IN INDIA

More people are without the Gospel than the population of the continent of Africa.

In April of 1936, caste men, in hundreds, attacked with clubs a group of outcastes as they were sitting down to a fellowship dinner, because the outcastes had dared to serve as an item of food, ghee (rendered butter), which is food for respectable Hindus and not for "Untouchables!" The outcastes ran for their lives and the food was left for lousy, mangy dogs.

Custom, caste and caution are above conscience to tens of millions of people.

The Lord Jesus has no witness to His love and grace to save from sin in twelve of every thirteen villages.

Tens of thousands of outcastes are turning to Christ and are being lifted, literally, out of the miry clay, and their feet set upon the rock.

When you ask a man who he is he names his caste. To tell you he is a Hindu is too vague; only his caste name can describe him.

Thousands of noble men look through the prison-bars of caste and sigh for the liberty of

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PORTENTOUS TIMES
Excerpts from the Chairman's Annual Survey
BY K. D. GARRISON

The coming year will be one of utmost significance to India, to missions in this land, and to ourselves. The new constitutions for India and Burma will begin to go into effect next April, when provincial autonomy will be inaugurated. Already the various parties are rallying their forces for political battle. There are those who, blinded by hatred and prejudice, and barren of constructive ideas, are out to gain power for the avowed purpose of wrecking the constitution and making Government under it impossible. Others are elated with hope, or oppressed by forebodings. The forty per cent of India's population, abjectly poor and chronically under-nourished, are ripe for exploitation, and agitators are busy among them. Since India has insisted on communal representation in the new legislatures, politics and religion can hardly be disentangled. Antagonisms and bitterness form a strong under current, which breaks out from time to time in such occasions as the recent riots in Bombay.

In the midst of all this India has been stung wide awake by the revolt of the "exterior castes" under Dr. Ambedkar. This revolt is new only in form. For many years past these under-privileged people have looked wistfully for a new and better religion, and have been turning to Christianity at the rate of about ten thousand a year. Recently this rate has accelerated, especially in south India, and the
higher castes also have begun to move in the same direction. Dr. Ambedkar has come just at the time when it is possible to turn this migration to political account, emphasizing social emancipation only. This revolt will not directly increase the Church of Christ, for it is being engineered largely by those who deliberately choose social rather than spiritual benefits. The great mass will now move in the direction of the highest bidder. Meanwhile, they are revelling in this their first opportunity through the centuries, of being courted and feted. It is believed that they will become Sikhs, which will not require so clean a break with Hinduism, nor incur such bitter opposition as if they became Muhammadans or Christians. There is also a large group which has determined not to leave Hinduism, but to utilize the present opportunity to make a better bargain with the caste Hindus.

Let us remember two things in this connection. First, that the whole situation in India today, in its better phase, is due, directly or indirectly, to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was the absorption of Western learning, largely influenced by Christian standards, by the people of India, which made it first possible and then necessary to confer self-government upon them. It was the moving of the outcasts toward Christ which first led the other castes to see their value, and first revealed the possibility and furnished the inspiration for the present spiritual migration. Secondly, let us remember that in this day, as never even hitherto, men are turning to Christ. The door of their prison-house is not "ajar," it is being lifted off its hinges. Bitter opposition to religious change must now give way to a more tolerant attitude. Disillusionment is in store for those who seek to satisfy real heart-hunger with social or political emancipation.

Probably every mission in India is feeling the urgency of getting the message of salvation to men whose minds are newly opened. The speakers who represented Christianity at the great mass meetings of the Untouchables last summer made no promises and offered no bargain, but lifted up Christ as the Saviour of men. And He has promised, if lifted up, to draw men unto Himself. If only one in a hundred of the Depressed Classes were to find Christ, the Church in
India would be increased by six hundred thousand souls. A new chapter is about to be written in the history of missions in India.

