# The Annual Report of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in India for the Year 1927

## Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Annual Convention Report</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chairman's Report for 1927</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ahmedabad</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Akola Station and District</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Akola Boarding School and Orphanage</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amravati</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anjangaon</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bhusawal</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chalisgaon</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chandur</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dholka District and Boys' Boarding School</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jalgaon, E. Khandesh</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Khamgaon District</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Khamgaon Girls' Boarding School</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaira Girls' Boarding School</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matar</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Malkapur</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mehmedabad</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Murtizapur</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nargaon</td>
<td>71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pachora</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senand</td>
<td>75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Viramgam</td>
<td>79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kedgaon (Ramabai Mukti Mission)</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

"Occupy till I come."
The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

HEADQUARTERS—260 West 44th Street
New York.

Founder ...................... Rev. A. B. Simpson.
President ..................... Rev. H. M. Shuman.
General Secretary ........... Mr. W. S. Poling.
Foreign Secretaries .......... Rev. A. C. Snead,
                            Rev. W. M. Turnbull,
                            Rev. William Christie,
                            Rev. David Mason.

"The Christian and Missionary Alliance is an
unsectarian Society carrying on Missionary work
in nearly all the great heathen lands of the world.
Its work includes much pioneering in new fields
and is strongly evangelistic in character.

HEADQUARTERS FOR INDIA—Alliance Mis-
sion, Akola, Berar, C. P. Chairman of the
Executive Committee—Rev. W. Moyser.

"The work of the Alliance in India is admi-
nistratively united into one mission, though
linguistically it is divided into two separate sec-
tions. 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 Khan-
desh 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 are 61 missionaries working in these
various areas, with 145 Indian workers.

The India Alliance is issued bi-Monthly and
is sent by the missionaries to their friends to
stimulate prayer for India and for the Alliance
work in this land.

* * * * *

Special Day of Prayer the Last Friday of
each month.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Yearly comes the call to 'go up' to Akola, the historic rendezvous for well over one-third of a century, of Alliance Missionaries scattered throughout the provinces of Berar, Khandesh and Gujarat. With feelings akin to those of the tribes of Israel heralded to Jerusalem for the worship of God and mutual edification, we promptly respond, glad for a respite from the routine and burdens of the work, as well as the opportunity of assembling ourselves together.

A couple of days previous to the opening of Convention, Missionaries, with their babies, bundles of bedding, tin trunks of clothing, (usually representative of the styles in vogue when we 'landed') water vessels and lunch baskets, filed into the spacious Akola compound and were promptly accommodated by the energetic Entertainment Committee in the two bungalows, servants' and store rooms made habitable for the occasion. Homeland friends might be interested to know that now-a-days third class travelling is well nigh impossible for Missionaries. Reservations for European and Anglo-Indian passengers have been cancelled and the white man is considered an intruder in the body of the train, literally jammed with Indians. Moreover, the formidable, padlocked doors of Waiting Rooms on Railway stations only swing open to holders of second class tickets, so in this instance at least the East is hurrying the West!

Conference was opened by Mr. Hagberg, one of our beloved seniors in rank and experience. He gave a very tender, practical message on 'Under Shepherds'. Christ is not only the Saviour of our souls; He is the Great Shepherd of the sheep. As Under Shepherds, love must
prompt our efforts to feed and shield the flocks entrusted to our care. They will follow us as we follow Christ, and their spiritual growth will largely depend on how and what we feed them.

Mr. Schelander, another 'old worthy,' brought 'new light out of an old moon' in his scholarly discourse on 'Coldness.' With the first six verses of Acts 28 as a basis for his remarks, he showed us that this old world is a cold place for the Christian. Because of sin there is coldness in the political, judicial, ecclesiastical and business world. The church too has its 'cold seasons.' From early ages, Christians have been the heat givers in the cold corners of the earth. God calls us to make a fire of the coals of His Word, prayer and fellowship with Himself, that will warm up the barbarous people amongst whom we are placed.

Miss Hansen, who also dates from the 'good, old days,' spoke on 'Fishers of Men.' She reminded us that the commission to the servant of God is two-fold—preach and heal. If we closely follow our Guide we shall have the joy of seeing men and women physically and spiritually healed.

Sunday morning, Mr. Moyser called us all 'to attention' for a spiritual Inspection Parade. Paul, the great prototype of the Christian worker was marshalled before us as our example of faith, power and fruitfulness in service; a working saint who established self-supporting churches wherever he went. Christ our Great File Leader desires that His soldiers obey His call; carry the 'full kit' of the 'fruit of the Spirit' and show capacity to endure and suffer for His sake. Later in the week, he reminded us, 'that the practical clarifies the spiritual' and thereupon gave a 'Do and Don't' talk relative to our attitude towards Indians of all ranks; recognition of the customs of the country; care of our bodies; methods of presenting the Gospel etc. We greatly regret to report that a hard attack of malaria disabled our Chairman from further activities during Convention days.
Mention must be made of a few of the high spots of the addresses given by Messrs Carner and Garrison, just returned from furlough. With II Kings 3:6 as a text, Mr. Carner made old truth new as he emphasised the necessity of a keen sense of our need as the initial step towards receiving the heavenly supply. Need, all our needs, must be felt and confessed. Our vessels, i.e. our hearts, must be empty of all our own plans and ambitions. There must be a wholesale, wholehearted committal to God, Who always gives enough to pay our debts and live on. In his message on Heb. 13:14, Mr. Carner reminded us that God had created man with a homing instinct: a desire for fellowship with Himself, but that instinct had been perverted through sin and the fall. This sinful world is not a suitable home for the believer, therefore, we ‘seek one to come’, where we shall live in a sinless environment; a congenial neighbourhood, where, ‘His servants shall serve Him’.

Mr. Garrison spoke from Exodus 15:26 on the ‘Conditions of God’s preserving and keeping power’. Bringing us to New Testament times he showed us had the Early Church continued as it began, the same wonderful power of the Holy Spirit would have been manifested in this age. If we obey His commands we will have the power. Referring to the miracle at the gate ‘which is called Beautiful’ Mr. Garrison pointed out we cannot hold on to silver and gold and have the power of healing. God wants us to be detached from things; to have the spirit of unity and community as seen in Acts 2:42 and 4:34. Division means loss of power. Fullness of the Spirit is power and that power can only be purchased and maintained by a life of ceaseless prayer.

God used this message as an impetus to our faith as we prayed for the healing of dear Miss Berchtold. She came to Convention in a weakened condition and was now critically ill. Regular meetings were suspended and the Convention gave itself to fasting and prayer for her who
was sick. God heard and brought her back from what seemed the very gates of death, and now she is slowly recovering. To God be all the glory.

A very beautiful, instructive message on the ‘Love of Christ’ was given by Mr. Hartman. Because of His love for us, Christ released His right to Divine glory, that He might become our Saviour. Love, not example, was the motive power of Paul’s heart and life. The ‘love of Christ’ fences us off from things trifling and worthless; confines our energies and emotions into narrow channels in His service, and urges us with irresistible force to reach the unsaved.

Mr. Brabazon focussed our thoughts on the importance of the Morning Watch. Like David (Psa. 143:8,10) we need to meet God in the early morning. We must wait upon Him to learn how to do His will; to ascertain His chosen path for us and to get power for service.

Mr. Hostetter, from Eph. 2:6, gave a very helpful talk on our ‘State and Standing’ as believers. Christ has called us to sit, to rest, with Him. The Christian life should be both restful and fruitful.

Mr. Conant preached what he called a ‘Children’s Sermon.’ As helpless ‘babes in Christ,’ we ought to be simple, teachable and willing to have our thoughts, words and actions controlled by our Heavenly Father.

On the last day of the feast, two roly-poly babies—Gladys June Schlatter and Wallace Randall Ringenberg—were tenderly dedicated to the Lord by Mr. Hagberg. On the same day our young brother Mr. Fred Schelinder, was publicly ordained to the ministry of the Gospel. God bless Fred and may He inspire many more Missionaries’ sons to ‘follow in his train.’

Convention over, the happy family dispersed, glad for the prospect of another year’s service for Him in India.

Blanche B. Conger.
Jane E. Kerr.
Report of Chairman for 1927.

"The blessings of the Lord it maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow."

We, as a Mission, have so much this year to rejoice over, especially when we think that though there has been so much sickness all around us, yet this year we have not lost a single missionary by death, for which, from our hearts, we praise God. We feel sorry to have to report the necessity of the returning to the Homeland of Miss Mabel Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Kliewer and family, both parties being sent home as emergency cases on account of illness.

We are glad to welcome back to the Field those who are returning to us from furlough, and trust that—they being strengthened physically and refreshed spiritually, may come to us not only in the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but come ready to step into any place and willing to take up any burden as only returned missionaries can do. So at this time we heartily welcome Brother and Sister Carner and Gerald; Brother and Sister A. I. Garrison and family; Misses Conger, Williams, Beardslee and Wright back to the land of their adoption. Then, we are always glad to welcome back the children of our own missionaries who have chosen India as their sphere of future service. We very gladly receive Miss Faith Cutler who has returned to the land of her birth for the first time as a missionary, and we extend the right hand of fellowship to Miss Edna Buhler, who is coming out to us for the first time.

We have had several calamities happen to us during the past year. First of all we had a severe hurricane that did several thousand rupees worth of damage to our girls’ dormitories in Kedgaon. Surely, the goodness of the Lord was manifested at that time, for iron roofs were blown off and walls crashed down, but not a life was lost nor a limb broken. Here is an opportunity for our home
friends to send a love offering to defray the expenses that incurred in repairing these damaged buildings. We have all heard, more or less, of the flood in Gujarat. Sufficient to say, that while the average annual rainfall is about thirty inches, Kaira had over 100 inches, and of that amount seventy fell in six days. Ahmedabad had 55 inches above normal; 50 inches falling within a week. All railroad communications were broken down and telegraph wires were for days out of commission. Dholka and Kaira were entirely isolated and cut off for days from all communication with the rest of the world. Newspapers report Ahmedabad having 5,000 houses destroyed; Kaira 1,200 and Mehmmedabad over 1,000; there being over 170,000 destroyed in the entire Province. Many cattle are dead, crops ruined and a great deal of damage done to all kinds of property including some of our own Mission property, for repairs of which 10,000 rupees are needed at once. I am glad to say our Marathi-speaking Christians made generous offerings to their suffering brethren in Gujarat. Two months after the storm began I passed through Gujarat and visited all of our stations. I am very glad indeed to say that things seem fairly bright and the damage not so great as I had expected. Crops are being replanted and to my mind, they are in a flourishing condition. I trust that our Mission properties will soon all be repaired, especially the Viramgam bungalow, the roof of which leaks like a sieve and needs prompt attention. I do not think under present conditions that we shall have to make any more appeals for help to our Home Board and friends. Once these Mission properties are properly repaired, our Indian Christians, I am sure, will be able with the help of their own brethren, to speedily replace their own losses. They have not suffered as a community as others have. Recently passing through Dholka it looked as if fully one half of this large town had fallen down.

After our last Convention we closed up Headquarters here in Akola, sending the young missionaries out to other
stations, and we went over to Gujarat, where we stayed until the hot season began, making visits to all our stations and going to a number of the out-stations. During this time we had a number of meetings with missionaries, workers and lay Christians and also conducted three vernacular (Gujarati) district conferences in which God's presence was blessedly manifested. On our way to the hills we stopped off at Mukti for Executive Committee meeting, and there we also had meetings with the workers and people. Since the hot season we have spent most of our time visiting the Marathi stations. One other trip was made to all our Gujarati Stations. During the year we have visited all our stations more than once; have traveled a little over 13,000 miles, and have not lost a single day by illness for which we praise our heavenly Father.

In September I was your delegate to the Bombay Regional Church Conference held in Bombay. Of this matter I will speak at another time. I know that some of us question whether we ought to retain our membership in this body of missionaries. My personal opinion is that seeing a membership in this Conference entitles us to know what is going on in missionary circles around us; gives us a right to openly protest against things that would be harmful to our Indian Christian community as a whole, and also an opportunity to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," we ought to be represented in this important Conference, for, "there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

We recently closed three days of special meetings here in Akola at the close of the Summer School for the Marathi workers. The church was packed with good congregations of Indian Christians, quite a number came at this time from our outside villages. I cannot write this
report after listening to the splendid sermons preached by
Shahu Bauer, Mr. Tomari, Ruganath Kundari, Rutnaker
Divar and Muggan Jellazee during that Convention with-
out thanking God for these men and their lives and pray-
ing that He may give us many more like them. The
Marathi workers at this time gave an offering of rupees
780 for the support of two Indian workers, whom they
maintain thus helping to lift the burden from our Home
Board. In Sanand also the workers are giving collectively
towards the support of a colporteur in their own district.
Kaira is asking us to give them a part time pastor, and
Bhusawal is now doing this very same thing. We must
foster and push along this spirit of collective giving, for
in this way only can we ever start self-supporting churches
and workers. Let us by kindly and timely advice help
our people to see the need of collective giving for our
work and they will then see what they themselves
can do in the line of self-support. The Gujarati Alliance
Christian community during the past year voted a sum of
Rs. 3,226-0-0 (that they have had on hand for several years,)
for the rebuilding of the fallen church in Mehmedabad. We
truly appreciate this noble offering on their part. No
matter what our predecessors in the work have done or
have not done, now is the time to build well and wisely,
laying foundations sure and strong that will stand the
test of time and storm, and opposition by the enemy. So
let us build with our eyes to the future, calling upon our
people to generously expend the best that is in them for
the Master and the coming church.

Last year some of our missionaries toured in several
native states and touched new territory. But we have only
touched the fringe of things. Non-British India has to-day
over 200,000 towns and villages and not more than 150
have any Christian workers. Then there are over 609
native states with less than 60 entered by Christian workers.
Surely we have as yet, very much land to be possessed. In
the districts we hold, and which are labelled 'occupied',
there is a population of more than 98% non-Christian of whom four-fifths are women and children. Friends, think calmly and deliberately. What is really being done for this great and important factor in our work? Are the women and children of our districts really getting a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

We are very glad to report that Miss Mabel Rurey has successfully passed her first examination in Marathi, and Mrs. Siegel, Mrs. Schlatter, Mr. Crocker and Mr. Fred Schlander (the latter with honours) have passed their second Marathi examination.

We are glad of the promise that "My Word shall not return unto me void," and I trust that the 35,000 Scripture portions which have been sold during the past year will, in many homes and villages, be a silent witness to the power of the Gospel to win men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, pray that these books may not be destroyed or laid away upon shelves, but that they may be read, and read to spiritual benefit.

The total number of evangelistic meetings held during the year was a little over 18,000 while the Church services numbered over 5,000. In these meetings over half a million people heard the Word of God. While we praise God for this and rejoice that many have had a chance to hear the Truth we must remember that many of these half million hearers have been counted time and time again as they represent the sum total of the whole year's audiences. That is, they are reported again and again as the worker goes on his round of villages. They also contain those who are counted Sunday by Sunday in our church services. When we realise that our constituency is over 3 millions it means that it will take us almost ten years to really reach the people of our districts just once with the Gospel message. This is really appalling.

Last year we baptized 100 persons against 143 six years ago, but to-day we have 246 under Christian instruc-
tion. We may not be baptizing them to-day as readily as we did six years ago, but the pentecostal church was added to daily, “and the Lord multiplied believers greatly.” Oh, may God add to us daily. May we pray, work and believe for a daily adding.

The offerings of the church have increased in a very precious way. Six years ago the sum total of 1,821 Christians’ giving plus the missionaries’ offerings was only rupees 933 and it averaged annas 8-9 per capita. This year our 2,220 church members gave the noble sum of rupees 6,875, or an average of rupees 3-1-7; a splendid advance. There is, however, a great discrepancy between the highest giving and the lowest per capita in the station. One station, with 44 members, reports an average of rupees 9-3-7 per capita, and the lowest is annas 7-9 per member. Yet the last has perhaps made the greatest advance of all, for six years ago their average was 11 pies. To-day it is annas 7-9 per capita. Yet, friends, we must lead our people on in the duty and privilege of giving. We thank God for what has been done on this line, yet we realize they are still a long way from coming up to par. Let us with faith and courage, and by line upon line, and precept upon precept, urge our people to appropriate the privileges of more generous giving and self-support.

