do not permit leisure for the editing of such a paper, nor do we wish to use any other channel than the Alliance Weekly for such articles about the work
as would be of interest to the readers of that paper. Our Prayer and Praise sheet of last year could readily be mailed by missionaries to their personal friends; and at our Conference we were asked to include therein special items of mission news, and the record of God’s goodness, that you may be enabled to unite with us as prayer helpers. We are therefore calling it “The India Alliance PRAYER BELL”, and it will be issued periodically from the Alliance Headquarters in India, at Akola, Berar, (India). This copy is mailed to you by one of your missionary friends who wishes you to consider it as a call to prayer and thanksgiving on our behalf.

THE PLACE.

Heb. 4: 14-16.

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say, “Arise!”
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst reach the store
Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;
There is a place—upon some distant shore—
Where thou canst send the worker of the Word.
There is a place where Heaven’s resistless power
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea;
There is a place—a silent, trusting hour—
Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask “Where?”
O, Soul, it is the secret place of prayer.

Adelaide A. Pollard.