His Church and the Crisis

Several years ago the Lord enabled us to realize that as “Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it,” the care and development of His church is of the very first importance. The chief purpose of God in this age, and the chief purpose in sending us to India, is to gather out a people for His name, who shall be the very body of Christ in this land, the vehicle for His self-manifestation to India, now, and to the Universe, throughout eternity.

Therefore to envision our calling only as that of a sower who goes forth to sow is to limit our ministry. The New Testament also suggests that the missionary task is that of being co-workers with God in the erection of a spiritual building for His habitation through the Spirit. This, then, can be no haphazard work, but the careful, methodical working to a definite plan made by the divine Architect, building on the right foundation, properly tempering the mortar. It calls for wise “master-builders.” The figure of a garden is also a Scriptural one. It suggests not the broadcasting of seed, among thorns and on hard ground as well as good, but clearing, digging, mulching, watering, transplanting, protecting, weeding, pruning, guarding, and harvesting. Thank God, He is the Husbandman, but He uses many gardeners. . . .

The Alliance and This Crisis

Another significant feature of the coming year is that it is the Jubilee year of the Alliance, it being fifty years since Dr. Simpson organized the Alliance missionary movement at Old Orchard. A crusade called the Golden Anniversary Bible and Missionary Crusade of the Christian and Missionary Alliance is planned, and certain strategic cities will be visited by a party under the leadership of Mr. Shuman. Every District and each Branch and Church, is urged to engage in special efforts to increase the Alliance ministry during the year.
The latest letter from the Foreign Secretary says: "Would it not be fitting for each foreign field prayerfully to consider special objectives to which we would, with zeal and courage, press forward in the coming year? These objectives do not necessarily call for territorial advance or for the expenditure of additional funds, but they might be goals for spiritual attainment and special efforts in soul-winning. . . ."

Now, it so happens that our India field is about to enter upon a Jubilee of its own. When the Alliance was being organized in 1887, Miss Helen Dawly was starting to India independently to work with Mr. and Mrs. Fuller in Akola. She had her passage money as far as Liverpool, but labelled her trunks "Bombay," and started. In New York she attended one of the first missionary conventions of the newly organized Alliance and gave her testimony there. They provided the needed balance of her passage money and her support for two years. She reached India in December, 1887, the first person sent to this land by the Alliance.

You will note that the Jubilee was to be proclaimed on the 10th day of the 7th month (about our October) of the 49th year, "to hallow the fiftieth year, and to proclaim liberty throughout the land unto the inhabitants thereof." We are just at that point now.

Is it not significant that India's crisis year, the Alliance Golden Anniversary, and the Jubilee year of our work in India coincide?

The Power of God and This Crisis

In the past, God has again and again intervened on our behalf. Every period of success has been when He did "a new thing" for us.

At the very beginning, Mrs. Fuller took six famine girls to care for. They were depraved, deceitful, and discouraging. After six months, the most trying one came to make confession of sin, and soon all were converted and changed. A few weeks later it was found that on the very day when this change occurred a Christian blacksmith in Ohio had been burdened in prayer for these girls, and had spent the whole evening in prayer for their conversion. Thus God set a pattern for our work. . . .
"Except ye . . . become as little children"
The Pastors of the Dholka Viramgam Church Council Churches
Many other quotations could be given, of wonderful days, which extended over periods of years. Sins of long standing were confessed and restitution made. And the Holy Spirit came upon many whom He called to preach the gospel. Thus did God prepare His messengers. . . .

And now we stand at India's crisis time—and ours. Years have gone by since the visitation in the villages in east Berar, years of activity, of hope deferred, of heartbreak, and of some measure of blessing. By His grace our churches have been brought to self-consciousness and spiritual adolescence, but they are apathetic about soul-winning. . . .

It is time for us to humble ourselves before God. God not only has an ultimate purpose for us; he has also a present plan. And He has the power now, again, to cause to spring forth "a new thing," even hidden things which we have not known. And shall we not know it?

VIRAMGAM

The Despoilment of Satan

BY J. S. RINGENBERG

"He will spoil his house."—Mark 3: 27

In India, slowly but surely, this despoilment of Satan by our Lord Jesus Christ is going on today. What a grand time it will be when His peace and righteousness become the distinctive features among earth's divergent multitudes!