To-day we thank God for our Christian community of 4,272 people living in 206 towns and villages. This makes the work much harder and more complex than it was in the early days when we had only a few Christians in the few main stations. Oh, that these people would have the experience of those of whom Paul writes in his letter to the Thessalonians, “So that ye were ensamples to all that live in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the Word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad, so that we need not to speak anything.”

In closing, I would like to impress upon you, one and all, the necessity of stressing COLLECTIVE GIVING,
by that I mean putting their offerings together for some
definite and specific part of the work, instead of scattering
it here and there as we have so often done in the past. In
this way our people can then build, or support, workers
and pastors. Stress building four-square churches, namely,
self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating and self-
contained, that is, strive to build a church with all the
spiritual gifts in it.

When we realized that four-fifths of our constituency
are women and children, I wonder very much if they have
not been neglected in the past. These are important factors
in our work, and I wish that in the coming year emphasis
could be laid on this ministry, and that a more intelligent
and faithful work be done amongst the women of the
different districts.

There is a very great need in our larger churches for
more Bible class teaching, and the Home Board has
expressed a desire that such classes should be started, out
of which young people could be selected for our Bible
Training Schools. Shall we not lay this matter very much
to heart and start these Bible classes as soon as possible?

May we not, as a Mission, learn from other Missions
the benefit of having our people pledge, not only monthly
offerings for the support of the work, but pledge a portion
of their time to go out in the surrounding towns and
villages in preaching or singing parties to testify and work
for Jesus?

As a Mission, organized to reach the dark corners of
the earth, untouched as yet by the Light of the Gospel, may
we keep our hearts and eyes looking for OPEN DOORS
and having seen them may we by faith step in. May God
give us grace and wisdom along this line.

Six years ago I wrote the following, 'The Changing
East,'—'To day there is a new spirit abroad in the land. It
is felt in more ways than one, and we can no more say,
'The Unchangeable East.' There is a Chauvinistic spirit
of patriotism abroad all over the land to-day. It will need wisdom, tact and infinite patience to deal with it and lead it in the right path. This is not only felt in political circles, but it is being felt more and more in church circles. The old all-subservient spirit is gone, and gone, I believe, forever. This is decidedly manifested amongst the rising generation of educated Christian men. They are demanding a large service, equal rights, and in some places, control of Foreign Mission money. The writer was speaking some time ago to an old missionary who had served more than forty years in this land, and he said to the writer, 'The young men of my mission want more pay, less work and practically no supervision of their time or work.' Thank God for every forward movement, and for every advance that our people can make, and for every position they can efficiently and faithfully fill, but we must also ever remember that self-support and self-government must go hand in hand with self-propagation. As a Mission, may God give us grace, wisdom and tact to lead them into a larger and more useful sphere of service for Him. It is true that we missionaries must decrease, and they must increase if ever India is to be given the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Just a month ago in a large Missionary Conference I heard an educated Indian pastor say, "Our people won't work themselves; meaning of course, Christian work, neither will they pay those who will." Just this very week I heard an Indian lay person say, "Oh, our people want more pay, less work and no supervision." Now if the above was true six years ago, I am very sure it is not less true to-day. May we all be so deepened in God during this Convention that we will see our problems in a new light, and receive a new filling of the Holy Ghost for the service that lies ahead of each one of us. "Girding up our loins with faith and having our hearts filled with divine love let us go forth with courage, to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ; holding fast the faith as once delivered to the saints by teaching and practising the fourfold Gospel held
by our Mission as fundamental truths, viz: Jesus Christ the Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King, so build up the church of God and call out the elect number for His Name's sake. Amen and amen."

We cannot close this report without thanking God for the good measure of health and strength that we personally have enjoyed all through the year; for the loving way He has answered so many prayers; for the supplying of all our personal needs and for the way He has provided for our widows, orphans, workers, institutions, buildings, etc; for the harmony that has prevailed in all our Executive meetings, and finally, for the loving care and support given to your humble servant by one and all. It has been a joy to serve you and we thank you for co-operation.

Yours in the Coming King's Service,

Wm. MOYSER.

Ahmedabad District, 1927.

What a privilege to be partners with Christ in the great Missionary Enterprise! Only yesterday the last Examination papers of the Summer School Bible Course were marked and a most happy task was ended. The hours spent in searching the Word will be remembered throughout the year.

The first item on the programme of the past year was moving from the city to the Camp some four miles away. All we had hoped for in making the change has not been realized, nevertheless, sufficient progress has been evident to prove the wisdom of the move and we praise the Lord.

Some adjustments have been made necessary by the change but there have been compensations. We were surprised to find some villages near the Camp which had not been visited by anyone with the Message of life for a long time. Asarva, where we hope a Branch Church will
soon be established, is nearer now than when we were at
the former bungalow. It has been more difficult for our
faithful co-labourer, Miss Berchtold, because of no con-
veyance, yet in spite of this handicap, her constant applica-
tion to her task has been used of the Lord, resulting, we
believe, in abiding fruit.

There are two out-stations in this district where we
can stay over night, thus avoiding the necessity of taking
a tent for shelter. From these places many villages can
be reached. Then there is a good room which can be
rented in another section of the district as a centre from
which the surrounding villages can be visited. Our district
borders on Baroda State, so we often slipped over the line
and had some of our best meetings there.

During touring season it was necessary to supervise
the repairing of the bungalow, but we were able to go to
Ashapur and have meetings in most of the villages in its
vicinity. The men of Ashapur were busy in the fields,
but the women who were more at leisure were gathered
together by Mrs. Brabazon and good meetings were
reported.

Mrs. Brabazon has had many interesting experiences
in making the women, who on her approach told her she
was not wanted, change their minds and sit down and
listen to her. By exercising a little patience and tact, her
meetings for "women only" proved a source of joy and
encouragement. She praises the Lord for seven of the
large girls of her Sunday School Class of nine who were
baptized during the past year. Two of them were bapt-
ised since the statistical report was sent in.

We thank the Lord for the first year of self-support
which has just been completed by the Ahmedabad Church.
They have supported their pastor and paid for the up-keep
of the Church. Offerings have increased, the total for the
year being about Rs. 1,100. This is little compared with
what they some day will give, but it is encouraging. Last
year the church again sent out its own touring party which was afield a little over two weeks. In some of the weaving factories weekly prayer meetings are conducted and in two of the mills where numbers of our people work, weekly preaching and prayer services are maintained. At Asārvā a school has been started just recently, but unfortunately the teacher has been ill with fever much of the time, so but little can be said about the school. However, we are looking to the Lord for a perfect deliverance so that the work can again be undertaken in real earnest. While 15 baptisms were recorded for 1926, there have been 16 for the year just ended and since the writing of the statistical report three others have been baptised. Under Mr. Moyser’s preaching a fruitful convention was held in March.

Our Pastor, Rev. Manabhai Raymal, has proved himself well worthy of his calling and has fearlessly proclaimed the Word of Life. His humble, faithful walk with the Master and his constant prayer life have provoked us to hunger and thirst after the Lord. May the Lord of the harvest raise up others of like mind for the churches, which will, we trust, become self-supporting.

We have had to learn something about “keeping our hands off,” and have left the Pastoral work entirely to the Pastor. Our moving to Camp has been a real asset in carrying out this programme. Naturally, some have misunderstood our attitude, but we are sure that it has been a blessing and has brought the Pastor and people together as nothing else could. However, we always hold ourselves open to calls for prayer and to the assistance of the Pastor.

There have been several cases of definite healing. One young man had developed T. B., and his wasted body had scarcely strength enough to move about the house. Going to the home one day with a Worker, we prayed, God heard and granted our petition and to-day he is well and strong, going daily to his work. His father broke down as we prayed and promised to follow the Master.
The second case proves the faithfulness of our Father God, even when our faith has grown dim from looking at the object of suffering instead of watching only the Master. Little Benju, our bookseller’s boy, came down with heavy fever which soon proved to be typhoid. Then came the cough and pneumonia set in. The child weakened under the constant fever and the cough grew worse as the time lengthened into weeks. One day the doctor told them that he had T. B. and the case was hopeless. We prayed and anointed the child but daily he grew worse until he could hardly move. It seemed that the only avenue of relief was if the Lord would take him to Himself, but one day the fever stopped. Then came a desire for food and gradually the cough and all his troubles were gone, and he is now the same healthy, happy little lad as before. Praise His dear name for ever!

We are so thankful to our heavenly Father for the good work He is doing through our faithful Pastor, but our longing is for the great untouched multitudes of Hindus and Muslems amongst whom we are permitted to move, but so far have not seen any real break in their ranks. May our Father God grant us this privilege in the coming year.

Much could be added concerning the excellent work done amongst the women and children, but as Miss Berchtold will report this work, no further comment is necessary here.

JAMES & RUTH BRABAZON.

Women’s work in Ahmedabad City.

Women’s work in the big city of Ahmedabad has not a few advantages, and many hours have we spent with various little groups of women, telling them the ‘glad tidings’ while they make bread, sew or are busy with other household duties. One finds a great many who are eager
to hear about the Saviour who loves them, and invitations to return are repeated in most places. Only a few days ago, several women, after having listened to the story of salvation for over two hours, remarked, "This Story is good. You ought to come at least once a week. When will you come again?" There is no time or season when one cannot find a company of Ahmedabad women ready to hear the Gospel. Intelligent questions are often asked, not about our clothes, customs or salary, but concerning the Living Christ, the only Saviour from sin. I praise God that several have confessed their faith in Christ, pray in His name and love the Word, yet they lack courage to publicly acknowledge themselves Christians.

The work among the heathen children has had a good influence on the mothers. Often they lay aside their work and sit down to hear their children sing Gospel songs and repeat Scripture verses, and some have even attempted to learn the same texts and hymns. Profitable meetings with these women are always held at the close of the children's services.

Classes for heathen children are held weekly in different places with an attendance ranging from 20 to 25 in each class. We aim to teach them the short form of the ten commandments, Bible stories, hymns and scripture verses. I believe if Jesus tarries a few more years, our great harvest will be the children upon whose lives the teaching of the Gospel is having such a marked influence. More stress should be laid upon work amongst heathen children. Let us win them for Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Are we not sometimes forbidding them by neglecting them?

We praise God for His blessing upon the work among our Christian children. The Sunday School has grown in interest and attendance during the past year. The average attendance is 60 and although half of them live over an hour's walk from the church, yet we usually find a goodly
number present at 8-15 in the morning. Their yearly offerings of Rs. 24 were sent for the support of an orphan in the Khamgaon Boarding School.

Weekly meetings in two places were also held for our Christian women and many visits were made to their homes in case of sickness or other trouble.

Two months of the touring season were spent with Miss Woodward in the Kaira district.

I praise God for this ministry to India's dear people and my great desire is to serve Him more faithfully in the coming days.

EDITH BERCHTOLD.

Akola Station Report.

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." Psalms 65:11.

The year that has slipped by so swiftly has been a very busy one, and marked by the presence and goodness of the Lord.

The work in Akola Church and district has been pushed forward as vigorously as we could with our limited number of workers. Our staff consisted of three missionaries, one Indian pastor, two Indian evangelists and one Biblewoman. What are these among 700 villages and towns with a population of 359,000, scattered in 1,640 square miles, and among 645 Christians, a community which is yet in its infancy, and not too robust condition?

This is the second year for the Christian people of Akola to support their own pastor. In the midst of a commercial panic in Akola in the past year, the wages of labourers were cut 50%, and many Christians were without work, still the offerings were a little in advance of the previous year. We were able to support the pastor fully; send a generous contribution to our flood-stricken brethren in Gujarat; also a good donation was sent to Mehsedabad
for the rebuilding of the Church which was destroyed last year by wind and rain.

The spiritual temperature may not come up to the Bible standard, but messages given from Sunday to Sunday by Shahurao and missionaries, (when asked by pastor,) have been scriptural, spiritual and delivered in the power of the spirit of the Lord. The messages have brought conviction and heart searching to many. Some have confessed their sins and have come back to the Lord. Six of the second generation Christian youths bore witness to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus and have been baptised.

There was only one death, and that of an infant, in our midst during the year. Several were healed. Rajibai was apparently on her death bed; the doctor had given her up, and she was sent home from the hospital to die, but she confessed her sin, called us to anoint her and pray with her, and the Lord raised her up. The following Sunday she walked to church and publicly praised the Lord for her healing. A young boy was so crippled from infantile paralysis he could not straighten up, or walk, but in one of the special meetings he was anointed and prayed with, and now, that boy is almost straight and can walk to church and play with the other children. During convention we took Miss Wells to visit our Christians, and the mother of that boy said, "A year ago we had a corpse in our house, but God raised the dead and gave us back our son." We praise the Lord for these and other healings.

There has been some voluntary evangelistic work done by a few people of the Church, who have gone to several nearby villages to preach. I did not have any Mission paid worker stationed in Akola town but I had always willing volunteers to accompany me to help preach the Gospel.

The district work has been carried on from the out-station at Panori, where two Indian workers are stationed. Because of this Lighthouse there, people realize that Chris-
Christianity has come to stay, and inquirers have greatly increased. Another little group of 12 people has been baptised in Bhamber village, about 15 miles further on from Panori, and there are a number of others waiting for baptism at that centre. These two workers have been faithful in following up and regularly instructing these 'babes in Christ' scattered in 12 villages. To accomplish this a country pony had to be bought. It is rather amusing to see the two workers starting out together: one on the horse and one on foot. After going half way the one on horseback dismounts, ties the animal along the roadside, and goes on leaving the horse for the worker who is walking behind.

We have had several special gatherings among the new Christians where the presence of the Lord was manifested in a marked way as they testified to the saving power of Jesus Christ. In one of these gatherings a backslider returned to the Lord. He was persuaded to turn back to Hinduism by an Arya Samaj leader, who held public meetings specially for the purpose of enticing Christians back. Many testified to healing and to special help in times of distress, etc.

Miss Bushfield, with the faithful Biblewoman, Gomptibai, did splendid work among the women from four different camps in the district, as well as doing much work in Akola town and surrounding villages. They have Sunday school classes that have been successfully carried on among the children of the railway coolies and labourers. Many of these children are learning Scripture texts and songs.

Savitribai has visited the town daily. Sometimes she tells the story to Hindus and sometimes to Mohammedan women. Old Dadu, the book-seller has daily gone to the railroad station and cotton market. Nearly 3,000 Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture portions have been sold.

To sum up the work in the district, there are many encouraging signs. Common people accept our message
gladly; and the people in general listen attentively, and buy Scripture portions for their investigation. Recently a submerged bridge was completed over the Parna river, on the road to Akote county. This is our most fruitful section and now via the bridge we can keep in touch with the new Christians there all the year round. The Government has started a direct road to Balapur which will shorten our journey over 20 miles, and keep us in constant touch with that unoccupied county. To keep up with the Providential leading of the Lord, we have rented a house and expect an Indian evangelist to start work there. It is our desire and prayer to set His name permanently in this place by building a two-roomed house in which a worker can live the year round, and where a missionary can spend part of his time. There is a road also under construction toward the east through impassable hilly regions. There are inquirers in that direction also, but on account of bad roads, we could not visit them frequently to give the necessary instruction prior to baptism.

Committee work, Sunday School work and building oversight (the latter necessitated 22 trips from home) also demanded a good part of my time.

We thank God for the health and strength which we have enjoyed and especially do we praise Him for the fellowship which prevailed among us throughout the year.

O. H. LAPP.


This year has been a year of changes. First, as to the personnel of the missionary staff and secondly as to the student body. At the last Annual convention, Misses Backlund, Steed and Roth were assigned to the work at Santa Barbara. The year had scarcely begun when the Committee asked Miss Steed if she would not assist Miss
Wells in the work at Mukti. After deliberation and prayer, Miss Steed accepted the call to the new sphere of service and left the School about the first of December. This change put the burden of the work and the Christmas preparations on Miss Backlund who so nobly and wholeheartedly gave herself to this service for the boys. Miss Roth, after a three-week’s tour with Miss Bushfield, came to assist Miss Backlund. Although Miss Roth had spent some time in Orphanage work at home, still she felt wholly inadequate for the new problems ahead of her. Little by little and with a word of encouragement now and then, she began to have more confidence and after a month or so felt that the Lord had called her to serve Him in this portion of His vineyard. She was doubly sure when on February 22 her ‘two hands became four.’ I had been appointed as director of the school. I went gladly knowing that the Lord had prepared me for the work in His service to which He so clearly called me. The Lord has truly been our Guide during these months and often when we could ask no one what we ought to do next we found that the way to the Throne was always open and that we could be directed by His Holy Spirit. Miss Backlund stayed with us until the hot season when she left for new duties in the Akola home. May God’s richest blessing attend her labour of love to the hungry ones, both literally and spiritually.

