The Christian and Missionary Alliance

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God has prospered the Christian and Missionary Alliance as an interdenominational missionary movement standing four square for the Word of God, until today its representatives preach the Gospel in thirty-six different languages, six of which have never before been employed by any messenger of Christ. There are now 493 missionaries in the ranks of Alliance workers, and 1,171 men and women in the twenty countries where our missionary work is being carried on are giving their full time to helping the missionaries in proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance depends directly upon God for the meeting of all needs of its great work. Its method is to give fullest information as to the needs of the work, and report how funds are used. Individuals are never solicited, but are left to their own free cooperation as the Spirit prompts. There is no endowment, no surplus is maintained, and no debts contracted.

HEADQUARTERS FOR INDIA—Alliance Mission, Akola, Berar, C.P., Chairman of the Executive Committee—Rev. Wm. Moyser.

"The work of the Alliance in India is administratively united into one mission, though linguistically it is divided into two separate sections. East of Bombay lies the Marathi language area where, stretched along a latitudinal line of over two hundred miles are twelve main stations located in two political divisions, viz., East Khandesh and Berar. North of Bombay lies the Gujarati language area in the political division of the same name, where seven main stations are found in a group, radiating in three directions from the great center of Ahmedabad."

There have recently been added the two new North India Border branches, at present under the same administration, one at Mardan on the Afghan Border, and one at Pedong, Darjeeling District, on the Tibetan Border.

There are 65 missionaries working in these various areas, with 155 Indian workers.

The India Prayer Bell is issued from time to time from the Headquarters in India, and is sent by the missionaries to their friends to stimulate prayer for India, and for the Alliance work in this land.

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Special Day of Prayer the Last Friday of each month
Report for 1924-25

The station reports read at the last Annual Conference are synopsized, and are here put in alphabetical order. A general survey of the Field was published in the last special number of the Prayer Bell.

AHMEDABAD

Last April we had the privilege of baptizing an out-caste, a farmer, and a potter. The answer to one of India's problems, the caste system, is surely found at the foot of the Cross of Christ.

Some of the workers have been giving a good portion of their time to the upper castes and as a result we find seven high class farmers, a family of blacksmiths and twenty other caste men listed as candidates for baptism, while another worker has been used of God in preparing nine outcastes for baptism. Praise God!

Revival signs are evident amongst our Christian people. A dismissed worker has met the Lord in a real way and is daily witnessing for the Master. One evening he led prayer-meeting bringing with him one of our number who had backslidden. Our young men too are zealous for their Lord. They love to sing and true to Indian fashion they want the beating of drums to keep time by, so when they are out of school or free from work we fill to overflowing the auto and off we go to have a service in some quarter of the city.

The Sunday School work has made progress in the past year under the supervision of Miss Berchtold. She has not confined herself to Sunday schools alone but in the surrounding heathen quarters conducts Monday and Tuesday schools as well with good results. "During our hot season absence a worker started a Sunday School for caste children at the Fècke Memorial building near the church. Fifty or more children attend this school and permission to enter some of their homes has also been obtained.

Miss Woodward has given valuable help in visiting and visitation work in the city. The Lord has provided her with a horse and cart and by this means she is reaching out to many quarters in the city which would otherwise be seldom, if ever, reached.

Prospects for a self-supporting and self-propagating church are growing brighter. Recently we committed,
the weekly prayer meetings into the hands of our Indian people, and as a result there are better meetings with larger attendance. This seems a small thing but is really a move forward and we thank the Lord for the loyal band of Indian workers He has given us as partakers in this soul-saving enterprise.

REV. AND MRS. J. F. BRABAZON.

ANJANGAON.

Shortly after our last Convention God laid it on Sister Cutler’s heart to spend a few weeks on tour with us mostly among old friends whom Brother and Sister Cutler had baptized ten or a dozen years ago. This tour was very fruitful in bringing confession and repentance to our Christians and in opening new doors among high caste Hindus.

During the year two district conferences were held with our Indian Christians. An elementary district organization was attempted at these conferences so that we have a district committee composed of workers and village Christians. A beginning at district business has been made by letting the committee decide what names were no longer fit to be on our church roll. The baptisms and dedications of the year have just a little over made up for the number dropped out. This report leaves a total of eight hundred and ninety-three on the church roll.

