“Occupy till I come.”
"Go ye ... make disciples ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."—Matt. 28:19.
THE MISSIONARY SENSE

This land is a dead land; the curse is everywhere;
I never pray for this land but I see the cross He bare;
I never pass a temple and Vice enshrined inside
But strong resolve leaps in my heart to tell why Jesus died.

Truth is scorned in this land; on lies they stake their doom;
I never pray for this land but I think of Joseph's tomb;
I never pass a burning corpse upon the river shore
But something whispers in my soul: "He lives forevermore."

This land was a fair land and will be fair again;
I never pray for this land but I hear the sound of rain;
I never pass an old well by heat of famine dried,
But lo! I see His river, so deep, so cool, so wide.

—John R. Turnbull.
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“Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us”

Extracts from the Chairman’s Report to Conference

We meet in conference this year in portentous days. At the moment the eyes of the whole world are upon India, or upon the leaders of Indian thought, who are gathered with British statesmen at the Round Table Conference, seeking a solution that will gratify the ambitions of this land without disturbing the security of its people. There are appalling possibilities for trouble in India, but we pray that wise counsels may prevail and that the turbulent element which clamors for bloodshed and war may be overruled.

India is “at the crossroads” religiously as well as politically. There is a large group of educated young men who have been taught to disbelieve their old religions without finding something better. In increasing numbers these are turning to atheism. They are making themselves the avowed enemies of religion, of whatever kind, and, catching their vision from Russia, they desire to bring the millions of India’s people under an atheistic and Bolshevistic regime. Unless the Lord of Hosts deals with this element in India we may find the doors for Gospel effort swinging shut in this land, where dwells one out of every five of the world’s population.

It seems that as a mission we also have reached a turning-point. Our work and our prospects are now far different from what they were when the Alliance began its effort in this land. Today, besides living in a different sort of situation, we inherit the labours and prayers of our predecessors, and it would be a serious mistake to attempt to work as we would have done forty years ago. Christ, who loved the Indian church and gave Himself for it, has brought it into existence. No longer may this church be thought of as a by-product of missionary work, to be cared for along with other tasks; nor as a tender plant, or young child, which appeals to our compassion and fostering care. I trust we are learning also that the church does not exist for the missionary, either to afford him a pastoral ministry or to furnish the basis of interesting reports. No! The church is the chief end and aim of our effort, and even if it is weak it must be recognized as the most efficient element in
making Christ known to India. Only in so far as our work thus far has been effective in laying the foundations for this Temple of God have we truly succeeded. And in the measure in which you and I can truly regard ourselves as servants of the Indian Church for Jesus' sake can we really be of use in this land.

An attempt to record one's impressions of the present state of the work of the Alliance in India today must take into account the enormous difficulties of the present day, when India is deep in financial depression but aflame with new nationalistic desires that militate against the Gospel. The mere adding of figures do not tell the story. The 148 baptisms recorded during the year, as well as number of baptized believers (2,320), and the total of the Christian community, including children of Christian parents (4,126), are all slightly under the returns given last year. In some places, however, the reduction of numbers is due to wholesome house-cleaning, which may be more promising than a mere addition of numbers. The offerings of the churches for the year (Rs. 8,886) are, as might be expected, less than reported a year ago, because of the hard times through which the country is passing. Where the offerings of the very poor are made in grain or other produce, the price realized by the sale of these items is less than in a normal year, though the sacrifice of the giver is none the less than if the market value were higher, for they receive their pay in grain.

On the other hand, the 27 organized churches reported are seven more than last year, and there are now 22 unorganized churches, as against ten "branches" reported last year. This is, we believe, a very healthy sign.

Regional conferences of the representatives of the churches have been held in Berar, Khandesh and Gujerat, in which the delegates showed a keen interest in plans for development of the churches. For the first time executive committees have been elected for each Region, and in each case our suggestion was followed in the election of three Indian brethren and two missionaries to form the committees, assuring a working together in harmony of the missionaries and church representatives during transition years. These conferences examined candidates for the ministry, and ordained and installed brother Maganlal Jelaji as pastor of the Akola church, and brother Ashirvad Lalla as pastor of Mehmedabad and Hebron churches. Both of these will be fully
supported by the congregations. Rev. Bhudar Adjabhai, who was ordained some years ago, was installed as pastor at Dholka, and the ordination of Durla Gemabhai, as requested by the Viramgam church, was approved, and will take place in January. There have been several conferences with the Indian brethren concerning church development, and we find them responsive and interested.

The Marathi Bible Training School recently graduated nine young men who are prepared to take up evangelistic work. As Mr. Smith is about to go on furlough, it appears necessary to close the Bible School for a time. It is hoped that when it is opened again classes can be conducted for young men who will not, because of their training, become professional evangelists, but will have a useful witness for Christ as lay preachers. Of course, the more formal course of preparation will not be abandoned, as there will always be the necessity of training a few men for the ministry. Much blessing has rested upon monsoon Bible classes, held for village Christians in Anjangaon, Mehmedabad and Khamgaon during the year. Perhaps it will be found possible to conduct similar schools in still other centers in future. This training and inspiring of humble witnesses for Christ is a very promising development, and may mean much to the work in future.

For many months the income for our Mission Fund for Evangelists has not kept pace with our needs, and a deficit is now being carried in that fund. I am sure that none of us feel that we are doing more than we should to make Christ known to the millions of people about us, and to even contemplate the curtailing of our testimony by reducing the number of evangelists is heart-breaking. Yet the logic of facts must be faced, and we may find that the Lord is speaking to us through the present condition of funds.

As we prayerfully seek the mind of the Holy Spirit concerning our work, let us remember that the only hope for really adequate witnessing concerning Christ is through His Church in this land. It is very significant that, weak as our churches are at present, of the 148 baptisms reported for the past year, 94 of them were done in the churches, leaving only 54 as representing effort outside of the sphere of the Church. May the time soon come when, in our older centers of work, all of the baptisms as well as the witnessing for Christ will be connected in some way with the Church which bears His name. His Church, not the Mission, is the
custodian of the Truth, and is His chosen instrument for making Himself known.

"I love Thy Church, O God, her walls before thee stand,
   Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.
For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
   To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end."

Keil D. Garrison.

Amraoti District

Dear Friends,

This is the first time, in all the years since we first went to India, that we are writing our report far from the scenes where the work was done. If there be disadvantages in this, there is at least the one advantage that we have the perspective of a more distant view.

As we look, from this far-off point, at our little part in the great harvest field, we realize that what we have had the privilege of doing is like a tiny "drop of a bucket." Yet we are deeply grateful for that drop. The Lord of the harvest sees all. Each honest effort and faithful service for Him will be counted when He comes to reward His servants.

He permitted us to preach and witness to hungry hearts in many villages, and to see some fruit in a few of them. Twenty-five were baptized, the majority of them being young married couples. Out of this number we remember a few who seemed to us to be very promising, in spite of the fact that they were all outcastes. If they go on with the Lord and receive instruction in the Word, they should develop into useful members of the body of Christ, and a few of them might well become elders of local churches. By "church" we mean the little company of believers who were baptized at the village of Vartoda, in Amraoti district. To us, it does not seem to be the teaching of God's Word to count church buildings a necessary part of our equipment in Christian propaganda. God has churches which meet only in private homes, or under shade trees, or in village alleys. The only fundamental requisite is that those who meet be real believers in Christ (who meet, as our Lord said, "in My name").
One precious hour in our memory of the past touring season is that of a communion service, which was held under the shade of two trees, a *nym* and a tamarind. That little company was composed of new Christians, with the exception of the writer and the Indian brother who led the service, together with his wife. We had no chairs to sit on and used one cup for all, even though one who took part came from a home where smallpox was then burning the body of his little daughter. It was a blessed occasion, and we believe the Lord was there in the midst. Who would say that such a company does not constitute a real church? It is a long-standing conviction with us that no church buildings on any of our mission fields should be built with money that is not the offerings of the indigenous church, and that the more spiritually-minded in each group of new believers should receive special instruction in the Word, and, after reasonable time, should be ordained by the laying on of the hands of mission elders. This ordination sets them apart as local elders, with all the liberties and responsibilities granted such elders in the teachings of the New Testament. Why should *such* not determine who among local enquirers are ready to be baptized? And why should they themselves not be given the joy of baptizing the souls they may win to Christ? Safeguards against heresies and unscriptural methods can be provided, by sending worthy mission workers to visit, for given periods, among these groups of new Christians, to instruct them in the Word.