In this district, as perhaps in all India, Satan works particularly through two opposing groups. In the Native State areas where Hindu orthodoxy and untouchability are more strictly observed, the cry against Christians is that they are of outcaste origin and that contact with them means defilement. The other group has developed through the reforms of recent years. For political reasons and through pride of their own religion they are bitterly opposed to losing any adherent from their fold. They make glowing promises
to the poor and depressed but do little to raise them and have nothing to offer for their salvation. This class opposes any effort on the part of Christians to make converts and continually intrigues to recover those who have accepted Christ. While most of caste India is lined up with one or the other of these parties, one meets with numerous individuals who are “fed up” with the hypocrisy and entanglements of Hinduism.

One of the first events of the year was the observance of “Bible Week.” The Bible Society’s objective for that week was that all Christians in Gujarat co-operate in placing a portion of the Scriptures in the hands of every literate person. The children took gospels to school, several girls remained at the roadside to offer them to passers-by. Mrs. Ringenberg, taking one of the young women with her, visited the various quarters in the suburbs of the city, and several of us canvassed the streets, shops and offices, thereby covering the city quite thoroughly. God remarkably blessed and helped in the effort. Sixteen Testaments were placed in the hands of leading citizens, nearly 800 portions were sold, and opportunities for testimony were many. Throughout the year two colporteurs have been busily engaged in the railway centers, Viramgam and Kalol. In several cases Bibles were sold to members of royal families of Native States. The highest sale for any one month was 698 Gospel portions, at the Viramgam junction.

Two evangelistic parties toured in the district during the winter months. There were only a few villages where we were not cordially welcomed.

A number of individuals who showed special interest have since been coming to meet us, all of whom are from the high castes. God gave us much joy in witnessing and graciously supplied all our needs so that we were not hindered in carrying the Message.

At one of our camps the principal of the town school became very friendly. He lamented the lack of religious devotion in present-day India. He explained that the reasons for this condition were three, namely: (1) reformers’ teaching concerning the vanities of Hinduism; (2) lack of orthodox teachers of Hinduism; (3) increasing
poverty, which makes the requirements of Hinduism impossible to many. He might have added that many in India have learned of something better. An intelligent merchant frequently comes to have a talk about Christ. "We Hindus," he said, "are like a man who digs shallowly in many places for water and gets none. You Christians dig at one place only and therefore get a satiating supply." Our last night before breaking camp he sat with us until long after midnight, listening intently to the Word and discussing freely matters relating to the Kingdom of God in the heart and joining with us in the singing of Christian hymns. When he wants peace he comes to the bungalow to learn more of the Living Water. There are those in the district who really suffer ridicule and opposition because it is known that they believe in Christ. A Brahman English school master and his daughter, also educated in English, came to our tent almost every evening for weeks, although they were scoffed at by some of their townsmen for their oft coming and the interest they manifested in Christ. They have since paid us a visit at Viramgam.

In two villages, in particular, a deep longing for Christ and the peace which He alone can give, was evident among some shepherd women. One of these women kept edging up closer and closer to us as the message of salvation was being brought to a group of her caste, and when we had finished she asked us how she should go about worshipping Jesus and then, with hands clasped and an expression of deep hunger manifested in her eyes, she remarked, "If I could know your Jesus I would worship Him all twelve months!"