There too has been a great change in the number of boys who attend our school. Last year there was an average of 90 while this year there was an average of 56, including both orphans and boarders. Our hearts are sad and sorrowful because of this fact for we see in this reduction not only the loss of the boys themselves but also our main source of future evangelists and pastors. Will you not unite with us in prayer that our school may be filled to its capacity this coming year and more than that, that God may call out from among these boys those who will be willing to count the allurements of this world as
nothing and gladly go forth to serve Him and be spent in His service? Let me use one sentence from the Foreign Secretary's Report. I should like to make the statement specific. 'What we need in our school at Santa Barbara is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will set our young people on fire with an evangelistic spirit and a zeal to tell their own people the wonderful story of salvation, for education in and of itself is not our primary object, our real object being to give these young people an education that will fit them first for our Bible Training School and later to go out into the larger sphere of labour in the needy districts.'

We are glad to report that the boys have been kept in excellent health during the year and we praise Our Heavenly Father for that. The boys' studies have been very good and the esprit de corps is also high. Please remember your Boys' School in earnest prayer as we look forward to another year in service there.

Respectfully submitted,

BERT B. SIEGEL.

Amraoti District.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

At our annual convention a year ago we accepted the appointment to Amraoti district as God's will for us and as soon as possible began work here with Mr. and Mrs. Amstutz, who were in charge of the district until they left for furlough in February. Working with us were one ordained Indian Pastor, one junior Evangelist and a Biblewoman. A colporteur was transferred to this district in April and
on September 26 our little Gladys June was added to the list. We praise the Lord for His hand over her and for the joy she has brought into our home.

Work in Amraoti City.

Amraoti has a population of 50,000 and is a large educational centre. There are numbers of Primary Schools, three Boys' High Schools, one Girls' High School, three Normal Schools and one College. We have been in almost constant touch with the students from these schools and feel that the Story of the Cross has had a lasting effect upon many hungry, sinful hearts.

Then too, we have had a ministry amongst the European population. We were requested to resume the English prayer meeting on Friday nights and these meetings were carried on for months, then came the hot season break followed by the inconveniences of the rainy season so for the time being this work was stopped.

In Amraoti city we have an organized church and Sunday School. Regular Sunday services and mid-week prayer meetings are held throughout the year. The Sunday School is entirely in the hands of the laity. Our church work has suffered a severe test inside the past months. We had prayed that God would open up the way for a larger ministry in the city and He seemed to answer our prayers by impressing us with our own need of a spiritual revival. Several were unwilling to meet the conditions, which we believe are fundamental to revival, so they left the church. We feel sorry to lose them but cannot desire that they remain unless they meet God.

District Work

Amraoti district presents a big task. It covers an area of 655 square miles with a population of 300,000 scattered over nearly 300 villages. About eighteen of these villages are dotted with people who have accepted Christianity while in several other villages we find enquirers for baptism.
Four stone roads leading out from the main station which is very centrally located, makes the work in this district much easier than other places where no such good roads are found.

Shortly after our arrival here, in company with the Amstutz family, we made our headquarters at one of our out-stations and toured the villages in the vicinity, visiting the Christians in ten villages several times. One night Mr. Hartman brought his lantern and gave an illustrated lecture which was very profitable.

At the beginning of the year we received a personal gift for the purchase of a Ford car, which has been a great help in covering the district. Shortly afterwards I was taken down with jaundice and for a month was unfit for work. Mrs. Schlatter took her last Marathi examination in February and then we started out on another tour. Openings were found into the homes of all classes and many times Mrs. Schlatter and the Biblewoman were welcomed by the high caste women. In one village we found an elderly woman who professed to be an un-baptized Christian, having received the Message of Salvation from her son. Some years ago this son attended our Bible School. At this time his motives were ulterior, but God worked a work of grace in his heart and now he is a teacher in our Mission School and spends his vacation in witnessing for Christ to the heathen people of his village.

After tea in another village a Hindu woman brought us a bit of sweetmeat which she said was a thank-offering to our God who had helped her in time of trouble when her gods of wood and stone had failed.

Many long, district trips were made in the beginning of the hot season, as well as several from the hill station at Chikalda where we spent the hottest weeks of the year.

During the rainy season I made regular trips on horseback to an out-station where two Indian workers are stationed. A stone road is being built up to a few furlongs
of this station, so ere long we can dispense with the services
of the horse and use the car exclusively.

We found the district literally covered with the printed
page distributed by Mr. Fletcher a few years ago, therefore
our Scripture sales were lower than in most districts.

For the future of this large work we would solicit
your prayerful co-operation. May God send a mighty wave
of revival that will empower our workers for a more
fruitful ministry and convict the heathen of sin.

olen G. Schlatter.

Anjangaon District.

After last Convention we commenced our touring
season. Our first camp was pitched on Nov. 12 and we
broke up the last on April 11. We divided our workers
into two bands; one band working in Akote county and
the other in Daryapur. Our time was divided between
the two bands and in this way we were able to accompany
them for at least part of the time in eleven camps. Seventeen
camps were made during the season and the work done
in five of these calls for special mention in this report.

BelkHeda. Here we pitched our camp in the
market place and the crowds came right to our camp door.
Never before or since, have I seen such masses of non-
Christians throng to hear the gospel. Many, of course,
came out of sheer curiosity, but a good number stayed late
into the night, asking questions and quietly accepting our
explanations.

NALWADA. We remained here over two Sundays
and the increase in the interest and attendance at the
meetings was so marked that we wished we might stay on
indefinitely. Both Sundays, after a service in the town in
the morning and one at the camp in the afternoon, sever
Christians and heathen came to the camp at night and asked for another service. Later in the year I baptized eight people in this place.

UMRI. At this centre I was led to give a series of messages on, "The Sign of the Times," "What is Sin?" "The History of Sin and Satan," "The Results of Sin" and "The Remedy for Sin." I was so encouraged by the interest shown by the thoughtful, educated, high caste audience, that I decided to follow the same plan in the future, whenever the opportunity presented itself. A sense of awe comes over me as I think of the solemnity of the last night. There they sat; quietly, calmly, thoughtfully, with, it seemed, every faculty focussed on me, the hunger of their hearts registered on their faces, admitting point by point the great truth that Jesus Christ is God's only remedy for sin. They seemed to be held between two powers—the power of truth and the power of the combined forces of caste, fear, pride and sin. For the time being they were evidently unable to move forward or back, although I believe they did drop back when the tension was released. In what measure was their choice due to the weakness of the human will, and to what extent was it due to a lack in my life or ministry, or perhaps in the ministry of intercessors in far-off America?

KAOTHA. Here we have a live Christian community. One of their number, Bhiwaji by name, has had more educational advantages than the average villager. Some years ago he took up the study of the Hindu scriptures, but emerged dissatisfied. Then he began the study of the Bible. Soon he called Rev. A. I. Garrison to Kaotha. Mr. Garrison went and camped there for some time. Before he left he baptized thirty people including Bhiwaji. Since that time Bhiwaji has walked many, many miles teaching and preaching the gospel wherever he goes.

During our stay at Kaotha I had the privilege of baptizing Bhiwaji's parents and ten others.
Mrs. Hartman greatly enjoyed her work with the women of Kaotha. They were always eager for meetings. While I directed the series of lectures to the men, the women thronged around Mrs. Hartman to hear more of the Old, Old Story. The Christians gave a farewell dinner in our honour and we left, not because we were tired of the Kaotha people, but because there were hundreds of other villages and towns awaiting our ministry.

NARDODA. This is one of our out-stations and during the latter part of March we camped here and had a few days of special meetings in which we were assisted by Mrs. Cutler from Murtizapur. One afternoon while Mrs. Cutler was speaking a young high caste man dropped into the meeting. Later he testified that he accepted the Truth and believed that the blood of Jesus Christ had washed away his sins.

One night when I was speaking on the subject of Conversion a man boldly declared, "We know what that is; that is what happened to Sampat." Others testified to the wonderful change that took place in Sampat when he became a Christian. He is a poor, illiterate man, but he knows something that is hidden from the wise of this world.

On another trip I had the privilege of baptizing four young people; two of these young lads are now in the Bible Training School and doing well.

In closing we want to praise God for the twenty-eight people in our district, who, this year, were baptized after confession of their faith in Christ. We return thanks also for the forward step taken by our district committee in their decision to be responsible for all out-station repairs in this district thus relieving the Mission of this burden. Last, but far from least, we would remember with gratitude to God, our Indian Evangelists, who have been real helpers in the gospel, and to whom is due, in a large measure, the credit for what has been accomplished during
the past year. We are glad to think of them not only as our brethren in Christ, but as fellow ministers of the gospel.

L. Earl Hartman.

Bhusawal Station Report.

The work in Bhusawal divides itself easily into four departments: first, the work among the English-speaking people; second, evangelistic and pastoral work among the Marathi people; third, the Marathi primary schools; and fourth, colportage work.

Bhusawal, being a railway divisional terminus, has a comparatively large European and Anglo-Indian population. To meet the spiritual needs of this class our Mission has an English church, and throughout the year a Sunday-school, Sunday evening preaching service, and week-day prayer-meeting, have been regularly conducted. Brother and Sister Kliewer were stationed in Bhusawal for language study, and had a most fruitful ministry in this department of the work until he suffered a physical breakdown in June which resulted in his leaving for America, August 13th. Shortly before he sailed his illness seemed very serious indeed, but in answer to prayer God wrought a miracle. Our brother began to amend immediately, and rapidly improved until he was strong enough to sail on the date previously arranged. We do not understand God's 'mysterious way' in thus removing this family from a place they seemed to fill so well, but we know Our Father never makes a mistake. The prayers and good wishes of the English Church follow their erstwhile pastor in the homeland. May God grant him a happy and fruitful and even a 'missionary' ministry there!

Since July first, the English pulpit has been supplied from Nargaon. We are glad to report that very good
attendance and interest have been manifested throughout the year and we have reason to believe that some souls have found the Lord. On Easter Sunday Rev. Kliewer baptised seven by immersion. Besides meeting their incidental running expenses, the Bhusawal Church donated during the year Rs. 500 to the Mission touring fund. The past few months a special Saturday evening prayer meeting has been held, the main purpose of which is to pray for the coming Sunday services. In addition to the labours of Rev. and Mrs. Kliewer, much of the credit for the work done in the Bhusawal English church must go to Miss Rutherford, (now leaving on furlough), whose unselfish efforts in personal and visitation work have made possible the good interest now existing. The friends showed their appreciation in the ‘farewells’ they gave her and many will remember her in prayer while she is absent in Australia.

The Marathi work in the district has been somewhat neglected the past year, owing to the fact that no senior male missionary has been stationed at Bhusawal. In fact, for the first three months of this time the station was without even a resident Indian pastor or evangelist. Last winter Brothers Smith and Siegel from the Bible School at Nargaon, together with the young men in training there, formed two parties and toured for some weeks in Bhusawal and Jamner districts. Brother Crocker from Khangaon, joined Mr. Smith, while Brother Kliewer assisted Mr. Siegel during this time. Many villages were reached in this way, many books sold and much good done, but as these brethren had to open the new term of school in January, their touring season was naturally cut rather short and consequently some of the district was left unworked. In January, Ratnakar Dhevar, one of our ordained Indian Ministers, assumed the pastorate of the Bhusawal Indian Church, which place he has since faithfully filled. Besides conducting the regular church services and visiting the Christian homes, he has done personal work among the non-Christians and has
held meetings in five nearby towns or villages. During the nine months of his stay he reports 114 evangelistic meetings held with audiences totaling approximately 2,560.

Two Marathi Sunday-schools have been held throughout the year in the two primary schools that the Mission conducts. The Marathi church has a membership of 28, but other Christians who generally attend our services swell the adult Christian community to nearly sixty. The Church now pays its incidental running expenses and Rs. 15 monthly towards the pastor’s support, which is slightly over a third the required amount. During the year there were five baptisms and at present four are enrolled as inquirers.

Our mission conducts two secular day schools in the town of Bhusawal. The scholars are mainly children of railway employees, and we receive substantial grants from both railway and Government for the upkeep of this work. At present five Indian teachers, all Christians, are employed for both schools and the total enrolment is 165. Miss Rutherford has had entire charge of these schools during the past year, and since she has written a separate report concerning her activities, it is needless to enlarge upon it here. Sufficient to say that although the teaching is necessarily largely secular, yet these Hindu boys and girls are receiving scriptural instruction that is bound to bear some fruit in their lives. Besides, the hearty welcome the missionary receives when visiting parents proves that these schools form an opening wedge for the Gospel into scores of heathen homes. Our aim is not merely to teach reading, writing and arithmetic, but to win these children and their families to Jesus. Let us pray definitely for the teachers in these schools, that they may work with this end in view, and for the pupils, that God will lay His hand upon some of their bright young lives, saving and calling them for His own service.

Last but not least is the colportage department. The British and Foreign Bible Society aids in this by a
quarterly donation of Rs. 42. At present we have one man devoting half his time to selling books on the railway station, and it is principally through his efforts that nearly 1700 gospel portions, 47 New Testaments, 4 Bibles, and about 265 other religious books have been sold during the year. Most of these have been in the Marathi language but many portions in Urdu, Hindi, and Gujarati have been sold also and carried to various parts of Western India.

As we survey the work of the year and compare it with the previous reports, we notice a smaller volume of activity, due, no doubt, to the lack of a resident senior missionary to devote himself to the district, but we are thankful for what has been done, and commit the year's labour to the Lord of the Vineyard Who "giveth the increase" in His own time and manner.

FRED W. SCHELANDER.

Bhusaval Visitation and School Work.

There is no greater joy on this earth than to preach the gospel: to be engaged in the service of the King of kings. Oh! the joy that wells up in your heart as you sit down on an old coal basket, or on an old sack spread on the ground, or on a rickety, old bed with a group of women at your feet to tell them of the blessed Lord Jesus! We realize the awful darkness in which they are living and our hearts are stirred with an intense desire to bring them into the light of the gospel.

Visitation Work.

There has always been a very friendly reception accorded us in all the homes of the school children. Some of the homes are only wretched little huts and one has to bend in two to get inside. In one of these poor Indian homes where tea is considered a luxury, the price of a cup was forced into my hand as a proof of their love for the
one who is interested in the education and welfare of their children! The same thing happened in another home where I had the privilege of giving the gospel to an interested crowd. At the close of this very profitable meeting a call came from another home. The chair on which I had been sitting was hoisted on the head of a boy who escorted me to the scene of another fine meeting.

The European homes have also been regularly visited. This ministry has brought much joy and blessing to my own soul. The evidences of their love and generosity towards me have been many, and I know I shall miss their sweet fellowship as I reluctantly leave them to go on furlough.

Owing to a long-drawn-out siege of small-pox followed by an outbreak of cholera we were prohibited from going into the homes of our people who lived in the town, therefore, most of our recent visitation work was confined to the homes of our European friends and day-school scholars.

School Work.

Our new, enterprising teacher at the railway school is doing a good work. He illustrates the scripture lesson and teaches the boys to pray. At first they were very shy and scared of one another, but now they beg to be allowed to pray! Like the Christian children they close their prayers by saying, "I ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us and was nailed to the Cross for our sins."

The annual examinations were held this month and the results in both schools were excellent—a great improvement on last year.

Charlotte Rutherford.
Chalisgaon Report.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

For the last thirty years, the Gospel seed has been sown in Chalisgaon. Many earnest soldiers of the Cross have laboured and wept and sacrificed even their life's blood that souls might be saved in this place. Is there not then every reason to believe according to God's Word that there shall be a harvest? We, who have been labouring in this needy field for the past years, are expectantly believing to soon see the abundant harvest. Many times when the outlook has been most discouraging and our hearts have cried out to God for help, He has whispered these words: "Have faith in God", and we were encouraged as Paul, to stand up in the midst of the storm and say, "I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me."

Truly, as we review the past year's work, we have very, very much for which to praise God. In the first place, we rejoice exceedingly that we had the opportunity of declaring the Good News in nearly every town in Chalisgaon district.