In our last touring season we did not attempt to cover as much ground or reach as many villages as in previous years. We believe that the way to evangelize most rapidly, in the long run, is to concentrate on the more important towns of our respective districts, and then expect the work to spread from such centers. Our experience of the past touring season makes us feel that this Scriptural method would probably bring surprisingly fruitful results if followed faithfully.

All the work of selecting the receptive centers of a given district and holding special evangelistic campaigns in such centers; of appointing elders from among converts from such campaigns, after time has been allowed for their spiritual development through proper teaching of the Scriptures; of allowing such elders to baptize converts whom they themselves may win—all such work, it seems to me, could be done without using the term "organization"
in connection with any local body of believers. Let there be as little of machinery as we can get on with. Let us be very slow to put around our new converts the wrappings of elaborate constitutions. But let us be very quick to tell them, patiently and faithfully, the simple plan set forth in God's Word through His servant, Paul, and others. Thus will we see Him work, and thus will we hasten His coming.

E. R. CARNER.

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"Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it until he receive the early and the latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

During the rains the work was largely in connection with the local church. We are happy to report that the Amraoti church has undertaken to give half of their pastor's support. We praise God for the efficient service of our brother, Ragunathrao Khandare, in shepherding the little flock here.

What most encourages our hearts is the spirit in the weekly prayer meetings. The attendance is good, and everyone responds quickly when the opportunity is given for prayer and testimony. We believe many whose hearts had grown cold got back to the Lord during Mr. A. Garrison's services. Mr. Garrison came to us at a very trying time of the season and laboured under difficulties, but the Lord graciously met hearts, and for this we are deeply thankful.

Four young men from our district were privileged to attend Mr. Hartman's Summer Bible School at Anjangaon. They received great spiritual blessing while there. We wish to express our appreciation of this method of Bible instruction. The expenses for the young men were defrayed from the district fund, which is given by village Christian people.

We would like to mention one incident which happened in Nargaon district. In one town, near the camp, there was a Brahmin widow, who seemed to be regarded as the religious leader of the local community. People from the surrounding towns who passed through her village all stopped to pay their respects to her. She heard the Gospel one afternoon, and listened quietly and intently. Two days later, when the women were having a meeting in a Kunbi
home, the Indian women remarked: "Why don’t you go and visit that Brahmin bai again? She has talked about nothing else but this story since you were there two days ago. This thing has 'sat on her head.'" The women went again, and she seemed so eager for the story. At the close of the service she exclaimed: "I have never heard anything that has affected me like this story!"

How we wish and pray that it might affect her enough to make her willing to give up all and turn to the true and living God.

ELMORE H. EICHER.

Anjangaon

We praise God for the privilege of another year’s service in Anjangaon. As to village evangelistic work, the past year was most unusual. In a few places we could not get a hearing at all, and in a couple of towns they threw cowdung at the messengers, but in most places such rapt attention as I have never seen before was given to the preaching of the Word. The most remarkable thing was that after listening, seemingly with their whole being, to the preaching, they would, with few exceptions, seem to go dumb when Gospels were offered for sale, with the result that our sale of books was exceedingly low.

Since the poor people get very little money in their hands, Mrs. Hartman had been wanting for some time to get the Christians started giving in kind; so last Fall we visited the towns where there are companies of Christians, and urged each family to set aside an earthen vessel, of the kind they use for storing their foodstuffs, for the Lord, and many responded. The idea was for them to put a handful of grain in the Lord’s vessel each morning. The result was a surprisingly large amount of grain in the camp-meeting offerings.

In our big camp, held for the district as a whole, it took quite a while to reckon up the amount of the offering, as it consisted of jiwari (the grain from which the poor people make most of their bread), rice, fruit, eggs, chickens, goats and money. An interesting part of the offering was a tin can, containing about a dollar and a half, put in by an eight-years-old girl. Last Fall, when she saw the women putting grain aside for the Lord, she wanted to do something,
too; so her father got a tin can, cut a slot in the lid and then sealed it down, and for about five months she had been dropping coins into it. Seeing her offering other children wanted to do likewise, and now there are about sixty such cans in use over the district, and we are wondering how much money they will gather for the Lord by next annual meeting.

Our District Bible School, held this year from Sept. 9 to Oct. 7, was an interesting and blessed one. There were twenty-two students, eighteen men and four women, enrolled, representing three districts besides our own. From the first they showed such an interest in the studies that the two-hour periods seemed all too short for them, and usually they were loath to stop.

Sunday forenoons, most of the students went out, in bands of three or four each, to preach in the surrounding villages, and in the afternoon services opportunity was given for one of each band to report. They always came with glowing reports of how the Lord blessed them and gave joy as they ministered to others. In some places the people were so interested that they urged them to stay with them for their noonday meal, and have another meeting afterward.

For morning prayers we took up the Book of Acts, reading it through with brief explanations and comments, and some nights we had prayer and testimony meetings. Throughout there was an
increasing hunger and thirst manifested, and much earnest prayer was made that ere we separate God would pour out the Holy Spirit upon us in revival power.

Mrs. Cutler helped us in the teaching during the first three weeks, and Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Garrison were with us the last week, and Mr. Garrison was the main speaker in the special meetings held at the close of the school.

The first day of the meetings we had no night meeting. Mr. Garrison and I were grading examination papers in the dining-room, and Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. Hartman were praying in Garrison's room. Next to them, in a small room, four Indian women, who had fasted that evening, were praying and the Holy Spirit came upon them. That was the beginning of the most wonderful meetings I have ever seen. The Holy Spirit came upon every meeting in mighty power. We had no altar services, but time after time the whole place became an altar with everyone praying at once, and as the prayer continued we would notice individuals here and there getting through to God, and later, if opportunity were given, they would have a definite testimony of salvation or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many times we marveled as we listened to the testimonies or overheard the prayers of these simple village people, some of whom are illiterate, and saw the revelation of God to their hearts.

The night meetings were given entirely to singing, prayer and testimony with no preaching, and sometimes in the day meetings there was no time for a message; neither did there seem to be any need for one. God was working, and we kept our hands off and let Him go ahead. Those were truly marvelous days, filled with the power of God, and we expect to find a difference in the lives of individuals and groups, as we meet them in different parts of the district this touring season.

EARL AND GRACE HARTMAN.
At last Conference the Mission stationed Miss Rutherford at Bhusawal for work among the English-speaking community, and the good condition of this church is largely traceable to her efforts and prayers.