It has been upon our hearts to give greater emphasis to work among children and young people. God has opened doors and hearts among them. During the year seven Sunday Schools have been opened among non-Christian children. Two are held in nearby villages and the remainder in Viramgam city. Mrs. Ringenberg and the Bible-woman meet with each of these classes once a week. The total attendance at present is about 170 and the numbers in each class range from eight to fifty, and frequently there are almost as many adults present as there are children. Most of the schools are among caste children. One is held in the Sweeper quarters. Con-
secutive Bible truths are taught them in story form, and by object
lessons. A picture-card containing a Scripture text in the vernacular
is given at each meeting. Prizes are given for special attainment in
memorizing Scripture. Sometimes children passing by the bungalow
are heard singing snatches of hymns which have been taught them.
We praise God that thus far there has been no opposition. Mothers
attend and encourage their children to give close attention and prompt
reply when questions are asked, and upon our leaving they call out a
friendly, "Come again!" They tell how eagerly their children look
forward to class day. In one of the out-stations where the young
colporteur rallied a class, the parents became incensed and forbade
his teaching their children the Christian religion. We are looking
to God to help us to reach some of the children in the out-station
areas with the Word by this method.

The Viramgam church has been self-sustaining again this year.
The Sunday School has taken on new life and progresses enthu-
siastically. A weekly cottage prayer meeting is held with the women, each
woman quite willingly taking her turn in leading the meeting on the
week when the prayer service is held at her home. There are always
some neighbouring non-Christian women who drop in at these gather-
ings. A young people's class of twelve is studying the Bible as
prescribed by the Synod course. A number of the Christians from
the Sweeper community are among those enrolled. The class meets
twice each week. A keen interest is evident and our hearts have been
gladdened by spiritual fruit that has resulted already from beholding
our Lord Jesus through the Word.

We need your earnest prayers for this district.

Please pray for (a) the work among the children and the young;
(b) enquirers, that they will believe and confess Christ openly;
(c) the church, that it will be more concerned about the lost; (d) the
Evangelists and helpers that they will be revived; (e) the salvation of
many souls.
SANAND

"That They Go Forward"

BY JAMES F. BRABAZON

"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."—Ex. 14: 15

For some time before we returned to India this thought gripped our hearts and now that we are here the realization that this is vital to our life as a Mission seems clearer than ever.

We have felt that the Lord desired us to attempt to work in that territory which lies to our north, among people which have long been neglected. Both brother Kerr and brother Gustafson have reached the southern portion of this territory but there is still much land to be possessed—four hundred thousand souls without Christ and without means of knowing Christ.

When we first returned to India we visited the stations in Gujarat and talked with the brethren about the prospects for going forward. We realized that four and a half years in the homeland so far removed us from the scene of activities that there was much to learn. Later we took a trip for a few days to the north, with the Chairman, and had opportunity to look on the field. We were much impressed with one of the places which we visited and later, when we went there with a company of laymen and workers, we made our camp at this city—Visnagar. While our reception was not always cordial, we felt that the Lord had led and thanked Him for the days spent there. When a man was available to place in that new territory, we felt that the place where we should first seek a house should be Visnagar, and within one day he had found a dwelling, with all the conveniences (?) of village life thrown in.

Generally when we place a man in new territory among strange people, the problem of drawing water is an outstanding one, even when we are fortunate enough to obtain a house. But here it seemed that God had gone before and prepared the way, for everything was available. In a similar way He had given a worker who had formally been on the staff of the Mission, who volunteered to go into that very
country. Thus we have seen the good hand of the Lord upon the undertaking and believe that He has opened before us a door which no man can close. An incident in connection with the obtaining of a house for the worker is worth repeating. While seeking a dwelling place he came to where they were building new rooms. The location was so satisfactory that he felt that it would be most acceptable and he approached the landlord. He was slow in making an agreement, when along came the landlord’s clerk. Heralal immediately recognized him as a man whom he had met several years before while touring with brother Kerr in the northern portion of Sanand District. The man was friendly, and speaking to the landlord, the deal was closed and the house was ours for a year. Evidently the Lord has been preparing for this move for a number of years.

Last February we went there with the first touring party and preached with the men several times in the bazaar. Then the Lord permitted one of our faithful young men who serves in the Post Office Department to be appointed as supply clerk in the Visnagar Office. He had many difficulties at first but his wholesome life won its way and helped to break down the prejudice against Christians and to open the way for the worker. Before Heralal arrived that helper had again been transferred, but his testimony remained.