Most of the missionaries now-a-days are praising God for the nice cars which have been given them, but I praise God for my two strong, sturdy horses. From the very beginning of the touring season, they seemed to realize the responsibility of the task laid upon them.

Then too, we are very thankful for the real spirit of harmony and co-operation that was manifested in the camp among the workers. They knew that this touring work was a very difficult task for two first term Miss Sahibs; and they pulled together as one to make things easy for us.

When Ratnaker Master was transferred to Bhusawal in December, Chalisgaon lost a very valuable worker, and we praise God for the untiring, uncomplaining, faithful
service which he rendered to his people during those very trying years. May the Lord prosper him in his new field of labour.

_Touring._

Our first camp was pitched at Hartnoor, about thirty miles distant, right in the jungles of the Satmala Mountains. This is indeed the most beautiful of all our camping sites. The verdant and peaceful mountain tops were such a contrast to the barren, congested plains below. While here the presence of the Lord was manifestly with us. Hartnoor will always stand out as a blessed memory, and we praise God for the Gospels sold there and for the enthusiastic, eager, questioning crowds of men and women who listened respectfully and at length to the Glad Tidings of Great Joy concerning Jesus Christ, of whom they had not heard for several years.

At our next camping site, we combined forces with the Conants, touring both Wagli and Kajgaon districts from Pachora base. We learned there what economy of time meant, and sped over the ground quickly in the famous Ford. The lantern slides, which Mr. Conant showed in Chalisgaon during the Rainy Season, made a lasting impression, we feel sure, upon the hearts of Hindus, Mohammedans and Christians who gathered together in large numbers to see and hear.

Christmas is really the only Christian festival of the year, so we did our utmost to make it a time of blessing and pleasure for all, young and old. We emphasized especially the deeper spiritual meaning of the day, and also we joined with them in the programme and good wholesome frolic. The testimony service on New Year's eve was a real encouragement to us, and showed a spiritual growth in the hearts of the people from last year.

The Christmas season made a pleasant break in the touring season, and then in January, we returned to our camp with new vigour. By the middle of March, we had
visited the remaining villages, and, because of the heat, were glad to return to our nice, cool bungalow.

Concerning the touring work, we feel encouraged to report that not only the common people heard the Gospel gladly, but the higher classes listened with greater interest and eagerness than they had in previous years. Some higher caste women were even bold enough to repeat after me, in the midst of a sneering crowd, a prayer for their salvation. Let us continue to pray that these women may actually experience the thing for which they prayed.

In another village, while we were preaching to the low castes, the chief arose and earnestly asked what he and his people must do to obtain salvation for their souls. We are anticipating returning to these people to teach them more about Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. It is so sad that they cannot more frequently hear the Gospel Story.

At one place, I offered some Gospels for sale, but none of the women in the audience could read. I asked, "But, can't any of your children read?" A smart looking boy in the group was pointed to, but he refused to take the book. Then one of the women who had listened with especial eagerness, urged, and finally with tears besought him to take the book, but he just laughed at her. I shall never forget that sad experience. This is a typical case, for the majority of the women of India cannot read.

We praise God for the number of times He so miraculously touched Miss Graham physically during those touring days, once bringing her back from the very gates of death. In spite of her physical condition, she very courageously went out in the villages and always gave an inspiring testimony for Jesus. She made a brave fight to stay in India, but in May because of ill health, a speedy return to the homeland was deemed advisable.

Miss Derr was sent to Chalisgaon in July to take Miss Graham's place, and we praise God for the sweet fellowship we have had during these months together.
Station Work.

Bad roads made long distance touring impossible during the Rainy Season, but we were able to reach a number of villages on the Government roads, and hold meetings in the town. We appreciate very much the faithful, cheerful spirit of old Bhagabai, our Biblewoman. In sunshine or storm, she was always ready to go, and came back shouting Hallelujah!

One day we made a visit to the old city of Chalisgaon. Here we were treated very disrespectfully and hooted down the street. We came home with a very heavy burden of prayer for these people, and we prayed very earnestly that the Lord would prosper His Word in this very place. After about a month, we returned again to this vicinity, and our hearts were rejoiced to find the people with receptive, open hearts, ready to listen to the Word they had previously rejected and to buy large numbers of Scripture portions.

I shall never, never forget one experience we had in Chalisgaon. We had been preaching to the blacksmith caste. They listened well and afterwards bought quite a number of Gospels. When we did not have enough to supply their need, they invited me to come back the next day. Well, we did go back the next day, but we received the cold shoulder, and upon questioning, we found that they had been ordered to burn all the literature we had sold them. This was my first experience of seeing the precious Word of our Lord mutilated. As we were plodding home, very sad in heart, we found the remnants of another Gospel scattered in bits all along the road. My heart was crushed that anyone could treat God's Holy Word so rudely and irreverently.

The women's meetings, which Miss Derr conducted weekly, were very well attended, and the women seem to have a real hunger for deeper spiritual experiences. Miss Karner is studying the life of Paul with the children, and
up to date the results have been gratifying. They each have their own note-books, in which they draw the maps, trace the journeys and smear on the colour.

Every Thursday meetings have been held in the town for the Christians and Hindoos—we trust to some benefit. There has also been a Wednesday night prayer meeting, which is held over at the workers' rooms, and the people turn out in good numbers.

There has been quite a little sickness among the children during the Rainy Season, but praise God no lives were lost, and they are all well now. In answer to prayer, one little girl was raised from death's door, and another definitely healed after two months of illness. We were much impressed by the real Christian love shown among our people during the former's illness. When we feared she was dying, one of the men rang the church bell and all those who had gone to the fields to work came hurrying back three miles to stand in prayer for little Gita. This meant much, as they are absolutely dependent on their daily wage for food and sustenance.

We praise God for the joy of His presence and the many times He has answered prayer for us. Many perplexing and difficult things came up, but we found united prayer the best solution for every problem, and often proved God's Word, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God Who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

Esther Karnar.

Chandur Station Report.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

We thank God for His tender, Fatherly care during the year which terminates at our annual conference. We praise Him for physical and spiritual blessings. Shortly after last conference I was taken down with fever, but God,
true to His promise, honoured the faith and obedience of the missionaries and the Indian evangelist, (who anointed me according to James 5: 13-16,) and gave instant deliverance. We are especially grateful for the health which our sonny David enjoyed. He has not only brought much joy to his parents but continues to spread sunshine wherever he goes as well as open many avenues for a wider and more effective ministry.

*Church Work.*

Sunday school and church services have been conducted regularly throughout the year at the main station. Some of the village Christians have come here to live, therefore, a more direct ministry amongst them has been made possible. Many have shown a real desire for spiritual things and we are looking for a manifestation of the Spirit’s power in our midst. Last year one of our Christian women was instrumental in bringing blessing to her Hindoo sister. This sister had a sick child whom she had taken to many shrines and had treated according to the advice given by the so-called holy men, but the child grew worse instead of better, whereupon the Christian sister suggested that she bring the boy to the missionaries who would pray to the living God for his recovery. We prayed for him and then left the station for several weeks. Upon our return we learned that the boy had got well and the family had gone home. A few weeks later, the boy himself came to visit us and we had difficulty in recognizing him as the child who was merely skin and bone a short time before. God answered the prayers of another mother when her child showed symptoms of cholera. The father, at one time a faithful church attendant, had become lax because of his love for money, and had lost his spiritual appetite. Now he came back to prayer-meeting and testified to God’s healing power. He is now a regular attendant at all services.

Sunday school and church services were also held at the out-station where there is an attendance of both
Christians and non-Christians. This work is proving fruitful and there are several applicants for baptism. With the worker who lives at the out-station repeated trips were made to other villages where Christians live.

I would like to introduce you to a man who is suffering for the Gospel's sake. He was healed as a boy in answer to his father's prayers. Later he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized. Since his father's death he has become headman in the village and the object of much persecution. On several occasions he has been falsely accused and at present a case has been filed against him in the law courts. Pray that this earnest believer might remain true.

We also request prayer for a young convert who has volunteered his services. He is untrained, and we would greatly desire for him a course in our Bible Training School.

*Church Offerings.*

There are 64 adults and 63 children in our Christian community and their yearly offerings amounted to Rs. 90. Rupees 50 of this amount were given by the lay Christians and the remaining 40 rupees represent the half-tithe offerings of our Evangelists. Part of this money was expended on Sunday school supplies and whitewashing and painting the church, while the remainder was divided amongst the Evangelists', Mehedabad Church re-building and Gujarat flood funds.

*Touring Experiences.*

At Kandanapur, our first camp, the Arya Samajists persistently opposed all efforts to witness for Christ.

At Nand Saunje, great interest was shown by the farmer caste and in one village the headman of the village always joined us in singing the gospel songs. The headman of another village, who two years ago threatened to beat one of our workers, showed a decidedly friendly attitude. One Sunday he brought fifty of his caste friends and a little organ to the camp. They played and sang
hymns for a long time and then listened attentively to the gospel Message. This man has offered to give our Evangelist a house in his village rent free for a year. God has laid the people of this section on our hearts and we are very anxious that a worker be placed there soon. Would it not be wonderful if this influential man cut loose from Hinduism and became a spiritual leader amongst his own people? Remember him in your prayers.

In March we attended the place of heathen pilgrimage in Morsi county and sold upwards of 1,000 scripture portions besides distributing hundreds of free tracts to the idol worshippers.

Over 19,000 have heard the gospel during the year: 2,400 gospel portions were sold and 177 New Testaments were sold or given away to those who seemed specially interested.

We hear continually of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey's efficient work and faithful ministry in this district and we are praying that the good Seed sown may result in an abundant harvest.

Benjamin H. Hostetter.

Dholka District and Boys' Boarding School.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ringenberg were asked to go to Mehmedabad to take over the work of that large district from Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen who were going on furlough, I found myself with a large family of boys who needed a "Ma" and "Pa." About the same time my hands were strengthened, and since last February we have had sufficient work to keep us both happy.

District work. We had three camps. The first we held for a few days during the fair at Vauta to meet the large crowds that usually come to this annual event. Except for the transient visitors who came for a few hours
on the last day of the fair from the Chharota section, very few came from Kathiavad. We usually depend upon the crowds going in their bullock carts to this fair to open up the roads in the district. The failure of any extensive traffic from the outlying villages left the district in the southern section toward Dhandhuka unopened. So we decided to traverse the northern and more sandy section until the roads in the southern section would permit of transit. We pitched our tents toward the north where Mr. and Mrs. Ringenberg had held their camps the two previous years. Here we found more prosperous villages and larger audiences. The touring party next went to Kauka, one of our out-stations which had been temporarily closed, and toured the surrounding district while I returned to the Bungalow to take over the school work.

The touring continues throughout the year from our out-stations. We have no Christian community at Kauka, but with our two evangelists who were recently transferred there, we have a fine opportunity of working amongst the Shiah Moslems who comprise about two-thirds of the population of that village.

Our Christian community at Andhari has dropped off somewhat in numbers. Some, getting discouraged by the havoc wrought to their crops by the floods during the last two years, have gone to seek a livelihood elsewhere. However, we have a very encouraging branch with a regular attendance of about forty. We have also a Sabbath School and a week-day school where the children are taught to read and write and study the Scriptures. The people are of aboriginal extraction, and are not educated. The Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector inspected the school the other day and was very much pleased with our efforts.

School and Hostel.—The Primary School at Dholka is steadily going on with its work of discipling and instructing. We had a graduating class of sixteen who took their Vernacular Final examination in Ahmedabad. Seventy-five
per cent. of our candidates passed. This is twenty-five per cent. more than the government usually expects to pass.

The teachers and students have taken a great interest in the Boy Scout Movement, and three troupes have recently been formed. One of our boys, Markus Punia, gained first prize for all Gujarat for an essay on "The Uses of the Turban and Staff" which has been published in the last number of the vernacular Boy Scout magazine.

We are in the midst of a "flu" epidemic which taxes the capacity of our little hospital and keeps Mrs. Helfers a good part of the day there. We have had as many as twenty-five at a time in the two wards. Mrs. Helfers has had access to the women of all classes both in the town and villages. She is attending a case of a well-to-do Moslem woman who is in purdah. A Brahmin woman who has been attending the hospital regularly took away with her a gospel of St. Matthew which she promised to read.

**Church and Sunday School**. The annual district convention was held at the Dholka Church in March when special addresses were delivered by Mr. Moyser. The regular services are held each Sunday and during the week, the women's meetings being in the charge of Mrs. Helfers.

Our Sunday School has maintained its high place amongst the many contestants in the India Sunday School Union examinations. This year again we were able to secure two of the four silver medals. Chana Lala took the Intermediate Silver Medal again, and Onesimus Jiva got the Junior Department Medal. Daniel Ramji our teacher-medalist of last year took third place. Besides the two medals sixteen boys got honours in the Intermediate exams, eight of whom are prize winners for New Testaments. Twelve got honours in the Junior Division, of whom five are prize winners of New Testaments.

We have also had special meetings for the children conducted by the Indian Evangelist of the Childrens' Special Service Union. Several non-Christians, Hindus,
not only attended these meetings but requested Vishrambhai to come and hold at least one service in the town before he left. He stayed an extra day and night with a rich merchant, who assembled a large number of his friends in his mill compound, where they listened with great interest to the story of the Life of Christ which was illustrated by lantern pictures.

Dholka is surely a great field of service for the Master and we would ask your prayers that we may be faithful to Him Who has entrusted to us this great work of bringing in these ‘other sheep.’

A. Helfers.

Jalgaon, East Khandesh.

After convention last year Fred Schelander came to Jalgaon to be initiated into the touring work and we had a good time together until March 1, when I went to help in the Bible Training School at Nargaon for six weeks.

Touring.

Seven camps were made in the cold season and from these centres we toured the surrounding villages. At Umala we put up in the Hindoo rest house reaching the villages in the remote south-east corner of the district. Here, the people listened attentively to the Message and the night meetings were specially well attended.

We spent five days in the Government bungalow at Neri. Here we renewed acquaintance with an old Rajput friend. For the last twenty years he has been reading the Bible; has entirely given up idol worship and as far as we can see is true to his conviction that God alone is worthy of worship. A good number of gospels were sold in this place.

Ten days’ touring was done from the Government bungalow at Pohur. We had good meetings here with the
high caste people in the business quarters and sold several books and one New Testament.

After Christmas we pitched our fourth camp near Nazirabad where we remained until January 14. Unusual interest was manifested by several in this section but the large majority welcomed us with polite indifference. The Evangelist told us that several high caste men, who appeared friendly, were not interested in the gospel, but rather in the material advantages that might be theirs, if they became Christians. The lower caste people declared they would all become Christians if we would take them away from their basket-making and provide for them good support! Such are samples of the discouragements the foreign missionary encounters on an evangelistic tour.

Mr. Conant and his Ford party joined us at Mahiji and we had a good time racing over stony river beds and bad roads, places where in former years I would have hesitated to take my horse!

We stayed in the Government bungalow at Mhusawad but were obliged to move after ten days to give place to the Collector.

Our last camp was pitched at Sirsoli. The Sirsoli people have always been friendly and particularly the Bheels, who have shown a growing interest in the gospel for many years. Pray that these seeds of the Gospel might take root in many hearts and bring forth fruit for the Master’s glory.

Station and Church Work.

There is a large community of nominal Christians in Jalgaon. Nearly all have come from other Missions in quest of work in the Government Hospital, Municipal Schools, Railway, Police Department etc. Many of them earn big salaries but have not much Christian experience. We ask prayer on their behalf. If they became a spiritual community they could do much in spreading the gospel.
A good number of poor Christians also drift into Jalgaon in the hope of finding better work and wages.

All these sojourners attend our meetings where they are heartily welcomed, yet we do not feel justified in urging them to give up their church and join ours, thus we have a church without church members! We call ourselves a branch church contributing to the upkeep of the church and the Indian Workers' Fund.

For the first time in thirty years Mrs. Schelander and I spent two months of the hot season in beautiful Darjeeling. It was a grand sight to see Mount Everest at a distance of 109 miles from Tiger Hill at sunrise. This old earth is beautiful even in its unredeemed condition. What will it be when no sin shall cloud the glory of the Lord in the earth?

*Women's Work.*

Mrs. Schelander writes:—This has been a year of blessed service and God has kept me from any prolonged serious illness for which I praise Him.