In July, Brother A. I. Garrison's two weeks' evangelistic ministry among us was blessed to the salvation of souls. One young lady, who accepted Christ a year ago, is now in Bombay holding a very trying position. Her victorious letters home reveal how her one desire is to win those for whom she is working for Him. Revelation, Hebrews, and First Thessalonians have been taken up in our Saturday Bible Class. An active Young People's Society has carried on every Friday, while good interest in the Thursday Prayer Meeting has been maintained. Recently Miss Rutherford wrote to all the old Sunday school scholars and received many encouraging replies. Ten persons were baptized during the year, six of whom had been Roman Catholics. One official of the G.I.P. Railway was definitely saved on his death-bed.

The “high spots” of the year have been three. First, the annual local convention in April, immediately followed by a provincial convention, in which all our churches in E. Khandesh participated. Rev. A. I. Garrison, Prof. V. A. Satralkar, and Rev. S. Philip (the two last being earnest Christians from other missions) were the principal speakers. Although the visible results at this convention were disappointing, God's Word was clearly and faithfully preached. After this, a conference of workers and delegates of churches in E. Khandesh was held, presided over by Rev. K. D. Garrison.

Then, in September, Brother A. I. Garrison gave Bible studies every afternoon and preached every evening for two weeks. One member of the church professed a real experience of salvation during this campaign, and since its close there has been an increase in the attendance and interest at the weekly Bible class.

The third event worthy of note was a Special Gospel Distribution Campaign, put on by the church with the object of placing a Gospel in every home in Bhusawal. About a dozen lay members assisted in
this distribution, the whole campaign being directed by the mission evangelist, but sponsored by the local church committee. As a result of this campaign, several New Testaments and a Bible have already been sold. We hope to make this October Evangelistic Campaign a regular annual event in the church calendar, along with the spring convention and the rainy season revival meetings.

A large number of women's meetings have been held in different homes, especially during the rainy season, under Mrs. Schelander's direction. At these meetings the women have been encouraged to lead and bring messages themselves, by turns.

The monthly *Church Bulletin* has just become the official organ of the Khandesh Conference.

**Schools**

The two schools in Bhusawal town have been functioning with the highest enrolment in their history, of well over two hundred. The six teachers have for the most part done well. About three-fourths of all pupils passed in the recent annual Government examinations. The average cost to the Mission per student this year was less than twelve cents a month. In addition to the secular studies, all students attend a half hour Bible class daily, and the majority come to Sunday school as well. Owing to abnormally heavy rains this year, the building in which three teachers and their families lived partially collapsed. To rebuild this and undertake other pressing repairs would require about 1,500 dollars, and we present this need for definite prayer.

**District Work**

From two main camps we visited more villages than usual. Mrs. Schelander, with her Bible-woman, reached many women. The Civil Disobedience Movement made work rather difficult in some towns, but we never spent a happier touring season. A few professed to be inquirers, but did not reveal faith enough to warrant baptism. One young man, who had become interested through the missionaries in Murtizapur, stayed with us some weeks, but could not stand the estrangement from his relatives, and went back. A *patil* (village headman) said he wanted to become a Christian to escape the domination of the Brahmins (priests). Over 500 Gospels were sold and many given free. Pray for us.

_Fred W. and Edna Schelander._

_Charlotte Rutherford._
Chandur

How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight?—Deut. 32:30.

I began the year alone, and, being one, was only able to "chase a thousand." You all know how a second one helps in prayer and in many other ways. Towards the end of November another came to Chandur, to help me "put ten thousand to flight." While on tour this helper did much to get the Gospel to the needy women, and through her I had splendid opportunities of addressing many women. In Dhigi numbers used to visit our camp daily, and when we were preparing to leave about forty gathered to bid us farewell. As requested, I prayed for them, and they pressed in around the car and begged us to return. This last season I observed that the women were much more eager and ready to hear the Message than the men. We almost felt as though we had parted with a company of Christian women at Dhigi.

During 1929, Mr. Eicher and I discovered that the north side of our district, where there are five villages in which are old Christians, did not seem to respond to our preaching like the south side, where there were none. We had the joy this year of ministering to the thirteen souls that had been gathered out last year, and preached in about 200 villages on this side. Two small district sabhas were held, and at one about one hundred caste men sat for two hours watching proceedings. On Christmas Day we baptized three young people from Malegaon, and some weeks later we handed over to the Yeotmal district missionaries a family of five whom our Junglu had won for Christ. We noted with rejoicing that last year's converts had developed in a very encouraging way. At our second sabha, therefore, we were able to lay hands on two men and set them apart as local preachers. We had expected many more baptisms, but for several reasons were obliged to leave quite a number of cases over for this coming season. A few women were ready for baptism, but their husbands were holding back, and vice versa, but we kept to our rule not to baptize one without the other. Then a number were waiting to see whether we would take their children into our schools free, while two have confessed Christ in our church but as yet lack courage to be baptized. Recently we were informed that
there are people in different places awaiting our coming this year. Hence we are not discouraged, but hope for a “one rupee” harvest.

With the exception of two or three villages, the people received us kindly. They showed a keen desire to read the Word of God, and we have distributed among them, with much care and many prayers, 60 Bibles, 226 New Testaments, 2,650 Gospel portions and 15,000 tracts, a total of 17,936 Scripture portions and tracts. Some villages were glad to have us come several times.

In Chandur we have had a peaceful year, praise God! Our bazaar preaching has had a victory, and the Arya Samaj leader now says that he would like to have daily teaching in the Bible, and is accepting a copy.

The little church here has taken a step ahead, and has given one-twelfth of a worker’s support for the year, or one-third of what we received in our collections, i.e. Rs. 73-3-0. Also, we have set apart a young master to be our Sunday school agent, to start Sunday schools wherever possible in the district and report on their progress. Three souls have confessed Christ since touring, and a great many school boys have called at the bungalow for a word and a book. Our workers report 999 meetings, about 25,470 hearers, and 441 villages visited. The Lord has manifested His healing power in raising up a few very sick ones.

We praise Him indeed for what He has wrought this past year in our midst.

WILLIAM FLETCHER.

Chalisgaon

In thinking over the work of the past year, we can say, “Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’ve come.” It is by His help alone that we have been able to accomplish anything, “for of ourselves we can do nothing.” We started out on tour in November, a party of five—Miss Ransom, the Bible-woman, two Indian preachers and myself, full of longing and expectation that God would work through us to the salvation of souls. In our first camp the Lord gave us the earnest of what He was going to do for us throughout the touring season. Sixteen years previously we had experienced a very hard time here because of the hostility of the headman of the
village, but now we were graciously received. Daily the opportunity of telling the Story in some of the best homes in the town, where we camped for two weeks, and when we left they entreated us to return. One little woman seemed never to tire of the Story. She asked us to visit her relatives at our next camping place, which we did and were cordially received. A large number of women gathered in the home and heard the Gospel.

After the political stir of previous months, it was thought we would be unable to do anything in the district, but in every village we found open doors, hungry hearts, and a willingness to listen. We held 1,781 meetings in 118 villages, speaking to about 27,913 men, women and children. Some listened with listlessness; some with rapt attention, and others with tears, and we read in their faces the deep hunger of their hearts. How we longed that the Light of the Glorious Gospel might shine in, dispelling the gloom and giving them the peace and joy that our own hearts have known so long.

One morning Miss Ransom and the Bible-woman met an interesting old woman, whom I have later visited. (She was known in her village as the Chasmi Walli, or the Lady of the Spectacles.) She tried to convince us that there was no need to tell her anything, for she was well versed in the Hindu sacred books and knew that our first parents came from a swan’s egg! She would not listen to the message until she had first told her story. May the Word of God find entrance and bring light to that poor darkened heart!

In one village we found it very difficult to get an audience, until at last a mother and her daughter received us kindly. They listened intently. A son of seventeen years came and ordered us away. It was evident the women did not want us to go, so we continued our message, but he became so enraged that we thought it best to leave. However, we were thankful for the Seed that already had been sown.