Gifts have made it possible to erect a building twenty by forty feet at Hinungi Gavandgaon for a chapel and school in this needy Christian centre. In Akote we have secured a plot for building a worker’s house and street chapel. The location is in a thickly populated part of the city, and as caste prejudice is slowly but surely changing, a Mission hall or street chapel built on the front end of the plot should afford a meeting place for non-Christians as well as for the Christian families who have been baptized in the city during the year. It greatly rejoices our hearts to see the beginning of the fulfilment of the vision given to some of us years ago.

The workers have decided to use part of their tithe fund in building an out-station at Shingnapur, our large Christian centre in the south-east corner of the district.

Personally we want to thank God for a year’s health and strength for His service and for the car, by means of
which we have been enabled to do a great deal of touring as well as make regular trips to the outstations.

REV. AND MRS. A. I. GARRISON.

AKOLA DISTRICT.

Last year in order to cover more ground in the district we decided to run three camps at the same time. Our workers started out in twos, each party being accompanied by a volunteer family from the Akola Church, while we camped in the middle of the parties and by means of the car kept in touch with them all. Rev. E. J. Evans joined us in our second camp and together we visited one of the nearby centres of Hindu pilgrimage where we baptized nine adults and dedicated several children in the midst of the thousands who were bathing in the river in the name of those who are not gods but devils.

At an all-day meeting with the new Christians Mr. Evans was deeply impressed as they testified to having been freed from demon power, helped in their work, healed from disease, etc. The workers reported unsurpassed interest in the gospel everywhere, enquirers in many villages and a larger gospel sale than in any previous year.

Our people have been blessed during the year through messages from the Word given by the Chairman and Revs. Brabazon and Garrison. There were some confessions, old-standing feuds laid down, public forgiveness asked and in the end fourteen were baptized. During the rains Mrs. Cutler and Miss Bushfield helped in special meetings for the women of our Christian community with real results. A child was healed in answer to prayer; the mother confessed her backslidden state before God and another woman whom we had to send two weeks later to the Home for Lepers in Ellichpur, earnestly sought a closer walk with God.

Two advance movements are worthy of note. About eighteen miles from here in answer to prayer an out-station has been built which will be central for several villages where some of our Christians live. Pray that much good may be reflected from this lighthouse. Then, our people are making a start towards the full support of their pastor and in this undertaking need prayer and encouragement.

Throughout the year God has blessed us with His presence; health and strength for the work; fellowship;
with our fellow missionaries, Indian co-workers and Christian brethren; therefore, we return Him thanks.

REV. AND MRS. O. H. LAPP.

AKOLA BOARDING SCHOOL.

The School family consists of one hundred and four real boys. Ninety-four of these are in the Boarding School, eight in the hostel studying under scholarships and two in the Ellichpur Leper Asylum. With the exception of one paid servant, the boys have done the farm, garden and compound work besides the mending of the clothes.

Blessings Summarized.

"Again and again God manifested His healing power in our midst. High fevers have come down in answer to prayer and symptoms of various kinds have disappeared at His command. He also has given success in the School work. Out of thirty-nine boys who appeared for examinations in the Akola Government School thirty-seven passed and nearly all at the top of the student body there. One boy is in second year Normal Training: the Government has granted him a scholarship without any expense to the Mission.

We thank God for over thirty Hindu boys who are attending as day scholars. Some of these are showing great interest in the Bible classes and three of them have already asked for Testaments.

Another blessing of the past year has been a comfortable, cozy Mission bungalow with pure, unadulterated air on every side and a house top where the big boys are allowed to gather for prayer. Eight of these boys followed Jesus in baptism during the Regional Conference.

Home Missionary Band.

The boys have an organized Home Missionary Band with a balance of seventeen dollars in their treasury which they earned by voluntary fasting. They hold Sunday Schools in the nearby towns and usually a band goes out every Sunday morning. During the Hindoo holidays the Missionary Society sent four of their number out into the district for ten days and paid all their expenses. We praise God because we believe He will work out His purpose for these young lives if we trust Him.
Spiritual Treats.

During the year it was our privilege to listen to several inspirational and helpful messages and lectures from the Word of God given by Mr. Evans of Boston, Mr. Adams from the Bible Society, Bombay, and Messrs. Lapp and Garrison, our own missionaries. Convictions and confessions with restitutions have resulted from these meetings, the effects of which are still with us.