Our Women's society is very small now because several of the women have been transferred and the Hospital nurses are too busy to attend. The Junior Alliance too is small, but I am glad to say the older boys and girls take great interest in the lessons. They are now studying the Alliance Catechism with a view to baptism in the near future. Our studies have mainly been in the Old Testament this year, and I think for this age they are doing well in getting a grasp of the Word from Genesis to Malachi. We are also studying a little book entitled "Training for Service" which the late Rev. Whiteside gave me years ago to use in the Junior Alliance in Penna, U. S. A.

Our young people have memorised all the names of the Bible books; the division of the books; the Old Testament by characters and the Old Testament by periods.

One Non-Christian class is ready to acknowledge that Christ is the God-sent Saviour of the world, while the other
class is bitter and opposed to the teachings concerning our Lord. Many educated Mohammedan women call us to their doors and ask to hear our Message. They often say "Yes, the Mohammedan world has forsaken God. How can we get back?" This gives us an opportunity to tell them of Him Who is The Way and The Door.

C. W. Schelander.

Annual Report for Khamgaon District.

Another year with its lights and shadows, encouragement and discouragements, has passed quickly by.

On returning from our Conference last year we had six days of special meetings in the Chapel, conducted by an Indian brother, Rev. J. Malelu of Bombay. The messages were given in deep earnestness and by the unction of the Holy Spirit. Our souls were refreshed, but the "breaking up of the fallow ground" so much needed amongst our Christians and for which we have been earnestly praying, was not realized; so we are still praying and trusting for this.

While Mr. Crocker went on tour with Mr. Smith in East Khandesh for five weeks, the Indian worker and I went to our out-station at Tivhan and from there visited twelve surrounding villages. In three of these, where in former years there was strong opposition or worse still, blank indifference towards the Gospel message, we had an encouraging reception. People listened attentively for hours and afterwards readily bought Scripture portions. It caused us to "thank God and take courage." Not having the car at this time we had to fall back on the old "Ox-o-mobil" for transportation. One day, while visiting three distant villages travelling about 25 miles over mostly rough country roads and in a springless bullock cart, the dear Lord so graciously sustained us that we did not feel fatigued, but while giving out the message of the living Word
to good, attentive crowds, most of whom had not heard the Message for several years, our souls and even our bodies were refreshed. Surely "he that watereth shall also be watered himself."

Then right after New Year we all started out over thirty miles away from our Station into the new portion of our District of Jalgaon (Berar), and for nine weeks without a break we had the privilege of witnessing for Christ early and late, in market-places, towns, villages, and hamlets; and to numerous visitors at our tents. One Sunday afternoon we had no less than eighty persons present at our tent, though nearly a mile out of town, and for over an hour they listened respectfully and attentively to the Gospel message. Our party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Crocker, baby Ruth, myself, two Indian Workers and a capable young woman of our Christian community who assisted Mrs. Crocker. In most of the fifty or more villages the women had never seen a white woman before nor heard about Jesus and His love, therefore Mrs. Crocker and her Biblewoman had the great privilege of telling the good, sweet Story to hundreds of women for the first time. Many of them were at first rather afraid of letting them sit down near their houses, but after they found out who they were and for what purpose they had come, they became interested and some were moved to tears while listening to the Story of the love of Christ, and said they would henceforth pray to the true God in the name of Jesus and not in the name of their gods who never answered their prayers. Seeing these open doors and hungry hearts on every hand, it is needless to say that we reluctantly turned homeward, but by the middle of March the heat had increased so rapidly that we had to leave for the shelter of the bungalow. However, we left behind several hundreds of Scripture portions; some twenty or more New Testaments and two Bibles were given to earnest seekers, who, we hear, are still reading the same.
In last April the new out-station at Jalgaon—the County seat—was completed. Two Indian workers and their families are stationed there, so that those who are searching for the Truth in that District have now an opportunity to come in personal contact with the heralds of the true Light. In about two months, when cars can cross the Purna River, we expect, D. V., to revisit this district. Please unite with us in earnest prayer for the progress of the work in this promising section. There is also an urgent need for the erection of a room for the accommodation of the Missionary when visiting the workers. We have a plot of ground adjoining the worker's house on which such a room could be built. Please remember this need also in your prayers.

At Tivhan out-station the school work is carried on successfully with 48 children on the roll. Although the large majority are children from Hindu homes, still they all get instruction in the Bible truths as illustrated last Christmas. About a hundred persons, mostly from the higher castes, from several surrounding villages were present at our Christmas service. All the exercises performed by the children were on true Christian principles, many of the recitations were from the Scriptures, and the hearty singing of Christian hymns was seemingly enjoyed by all. May we not soon expect a harvest from the precious seed sown in these young hearts! Please join with us in faith and prayer for this.

Here on the Station the Sunday School, the Sunday evening services, as well as the weekly prayer meetings have been carried on regularly all through the year. For the last four months an additional weekly prayer meeting for women only has been conducted by Mrs. Crocker. It has been well attended, many of the women have taken part in the meetings and much interest has been shown. In the first part of last August, at the request of Mrs. Crocker and the Christian women, there was one week of special meetings conducted by Mrs. Cutler of Murtizapur.
The blessing of the Lord attended these services and some of the women received a definite refreshing in their souls.

A good many neighbouring villages have been visited from the Station. As for the work in the town it has taken on a new aspect. The Arya Samaj people are quite strong at this place. A National School, with some 250 students, is also established just outside the town. During the last few months both of these organizations have put up a strong systematic opposition. At almost every open air service, some of these leaders from "the Enemy's Camp" are sure to come purposely to argue and break up the meetings. On such occasions we have specially appreciated the assistance of the Indian Worker who has exhibited such tact and ability in keeping the audience calm and attentive. Praise God for every true Indian Worker that He has given us. About two months ago by persuasion and promise of material assistance the Arya Samajists succeeded in getting a Christian family, which for some time has been in a backslidden condition, to openly discard Christianity and join their ranks. This of course made things worse than ever, still, in spite of it all, we have had during the past year more requests for New Testaments and Bibles from the educated persons of this town than ever before, and we have had more intelligent Hindus and Mohammedans attending our Sunday evening services than in former years.

The late Dr. Simpson says in one of his writings, "One can recognize the working of the Holy Spirit by the growlings of the devil." So we praise God for the privilege of being here for the defence of the Gospel. "Jesus is Victor"! Hallelujah!

Personally we do praise God for His continued goodness in giving us good health during the year and supplying all our needs.

P. HAGBERG.

"Casting all your care on Him for He careth for you."

These words have been made true to us and our family at Khamgaon during the past year. "He careth," our Heavenly Father, the Mighty God, Maker of Heaven and Earth continues to care for His own. So He tells us to "be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God."

This year has been a year of new experiences in Khamgaon. Other years we have been able to praise God for no epidemic, but this year enteric fever visited us. It has been a long, trying time, but we can praise God for His deliverance and for all He has been to us in the trial and the many lessons we have learned.

Twelve of our girls were stricken down one after the other with this dread disease. There were some mild cases that lasted from fifteen to twenty-one days, but others had relapses and complications. Two cases seemed hopeless, but, praise God, He answered prayer and they have recovered. We praise God, and thank all friends who have prayed for us.

There has been much sickness in the city of Khamgaon this year. We had a few weeks of good rain in July and then no more till September, consequently there has been much cholera, malaria, typhoid and dysentery.

How grateful we have been for the hospital rooms that were built through the kindness of dear friends in America. We greatly appreciated having a place in which to segregate the sick girls and thus prevent further spreading of the epidemic.

One of our girls was married to a young man who is a compounder in a Government Hospital, and judging by the letters we have received from her, she is very happy
and returns thanks to God for giving her such a good husband and happy home.

This girl was brought to the orphanage about seven years ago. Then she was living in her village with her blind mother whom she led about from place to place as they begged for their daily food. At that time her mother was making arrangements to marry her to a Mohammedan, but one of our missionaries persuaded her to send the girl to school, while she made provision for the mother. We are glad she came. She heard about Jesus and was saved and baptised. She studied up to the fifth standard and learned to cook and sew.

Sometimes the work looks discouraging and it does not seem that our efforts avail very much while at other times we are encouraged and rejoice as we see some of the trophies of God's grace; brands plucked from the burning.

Another of our girls will be married very soon to a young man who is now in our Training School at Bodwad. Both these young people came to us from the Murtizapur District. They were married as children by their parents according to Hindoo custom, but when the parents became Christians they sent the boy to Akola and the girl to Khamgaon. All these eight years they have been considered married according to Hinduism, but this does not satisfy them now, they want to be married according to Christian rites, so, D. V., the wedding bells will ring for them very soon, and then they will go out to work for the Lord. Pray for them. He is a promising young man and we trust their united lives will be used for God's glory. Soni (gold) the young woman, has lived a consistent Christian life, and has been a blessing and help to all in school.

School Work.

The school work has been in Miss Moore's charge and under her wise supervision and the earnest and efficient services of our teachers there has been satisfactory
progress. Most of the children passed the Government examinations, and received a worthy commendation from the Government Inspector of schools.

We have witnessed a steady growth in the spiritual life of the children. Many, who were so easily overcome by the Tempter, have won victories which have made them stronger in character, and better overcomers for the Lord. They have been helpers together in prayer and the Lord has been often pleased to reward the faith of these little ones.

**Widows.**

Last year we reported 10 widows but this year there are only six dependent on the Mission for support. These earn their living by doing farm work and the work of the compound. During the epidemic they were real helpers in caring for the sick.

We have been doing a little farming ourselves this year. We sowed three fields with jawari which will be food for our girls while the stalks will make fodder for the cattle. We had men to plough and sow the fields, but the women did the weeding, and will also help to get in the grain when it is ready for cutting.

One of our widows who belonged to the farmer caste used to work these fields, but for the past two years on account of her failing health she has not been able to do so. A few days ago this same widow went to be with the Lord after a long, trying illness. Santabai's life has not always been what it should have been, but we have prayed much for her and longed to see the true repentance for sin that must come before we can be saved. Some weeks ago she came into the bungalow and while we were talking together, she said she had been a very great sinner. This opened the way for us to deal with her and tell her that Jesus came not to call the "righteous but sinners to repentance."
God spoke to her heart and she began to weep and to confess her sins and for the first time she evidenced a truly repentant heart. She wept and cried aloud to God and asked for mercy and forgiveness and we believe there was joy in the presence of the angels of God that afternoon over one repentant sinner.

The next morning when we went to her room she told of a dream she had had in the night, and she said she saw a man and she knew it was Jesus and He said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven." So she said, "I have assurance in my heart now that I am saved and I am not afraid to die." From that time she became worse, and a few days ago she went to be with the Lord, and we hope to meet her among the Redeemed when Jesus comes.

During the winter months Miss Derr was stationed in Khamgaon as a helper in district and school work. She found the work among the women in the city very encouraging and was much impressed with the cordiality of the high caste women. She also conducted a Bible class among the working girls in the school and cared for the sick.

EMMA AUER.

Kaira Girls' Boarding School.

To me my sudden landing at Kaira was as unthought of and unexpected as Lindbergh's dash across the Atlantic, and I have hardly "come to" sufficiently for the grave task before me of furnishing an excuse for being here! The "tradition of the elders," however demands a report, and hence I find myself guilty of being in the throes of a hectic and futile searching for some outstanding achievement to broadcast at the close of the year which spans the distance between then and now—something that would prove acceptable to the great family of "Listeners In"—and
something that would have at least the savour of a thrill attached to it. In the midst of this silent conflict a "still small voice" floats in, not so much to reprove as to remind me once again of the eternal truth that "the race is not (always) to the swift." Someone has said that achievement is not always success; and that real success is more in the trying than in any tangible result. In the so-called common, everyday grind, devoid of anything brilliant or laudable, so far as human eye can discern—the routine which largely goes to make up most missionaries' lives—this thought has often consoled us and made it easier to keep up the march and plod along "when the band was not playing"; and since Kaira is situated practically in "No man's land," we neither hear nor see the band!

Broadcasting in India is only in its infancy. So is my sojourn here in Kaira. Even the countless variegated experiences that can crowd themselves into the space of one brief year have not altogether succeeded in rubbing the shine off the newness, nor in making me feel perfectly at home as an announcer from Station "K," within whose time-worn walls so many of His choice ones have lived, loved and laboured for the Lord of the harvest, and in whose annals so much could have been recorded concerning their "labour of love" and "works of faith."

Much of the year has been given to "tuning in" to "Things as they are" and in seeking to find and follow God's own program. While we are very conscious of the fact that everything which has been done may not have been approved unto man, yet we can say that the endeavour, at least, in little problems and big, has been based on the sincere desire to carry out honestly and faithfully the trust committed to us by the Mission; at the same time to be true to every individual concerned, and, above all, to be "approved unto God."

To the Misses King and Wing, who have been at the helm of their respective departments for the past few years,
belongs due praise for untiring service and satisfactory results. Whatever there has been of the unsatisfactory or unsuccessful I am ready to attribute to my own failure to carry out in the best way at all times my part of the program. However, we can look back over the past year and say with one accord, “The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.”

One very distinct cause for praise is the extraordinary measure of health which the Lord has bestowed upon us this year. The girls seemed to thrive on the hot season weather; and later when “the rains descended and floods came” through sieve-like roofs, making the rooms dangerously damp and uncomfortable, the natural tendency was to fear that the result would be not the usual, but an unusual siege of malaria fever. The rainy season is the accepted herald of malaria, and although unwanted and uninvited, is never an unexpected visitor at this time of year. Our hopes were better than our fears, however, and our entire family emerged from the deluge as one “strong man to run a race”; and to Him Who has proven Himself our “Strong Deliverer” we ascribe all the glory.

We were also spared any serious damage to property during the flood; this too, we feel, is a cause for thanksgiving, especially when we consider the havoc that was wrought on every side of us. We believe that these experiences have brought home to our girls new lessons of confidence and trust.

It has rejoiced our hearts to see the older girls fall in line and take places of responsibility made vacant by the transfer of some of the widows to the Mukti Mission. Their “coming out,” as it were, their gladly taking hold, and their making good, all with a dignity and faithfulness beyond their years, has been a source of sweet fragrance to our own lives. In cases of emergencies we often have volunteers vying with one another for the privilege of performing the extra service. We believe that this is a
practical finishing touch to their education, and that their development along this line will help to make them better fitted to go out into a sinful and needy world.

With Miss Wing's recent departure for furlough we feel that we can truly say that one of our wings, at least, has been clipped! We were very sorry to lose her so early in the year, but, left with no alternative, we have aimed to keep soaring just the same! Back of these attempts lies the secret of "What's in a name?" Miss King's kingly name! Much could be revealed concerning that secret, but it would seem a lack of good taste even to start a hunt for the right words with which to label the qualities inherent in the owner of such a regal name. Suffice it to say that from this invaluable source has been borrowed much of the needed prestige, dignity, wisdom, courage and strength; and, as the Indian would put it, "On my head is a big debt," even the interest on which I cannot begin to pay. (Here is hoping that I may be forgiven!)

The school work has been under Miss Wing's faithful supervision, and we can report a healthy condition. Last year nine girls passed the vernacular final examinations. This year eleven girls are diligently preparing for this same ordeal. Four girls were sent to Teachers' Training College in January, but we are sorry to report that one of them has been obliged to drop out because of ill health. We are praying and trusting for her complete recovery: The three girls will come back to teach soon, thus giving them an opportunity to prove what they can do, and incidentally giving us the privilege of ascertaining whether or not our choice in the first place was a wise one. Competent teachers are an absolute requisite, for we find that to "teach the young ideas how to shoot" is no less a task in India than in the lands of the more enlightened.

One of the present teachers, who at first did not seem especially promising, and was therefore denied the privilege of returning to college for further training, seems to have
applied the "self-made" process to herself and has developed into a capable teacher. I believe that somehow she has gotten something out of the course offered by "Knocks' College"! As a reward, as well as an encouragement, we should like to make it possible for her to complete her training, thus enabling her to become a still more efficient helper in the school.

One of the older orphan girls grasped at the opportunity we gave her of taking a course of practical nursing in a nearby Mission Hospital. She is very happy in the work and we are looking forward to the time when she can come back and be given a ministry along that line in our midst.