The headman of another village told our Indian preacher that he had made many pilgrimages and tried everything in his religion, but was convinced there was nothing in it. He said henceforth he would serve and pray only to the Lord Jesus. Many are convinced of the truth, but lack courage, giving the time-worn excuse, “Our fathers worshipped this way and we must do the same.”

Because of the political agitation we found it difficult to sell
books, and some that were sold were bought for the express purpose of tearing them up, to show contempt for us and our religion. We sold only 106 Gospel portions, but only Eternity will reveal what they have accomplished. A few New Testaments were given to those who showed real desire for them.

We continued our touring until the middle of April, spending the mornings of the last week with the Christians of various villages. This was a time of sweet fellowship with them, and our hearts were greatly cheered as we listened to their earnest prayers and testimonies of what the Lord meant to them.

There have been preaching services, Sunday school, weekly prayer meetings and women's meetings. There has been confession and the asking of forgiveness, and earnest prayer to God for His cleansing and keeping power, and real evidence of the Lord's working, which prepared the way for special evangelistic services held later by Brother and Sister A. I. Garrison.

Although during the past three months we have worked alone we press forward into the new year. There are discouragements on all sides, but we do not intend to allow these to deter us from our purpose to serve our God in this land, for He tells us, as He did Joshua, "Be strong and of a good courage." We trust Him to fulfil His word, "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance," for "He abideth faithful."

KATHERINE P. WILLIAMS.

Dholka

It is with great thanksgiving that we can give a report of the Lord's work here in Dholka. God's favor and blessing has continued to rest upon both the school and district. Many facts and evidences could be given to attest this.

District

Last year, instead of covering a large territory in an extensive manner, we tried to do intensive work on the southern and southeastern sides of the district. The people gave good attention to the preaching of the Word. While they have not come forward to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, many are convinced that Jesus
is the only Remedy for sin. The bondage of caste forbids a change, and it seems that only a deluge of conviction from the Holy Spirit can cause the Light to penetrate idol-worshipping hearts. But God is speaking! In one very large village, which we often visited, we had been hindered in every meeting by a proud Hindu priest. In every meeting we remonstrated with him, but to no avail. During our last meeting in that village we had an intense urge to warn him concerning the folly of his way, and warning him to flee from the wrath to come and accept the Saviour. He was told that God would have mercy upon him, but he only turned the serious matter into a joke. That night he went to his bed and thence to face the Living God, whom he had rejected and openly mocked! We hesitate to write of this lonely soul, but it is true. The impression which this incident has made upon the village is strong. Pray that the "other sheep" in that village may find Him, who died for them.

Since the touring season closed many villages have been visited and the message given, and we are expecting fruit from them. Pray for the people in this district, who have been for many centuries bound by the influences of ignorant priests and dumb idols.

**Church**

This work has given us much encouragement. The Dholka church has gone forward in self-support and government. And your prayers are requested so that the church may become self-propagating. In September the church called their first Indian pastor, the Rev. Bhudar Ajubhai. When the day of installation came there was great rejoicing in the church. We took great pleasure in turning the government of the church over to our Indian brothers and sisters. Soon after this, the pastor was taken seriously sick, and in the natural way there is very little hope. We desire His will only in this matter. Pray that this new experience in the church may be the means of bringing the church into a greater sphere of usefulness for the Master.

The little church in the village of Andhari is coming forward in the things of the Lord. Many were baptized here some years ago, but they have many adversaries and some went back. This year we have been able to reclaim a number of them, and we are looking forward to great times of refreshing from the Lord. Most of the people here are of the Bhil caste, which
is known as a criminal tribe. Their living condition is just a little better than that of the cattle of this land, but Christ is willing and able to save them. In October, their grass huts and their small household kits were reduced to ruin by fire. Amidas Methabhai, the evangelist stationed in this place, hurriedly came in to the bungalow and told of this horrible disaster. We wondered what Christ would do at such a time. The answer came. We hurriedly jumped into the car which God had given to us, and went to the baazar and bought cloth in faith. The shopkeeper was told that when the money came he would be paid, and he agreed. Within a few minutes the rear of the motor was filled, and without waiting for the noon meal, which was ready, we dashed out to this stricken village. We only had enough to cover the women and children. God has used this act of Christian mercy for His glory, and today there are twenty new inquirers asking for baptism. Of their own accord some of the men came and cut off their caste locks. We covet your sympathy and prayers for these people. Next Sunday eleven, out of the old list of inquirers, will take the step of baptism. We also have a mission village school here, and some of the children are studying so that they will be able to read the Word of God.

**Boarding School and Orphanage**

Again our report concerning this phase of our evangelistic program has been honored and blessed by the Lord. His joy and presence has been manifested in our school and in the hearts of the young boys whom God has entrusted to our oversight. During the past year fourteen of the young men accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour, and were baptized on Easter Sunday afternoon. If only the supporters and friends of the school could have seen this their rejoicing, they would have rejoiced.

Last March Brother A. I. Garrison was with us for special meetings. The boys who were on the bread-making crew one night, were so under the power of God that they could only weep and cry unto God for mercy. Needless to say, God met them. The boys, teachers, evangelists and members of the church were all revived by the working of God, and we look forward to greater things next year.

Our hearts are full of thanksgiving for all God has done, and for the small share we have had in this corner of His vineyard.

*William H. and Freda Lewellen.*
Variety is the spice of life, and, owing to much variety, Jalgaon has kept spicy with varied activities for the Master during the year.

After convention last year we started out on tour in the district. If we were to look at results from a human standpoint we might be inclined to think "what’s the use! Why go to these villages year after year." But we remember the men and women who bowed their heads in prayer and asked God to forgive their sins for Jesus’ sake, and we are encouraged to believe that our “labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

In a town, called Kosumba, certain women took us to their homes to pray for them. They prayed, and insisted on our writing their names in our notebook, so we could remember them to the Lord in prayer.

A young married woman and her father, who two years previously had taken a stand publicly to forsake idol worship and worship the Lord Jesus, had remained true, and, in spite of bitter persecutions from relatives, they pray and worship the true God.

A criminal tribe’s man, whom Mr. Conant had baptized, was witnessing for Jesus in his village. His mother, too, was a believer. Can we ever forget his mother, who testified with lips, eyes and hands to God’s saving power. She is now with the Lord.

In Dhamangaon village, Hari, a high caste young man, came alone to the camp and secretly confessed his faith in Christ as his Saviour. He was planning with another young man to leave all caste, home, relatives and friends to follow the “New Way.” He was in earnest, but suddenly he disappeared. His plans were found out; what became of the lad we do not know. We continue to pray for him.

At this place, during the wheat harvest, the whole village turned out to cut wheat all night by the light of the brilliant Indian moon. The people built bonfires, and would sit waiting for the moon to come up, and we would sit with them, telling the story of Jesus, and the men and boys who could read sang lustily the Gospel hymns from small hymn books which we passed around. Our bonfire congregations would number a couple of hundred. A number of men, with their wives, left idol worship and wanted us to baptize them, but we felt the time was not ripe for that important step.
In Berar we met some Mahar men, who were interested and inquirers after the Lord. One of these men, with eleven others, had gone to our Akola church, they bowed their heads in prayer as the Christians did, hoping that they would see and meet God. Nothing happened, so they concluded Christianity was not for them, so up they got and took to their heels and they never went back. We told them God looked at bowed hearts and not bowed heads. These men, we believe, are interested and want to know the truth.

There was a good bit of opposition in the northern part of the district, but in two places only were we mobbed and driven out.