Pray that these boys may go out from this school to live the Gospel.

MISS HARRIET BEARDSLEE.

AMRAOTI.

Directly after Conference Mr. Moroni and I took the Ford home and it has enabled me to do with ease work which I never could have attempted with horses; therefore, I thank God for the car. During touring season we visited a large part of our district and left in almost every village Bibles and New Testaments. Mohammedans and the farmer caste Hindus were very much interested in the Gospel Story and bought many scripture portions.

Small-pox was so bad in several centres where there were candidates for baptism that we were obliged to leave after we had baptized three men.

Church Work.

Weekly services have been held at our two outstations, Badnera and Pulamia. At the latter place where a little chapel and a room for a worker have recently been built there are evidences of spiritual growth amongst our people for which we thank God. We have an organized church at Amraoti and the Sunday and weekly meetings are regularly held.

We thank the Lord for the few loyal hearts in Amraoti who are working for the Master.

THE BIBLE FOR INDIA.

It has rejoiced my heart to hear many testimonies to the power of the Gospel from both city folk and village men. A High School boy declares, "I am saved." In another home a young Mohammedan said, "since I have read the Bible I believe all that you say is true." Hundreds in the city and many from afar are reading the Word of God. During the year I prayed, paid for
and distributed upwards of five thousand Gospel portions and my prayer still is that God will kindle in Amraoti district by His Word, a fire that "shall not be quenched."

REV. WILLIAM FLETCHER.

BHUSAWAL DISTRICT.

Ninety-five villages from six different centres were visited during the touring season. To some of these we went several times, to others only once, according to our time and the attitude of the people to the Gospel. In one camp repeated invitations from the villagers decided us to prolong our stay for a month and a half. Our tents were pitched a stone's throw from the village gate and nightly crowds of the villagers with their friends came to us to hear the old, old Story. The night before we moved away the headman's brother called us to his house where a large crowd gathered to hear our parting message. At this camp Mrs. Hartman had many calls from the high caste women, while at another centre women frequently left their water pots and wood-gathering to hear the Gospel.

The work in the Sunday Schools and churches has gone steadily on with its encouragements and discouragements. We thank God for an increase in the attendance at regular Sunday services and prayer meetings held for the English-speaking people.

Last October we had a series of meetings in both English and Marathi churches in which people definitely accepted Christ as Saviour, Healer and Sanctifier.

REV. AND MRS. L. E. HARTMAN.

BHUSAWAL ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MARATHI SCHOOLS.

Many families left Bhusawal when the Railway Staff was reduced, therefore there has been a decrease in the attendance in the older school, but the children who remained, with us have made normal progress in both secular and religious studies. An opposition school opened by Brahmins succeeded in drawing away several of the children from our Christian schools, but, later a few of these returned to us and were admitted on the condition that they would not be found guilty of a similar offence. This year I had the joy of seeing the members of the big boys' Bible Class pray, in the name
of JESUS, for themselves as individuals, so surely the day is coming when the Word which they know so well, literally will become effectual in the transformation of the hearts and lives of these boys. Pray for them.

A number of Hindoo day school pupils attend the Sunday School and many of the older boys who have left us continue to come to the Bungalow Bible Class. These boys, through fear of their parents and caste people are hindered in deciding for Christ, so we would ask your earnest prayers on their behalf.

One hundred and four scholars are enrolled in our English Sunday School and the ministry in this department has been one of real joy. The four teachers are keenly interested in their work and the children seem to love the Sunday School. Quite a number of the older children have given their hearts to the Lord and we long to see them "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We thank God for all the encouragement He has given in the work, and press on to see much more accomplished in His name.

MISS K. P. WILLIAMS.

BODWAD TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Biblical Training School opened in July with seventeen students enrolled. Eight of these took the regular course as outlined in the Indian Constitution and seven passed the term examinations. Two students have completed the Training School studies and received their diplomas. They are bright students and good preachers and we pray that they may grow in grace and become useful in the service of the Lord.

REVS. SCHELANDER AND SEIGEL.

CHALISGAON.

First Outstation.