However, a move into new territory is never passed unnoticed by the enemy. Heralal had not been there long when his younger daughter, a school teacher, was stricken with tetanus and in two days was in the presence of her Lord. Then he became ill, and had been back to his work but three days when his remaining daughter came down with symptoms similar to those from which the other daughter had died. But prayer prevailed, and now through the goodness of our God she is well on the way to recovery. Once more our brother is at his post, giving out the message of life to those who have not heard.

Thus far we missionaries have been unable to find a house for rent, that is, a house which they are willing to let us have. They are afraid of our defiling presence. But God has His place and we feel sure that it will be found as we move about, this touring season.
A HINDU HOLY (?) MAN WITH HIS HARINGERS

Mr. Garrison
TOURING CAMP UNDER MANGO TREES
Unite with us in prayer to this end. While this has kept us rather unsettled, the Lord has proven to us that it is simply another of the “all things.”

After we returned from the hills, we were busy getting ready for Bible School teaching. We were at Dholka teaching for nearly a month and when we returned to Sanand things began to move in another direction. You may remember about a sentence or two from one of my letters to Mr. Snead, inserted in the Alliance Weekly, in which I mention “three Ghrassias coming forward in a meeting at Sanand for prayer.” Well, one continues true and the Lord is using him to bring others in contact with the gospel. This present interest is one of the most encouraging things which I have experienced in India.

Soon after this young Ghrassia had satisfied himself that Christ had something which none other had, he came to live on the compound. He is a friendly lad and has many friends within his caste and they come to visit him. He talks with them awhile and then brings them to us to have us tell them of our “religion.” The result has been, for the past two months, there has been a daily programme of visitors with the preaching of the Cross, followed by prayer. Many have bowed in prayer and have asked God to forgive them for Christ’s sake, having confessed themselves sinners. Of course I have put the words in their mouths but they have used them.

This interest is not confined to the bungalow alone. In the village of Godavi, from which most of these farmers come, they give us an excellent hearing and there is no change in the message there. The best men of the caste come and listen and hear us through. Mrs. Brabazon is having unusual opportunity among the women. The women of this caste do not draw water, nor do they work in the fields. They look after the home and any time outside of cooking hours large companies of them gather to hear the Word.

Since our return from Bible School this interest has continued. After all these years of tears and sowing, is this God’s day of visitation for this people so long in darkness? The outlook was never more encouraging than now. We cry to the Lord of the harvest that we may have souls for our hire.
Another interesting possibility lies in the fact that relations of this group of Ghrassias live near Mehsana and if these are won, through them might come an open door into the North Country. Let us go forward, expecting the Lord of the Harvest to prosper our labours for Him.

MEHMEDABAD—AHMEDABAD DISTRICT

The Inner Light and Joy

BY AUGUST HELFERS

The faithful and concentrated efforts of our predecessors have borne much fruit and we have in this area the greater bulk of our Christian community in Gujarat, or 1,500 Christians. There are fifteen organized and unorganized churches in this district under the supervision of five ordained and two unordained pastors.

The spiritual condition of the large Ahmedabad church shows evidence of improvement. Almost all of those who broke away and malignantly endeavoured to break up the church have publicly asked forgiveness, and have taken their stand humbly with His people. During the past year the members of the Simpson Memorial Church executive committee have met twice monthly, besides meeting for business, in the homes of its members, to spend their time solely in prayer for the spiritual needs of the church.

Our city churches united with the others in a simultaneous week of evangelism, preceded by seven weeks of prayer and instruction. In two of these weekly preparatory meetings, elder Girdharlal and I had the privilege of bringing the Lord’s messages. We praise the Lord for these meetings and for the Christian witness that was given in this large city.

The Lord’s blessing is also resting upon the ministry of the pastor and church in the mill area, known as the Railwaypura Church. These church members, about 200, have no building in which to meet. In recent months the pastor and his committee have been meeting
weekly in the homes of the committee members to pray definitely for funds to erect a house of worship on the beautiful church plot secured within the past year.