In Jalgaon proper our church work goes on regularly. Every Sunday the church is filled with eager listeners to this four-fold Gospel. Not long ago we held a Divine Healing meeting, with much blessing. Testimonies to God's power to heal were given, and the service was followed by the Lord's Supper, and a holy hush was on the congregation as they gathered around the Lord's Table.

In September we had a week's evangelistic services, Brother and Sister Garrison were with us. A good altar service and souls saved concluded the campaign.

Sunday school work goes on every week. Our people conduct four Sunday schools. One is on a roadside; another is held in the criminal tribe settlement, where we have a comfortable room; the third one is held in the schoolroom, in the police lines, where sixty boys attend on Sunday morning; the last, but not least, is the Sunday school in our church, conducted entirely by our young school boys. They are enthusiastic in their work. We praise God for them. Pachora, with its big district, came under Jalgaon's wing when Mr. and Mrs. Conant went home on furlough.

The work was carried on regularly, and two Indian catechists conducted church services and Sunday school. We visited Pachora periodically, and had a week's profitable touring amongst the villages. Everywhere we were received gladly, and we had good times giving out the glad news that Jesus saves.

We praise God for another year of service for Him in dark, needy India.

Martha Ramsey.
Anna Little.
Emma Krater.
As we look back over the year of service that has just ended, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all our Father's manifold blessings—for His tender guidance, His care, His help and protection, and for the marvelous answers to prayer He has given, and for the wonderful way He has worked in our midst.

Last October, Misses Conger and Wright were stationed here at Kaira. While their work has been entirely evangelistic, I have been sincerely grateful for their fellowship, encouragement, their support and co-operation in prayer. The Lord has used them and made them a blessing to many, and we thank Him for their ministry.

We have special reason to thank God for the health He has given our girls this year, and for the answers to prayer He has given when any have fallen ill. One day one of our girls became very sick, and by evening had developed a temperature of one hundred and six and a half degrees. In desperation, I knelt down by her bed and asked the Lord to stretch forth His hand and heal her. He did touch her and her fever left her almost immediately. The next morning she was up, normal and as bright as the other
children. My heart was filled with praise at this definite answer to prayer.

Our girls have done exceptionally well in their school work this year. The good work done has been due to the faithfulness of our teachers and the interest which they have had in each individual child. With the exception of four, all passed and were promoted into upper standards. Out of ninety-two girls who took the Vernacular Final examination, in April, seven of our girls of the Kaira Boarding School passed with seven of the highest numbers. Dai Sama, an orphan, who obtained the highest number of marks in the district, was awarded the first prize of ten rupees. Esther Madhav, an orphan, received the second prize of five rupees. A third prize, of three rupees, was given to Zipporah Ramji, who received but one mark less than the latter. A short time after Dai had been presented with this ten-rupee note, she came to me and, thrusting it into my hand, asked me to take out three rupees as an offering to the British and Foreign Bible Society, one rupee for the church work here, and one rupee to buy sweets for all the girls in the compound. A good bit was said to dissuade her, but she remained firm and gladly gave away half of what she had received. I am sure the Lord was pleased with this unselfish gift from one who has had and who has so little.

In February, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Garrison came for special meetings. While our prayer was not answered in full, we praise God for the Word that was so faithfully given out and for all the definite work that was done. We thank Him for those who were convicted of sin, for those who confessed sin and sought God for forgiveness, for those who yielded to Him.

Vishram Esucharan, the children's evangelist for Gujarat, came in September, and conducted a series of meetings among the children and among the church people. He was a blessing to the old as well as to the young. Muhammadans and Hindus came in every evening to see the stereopticon pictures, and were greatly impressed by the message of salvation. At the close of the week our children pledged that they would go without meat or vegetables for three days, and the money that would be saved by so doing they would give as an offering for the work among the children in Gujarat.

Each child here under our charge is precious to Him who is the Lover of Children, and we covet every one of these young lives for
Him. We pray that, along with their endeavor to excel in school, they may search after Wisdom and “find the knowledge of God,” which is eternal Life through Jesus Christ, the gain of which “is better than fine gold.” We desire nothing greater than to see the light of His presence shine forth from this place and from each individual young life. We are asking the Lord to bless the seed that has been sown and the efforts that have been made to win these children for Christ, and to grant that fruit shall be brought forth that will redound to His glory.

MYRA B. WING.

The Khamgaon District

_The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light._—Isa. 9:2.

The early season of the year foreshadowed trouble along political lines, and we were not surprised to find the attitude of the people much changed, yet amidst such conditions of unrest, distrust, and political strife, God granted us His divine protection, and many hungry hearts heard the Gospel.

From the first of the touring season we separated our evangelistic force into two parties, working some distance apart. This plan turned out well, as it gave the Indian workers opportunity to witness to the Gospel to their own countrymen, and they got along far better than those who were associated with a foreign missionary, as this year we were an unusual spectacle of ridicule because of being foreigners. In many instances we were received kindly, but only because being friends formerly we had won their friendship in previous years. Consequently, we foreign missionaries had much more trouble than our Indian workers. They could present the Gospel at once, without having to break down the much-prevailing prejudice.

We had the best success with the use of a dispensational chart. The presentation of Biblical subjects and truths, such as Repentance, Judgement, and the Imminence of the Lord’s coming were well received. Although the sale of books was exceedingly small, because of the strong opposition, yet the people were deeply interested in discussing the Word of God.
Camping at six different centers, we covered the greater part of Khamgaon county, and also visited nearly all the towns in Jalgaon county.

**Work Among Christians**

Those who attended the Regional Conference at Akola, at Easter time, received a great incentive to make the Indian Church a living organism. The Indian workers desired to undertake small camp meetings wherever we had a few Christians. Their plan was followed, and the Lord blessed and honored, and souls were strengthened. One boy, at the close of a meeting, after hearing all the testimonies, got up and said, “I have seen many meetings here at the out-station, and we have had a school here, too, for years, but I have not enjoyed any series of meetings as this one, this has been our sabha” (camp meeting).

This year has been the beginning of these camp meetings. The mornings were given to Bible study, the afternoons to a Chart study, and the evenings to evangelistic effort and testimony, when the new as well as the older Christians told all that the Lord had done for them. Also the Lord’s Supper was dispensed at such times. New church members were added. At Jalgaon out-station three young men were baptized and others took new interest.
Christian Training and Self-Support

During the rains our Indian Church problem was taken up and the membership list was revised. The members were questioned as to their spiritual experiences and instruction concerning faith, baptism and the need of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost was given to the young people of our church for Christian work by teaching them the Bible. These young people seem eager for further instruction.

The problem of self-support is before us continually. The church has started a Pastor's Fund and also a Poor Fund. Although we have no pastor, we are praying earnestly for the Lord to provide us one in the near future.

We have had a year of drastic measures in regard to church action. Ten members were excommunicated. Four we lost by transfer, and one through death. Four children were dedicated to the Lord, and nine candidates were baptized, after being examined by the church elders and workers. Beside other contributions, one hundred rupees were contributed to the Evangelists' Fund.

During the month of April revival meetings were held, at which time our hearts were greatly refreshed, souls were saved, and believers filled with the Spirit. Our hearts cry out for revival, that all may be filled with the Spirit and with the desire to witness to the Gospel everywhere.

Tilman and Esther Amstutz.

Khamgaon School

The hand of God has been good upon us during the past year.

The school has remained much the same in size. Our family numbers over one hundred, including our five teachers, several women, with the thirty-seven orphans and fifty-nine boarders. Five of our girls were married during the year. Two of them became wives of our young Indian preachers.