A child-wife, engaged during childhood to a boy who later was taken into the Boys' School at Dholka, was with us for a year before her marriage a few months ago. Her education was not a very extensive one, to be sure, but she made good use of the short time she was here, and we know that even the little will prove a blessing in days to come. Had she come earlier in her life, the gain would have been greater, but her parents, being non-Christians, held back in the matter of finally giving her up and allowing her to come into the Mission. We are glad for even the short stay, and for the fact that we had the joy of seeing her accept Christ and be baptized and go out from here to help establish another Christian home in the midst of heathenism.

Aside from special meetings, the regular Sunday school work, church services and weekly meetings have been given due place, for we realize that this phase of the work must be the mainspring which moves every other department and gives life its true meaning; and without which the race would be aimless and without a goal. We do not like to think of ourselves as an "Institution" with so many cut-and-dried nooks and corners for this and that and cut off one from the other. We would seek rather to create the atmosphere of a home, where the events of the days,
weeks and months go to make up, not so many disconnect-
ed links, but a continuous and well-forged chain which
shall bind and hold these young lives in the right relation-
ship to God and to man, and serve to lead them forth from
here healthy, wholesome women, with a well-balanced
outlook on things temporal as well as spiritual. We try
to impress them with the fact that true education and real
Christianity do not consist in so many school books and
so many meetings; and many are the occasions afforded to
bring this truth home to some of the youngsters, who seem
just as human as you and I were. Who among us has not
had to be reproved for unwashed dishes, unswept floors,
clothes prematurely torn, broken promises, stolen fruit,
eglected duties? Somehow the big, shiny tears trickling
down the brown-skinned cheeks of the unfortunate little
girl who, intentionally, or otherwise, has left the dishes to
take care of themselves, strike a very sympathetic chord in
my own heart; and I try to deal as kindly with her as my
own indulgent mother did on such occasions, when I not
only walked away and left them but ran away.

"And how came you to be late to school?" This
query has to be sounded forth occasionally. It is very
difficult for some in our family to know which answer
would suit us best, and so all we can hear in the way of
reply sometimes is a painful silence. After examination
and cross-examination, and a good deal of philosophizing,
we can only come to the conclusion that the bell deliber-
ately rang just half a minute too soon this time, and naturally
the inevitable happened! The wise old brass gong tarnished
with the years, and suspended by a string from the
verandah ceiling, overhears the discourse, but says never a
word, although it gets the blame for so much. I sometimes
think that if it could speak, rather than defend itself, it
would plead for some of these well-meaning but very
human pieces of humanity who do not have a mother, a
sister, a brother to shelter them and fight their cause. Miss
King comes nearest playing the role of real mother. A peep into her office discloses accounts, sewing, patching, correspondence, fine-combs and broken slates, all mingled together in a bewildering yet friendly conglomeration on her overworked desk. All these and many others await their fate upon the return of the Miss Sahib from her daily exploration of living rooms, kitchen, school rooms, front yard and back yard. Concerning her discoveries she could write a fascinating book, I know, but methinks she loves the “kiddies” too much to tell all she knows about them.

For our friends in the homeland we only wish that you could get a glimpse of us just as we are; you would love us none the less for our failures and shortcomings; and if we could get even one word across to you “over the air,” it would be that of one voice, and the one word which would give the fullest expression to the sincere gratitude of lives made glad and given a chance to be made “meet for the Master’s use” and prepared to meet Him Who took the little children unto Himself and blessed them. We thank God upon every remembrance of those who have caught up by the way of the throne the S. O. S. of these whose rescue depends upon you and me; and our hearts are made glad as we pause to think of the host of keenly interested “hearers as well as doers”—warm friends and loyal supporters of the orphans and needy ones entrusted to our care.

Above all, we rejoice in the consciousness that the Lord has ever been “listening in” during the hours of the year, and in the knowledge that His heart of love has caught up even the faintest strain from the abode of our own hearts, responding always with the “exceeding abundantly;” and as the scroll of the year is rolled up we would seal it with these words of the Psalmist, “Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.” We have no greater achievement to record. We want no greater success.

CLARA BJOLAND.
Women’s work in Matar District.

Praise God, He is the same yesterday and to-day and for ever! Every child of God is encouraged when he reads the promises of God and by the eye of faith has his vision centered upon the Promiser. Again faith is strengthened, when he sees what God has done in the past.

With the Word as our guide and source of supply for every need and as a reminder of His past goodesses, we entered the service of our King with great joy last fall.

In the touring season, the presentation of His Word often caused young and old to listen attentively. Tears coursed their way down the brown cheeks of those whose hearts were moved by the Living Word. These have been remembered in prayer although we have not found it convenient to visit them from the Bungalow. In nearly every village God encouraged us by sending at least one, who was searching for soul satisfaction.

As we were responsible for the women’s work we sought them out at their homes and found that many of the older women and widows were dissatisfied with their idols and were secretly searching for a God, who would answer their cry.

Miss Peter met with a severe accident during touring season so Miss Berchtold took her place. Thus we three have shared in the women’s work in Matar District. Miss Peter held us up in prayer, while unable to be in Camp.

When it became necessary to break up Camp and return to the Bungalow, there was a real heartache. Little did we think then that a flood would come and destroy the majority of the homes where the word had been given out and received by a few. In one village, a Brahmin widow, declared with joy that Jesus had saved her. With real anticipation we looked forward to seeing her again this year, but the village is utterly destroyed and we do not know
where she is now. We can only leave the lamb in the Father's care and remind him of her great need of protection.

The one interesting feature of the work at the Bungalow has been the children's work. In the evening after the little ones had worked hard and had had their supper, they gladly, of their own accord, gathered in the tent (which was our temporary residence while the bungalow was being repaired) or out in the open for praise and prayer. If one of the little ones came so late that they missed the opening exercises, tears would be shed. In order that the late comer might be quieted, we would begin over again. Then with shouts of joy, singing or repeating the memory verse they finally ran through the fields back to their several homes. "A little child shall lead them" was the hope that made us give ourselves to the children. (The parents do not join the children's prayer circle).

Through the children in the villages we were able to distribute a few New Testaments and Gospels. Many Tracts and Leaflets also were handed out.

The results of the work we cannot record. We cannot report that many have been saved, but we have been conscious of His presence, His help and His guidance. Because of His promises we dare to hope for fruit that will be nourished and watered by His own hand and the prayers of the many, who intercede for the work.

"Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for an inheritance."

Julia G. Woodward.
Malkapur District.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

It has been a year of 'ups and downs.' Those of you who have watched the last quarter of a game of American Rugby when the ball is resting on the one yard line, know something of the defence that a team can make when everything is at stake. This pictures our efforts of the past year. We have been trying to break through a goal line defence that has, apparently, resisted every previous attack. We have been unable to get the ball across the line, as it were, yet we are rejoicing in an evident weakening in the opposing forces.

Two families in Malkapur are thinking of becoming Christians. A Brahmin professor called three or four times at the bungalow and borrowed some books on the Christian religion. He seemed very much impressed with the 'Three hour Sermon' by Kanamori, the Japanese evangelist. When I told him the story of my conversion he seemed to come very near the Kingdom; frankly acknowledged his need of salvation but intimated that the step was impossible for him. Pray for this man.

A Mohammedan woman, wife of a police official, is very open-hearted. Many times my wife has had the privilege of telling her the Story of the true Prophet. Among the Christians of Malkapur, a little, ignorant, village woman, from Daryapur district, baptized by Mr. Cutler many years ago, stands out very prominently. When she came here she could neither read nor write but after a few months' study with the catechist's wife as teacher, she was able to read the stories of the birth and crucifixion of Christ. She has also learned to pray and God has seen fit to give her some very definite answers to her petitions.
She said that when she was tired or discouraged she read how her Saviour suffered for her and then all her troubles vanished and she was happy again.

Recently an epidemic of cholera raged in Malkapur. Several dead bodies were carried out daily to the water's edge and laid away. At this time one of our little Christian girls was stricken with the dread disease. Her parents, who were in a backslidden condition, repented of their sins and then turned to the mercy seat to plead for the life of their little one. Our heavenly Father heard their prayers and from that hour the child began to improve. This was the beginning of a spiritual house-cleaning in our midst and we thank God for all the evidences of His love and mercy manifested towards us and our people, while we continue to pray for the larger outpouring of His Spirit that will result in much conviction for sin amongst the heathen.

**Village Incidents.**

In one of the nearby villages, a little lad, son of the headman of the village, said that he had read the four Gospels so much that his head ached! In that same village the high caste women would not come near Mrs. Moroni lest her shadow might fall upon them and thus defile them on their holy day!

After a meeting in Bhagdugni, a man of the farmer caste took off his turban; got down on his knees and repeated after the catechist a simple prayer in which he openly gave his heart to the Lord. A fortnight later we visited him and were convinced that he had at least tasted of the ‘heavenly gift,’ but upon our last visit, we found to our sorrow, that this poor, weak believer, unable to withstand the attacks of his caste fellows, had denied his Lord. We commend him to your earnest prayers.

In another village we found a woman, whom Mrs. Auer used to visit. She testified to the great heart peace which she had enjoyed since believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.
A man in Umali said that he would follow the Lord and a schoolmaster in Ghirni declared that some of the things he had read in the Bible were well worth believing.

One morning about eight o'clock we drove into Maknera, the residence of the great heathen king and his followers. Shortly after our arrival a procession of idol worshippers armed with various musical instruments and a shot gun, which was fired off occasionally by one of the followers, marched noisily through the village streets worshipping as they went a pair of old shoes belonging to the king's mother which were carried in a small ox cart in front of the parade! Later the king himself walked out unto a small terrace on which a chair had been placed for him. While he, king-like, sat at the top of the steps, we, from below, ventured to converse with him concerning things that are eternal. After some hesitation he permitted me to read the Bible in his hearing, then I had the great joy of telling the Old, Old Story to the people who had gathered to hear the discussion. The king had granted me an audience of only an hour, so having monopolised the time at my disposal I left for a meeting elsewhere.

Touring Notes.

During the last touring season we touched the main centers of the district, and visited all the villages around Nandura, Motala and Malkapur, thus the influence of Christianity has been felt through practically the whole of our district. We reached 22,600 people during the year's work, and we believe in many villages hearts were touched and enlightened by the power of the gospel. We believe our God is marching on and we shall yet see answers to the many prayers that have ascended for this large district in which the Adversary has held sway for over thirty years.

EDWIN A. MORONI.
Mehmedabad District Report, 1926-1927.

The past year has been full of evidences of the goodness of God to us. We returned from Conference last year to continue the work of the Boys' School at Dholka. The routine duties of school and church work were carried out including a part in the teaching of the Bible class for young men, where God at times worked very graciously in sending a spirit of confession and prayer through His Holy Word.

In January a question came from the Committee regarding our transfer to Mehmedabad. Although Dholka had its ties and attachments yet God had by various means prepared our hearts for the move, so the work at Dholka was turned over to Mr. Helfers who had had charge of the Dholka district for some time previous. A little later Mrs. Helfers joined him in his service.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewellen left for furlough in February and the Mehmedabad district fell to us. Our first pleasure was to bring little Wallace Randall home from Baroda Hospital where he had come on the scene. We had scarcely got settled when the Annual District Conference was upon us. This was a joyous occasion for the numerous Christians from the thirty-seven villages of Mehmedabad and Matar districts. Brother Moyser was with us throughout the meetings and gave very practical and stirring talks from the letter to the Colossians, especially emphasizing the privilege of the Indian Christians to become grown-ups, thereby increasing their efforts in self-support and self-propagation. The expense of the conference was defrayed by the district.

During the cold months previous to our coming to Mehmedabad, there had been two touring parties preaching the Gospel in different parts of the district. Only the extreme southern portion was not toured. Several very encouraging incidents of individuals opening their hearts to Christ are recorded and the interest in most places was
good. We praise God for the work done by Misses Woodward and Peter, also the continued witness of our Indian evangelists and Biblewomen. The holy ordinance of baptism was administered to seven. Inquirers numbering forty-one are being followed up and taught in the Way of Life. These are scattered among the various out-station centres. We want you to pray that God will save these lives.

Our hearts are much encouraged with the interest shown at Aklacha. Some years ago quite a large number of the low caste people there embraced Christianity. Property was secured and a substantial meeting place and worker’s house were erected. For some reason these had all backslidden, or been ‘healed of Christianity’ as the heathen say, except two widows who depended principally on charity for their livelihood. There had been talk of selling the dusty, cobwebbed church and leaving the place as hopeless, but in recent months a change has come among these people. From thirty to forty are now attending the services in the church held three times a week. Three of the men who had been previously baptized have come back to God. Thirteen are asking for baptism. Night and day schools are being conducted at which twenty-seven attend. The people have refused the Arya Samajist instructor admittance, announcing themselves loyal to Christianity. They have confessed their wrong in ceasing to follow Jesus after they had made their start, and so far as I can see they are sincere. Won’t you please pray that the glory of our Redeemer, which had departed, will be manifested through the salvation of these Aklacha people?

We have counted it a great privilege to work among the ten congregations. Eight of these are organized churches. A few are clean and aggressive, while others are in a low state spiritually. However, we love each member and attempt to reprove, rebuke, correct and instruct in righteousness, encouraging ourselves in that perfect example of love shown toward each of us “In that while we were yet
sinned Christ died for us." The Christians here with few exceptions, have come from the low caste. Their homes, their meeting places and their catechists are invariably located in the low caste quarters. The natural result is that most of our activities and prospective Christians are among this class. These quarters are as a rule large and many of the people have graduated from doing only the debasing tasks and have commenced to cultivate rented land. By this it is not to be understood, however, that they are exempt from the swindling and oppression to which their class is subject. This accounts for the Christians and outcastes being considered as one and the same by the bigoted Hindu population with a consequent aversion to them. We thank God, however, for the few indications of His working in spite of this bitter attitude. This year three Christian boys were enrolled, after much effort, in the Mehmedabad Anglo-Vernacular school. Interest in the Gospel is also being manifested by several caste men, even to the extent of attending services on Sunday.

The increase of Rupees 259 over the amount given last year shows a steady improvement in this important aspect. The year's total offerings, excluding any missionary gifts, amount to Rupees 1,666. The highest average per member for any one congregation is Rs. 9-10 by the Alindra church, while Mehij comes a close second with Rs. 9-3 per capita. The average per member in the district is about Rs. 5. A member of the Mehij church had a crop worth Rs. 400 of which he turned over to the church treasurer at one time Rs. 40, his Sunday giving, being over and above his tenth. Objectives for collecting the funds differ, but since most all meeting places are inadequate and no funds for this purpose are available from America, the first obligation is a suitable church building. The Alindra congregation has Rs. 225 still to pay on their new building. Rs. 273 is pledged, so no difficulty is anticipated in its payment. A dedication service for this new church will be held soon. The Kaira church was practically unanimous
in calling Hiralal Raysingh as their pastor, taking upon
themselves the responsibility of one-third of his support.
Nearly five thousand rupees have come in for the re-build-
ing of the Mehmedabad church. When all promised
funds are realized the amount should near six thousand
rupees. We thank God for the prospect of it being re-
built. According to contractors' estimates there is still
room for gifts to insure its completion. Regional Confer-
ences and special meetings will be held in this building,
therefore we expect handsome donations from each district
of our Gujarati area.

The twelfth Sunday School has been opened. Special
attention has been given to establishing graded classes in
each of these schools. In most cases a layman is superin-
tendent. Eight village schools are in progress where special
emphasis is laid on the study of the Catechism and Bible
stories.

The Christians on the whole are poor. In every
congregation there are those who rely on the poor fund
for their partial sustenance. The recent floods have em-
phasized this condition. Money loans for seed, property,
repairs and daily bread have been accepted from the
Government and elsewhere. The refund will be difficult. In
most localities a second seeded crop is fair, but one locality
especially will need assistance throughout the year. Dam-
age amounting to a thousand rupees has been done to
Mission property. Will you please pray for the needed
funds to repair these buildings very soon? Mehmedabad
Christians also need your untiring prayers. May our Lord
be pleased to add continually to their numbers those whom
He would save.

J. S. Ringenberg.
Murtizapur District Report.

The work of the past year included: Touring; hot season building work and investigation of five divorce cases by Mr. Cutler, while Mrs. Cutler held special meetings for women in Khamgaon and Akola; helped in the Chandur and Nardora Indian Conventions and taught in the annual summer school for Evangelists at Akola.