When we told our Christians living at Kurrumude that the Mission could not build them a house for a worker or School because of lack of funds, they replied, "we will build the house" and immediately started work. The men dug the foundation, women acted as coolies and those who could not work on the building gave money and eight thousand bricks. Shortly the work
was completed, and on July first we had the great joy of opening our first out-station. The worker in charge of this station was recently accosted by a Hindoo who threatened to strike him dead if he again mentioned the name of Jesus, whereupon the worker declared, "Jesus Christ is the Saviour and apart from Him there is no salvation". Instantly the disturber rushed up upon him but was defeated in his wretched purpose by the men in the crowd.

Meetings.

One hundred and seventy-one church services have been held through the year. The Bible classes conducted by the Indian pastor have been made a great blessing to the people. Two meetings for the women are held weekly also a children's meeting conducted by Miss Doderlein. We have also made a weekly visit to our new outstation where a class for the Christian women is held. We praise the Lord for an Anglo-Indian family who have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. The head of the family said, "I will from this day be the slave of Christ". It surprises us what the Lord has done.

MISSSES RUTHERFORD AND DODERLEIN.

CHANDUR.

Last year when we came to Convention our one horse was injured which delayed us in going on tour as soon as we desired, so our evangelists started out alone and pitched camp at a large religious fair where they sold many Gospels and did much personal work. A number of young men came to the tent daily and showed much interest in the Gospel. When we joined them at Dehui Madne, where some of our Christians live, we visited all the villages in the northern part of our country while the afternoons and evenings were mostly spent with the Christians of this place and Telegaon.

From two villages several asked for baptism but we did not feel that they were ready for this important step. Later an old man came from this section a distance of thirty miles and asked us to have prayer with him. He had bought a Scripture portion and his son who goes to school was reading it for him. Recently we received a visit from the headman of Tunglabad. This man is a product of the faithful ministry of Mr.
and Mrs. Ramsey and is being greatly opposed by his relatives and the other village villagers. Pray for him that he may remain true.

Our time during the rainy season was divided between village preaching, personal work and instructing the catechists. The bond of Christian fellowship was greatly strengthened as we studied the Scriptures with our co-labourers. Brethren, pray for us.

REV. AND MRS. B. H. HOSTETTER.

DHOLKA BOARDING SCHOOL & DISTRICT.

Our Dholka boys are as lively and boisterous as ever even though their number has been diminished to only one hundred and twenty! A number of the larger boys have found employment in mills, two in a railway shop attempting to learn the fitter's trade and one has become a butler. One of the 'graduates' is worthy of special mention. When leaving school he earnestly requested prayer that he might be used of God to win his heathen mother to Christ. In a short time the mother accepted the son's Saviour and Chiman having tasted of the joy of soul-winning, now accompanies the village catechist as a witness for Christ. Spirit-filled messages by Rev. A. I. Garrison during the District Conference were used of God to bring many of the boys into a better place spiritually and a few date their conversion from those days. A few months later fifteen boys followed the Lord in Baptism.

District Work.

God has again enabled us to bring the message of Salvation to practically all the villages of Dholka district and in nearly every camp we found earnest seekers after the Truth. A low caste man says, "I pray morning and evening 'In the name of Jesus and receive blessing". He is considering being baptized. A farmer has put away idol worship and declares that the Christian religion is right. A merchant bought a Bible and says, "pray that as the foundation of my cotton mill is being laid, so the foundation of the Christian religion 'might be formed in me". A rich Rajput has read much of the Bible and testifies that our message is true.
Evangelism has been continued from the outstations throughout the year. Recently, a crowd of burly bearded Mohammedans attacked one of our catechists living in their village and threatened to kill him and cut his wife in pieces. Much frightened, our two men left their families locked in and walked twenty miles by moonlight through deep sand and jungle to ask our assistance. Some of the more honourable men of the village are friendly to Christians but any inclination towards Christianity brings immediate and severe persecution.

Anderi Branch Church.

The branch church at Anderi has grown in numbers and in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. Eighteen believers were baptized by Rev. Garrison in March and later, nine others followed the Lord in baptism. Money has been very scarce in the village. A heavy frost blighted the promising cotton crop and payment of Government taxes could not be deferred; still, their offerings exceeded the amount pledged and at their request, a small clay-plastered chapel, with cotton stalk walls and zinc roof has been built and dedicated as the Lord's house. Pray for them.

REV. AND MRS. J. S. RINGENBERG.

JALGAON.