A special Bible course was given to our young women during part of the year. A number from this class are eagerly looking forward to service, and we are glad that opportunities are being given them.

Seventeen of the younger girls, some of whom just entered
school this year, testify to being saved, and four to receiving the Holy Spirit. Others report victories won, prayers answered, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

God has answered prayer in many ways. We would like to tell you of one incident. Twelve years ago, a little girl of eight years was found homeless, begging in the streets of Akola, and brought to the missionaries, who could not get any particulars of her history other than she had a father and had been married. Being unable to locate her parents, they sent her to Khamgaon School, where she has been ever since. She is now twenty years of age, has had a real experience of salvation and infilling of the Holy Spirit, and truly her life has manifested the fruits of the Spirit.

Last December the father and husband learnt of her whereabouts, and one morning they, accompanied by five of the leading men of Khamgaon, all Arya Samajists, called at the bungalow and asked for an interview with the girl. We at once knew they had come with the intent of taking her away and reconverting her if possible. As the men discussed the case and made their demands to us, we prayerfully lifted our hearts to God for wisdom and help. We refused their request to bring the girl into the room in which they were all present, but did consent to the father and husband meeting her on the open verandah, in full view of the others, who stood quite a distance away. The father and husband, with all their pleas and offers, could not persuade the girl to give up her faith in Christ and go with them, and so, with a sign from the other men, they seized and dragged her off the verandah, out of the compound, to a motor car they had in waiting. In answer to the screams for help from the girl we went to her rescue, and when they tried to put her in the car we, too, got in. They demanded, threatened and tried to intimidate us into getting out of the car to no avail, so they took the girl from the car on foot into town, while we were driven away in the car. The Lord did not allow us to be taken very far away, so we were able to go to the police station, and then to the court for the necessary summons to detain them and let the law act for the girl. It was marvelous how God helped us to overcome every difficulty, and how we were able to have the girl brought back to the court, when they had her in a car and were leaving town with her.

A trial was given and the girl granted her liberty. From the
time she was dragged away, until she returned four hours later, the girls in school had laid aside classes and their noon-day meal, and spent the time in intercessory prayer. Great was their rejoicing when they saw her back again in their midst, saved from the darkness of Hinduism. How we praise Him for His faithfulness. The same Christ today, yesterday and forever!

We desire that the Khamgaon School shall be a place where young people are saved, filled with the Spirit, and learn to know God in prayer. Pray for us.

The Khamgaon family send you greetings and wish to thank you for your prayers and gifts.

E. MOORE.
A. BACKLUND.

The Marathi Bible Training School

In June, the students, who had been spending several months in practical work in the district, returned for their final term. We were glad to notice the maturity they showed, resulting from their contact with the work and Spirit-filled Christians. This past term, as previously, we have sought to emphasize Sunday school and children's work. Mr. Choudhari, of the Children's Special Service Mission, spent a month with us, teaching two of the books put out by the India Sunday School Union. The students then took the Union's examinations in these books and secured certificates, a number in the first division and one with honors.

Our Sunday schools in the villages were much hindered by the heavy rains, but, after wading through the mud recently to attend one of them, we were much pleased to see the response of the
children. They remembered the previous Bible story, listened with attention to the new one, memorized a Bible verse, and sang hymns they had learned by heart. It seemed impossible at first to get order out of chaos in an Indian village, but prayer and persistence won out.

There was some sickness among the students, one boy having a temperature of over 107°, but the Lord brought us safely through the tests and answered prayer. We were very conscious of His presence in every trial.

On October 22nd nine students received diplomas. The honor students gave exhibitions of the work they had gone through in Indian music, Sunday school methods, story telling and Bible study, the chairman, Mr. Garriscn, giving the closing message. These young men are now out in the work, and need your prayers in a new way as they seek to win others to the Lord.

R. H. Smith.

Mehmedabad-Ahmedabad

Returning from furlough a year ago, we looked forward with joy to service and fellowship with the many friends of this district. Under the spiritual leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Brabazon the responsibility and supervision of the work as a whole was cared for, thus leaving us free to devote the months of the touring season almost entirely to village evangelizing. The new car, realized in answer to prayer, the wholehearted welcome of our Christian communities and the civility and open-mindedness of the non-Christians among whom we labored, all united to make the touring season the best we have yet experienced.

At Alindra, our first camp, Makanbhai, the self-supporting pastor, and laymen assisted faithfully each day. Not only were there large and attentive crowds in the surrounding villages, but the blessing in the local congregation also resulted in the reclaiming of several backsliders, a number pledging to God their income, the dedication of six children, and the baptism of nine precious young lives. Mrs. Ringenberg conducted evening meetings for the women and children of the Alindra church and at other points during the touring months, and enjoyed God’s blessing upon this phase of the
work in the Christian communities we touched. After six happy weeks here we moved on to our next camp at Vasna, where we also have a small Christian community. Khabhai, a young man who had recently been converted, accompanied us frequently to the villages round about Vasna, and eagerly and gladly gave his testimony to God's saving power in the street meetings held. One day Khabhai was left to watch the car, while our evangelistic party dispersed in two groups for meetings in a good-sized town. When we returned to the car at noon he told us that he had not stayed with the car, as, in spite of singing two lengthy hymns, he could not succeed in drawing a crowd there. So he went to the nearby Vagri quarters, where he could still keep an eye on the car, and proceeded to hold a meeting of his own. His face was beaming with the joy and victory he had experienced in witnessing to the crowd of men who had gathered. At the next town, when this almost illiterate lad was given opportunity to speak, his clear testimony of personal change of heart and his apt illustrations from the Word and from everyday life, and his earnest plea to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, would have suggested his having taken a course in homiletics and was solemnizing in its effect upon his audience, some of whom knew his heathen father well. At Matar one morning we met a young, educated Brahmin widow, who greatly encouraged our hearts with her unusual interest in our message. She stayed through two meetings in the Brahmin quarters, and at the close of the second meeting, when all but a few had scattered for their homes, she began asking many questions about Jesus and applying the message of salvation to her particular need, asking how she should proceed to accept this new Faith. Her face gradually lit up more and more as she received new light, and finally, before we left her, in proud possession of a Gospel of Luke, she remarked with reference to the Hindu religion, "How glad I am to be rid of all this!" Upon going the second time to her village her mother refused to let her come out to hear us, but recently they have moved to Mehadabad, and several times we have met her and her mother in the streets, each time being greeted with a happy smile. Her mother now admits that the Book we gave her daughter is a good, clean one, and that she is happy for her to have such reading. We wish you would pray for this widow, Sirsvatibai, and also for her mother, who does not seem as much opposed as at first. Before breaking camp at
Vasna we baptized two middle-aged men, one a school teacher and the other a farmer, whose wives are unsaved. At the Mahij camp we were there to share the joys of the congregation in seeing their new church built. One of their members managed its construction. Other congregations helped liberally in financing it. This little church is a monument of God's faithfulness.

Over 95,000 heard the Gospel during the year, 4,995 Gospels, 60 New Testaments and 29 Bibles were passed out, so that through the printed message many, even in less evangelized territories, have come to know the Truth. The Sunday schools, of which there are fifteen in the district, have impressed saving Truth especially upon the young. Young People's meetings are being regularly conducted in two places. Twelve village schools have in their program definite Christian teaching. Pray that these various channels may be blessed of the Lord to the saving of souls.

As increased responsibility is being placed upon the Indian Church it is evident that God has been preparing lives for His service. The churches, of which there are thirteen organized in the district, are becoming desirous to have their own, ordained pastors. There are workers also who are aspiring to this honored position. Of thirteen senior pastors, eight are either partially or wholly self-supporting. With the completion of erecting suitable houses of worship in the various centers we anticipate an appreciable impetus in the important matter of the Indian congregation supporting pastors and evangelists.