Touring was carried on from five centres of the district. At the beginning of the season our forces were united, but later, we divided our party and thus managed to cover our entire district with the exception of thirty villages which were visited from the bungalow. Meetings were generally held amongst the caste people but occasionally the depressed classes also attended, and in practically every village, an uninterrupted and attentive hearing was accorded us. Women attended the open-air meetings in larger numbers than ever before. Our touring season ended with our Easter conference which was a time of great blessing to all. Since then a well-to-do member of the farmer caste has come several times to the bungalow for instruction in the Truth.

Opposition.

In a village eight miles distant lives a Christian family which has been severely tested by a representative of the Arya Samaj (nationalistic anti-Christian movement) from Bombay. He came to lecture in this village and aided by the influence of the government headman sought to re-establish in Hinduism a Mohammedan convert and a Christian who came from the depressed class. The Mohammedan yielded and by several acts of ceremonial purification became a Hindoo again. The Christian stood firm and in face of the whole assembly declared, 'What I am, I am, and I have no desire to change.' For this man we would ask your earnest prayers that his faith fail not.

The Roman Catholics are energetic in assembling the children of the depressed classes for instruction. Their
school rooms are built now and children from the surrounding villages are in attendance. Many from the Akola side have also come. The inducements are free board and education, so we fear that many of our village Christians will send their children there for schooling.

Leonard J. Cutler.

Marathi Bible Training School, Nargaon

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light." This verse has been proved true many times during the year as the students have allowed the word to enter their hearts and abide there. The year has been one of diligent application on their part, and of quiet but consistent growth. Whenever the word is allowed to do its work, results more lasting are obtained than from any passing emotion, and stable Christian character is developed. The year has not been without its trials, but on the whole there has been a spirit of willing co-operation and ready obedience, and we realize that the prayers of friends at home have been answered in the general tone and activity of the school. We are thankful for the distant prayer helpers, who will rejoice with us "in that day."

The enrolment has been fifteen for both terms. Three of our older students secured their diplomas in April and have gone out into the busy fields. This last term we have had six students from other missions. We appreciate the interest that comes from a larger school and also the opportunity afforded of being of use to other societies who stand for the whole Bible.

Those who preceded us chose wisely in locating the school in such a healthful spot and there has been very little sickness. The wife of a married worker has definite answer to prayer in relief from a long-standing trouble, for which she gave God public thanks. Our location is also favourable because there are so few outside attractions.
that the students devote their energies to their studies, yet the surrounding villages offer opportunities for the practical side of training that is so necessary.

A month was spent in the district last year after convention, and with Mr. Crocker's help and his car we reached many villages that had heard but seldom, and found encouragement in the reception of our message. The students' bands have gone out every Sunday as well, so we can report 363 evangelistic meetings with about 12,000 listeners, and 200 books sold. The church meetings numbered 150, and the total offerings of the Indian people were Rs. 135. The students assist in the Sunday School, take prayer meetings, and preach in the regular morning services.

Mr. Siegel was married during the winter term and left us to take charge of the Boys' Boarding School. While we could not begrudge him the step, we were sorry to lose him. Mr. C. W. Schelander's presence and help carried us through the remainder of the term without a break in classes, and Mr. Fred Schelander has made his own place in the school since July. We look forward to happy service together the coming year.

In comparison with similar schools of other missions in Western India, we find that we are larger and better equipped than any. We thank God for what has been achieved, but are not satisfied yet. Will you not pray with us that we may grow in numbers, in spiritual power, and in efficient ministry. RAYMOND H. SMITH.

Pachora Station Report.

It would gladden our hearts were we able to report abiding fruit gleaned for the Master, but in our district there has been none this year. We see signs of the seed of the Word springing up here and there, but the harvest seems slow in coming.
Touring Work.

We commenced district work about the middle of November and returned to the bungalow on the ninth of March. This year we experienced less difficulty with the vernacular and received a more kindly reception from the people than last year. Questions were frequently asked regarding our relationship to Rev. Andrew Johnson, who toured this district for so many years.

One of the most remarkable incidents during touring season occurred when on the principal afternoon of a religious festival we were invited into the Hindu temple to play the trombone. Availing ourselves of the opportunity we preached Christ as the accepted Sacrifice for sin by His death and resurrection. When the worshippers rang the temple bell too loudly, they were rebuked by the temple priest who wished to hear of Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In another town a farmer was very sick with malaria fever. I felt a strange, warm love for him and prayed for his healing. The next day he came to the tent and said he was quite well. He recognized God as his healer for Christ’s sake.

In January we attended a large Hindu festival in Mehij. Large crowds listened to the gospel although not a great many scripture portions were bought. Some Brahmin men told our Evangelist that we had spoiled their festival. They said, “Everywhere we looked we saw your Madam Sahibs preaching to our women, or heard your trombone or were asked by your preachers to buy your holy Book.”

Women’s Work.

Mrs. Conant writes: The work among the women has been hindered owing to the lack of a Biblewoman and the presence in our home of the twins, who naturally consume quite a lot of time and energy. We cannot call all the work that has been done amongst the women ‘meetings’, as most
of my ministry has been to the ones and twos who have visited me in the tent or bungalow, yet I believe that God will use all these things to bring out a people for His Name.

At one town, where we arrived just before dusk, the women gathered around and we had a very profitable time together. Three hearts, made tender by sorrow, were reached by the gospel Message. One was a woman of the streets tired of her sin, and the other two had lost their sons just two days before. Some were even moved to tears as we sat there in the gathering dusk repeating together a little prayer in the name of Jesus.

One day a Brahmin widow asked me to sing and talk to her and her friends about Jesus. In course of conversation I ascertained that she had heard the Good News in Jalgaon and was really a Christian at heart. After the meeting she took me to her home and served me tea. Pray for this woman and a few others who seem to be very near the Kingdom.

The Ford Reports!

The Ford, also, has had its experiences. One day as we were going over rough roads, the differential oil plug was touched by a rock and loosened. It was unscrewed by the bushes in the middle of the road and dropped off, draining all the oil from the engine. We reached the government road; then sped over six miles back to the camp for our noon meal. That afternoon I discovered that I had no oil. I thought the car was ruined, but being a Ford, I just whittled out a wooden plug, put in new oil and started out to search for the real plug. After six miles we saw the brown splash of oil in the road and picked up the plug out of the dust by the wheel track. We have recently had the car examined by a mechanic. He says there is no harm done and the car is still in almost perfect running condition. We praise our Father for His goodness in so graciously keeping the bearings from jamming and the car from harm.
Station Work.

The Christians in Pachora, who, regardless of denomination, attend our meetings and contribute to Alliance funds, are eight men, thirteen women and twenty children. This year again the church has supplied all the railway and touring expenses of the Evangelist. They have also bought a small organ, sent flood relief to Gujarat and an offering to the Bible Society.

For six weeks after hot season we brought twenty or more Hindu children to Sunday School every Sunday morning. Then the peanut harvest came on and attendance dropped away, yet we feel that, in even this short time the children were influenced for good. The parents of these children sometimes came to the meetings and one man reads the New Testament daily. Pray that the Word of the Lord might have free course in these lives.

Since the fiscal year closed we have found two seekers after the Truth. They are asking for Baptism. May these souls be the earnest of a truly spiritual harvest in Khandesh. We want souls for our wages, and ask the Lord to make us fishers of men, workmen that need not to be ashamed even in the brightness of His Coming.

ROGER E. CONANT.

Sanand Report, 1926—27.

As we review the past year’s work our hearts swell with praise to our heavenly Father for His great mercies and the many tokens of His unchanging love manifested towards us. The time has been filled with manifold opportunities for service and we have not been hindered by sickness or lack of material equipment from taking advantage of the many open doors. From the standpoint of activity we do not remember any period since we came to the field when we were able to be out so much in the villages. God has enabled us to make Him known amongst the heathen and we thank him.
Almost five months of the year were spent in tent life and during these months we enjoyed an intimate fellowship with our helpers not hitherto experienced. At each new camping place, before we approached the villages of that section, we fortified ourselves by spending a day or two in prayer and meditation on the Word. Apart from God, we all realized our helplessness, and we are confident that our strength and courage for the work ahead were renewed as we waited upon Him.

During touring season we covered all our district plus about fifty villages in disputed territory. This means that we visited three hundred and fifteen villages. Several times we preached the Word in eight villages in one day. Usually, the larger crowds assembled at night, when by pictures and story we endeavoured to proclaim the Saviour's love. Few books were sold in these night meetings but upwards of 2,000 scripture portions and other books were disposed of in the day meetings.

In many places in the Kadi district we encountered determined opposition to the gospel, but in each case there were more for us than against us and many listened eagerly at the expense of being beaten with thongs or sticks or pelted with brick bats. However, when one door closed another opened and the reception accorded us in the large majority of villages compensated for the indifference and petty persecution of the few.

Now a word about Kadi city which has been an outpost of the Sanand district for the past two years. God has given us a very single victory at Kadi. Opposition to the gospel has been very intense and active in this new centre, and up until a few months ago our people were positively forbidden to draw water from any well in the whole town, consequently we had to pay hard cash for every drop of water our people used. Last year we took advantage of a chance to rent cheaper quarters for our men there, so we moved from the centre of the city to a quieter
spot on the outskirts. At this time a new worker was stationed there in Mangal’s place. Upon his arrival, he immediately proceeded to draw water from the local well, and as we expected, was immediately confronted by all kinds of protests and threats from the by-standing Hindoos. The police then came on the scene and declared Chuggan must not take water from the well. Whereupon Chuggan calmly replied, “Without water my family and I will die and if I take water from this well you will kill me so I shall be the first martyr for Christ in the Baroda State.” This settled the water strife in Kadi. From that day our people have been drawing water with the Hindoos. We greatly rejoice over this great thing which the Lord has done for us, for we believe He has ‘much people in this place.’ Help us by prayer to bring them into the light as it is in Christ Jesus.

The work at Kalol goes on very encouragingly. The people of the surrounding villages are very friendly and seem to give heed to the preaching of the gospel. Another man has been added to our list of candidates for baptism. On the railway station the bookseller sells 300 books per month.

Early in the year, Elisha Abraham, whom we have stationed in the Moslem town of Charrode, very tactfully managed to organize a little day school. Nine to eleven children, Hindoos and Mohammedans, attend regularly and receive fifty-fifty of religious and secular instruction. They have learned to recite the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer and many scripture texts. The parents of these children are very anxious that they should study so we are praying that this may be seed sown in good ground.

There is one very encouraging feature of our work, not reported before and which is worthy of notice. Last year our eight workers and the cook contributed two-thirds of the Kalol bookseller’s support from their tithing fund. This year they are meeting the full expenses of this work,
i. e. Rs. 26-4 per month. The total expenses incurred at our quarterly meetings, when we meet at the different stations in our district for prayer and conference, are also met by the workers and our faithful cook.

This little band handed over Rs. 35 to the flood-stricken folks at Ashapur and still have a nice little sum on hand which they purpose giving towards the support of another colporteur. Our people have been sadly lacking in the gift of liberality and we praise God for marks of progress along this line.

In April our first district conference was held at Sanand. The crowd was small but God gave us big blessings. Our workers, servants and their families, with the addition of a few inquirers and several of our heathen friends who attended every meeting, comprised the congregation.

Coarse cloth sheets (borrowed from our farmer neighbours) stretched over poles extending several feet from the edge of the verandah, formed our temporary tabernacle and provided protection from the sun. We had no outside speaker but God honoured His own Word expounded by the missionaries and workers. A deep sense of the presence of God was evident in every meeting and especially in the communion service after which we had an anointing service for the physically afflicted. Our three days' conference closed with a very precious testimony meeting, in which every child of God took part.

Ashapur, formerly a part of the Sanand district, fell into our hands again in April and we were very glad to renew connection with the faulty but lovable people out there. On our first visit there we organized a nice Sunday School with an average attendance of a hundred. The progress of the day School is not at all satisfactory, due partly to the inability of one of the teachers and the lack of co-operation on the part of the parents. We have a strong and growing conviction that this people need a
spiritual leader of their own blood, and would solicit your prayers that God would very definitely guide as we seek to show them their privilege and responsibility in this connection. They are contributing monthly to a general fund and we feel, with a little encouragement, they could undertake at least partial support of their own pastor.

The flood hit them hard. Eight houses were made unfit for habitation and the church building is practically in ruins. It will be hard for them to recover from all these material losses, but they are very grateful for the help received and continue to express their gratitude to God for His many providences on their behalf. A high caste Hindoo friend gave me Rs. 50 towards relief for our needy Christians.

Last Thursday we finished our share of the Summer School work. The six weeks spent in study of the Word with our five sixth year men were most profitable. The men had a mind to work and from cock-crow until long after ordinary bed-time they were intent in absorbing the contents of thirteen books. God gave us a good time together and both teachers and students are rejoicing in Him Who kept us in health and enriched our own souls.

Throughout the year the tokens of God's grace and love have been innumerable. Our hearts rejoice and praise Him for the great privilege of being co-workers with Him in Gujarat.

SAMUEL KERR.

Viramgam Report, 1926—27.

It hardly seems possible that another year has slipped away since we were at this rather difficult task of recalling and selecting the items of praise and prayer which usually form the basis for our yearly reports. Would we were able to report an ingathering of many souls! What an incentive a break would be! However, Joshua and Caleb
faithfully circumnavigated the wilderness for forty years before they were privileged to behold the fruit of their faith in God’s eternal promises. So we set our faces toward the task, while our hearts continue to look to the Lord of the Harvest for His guidance and blessing.

We have not a few things for which we have reason to render much thanksgiving to God. First of all we would praise the Lord for health and strength so graciously supplied throughout the year. Not only have we been kept fit for service, but our Indian associates have lost very little time, if any, from their duties. With the exception of two small children there have been no deaths in our Indian Christian community. In this land of pestilence, disease and insanitation, surely life and health are not the least among His many benefits.

Last year we could report no baptisms, but this year a young man who has been residing at Viramgam while teaching in one of the Government Schools of that city, satisfied the church that he was qualified to be baptised. This young man witnessed a good confession to both Christians and others who had gathered on the banks of the tank in which he followed the Lord in baptism. We could have baptised three others, two of whom are the first fruits from one of our three out-stations, but we felt it wise to wait a little longer.

All told there are four inquirers, and we are trusting our Father to successfully lead the fourth into an open confession as well as the above-mentioned three. This fourth inquirer, a young, intelligent, wealthy Bania merchant, seems greatly interested. He has read the New Testament and claims to have accepted its message. However, he is not yet willing to step out and boldly confess his conviction, fearing, as it probably will mean, the loss of all things which a Hindu holds very dear.

Last year we reported having toured the State of Jhinjhuvada, a native state in Kathiawad, but this year
we were permitted to reach eight of these native states in the so-called "North Country." Much of the credit for this extension is due the motor-car, a godsend to the itinerant missionary! In six of these native states, every town, village and hamlet heard the Gospel message, but the two farther to the north were only touched upon the borders. In no other touring season have we been able to dispose of so much Christian literature. As many as 129 Gospel portions and 14 New Testaments were sold in one day. Praise God for the privilege of putting the written Word into the hands of the people.

With but a few exceptions we were kindly received by all classes. However, when exception was taken we were not left in doubt as to what caused this attitude. The Arya Samaj have opened a fresh attack upon Viramgam and the surrounding country. The temple-towns seem to be their favourite resort, especially temples of pilgrimage. In one such village the people would not allow us to hold any kind of a meeting. The children and young hooligans were encouraged to do their utmost to discomfit us, filling the air with their howling and dust throwing, but God gave grace as well as protection.

We praise God for the increase in our staff the past year. At present we have eight workers, one colporteur, two Biblewomen and one half-time village School-teacher. One of the out-stations which has been closed for a while was re-opened at the beginning of the touring season. Later in the year a new out-station was opened at Kharaghoda. Kharaghoda is the railhead as well as the headquarters for the Government Salt Pans in the Ran of Cutch, and situated between the native states of Bhajana and Jhinjhuwada. Long have the missionaries thought of this place as a possible out-station. The difficulty of obtaining any houses for our workers had kept this door shut until last year. The present Superintendent of Excise, who is also the Magistrate of the Kharaghoda Cantonment, was formerly an
Inspector of Customs at Viramgam, and at that time very friendly to the Duckworths. When we explained to this officer our desire to put two of your workers in Kharaghoda and the difficulty we had in securing rooms, he did what we had little expected. He instructed his clerk to write an order to the effect that the C. & M. A. Mission was permitted to house two families in the Government Salt Lines, at a yearly rental of only Rs. 6 per room. These rooms have an enclosed verandah and are plenty large enough to satisfy the ordinary family. The situation is a good one, enabling our men to carry on work in the Cantonment as well as the Salt Pans. Praise God for this sign of His working in our midst. Kharaghoda offers an opportunity of reaching people, mostly coolies, from many of the native states, including Cutch and Sind. While we have not been long enough in this centre to make any definite statement, the outlook indeed seems very bright. The two young men who have been stationed there are very enthusiastic in their reports concerning the open-heartedness of the people. Quite a number of Scripture portions have been sold. During the flood, when these workers and their families were cut off from the rest of our district by swollen streams and flooded fields, their heathen neighbours showed them they were welcome by many little acts of kindness.