The church work has been going on steadily during the year. When not on tour meetings have been held in Jalgaon city itself and in the four nearby villages. During the rainy season English services were conducted at the Collector's bungalow. There are eighty-six Christians on the roll many of whom belong to different denominations but attend our church services and have contributed towards the building of the church.

While on tour the Glad Tidings were proclaimed in one hundred villages and many Scripture portions, including eleven whole Bibles, were sold.

REV. AND MRS. C. W. SCHERANDER.

KAIRA GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Revival flames, preceded by weeks of earnest prayer and heart-searchings, began to flicker in our Kaira compound in July when, by the power of the Holy
Ghost, big girls and little girls confessed with repentance, sins known and unknown to us. Lying, stealing, disobedience, criticism, etc., were humbly confessed to one another as well as to the missionaries. One girl said, "The Lord told me to confess something to you before you went to the hills but I did not have the courage and now for several days I have felt I must tell you" and as she made her confession great beads of perspiration stood out on her face. The revival has gone on through several stages, encouraging and discouraging, but we praise God for those who are still earnestly seeking His Holy Spirit and all that God has for them.

Miss Wing, who has succeeded Miss Wright as School Supervisor, writes, "Our girls have been taught about our Lord from childhood; they have been admonished to live clean, moral lives; they have been taught to abhor sin and to shun it, but it has been only as He has come in and transformed hearts and lives that our instruction and admonition has been of avail. It has not been education nor Christian environment that has altered them but God in His mighty power has been working in them.

The book-keeping and 'clean-keeping' of our children and compound have been continued by Miss King who writes, "During the days of revival I was very much touched as a little girl came to make a confession to me. For a moment her courage seemed to fail and then with one last effort she said, 'Miss King, I stole a spool of thread. One day you gave me a spool to do some sewing and told me to be sure to bring it back but I just kept it. Will you please forgive me?' I asked her if she were willing to return the thread, whereupon she reached over to a nearby window sill and said, 'Yes, here it is.' I am sure all heaven must have rejoiced in the victory of that little girl.'

We have all had a delightful share in the Training School work teaching: Synthetic Study, Doctrine, Christian Work, Exposition, Bible Geography and Singing. In our classes are three Bible-women, one teacher and eight school-girls. In secular instruction also our girls have made some progress. Last December five out of seven passed the Vernacular Final Examination and of the six girls in College five passed.
What we covet for each school girl is a thorough, real and lasting acquaintance with Christ. That these, the daughters of India, "may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace".

MISS B. B. CONGER.

KHAMGAON DISTRICT.

Within one month after my arrival in India I had the joy of being out in the District where I was joined by Mr. Crocker, who helped nobly by prayer as well as by his cornet and singing. Since we had no means of conveyance except the "Foot-mobile" and no Indian worker, the work of itinerating had to be suspended earlier than usual.

During the rains our efforts were chiefly concentrated on Khamgaon city where dwell over twenty-thousand heathen souls. In the latter part of August there was quite a communal friction between Mohammedans and Hindus, and for some days all public gatherings were forbidden but our work was not interfered with.

At Shegaon, where there are a few Christians and a large weekly bazaar, we have had the privilege of holding services with the Christians as well as preaching to large crowds. The Sunday School at this place is progressing with thirty-eight children in attendance.

In our Sunday services and mid-week prayer meetings an increased spirit of prayer, earnestness and expectancy is being manifested for which we do praise God.

REV. P. HAGBERG.

KHAMGAON SCHOOL REPORT.

Over ninety per cent of our one hundred and fifteen school girls passed the annual examination and the Inspector said the school stood first in his district. One girl went to Normal School for training this year and three are teachers in our own school.

ITEMS FOR PRAISE.

We praise God for sparing Miss Krater's life and enabling her to go on furlough in October, as well as for His healing touch on Miss Derr's eyes so that she has been able to take a part in the work since hot season. He has graciously kept us from any serious epidemic and minor diseases did not spread. We also
praise Him for the quiet spirit among our widows. At present we have only sixteen widows, dependant on the Mission for support, thirteen of whom are earning their own livelihood by doing different kinds of garden and compound work. Many victories have been won in the mid-week prayer and testimony meeting and we praise God for the spiritual growth as seen in the lives of many of our girls and women.

MRS. E. AUERNHEIMER.

MEHMEDABAD.
Evangelistic Work.