A Laymen's Bible School was begun this last hot season. The district committee decided that the district should furnish books and supply overhead expenses, and that we should extend a hearty invitation to our laymen and all who cared to come to Mehmedabad for a month of Bible study. Eighteen attended, representing seven congregations. New songs were learned, prayer meetings held, and large crowds gathered to hear them sing, play their drums, and witness at meetings held in the town. Good reports have since come telling of their changed attitude toward the Lord's service in their respective neighborhoods. A number have expressed their appreciation of the opportunity given, and have asked that the school be held again next year. Two of our senior pastors were instructors.

Early in the year special meetings were held in a number of
centers by Brother Brabazon and Rev. A. I. Garrison. The meeting held here in March was a time of spiritual refreshing, in which our former chairman, Rev. Wm. Moyser, and others of our missionary and Indian brethren had active part. During the rainy season five profitable weeks were spent in Bible study with the sixth year workers' class at Mehmedabad.

There have been sixty baptisms this year, and we trust that the number added to the Church will greatly increase next year. While decreased wages and prices of produce, and unemployment have effected our Christians, the yearly offerings were nearly equal to those of last year. There is a vital need for more prayer help here and at Home, that the Spirit of Grace and of Power may be out-poured upon us, enabling us to labor faithfully until He comes.

JESSE RINGENBERG.

Murtizapur

We praise God for His goodness in extending to us another year in the stewardship of the Gospel. We have counted it a great privilege to spend and be spent in His service in this land. We praise Him also for the constant realization of His Presence with us throughout the common experiences known to us all while carrying forward the work.

The political unrest caused practically no hindrance to the work. We had prayed that it might rather turn out to the furtherance of the Gospel, and concerning access to the people and good attention to our Message God surely answered, for everywhere, with two exceptions, we were received with marked friendliness.

Work was carried on from four chief centers. Eighty-two different villages visited, representing three hundred and eighty-one services among men, women and children. Twelve New Testaments were readily accepted, but only a small sale of Gospels was realized, due to political prejudices.

The villages of Jampti, Mān, Kowta Khelda and Ghungshi have been visited often, for they represented our largest Christian groups.

Jampītī.—Here regular work has been gravely interrupted, as the mission house became untenantable. Since our worker vacated it
the walls have entirely caved in! Soon we hope to see the new house rise upon the old foundation and occupied, with the work prospering through added blessing from God.

Mān.—While encamped here we had the privilege and pleasure of a week-end visit from our chairman, Rev. K. D. Garrison. On his first night, through special request from some caste friends, our lantern slides on the life of Jesus were shown. We questioned the advisability of such a meeting in these days, but they assured us they would allow no hooliganism. These friends—whose hearts God has touched—selected and prepared the place for the service, giving permission also to their women folk to attend, and later we ascertained that about 50 were present!

The estimated number at starting totalled 500, though all did not remain to the end. The days following revealed the fact that the pictures had created a desire to hear more of Jesus. On Sunday, both in Jampit and Mān, the Christians were spiritually helped through Mr. Garrison’s ministry.

Khēlḍā.—We had the joy of baptizing a man and wife and dedicating their two boys, thus adding a whole family to the small Christian group in this village.

Ghungkā.—The Christians here, in purchasing a small site for a church, have taken a forward step in the line of self-support. The amount of cash in hand just covered the cost of land, their offerings will now be for the building. They are extremely poor and times are very hard; pray they may not become discouraged, but in all triumphant through Christ Jesus.

Women’s Work.—In a remarkable way the caste women in the villages were easy of access, so that this year little time was found for visiting the lower castes. Groups from 12 to 60 listened eagerly and intelligently to the Message, and in many instances uttered repeatedly the name “Jesus,” lest they should forget it after our departure. Refreshing, indeed, was the keen interest of one little band when, pressing up closely, they first sang after us, and then with us, “How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.”

Entering one yard by invitation, there lay a very sick man, covered over on a cot. As our talk proceeded he uncovered his face and said, “Those are good words, listen to them.” Needless to say, we directed a special word for his own needy soul, ere leaving. Praise God for open homes and open hearts!
Youth.—Students of the 'teen ages, who came to the tents, seemed sincere in their request to hear "our message," and several meetings were held for them. They have now in their Government Fifth Reader the history of Jesus from His birth to death. This affords an avenue of approach, as when one lad queried, "But why did He die?" Their hearts were certainly subdued and touched as we explained "Why."

Ten weeks of the rainy season found Mrs. Cutler teaching in the Bible Schools at Akola and Anjangaon.

In closing, we mention the distribution among our people of soup tins, corned beef tins, etc., converted into pretty money boxes as aids to giving. They have been received with real delight. Through their instrumentality we anticipate an increase in the yearly offering.

"Ye helping together by prayer.”

Faith Cutler.
Annie Cutler.
Leonard Cutler.

Sanand

When we wrote last year’s report we were booked for the homeland, but money for our transportation did not arrive in time to catch the boat, therefore we accepted the inevitable as one of the "all things,” and settled down for our twelfth year’s ministry in the Sanand district. God’s goodness and mercy have followed us throughout the year, and we are thankful to report good health for the missionary family and evidences of the working of the Spirit of God in both heathen and Christian lives.

Our corps of mission paid workers, located in five stations, representing an area of 1,300 square miles and a heathen population of 314,000, include three missionaries, six evangelists, two school teachers, one Bible-woman, and the smaller half of one Indian pastor. A quarterly day of prayer, held in turn at these different stations and financed from our Workers’ Prayer Conference Fund, has been a real means of grace and encouragement to us all. On such days there are usually two messages from the Word of God, and the rest of the time is devoted to prayer and short reports.
The Ashapur church has been settling down to strengthen itself, and the fruit of the Spirit’s working has been seen in their desire to evangelize the heathen in their vicinity. During the dry, hot season, when Indian farmers enjoy much leisure, the pastor and a score of his men preached and sang the Redemption Story in the surrounding villages with much blessing and encouragement. This church has increased its offering during the year, and contemplates adding to the half support of its pastor from the New Year.

The Sunday school, under the superintendency of the day school master, is a most interesting feature of the Ashapur work. Last year a number competed in the annual S.S. examination, and a few obtained prizes. This year they are studying the S.S. lessons in dead earnest, and are hopeful for better results. The superintendent, at church expense, plans to attend the School for Religious Education, which will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Annett, of the I.S.S.U., at Dholka, from November 13–20.

As we touch the evangelistic side of our work our hearts feel sad and humble before God, because we cannot report one baptized believer from the 471 towns of this immense district. It has been our privilege to sow the Seed in each one of these villages. May God grant that our successors reap a large harvest of souls, and with them and the angels in heaven we will truly rejoice over sinners that have repented and turned to God. While on tour last year, despite the political condition, we sensed a more intelligent interest in the true religion, and a hunger for reality was felt in many of our meetings, but fanaticism on the part of the Moslems, and a combination of superstition, caste and fear on the part of the Hindus seem to bar the path to the wicket gate that leads to life everlasting. During the year our energetic bookseller on Kalol station sold on an average 400 books per month, while our term record shows a sale of 49,770 books. Continue to pray that God might verify His promise concerning His own Word.

In the first part of this term of service 900 square miles of practically unevangelized territory were added to the Sanand district, and a recent itinerary into the thickly-populated region directly north of our boundary line shows 4,000 more square miles of territory without a messenger of the Cross of Christ. Pray that the Alliance may be soon enabled to “possess the land” and that funds may be forthcoming to build and equip three or four mission
stations in this needy area. Pray for the Gospel preached, the enquirers and the books sold in the Sanand district. Pray for our successors, and pray for us, as we leave the field to rest awhile.