Of the over 40,000 who were numbered as present in the evangelistic meetings throughout the year, our statistics show that fully three-sevenths of this number were women. Miss Hansen with her indomitable missionary horse, Jerry, made this number possible by an extended tour during the entire Hot Season. Nothing could persuade Miss Hansen to write a separate report, but you may be sure the women were not neglected in this district.

The church work has been most encouraging. The average attendance has increased 10 per cent., while the offerings have increased 25 per cent. We have begun a monthly subscription list, the money to be used in the
erection of a much-needed church building. To date this subscription list totals Rs. 35 per month, every anna coming from the Indian Christians. Rs. 50 is the mark we have set ourselves to attain. Please stand with us for this amount, or better still, a greater sum.

In closing we humbly ask a large interest in your daily intercession. Viramgam is a hard field, but nothing is too hard for our Victorious Christ. C. A. Gustafson.


(Written for the Alliance Convention.)

May I begin my report with a word of personal testimony? The year 1926-1927 has been an unique and memorable one to me. The very first transfer of my missionary life came after twenty-five years of service. The experience of being pulled up by the roots is not a pleasant one especially to maiden ladies well advanced in years. The struggle over leaving Gujarat was a long, hard one and even now after a year, I cannot say that I'm altogether dead! Another side of the struggle was a feeling of one's own inability in every way to fill so important a position as the Superintendent of Ramabai Mukti Mission. Advancing years, a new language, twelve missionary ladies (English) of various opinions and wills presented a formidable barrier to one of my calibre. However it was gratifying to find at closer range, a few of the lions chained.

Those first months were harder mission work than I had ever done. One of the Mukti workers laughingly remarked that the Alliance had given me Mukti as my pension. In spite of the hard work, one was very conscious of God's help continually. I have long since discovered that if God can get His way with me, He will have His way with all who are connected with me. Indeed I thought I had surrendered everything I knew to God and was willing to go where He wanted me to go, when I found
my first problem was again with myself. The battle is over. There may be a few scars or even unhealed wounds, but the battle is over. "I'll go where You want me to go, Dear Lord," I still hold the promise, "For He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee so that We may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, I will not fear, what man shall do unto me."

I would not fail to thank you all for your prayers for me. I think there never were so many people praying for me in all my life as at this special time. If there has been any measure of success at all, it has been the result of God's answer to prayer. To Him be all the glory.

The financial burden was also a hard thing to face, but we found the treasury well filled when we arrived and a steady stream has flowed in ever since. It has only been the past few months that we have had any real pressure. We have often been humbled and praised the Lord for His wonderful supply, enabling us to meet the ordinary bills and carry on some much-needed repairs. The past two months we have been in straits. This is no doubt another 'trial of our faith which is much more precious than gold though it be tried in the fire.' There may be some natural causes, the general commercial depression, the passing away of several of our old and staunch supporters, and the fact that the Mission has changed hands has had some influence. Every mission is pressing its claims these days. All these things have their effect on the finances. But God who cares for the sparrows will not forget to keep Mukti. He has many ravens, He can multiply loaves and fishes, He can keep the cruise of oil unexhausted and find money in the fish's mouth, He can send manna from heaven. So we need only to believe and obey and He will meet every need.

The day after we arrived in Mukti, Dr. Smedley and Miss Meyerson left for their respective homes thus leaving Mukti without a doctor or a nurse so Miss Brazier had to add dispensaries and the sick ones to her already heavy burden.
Those first weeks were a great struggle with new circumstances and accounts (which I never could keep straight) and then one day Mr. Moyser said to me quietly, "How would you like Miss Steed to help you?" Am sure Paul was not more comforted by the coming of Titus than I was when Miss Steed arrived.

The hot season was a very happy time for those of us who remained at home. The climate of Kedgaon is beautiful and this hot season was fine. Only a few hours at midday were intensely hot, the nights were cool and restful. Our family was small and we got on well. Our regular services were a time of spiritual blessing and uplift. The pastor was away on vacation. Our Biblewomen were home from Pandharapur and their testimonies in meeting and in the compound were greatly blessed. The pulpit was supplied by any of our friends who could come, God guiding in each service so that we had a real spiritual time.

All was going well when there came literally a bolt out of the blue. On June 3rd a terrible storm took off some of our roofs, blew down walls, and corrugated iron fences. The iron sheets were flying in every direction, and it is only God's mercy that many of the blind girls were not seriously hurt when the roof of their quarters blew off. Timbers fell and the iron sheets were simply twisted like a cloth wrung out of water, but they escaped with only minor bruises. A damage of Rs. 2000 was done in a few minutes. These quarters still lie as they fell. The day after was spent in gathering up the debris and getting our breath. Everything was drenched with torrents of rain.

Sunday dawned bright and clear but another cloud hung over us. Our fellow-worker, Miss Rosa Smith, had returned from the hills on Wednesday with malaria fever very ill. We did not realize how serious it was until too late to obtain medical help. On Sunday June 5th at about 4-30 P. M. she just slipped quietly and joyfully away into the presence of her Lord Whom she loved so much. We
could not wish her back, but in the weeks that have followed we have discovered what an important and heavy part of the work she had so uncomplainingly carried. She was our housekeeper for all of Mukti. Miss Steed with what little help I could give her, carried this burden with all her other work for a time. It took us weeks to recover from these two heavy blows coming so suddenly and so close together.

Miss Brazier was much worn with her multiplied duties, so in order to relieve her for a few weeks, Dr. Philip and Mrs. Sheppard and Nurse Shipman, of the P. I. V. Mission came to help us. We had made many efforts to obtain help for the short time but all in vain. Everybody was occupied. We were grateful to our friends for this service so willingly given.

Miss Jackson who had charge of the Bartimeus (Blind) Sadan, was delayed in going on furlough because of lack of passage money. She very much needed the rest so during the hot season we prayed for the money and it came and she left for home July 13th thus leaving another gap in our ranks. Krishnabai, the head-mistress and superintendent of all our schools, has added this department to her regular school as a part of the vocational school, and is doing well with it.

Miss McGregor is carrying on the printing work. Ramabai's Memorial Bible is finished, also the New Testament. 35,000 Gospels of Mark, Luke and John are ready. Miss McGregor with us was praying for money to print Matthew's Gospel, when Mr. Brading of the Scripture Gift Mission paid us a visit and bought 5000 each of the gospels already printed thus enabling her to go on with Matthew. Mr. Brading suggested that a saving of 40% in expenses could be effected by using stero-type. Labour does not mean however quite so much to us as to other presses. However, our press girls are clamouring to leave Mukti. They have worked for years on small pay to accomplish
their Mother Ramabai's desire for her Marathi Bible and now they want to go and they should go. They are getting older each year so there are less opportunities of obtaining good homes and husbands. One of the best engine girls was married this month. The opportunity came and we let her go. Sooner or later we will have to close the press or else hire from outside which will not pay us with the small amount of work we are doing at present.

Miss McGregor also runs the hundred acre farm with more than a hundred head of cattle of all kinds. She has done exceptionally well. A year ago the bullocks were walking skeletons but now are fat and slick and able to work. Many improvements have been made at a considerable expense which we trust will yield us more and better crops next year.

Miss Macdonald has been managing six compounds and most of the spiritual work of the place. She has had to act as my lieutenant because of my lack of language. One who has not experienced the difficulty can scarcely realize what a handicap it is not to be able to speak directly to the Indian people, when one has been so accustomed to doing so for so many years. Miss Macdonald spends hours daily organizing the routine work and adjusting emergencies, besides all her own work.

Miss Berkin looks after visitors' rooms. Mukti has many visitors both Indian and European, hence this is an important task.

Miss Morris has the two dispensaries now in addition to her preparation for her second language examination. Soon she will be a full-fledged missionary. Pray for her that God will give her strong, robust health.

Miss Lizzie Couch, although seventy-four years old and lame from an accident some years ago, goes twice each day to the Railway station to distribute Gospel literature. Hundreds of tracts and Scripture portions in several languages are scattered in this way. Pray for her in this ministry.
Miss Browne has a fine sewing department. She produces beautiful needle work. Last year several prizes were awarded to Mukti at the Industrial Exhibition in Poona. While she is training fingers to be deft and accurate, she is also training character. During our emergency she also did the housekeeping for two months. She is no longer a young woman and frail, still she goes bravely on with the work.

Miss Steed has accounts, most of the correspondence, two compounds of little children from four to thirteen years of age, about seventy in all, and the primary Sunday School Department, which means teachers' meetings and supervision of the dept.

As I have sat Sunday after Sunday facing the unfinished end of the great church, built by Ramabai shortly after the 1900 famine, I have thought and prayed (I could not understand much of the sermon) and stared at the iron sheets and torn old canvas and asked God in some way to help finish the church and thus make a fitting memorial to one who in her life-time wrought so much. We have made many very necessary repairs and some improvements. The tiny tots' house (Phulbagh) was a sheet iron building much too small and very hot for the little children. This has been torn down and a large airy room arranged for them in line with the other dormitories but quite separate from them.

The iron fences blown down by the storm, have been replaced by a wire fence and a Duranta hedge, thus adding to the beauty of the compound. The front entrance has been raised, the workers' rooms are nearly finished as advised by the committee. Two car loads of flag stones have been purchased at a cost of about $120.00 and the slabs are fast replacing the broken cement and earth floors. A well on the farm has been deepened with fairly good results. Minor repairs are too numerous to record here. Weeks were spent repairing roofs after the storm.
Our Bible school this year was entrusted to Bhimabai to relieve Miss McGregor. Bhimabai is a trained Bible teacher having studied in the Blackstone Bible Institute at Muttra. She began her class with twelve old members and fifteen new ones. These come from all departments of Mukti. None are very promising save a few who are perhaps better educated than the others. The most promising perhaps of all has just gone to Pandharapur to be trained in practical work as a Biblewoman. She is too young to be sent out alone yet so is going on six months' probation. The students as a rule are poorly educated. A few are teachers, but from this group of women we will not be able to supply the great demand we have for Biblewomen. Our best women have gone out into other missions and we have only the mediocres left, we have no source from which to draw prospective Bible workers. Our women are in demand for two reasons—they know their Bibles and are able to endure hardships.

The Evangelistic work is all voluntary. Bands go out to the villages each day. These are volunteers from all departments of the work. Two regularly paid Biblewomen are employed to accompany the bands. Two of our school teachers are now spending their Devali holidays (Hindu New year) preaching the Gospel at Junnar, a neighbouring mission station.

This year in July, cholera was very bad at Pandharapur at the time of Hindu pilgrimage. It was a question whether we should send our girls or not. On enquiry we found four women who were not only willing to go but felt especially led to go, saying that they had no fear and since they were in God's will, He would protect them. The morning of their departure we gathered in the little prayer room and the Missionary Aunties dedicated these four devoted people to God for this service. They left with brave and happy hearts and returned fourteen days later weary in body but with shining faces. God had used them...
to give out His word to those seeking peace at the shrine and had kept them well.

About twenty-five girls have been married this year. They have gone into the Salvation Army, Irish Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, and Mr. Norton's Missions.

Mukti schools range from Kindergarten to High School. Swarms of children from the Christian community and the near villages come to the mission school. Our band of faithful teachers are doing their best to "teach the young idea how to shoot." The High School has suffered many difficulties this year. Unfortunately a number of girls who had not been very welcome in other schools, were sent to Mukti. (We get many such in other departments). Therefore we have had our troubles and two have had to be sent away. We are very hopeful of two or three of the girls passing their matriculation examination.

The party of workers from England is due November 14th. It includes Misses Hastie, Whitley, Craddock and Butler returning, and Misses Tillett and Hanna coming for the first time. Our own Miss Amstutz as you know arrived October 13th with the Alliance party. We are glad for the much-needed reinforcement. We welcome these new precious lives to our fellowship in enduring for Jesus' sake. We are so glad for them. Please pray especially for the new girls that Mukti may not prove too hard for them. Pray for the returning ones that they may be able to accept gracefully the changes that have been made and fit into the work wherever God wills.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for me also. "It's me standin' in the need of prayer." Some of our biggest problems are ahead of us. We shall need wisdom, holy, heavenly tact, and gentle firmness. Pray that we may use authority, only as God gives and God controls. We covet the humility in Jesus that conquers for Him. God grant that we may be willing to pay the price.

EUNICE WELLS.
# Alliance Missionaries in India

**As Stationed October 1927.**

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Berar</th>
<th>Gujarat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>AKOLA</strong></td>
<td><strong>AHMEDABAD</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rev. W. Moyser</td>
<td>Rev. J. F. Brabazon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. W. Moyser</td>
<td>Mrs. J. F. Brabazon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rev. O. H. Lapp</td>
<td>Miss E. Berchtold</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. O. H. Lapp</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss H. C. Bushfield</td>
<td>Rev. A. Helfers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss H. Beardslee</td>
<td>Mrs. A. Helfers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss A. Backlund</td>
<td>Miss C. H. Peter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rev. B. B. Siegel</td>
<td>Miss B. B. Conger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. B. B. Siegel</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss M. B. Ratey</td>
<td>Miss C. Bjoland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss E. Buller</td>
<td>Miss E. M. King</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss H. F. Cutler</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>DHALKA</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rev. A. Helfers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mrs. A. Helfers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss C. H. Peter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss B. B. Conger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>KAIRA</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss C. Bjoland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss E. M. King</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>MATAR</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss J. G. Woodward</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss T. E. Wright</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>MEHMEDABAD</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rev. J. S. Ringenberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mrs. J. S. Ringenberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>SANAND</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rev. Samuel Kerr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mrs. Samuel Kerr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>VIRAMGAM</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rev. C. A. Gustafson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mrs. C. A. Gustafson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss C. H. Hansen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Khandesh.</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>BHUSAVA</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss K. P. Williams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss E. C. Karner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>CHALISGAON</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rev. O. G. Schlatter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mrs. O. G. Schlatter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>JALGAON</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rev. C. W. Schelander</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mrs. C. W. Schelander</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**AMRAOTI**

Rev. E. R. Carner | 1904 |
Mrs. E. R. Carner | 1902 |

**ANJANGAON**

Rev. L. E. Hartman | 1920 |
Miss. L. E. Hartman | 1921 |
Rev. A. H. Garrison | 1909 |
Mrs. A. H. Garrison | 1911 |

**CHANDUR**

Rev. B. H. Hostetter | 1921 |
Mrs. B. H. Hostetter | 1922 |

**KHAMGAON**

Rev. P. Hagberg | 1893 |
Rev. E. W. Crocker | 1923 |
Mrs. E. W. Crocker | 1923 |
Mrs. E. Auer | 1901 |
Miss E. F. Moore | 1917 |
Miss J. E. Derr | 1922 |
Miss A. K. Hansen | 1924 |

**MALKAPUR**

Rev. E. A. Moroni | 1922 |
Mrs. E. A. Moroni | 1922 |

**MUKTIZAPUR**

Rev. L. J. Cutler | 1895 |
Mrs. L. J. Cutler | 1893 |
ALLIANCE MISSIONARIES IN INDIA (Continued).

NARGAON
Rev. A. H. Smith 1917
Rev. F. Schelander 1925

PACHORA
Rev. R. B. Cowherd 1928
Mrs. R. B. Cowherd 1928

OOTACAMUND (Missionary Children's Home)
Miss E. Lobb 1904

KEDGAON (Christian Orphanage)
Miss E. Walshe 1906
Miss E. E. Reed 1923

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY J. ROGERS
AT THE I. F. MISSION PRESS SURAT.