The Lord enabled us to make five camps from which, by means of the motor, we were able to cover most of the district and at the same time hold conferences and meeting, with the workers and people of the different churches and outstations. The village Christians often came to the camp to gossip the Gospel and gave valuable help in the lantern services in the evenings. One incident which happened during the touring season is worthy of note. Uncertain of our jungle road we suddenly came upon a number of improvised grass huts where a group of Northern Kathiwar grass cutters were living. They had never heard about the Lord Jesus so we had a meeting with them after which they bought several Gospels and directed us to another group further away. Again we repeated the Story and again we were directed to another crowd still farther afield. Thus on and on we went until we had given the Gospel as a witness to seven different groups. God had changed our course in order that His Name might be exalted amongst the heathen.

Pastoral.

Our adult Christians living in thirty-seven villages total almost four-hundred. Sixteen of these were baptized during the year and thirty others are seekers after the Truth. Two new Sunday Schools were organized during the year which brings the number up to eleven. Four churches are planning to build their own houses of worship at their own expense. In this district there are eight churches organized according to the Constitution and the Alliance policy.

Financial.

This year the churches presented almost four-hundred and seventy dollars to the Lord which makes an increase
over last year of one hundred and forty-three dollars. During our regional conference a tither's league was inaugurated and certain minor duties assigned to the district committees. Our Mehemedabad district committee sent out pledge cards to the different churches and out-stations with the result that one hundred and twenty persons promised to give their tenth to the Lord.

**Bookselling.**

God has so blessed this phase of the work in the Mehemedabad district that we have been able to sell over fifteen-thousand Gospels and other religious books in six languages inside the past year. This number exceeds last year's total sales for the whole Mission by three-hundred and seven. Five religious fairs were visited during the year where the printed Word was sold. The railway station is one of the greatest outlets for books and we are sure that many of the books there sold have entered into some of the closed parts of Western India. Pray with us that God will set His seal upon each book and bring The Light of the world into many hearts.

**REV. AND MRS. W. H. LEWELLEN.**

**MURTIZAPUR.**

After our return from Convention we were obliged to continue the building of the Tabernacle in order to avoid much difficulty regarding the labour question and incurring increased expenditure, therefore were delayed in starting district work.

**Touring.**

During the season four camps were made. The receiving of the car made a most welcome change in our work. Two by two our Indian helpers went ahead of us into the centres we intended to visit. In our second camping place the headman of the village "showed us no little kindness" in escorting us to a good camping place, urging us to draw water from the high caste well, etc. Reports of our 'preaching' had spread to this place so caste men came daily to the tent to hear the Story.

**Results.**

At Kowta thirteen were baptized and eight babies were dedicated. A farmer stirred by the Gospel Story exclaimed—"Wonderful wonderful this JESUS that He
should do all this!" Next day he returned bringing his mother, two wives and his brother's wife, saying "I told them the Story and they could not rest until they had heard it for themselves, so tell them". Later he visited Murtizapur with a special request from one of the women who could read from the book from which we had read to them. This incident reveals the change that is coming over this people. To get into the caste homes is great but to have a man bring his womanfolk to be taught is still greater.

Meetings.

The usual Sunday services have been regularly held. On Sunday evenings with our workers we hold a prayer season when we take all the difficulties and encouragements of the work to God in prayer and thanksgiving. Friday noon we hold a meeting for the Christians who may come in for the weekly market.

Then when building and repair work was in progress we conducted daily a simple, short service with the labourers. There was considerable danger attached to the roofing of the church with only inexperienced workmen, as well as a few hairbreadth escapes from snakes hidden among the bricks, but God answered our prayers and no one was injured.

Personal Work.

Many farmers have come from far and near to hear The Message during the past year. In January an aged, suffering man came from a village in Ellichpur and from his own testimony we believe to him it was a message of "life". Later when we visited him he laid his hand upon his heart and said, "it is peace within".

We expect to see many of the people of the Murtizapur district turning to God soon. There is a goodly number of inquirers and several are awaiting baptism.

REV. AND MRS. L. J. CUTLER.

PACHORA.