Samuel Kerr.

**Viramgam**

There are four out-stations in the Viramgam district—Detroj, Kharaghoda, Mandal and Nadiana—and each of these centers offers encouragement. In Kharaghoda, the officials in charge of the Government Salt Works and the military cantonment gave us permission to use one of the best lighted houses in the native quarters for services during the rainy weather, and, more wonderful still, the Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue was finally persuaded to allow us to invade the hitherto forbidden territory surrounding the Salt Works, in which live the several thousand Gujaratis engaged in the manufacture of salt from the briny waters scooped from the shallow desert wells. Five years have we sought this privilege, so it was a great encouragement to our lone evangelist and his faithful wife to know they could at last go freely in and out among these desert dwellers. Already several persons seem much concerned, and from among the many children of the laborers over a score of bright lads and lassies have been formed into a hopeful Sunday school. We wish we could locate two evangelists in this center, but with such a great shortage of funds one would not dare suggest it!

Detroj, our nearest out-station toward the unoccupied territory, rejoices in the conversion and baptism of a bright young shopkeeper, who lives in a nearby village. Two years ago the young man listened attentively as the Gospel was preached in his village, and at the close of the service bought a copy of the Gospel according to Mark. This booklet he hid among the sacks of grain in the storeroom of his father’s shop, and day after day he managed to read and meditate upon its message. So precious did this portion of Scripture become to him that he chose the name of Mark as his Christian name. Mark has suffered much persecution since his public baptism, nearly nine months ago, but never once has he denied the fact of his being a new creature in Christ Jesus. His
relatives and castemen carefully saw to it that Mark literally "suffered the loss of all things," but we believe he is over the hardest part of such testings, and that from now on he will be permitted to identify himself with the despised Christians without suffering further physical injuries. Only a few days ago Mark called at the Mission station to inform us that his younger brother was also interested in the Gospel message. Pray that Mark may not only stand true, but win his relatives for Christ as well.

The Viramgam Church reports special blessing. First of all for their new church building. The corner-stone was laid January 1st and the completed building dedicated the 19th of March. On August 1st the entire indebtedness for all materials, building and furnishings was met, and just one month later the Church Board decided to recommend the church to call and fully support a pastor. The church unanimously accepted the recommendation, and, if the Lord tarry, next January 4th will see the Viramgam Church a self-supporting body. The next step is self-propagation—a reaching out into the districts surrounding our out-stations, and even far beyond to the unoccupied northern territory.

The church chose to call one of our younger men, Dhulabhai Gema. He has been an evangelist in this district for five years, so is well acquainted with this phase of the church's work. The ordination committee, appointed by the Synod to examine Dhulabhai concerning his faith in Christ Jesus, religious experience, call to and preparation for the ministry, felt convinced that Dhulabhai was worthy to be entrusted with the task of shepherding the Viramgam Church. We humbly ask your earnest prayers for this young minister of the Gospel.

The greatest cause for rejoicing in the Viramgam Church during the past year was the conversion and public baptism of Oghardbhai. Oghardbhai was a proud Lavaro, but is now a humble child of God. His daily witness to the power of the Gospel to transform a life is an inspiration to both Christian and heathen neighbors. He has suffered a great deal, but so far this persecution has not been able to make him compromise in any way, and daily the circle of his influence for good seems to widen.

The "Church in the house of Abhubhai" is increasing in numbers as well as in the knowledge of God. Abhubhai is the leader of the sweeper community in Viramgam. Three years ago he gave his
heart to Christ, but as yet he has not been baptized. As reported before, he is hoping to gather his kith and kin into the Fold before making this public confession. Those already professing conversion number eight, and this little group has been formed into a Bible study class. Twice a week a two hours’ class is held, and oft-times the attendance is more than thrice that number. Pray for these hopeful enquirers.

The total yearly offering of the Viramgam Church, from entirely Indian members, amounted to Rs. 1,375.10 (about $500.00, at the prevailing exchange), or Rs. 23 per capita for yearly average membership; an increase over last year of Rs. 2 per capita. Twenty-six Bibles, 124 New Testaments, 2,755 Gospels were sold, and many thousands of tracts distributed. One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one village evangelistic meetings were held, and 153 church services conducted.

CARL A. GUSTAFSON.
RUTH GUSTAFSON.
CORAL HANSEN.

Special Meetings

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.*—Ps. 138: 7.

The wrath of our greatest enemy, demonstrated against us, has brought us into great trouble and spiritual need. The wounded hand of our Lord Jesus is stretched forth against our enemy, to deliver us and to revive us. The widow of the parable, oppressed by her adversary, besieged the judgment seat of the unjust judge until he rendered judgment in her behalf against the accused; “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.”

We may not, perhaps, be prepared to call the past year one of revival; but surely there is little doubt that it has been a year of trouble; and we are not yet through with the trouble. But, thank God, it is in the midst of trouble that we are to call upon Him to revive us. The enemy has overstepped himself. The trouble he
has been bringing on us to destroy us is being used of God to cause us to cry to Him for revival.

Certainly some droppings of revival blessing have fallen in a number of the places visited. In our own mission the Spirit of God manifestly moved upon us in meetings in some of our schools, as also at Anjangaon, and in the English-speaking people at Bhusawal. In meetings held outside our Mission, children were saved in the schools at Yeotmal and Basim. At the latter place at least two young men prayed till they had the assurance of salvation, then immediately set to work to seek the baptism with the Holy Spirit, until He came upon them both. We have learned that since then they have won several for Christ.

Our vacation time at Ooty was a strenuous time, with 27 addresses in conventions, Bible classes, etc., at different points. During the year a number of our Mission out-stations were visited for meetings, and all of our Mission stations, excepting Sanand and Ahmedabad in Gujarat and Malkapur and Chandur in our Marathi field. In all, we have averaged considerably more than one message a day throughout the entire year. We have enjoyed the fellowship with our brothers and sisters from place to place.

Reviewing the past year, we both wish to praise God for what we have witnessed of repentance, restitution, regeneration among professing Christians; for the measure of love and prayer manifested; and for those who evidently received the Holy Spirit. But when we compare these results with what we are assured should have been accomplished, our hearts are sad. The good we do is the enemy of the best that we should do. We need yet more prayer. There is also a need of a longer period of days in each place for special meetings. It takes time for the Seed of the Word of God to germinate. We have found that in most of our meetings, as we progressed toward the end of the appointed days, more has been accomplished than during the first few days. We feel that, ordinarily, a week is too short a time for special meetings. Yet we have been faced with the difficulty that it is almost impossible for us personally to give more than a week in a place to cover the entire field in a year.

We have a suggestion which we pray may be not only practicable but acceptable. We believe the Bible School for Village Christians, which was held again this year at Anjangaon, followed
by a *mela*, is an example of what might take place approximately in the churches in all our districts. A scheme of Bible schools, each followed by its *sabha*, might be drawn up in such a way that the closing *sabha* in each place falls in consecutive order upon the last few days of its appointed week. Workers and fellow-missionaries might be called upon to help in the weeks of teaching, and, by having the special meetings at the close of each Bible school, in consecution, a number of workers could help in each place in the special effort to bring revival to all our stations. We sincerely believe that such an arrangement would please the Lord and prove very fruitful.

We humbly request an interest in your prayers and the help of each in the work of evangelizing among the churches, to which we are again appointed for the next year.

A. I. Garrison.
Mary L. Garrison.
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—Psalm 126: 6.