We started out on tour as soon as possible after the birth of our little Lois Mary on November seventh, to find that plague was very bad and that the people were living in huts outside the villages. Many did not care to have us come, others listened interestedly before
they were snatched away perhaps that same night, reminding us that we were surely standing between the living and the dead. The Lord especially blessed in the giving out of the work in the Nizam’s territory. Many said, "We have never heard this message before," while on the other hand, it was a great joy to find fragments of Truth still lingering in the hearts and minds of some who had heard it twenty years ago.

Missionary effort is chiefly directed towards Hindus but this year it has been our privilege to have with us Brother Shahin Bower who could give a clear presentation of the Gospel message to Mohammedans, who have been neglected because of the inability of missionaries to converse with them in their own language. Recently a Mohammedan leader wanted to be baptized and had it not been for an evangelist who could speak Urdu he could not have received the needed help.

Church and Sunday School.

There has been much joy in noting progress in the organization of the church as well as in its growth in numbers, liberality and spirituality. On the other hand some of our new Christians have been guilty of theft and sin in different degrees so we feel that the church too is in need of the message "Repent". The Sunday School has been carried on with a very simple organization. The Bible is becoming the text book rather than the lesson help, and interest in its study is increasing. Volunteer work is more readily undertaken and we believe other messengers of The Truth are being prepared in our missionary prayer meetings.

REV. AND MRS. T. AMSTUTZ.

SANAND.

From the time we came to Sanand in 1919 until we left for furlough in 1923 we had made several trips during touring season into the then unoccupied territory north of us known as Kadi Prant, but seeing that desired district did not come into Alliance hands until 1923, the privilege of camping inside its borders was not ours until we returned to India at the beginning of the present year, when we were permitted to start touring operations from the very spot where we left off to go on furlough in 1923.
Fifteen days after our arrival we were settled in our first camp and in the short six weeks that followed with the help of our new Ford we were able to cover a semi-circle of territory comprising one hundred and two villages with an aggregate attendance of twenty-four thousand people. In these villages we sold fifteen hundred Gospels and distributed much free Christian literature. Never before in our touring experiences have we seen such evidence of the Spirit's working in the hearts of the people and we believe many were convinced of the power of the Gospel story.

Opposition was strongest in Kadi city where we were welcomed with a shower of refuse and bricks. hindered from preaching in the public square and refused water. But gradually there was a weakening in the opposing forces and before we left we had the joy of showing the True and Living Way to several who regularly visited the camp in the dusk of evening. and we also received invitations to the homes of two high caste men who emphasized their desire to help us in any way they could. Later, after much prayer and effort, we were able to rent accommodation for two evangelists in the very centre of that large town of ten-thousand inhabitants. These men have been called upon to endure not a little persecution for the Gospel's sake, but God has given them an entrance into several high caste homes and there is a very promising outlook for a Sunday School there.

The rest of the year has been filled with routine work; visitation of outstations, summer school work and itinerating from the bungalow. In Sanand, a caste man declares there is no teacher like Christ and no book like the Bible. A Brahmin at Kalol has read the greater part of the Bible as well as several of Dr. Simpson's books, but stumbles over his desire for an experience similar to that of Sadhu Sunder Sing. At the same place another high caste man and his wife profess to love the Lord Jesus. They come regularly to our Sunday meetings and claim to have accepted The Truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Kerr, Viramgam.

When I reached Viramgam on January second I found that my co-worker, Miss Peter had her face set towards Cutch so I went out on tour in the Viramgam district.
with the Indian workers. After a few days we were joined by Miss Wright and sweet was the fellowship we had in prayer and service.

While out on tour we visited sixty villages telling the Old, Old Story in every part of each village and leaving God’s written Word in the hands of the people. Never before has God’s Word been read by the high caste people like it is today. Some say this is because Mr. Gandhi uses the sermon on the mount and other parts of the Bible in his writings and addresses. Be this as it may, we rejoice that God’s Word is being read both in the city and the villages. All in the camp were busy working for the Lord, not only the Mission workers but the cook and horseman rejoiced in their many opportunities of witnessing for Christ and selling books to those who wished to buy.

The touring season was followed by the cotton season and hundreds of people from Kathiwar and other places came to Viramgam to shell cotton and to work in the cotton mills. They camped in groups all around the city thus gifting us an opportunity to reach them with the Gospel.

After our return from the hills we found there was famine in Ootch and several native states north of us and the poor people were obliged to leave their village homes in search for food and grass for their cattle. Soon the poverty stricken band reached Viramgam and again we had the great joy of telling them of the Saviour’s love. Last year the native king forbade the preaching of the Christian religion in his territory; this year there is famine in the land and the people are leaving by thousands and coming to places where they will not only receive food for their starving bodies but will hear of Him who is the Bread of Life.

In the city of Viramgam many have the whole Bible; others have the New Testament or portions of the Word while Miss Peter employs a former worker as bookseller and he does very good work in selling Scriptures on our large railway station, besides witnessing for Christ to the many travellers.

MISS CORA H. HANSEN.

THE INDO-AFGHAN BORDER

During the year we have investigated things on the Indo-Afghan Border as far as possible and visited most
of the important places. There has been peace on the Border throughout the year. Chitral is closed to missionaries. In the Northwest Frontier Province the country open to the Christian and Missionary Alliance is none except they enter country claimed, and in a sense occupied, by others.

We have done much personal work among the men coming and going in Mardan. We have preached to small congregations of Pathans who assemble with us or who work for the missionaries. This is a small work but it is the best that is so far done among the men. There are some sincere inquirers here and some of them are from the best families. A small fund was given us for literature and this we have expended on tracts for distribution among those who would take them. It is all gone now. Some Afghans are too fanatical to take non-Muslim literature but many more take it. The majority are so illiterate that they can't read but we give them literature just the same for they will never destroy it and many times such papers have been taken to Afghanistan and there read by the Mullah.

It is significant that the only convert from among the Afghans since we have been here was first attracted to Christ and Christian teachings by reading the praises of the Christ in the Quran. He was drawn into open confession of the Saviour by deaths of loved ones, and is now in Mardan reading with missionaries. Some day he will be a teacher of others.

The great problem for the missionary here, as everywhere else among the Muslims, is how to get the pure Gospel across to them, and yet not arouse their fanaticism and prejudices so high that they will refuse to hear what we have to say. And when a convert is won what shall we do with him? He cannot go back to his people; he loses all friends and usually all property that he may have; Reports from Arabia, Persia, Egypt and India all agree on most of these difficulties. It is stated by some in Teheran that were it possible to care for a convert without making him feel as though he were eating the bread of charity, there would be more and better converts. This is a subject for most earnest prayer by all Christians.

The trans-Border country contains five tribal areas and five agencies. All areas inaccessible as Afghanistan
itself and are only nominally under British rule. In these trans-Border districts are the fiercest of all border people who have respect for neither the law of God nor of man; in the portions that are not open are 2,825,196 people, and a territory of 25,500 sq. miles. If these figures be included in any missionary statistics then we may as well include Afghanistan itself, for all are forbidden to us. The Afghan is a more reasonable man than the tribesman and is no more illiterate.

MESSRS. WILEY AND CHRISTENSEN.

THE INDO-TIBETAN BORDER.

The matter of securing a place in Pedong was more difficult than was at first thought. I have found only one suitable house vacant and the prospects of securing that were gloomy, but God intervened on our behalf rendering the landlord willing to rent, and permitting no hindrance to come from the Roman Catholics in Pedong who had to be consulted before we could have the house. We came to Pedong in January and on the first Sunday here we had a Tibetan service with our servants and others who gathered with them, and in the afternoon with some twenty pilgrims from the rest-house. From that time on we have been occupied in dispensing the Bread of Life to pilgrims, traders, officials, and muleteers from the closed land, and believe that God has blessed our feeble efforts.

Working chiefly among travelers, as we do on this trade route, more than seed-sowing is not possible. Any impression which may be made cannot be followed up, but we believe that much can be accomplished by the distribution of Christian literature in preparing the way for a general advance when the gates of Tibet are flung open. One day when we were preaching to some thirty pilgrims camped in a field, some of them asserted that in a monastery in Southern Tibet was a lama who had heard of Jesus at Lachen in Sikkim where the faithful and devoted missionaries of the Finnish Free Church are labouring. With a supply of Christian literature he returned to his own country where in due time the Word of God became fruitful in his life. Whether this story is true we cannot say; but we do know that the knowledge of the Lord is surely, though slowly, finding an entrance into that dark closed land even though its gates are so securely barred to all strangers.

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Mr. P. E. Hagberg ... 1893
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MARDAN, North-West Frontier Province.
Mr. & Mrs. T. Wiley 1923.

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Miss E. Lothian 1904.

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