In this district, baptisms are reported by all the pastors, who themselves baptized the candidates. A very impressive service was held in Gamadi when thirteen were baptized, some of these being the fruit of a village school which Miss Fraser had sponsored.

The Kaira-Matar Church Council area has five organised churches and one church recently disbanded. This area needs special attention and prayer. While we toured in this section, Miss Conger and my wife visited the villages accessible. The evangelist’s little daughter was here prayed back to life from double pneumonia. Children were reached, and through the effort of Miss Conger, at least one child has been saved from heathenism and is now in our girls’ school in Dholka.

One of our most difficult tasks has been in connection with the disbanded church. The fact that we were mobbed, assaulted, and our life threatened was nothing to the sorrow, burden, and agony of prayer for these wayward, disobedient children, and many times we would have been tempted to give up, but the carrying of this test case through means the establishing of the authority of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of India in Gujarat. There is still the burden to be carried and we pray constantly that repentance may come to these stubborn hearts.

In May the Kaira-Matar Church Council held its annual convention at Navagam. It was well attended. The local brethren put up a pavilion and entertained all those who attended. The Lord’s blessing was on this meeting. Miss Cora Hansen came from Dholka and stayed throughout the convention and spoke at several meetings. Her life meant much to the meetings. At night the people sang hymns under the direction of the pastors. The battle still goes on in this district and there is need of much prayer, but we thank God for the spiritual victories already won.

The annual Gujarat Synod camp meeting was held at Mehmedabad in March. Several people gave it as their independent impression
of these meetings, that this year’s camp meeting was one of the first in more recent years when there was such fellowship and such absence of spiritual opposition.

A touching service was held when the Synod farewelled our veteran missionary, Miss Peter. Her thirty-nine years of loving and unselfish service was gratefully acknowledged by men who had been little boys in her care.

Conventions were held in Mahij, Hebron and Akalacha during the hot weather. These meetings were also greatly blessed of the Lord.

Daily Village Bible Schools have been opened in three new places, one in each Church Council area. We now have three schools in the Kaira-Matar Church Council area, four in the Mehmadabad area and three in the Ahmedabad area. We have found these schools very fruitful. They are very inexpensive, and with the exception of one, are conducted by the Church Councils. The evangelist-teacher makes his home in the village where the school is held, gathers the children about him daily, instructing them with Bible stories, Scripture verses, and the three R’s in rudimentary form. In a few years when they have been baptized and have been committed to the pastor, he either starts a new class, or goes on to another village.

Miss Conger and Mrs. Helfers have begun Sunday school work among the children in Mehmadabad. They started with five or six children, and on the last Sunday before leaving for Conference, the number had grown to sixteen. It warms our hearts to hear little heathen children repeat such verses as John 3: 16, without a single mistake and, as some cannot read, it means that very probably an older member of the family or a neighbour teaches it. Thus another soul has the opportunity of hearing the Word of God.

One Sunday a little lad with discoloured and dishevelled hair, and clothes as bad, came early into the compound and lingered for some time near the bungalow. When the Sunday School began he gladly accepted the invitation to join the others. He seemed very attentive during the whole session and at the close received a card like the rest, on which was printed the first three of the Ten Commandments. Long after Sunday School and church service were over
he was noticed sitting under a tree studying his card. The fact that he could not read a word seemed to matter little and nothing daunted, he took it over to the railway station and had the ticket-master’s son read it to him. Upon his return, we found him to be a homeless boot-black so we took him in and he is now being taught the Word of God daily. We covet your special prayers for this work and are looking to the Lord to enable us to do more extensive work among the children in our district.

Silas Govind, the son of one of our evangelists and a former Dholka student, won the silver medal and Scripture prizes in the Senior Division in the last annual Scripture Examination in Gujarat.

Several thousand Scripture portions, in seven or eight languages, have been sold during the year in the district and on the Mehmabad railway station. A few months ago the colporteur brought a Brahman gentleman to me. He had bought some Gospels and had read them through. He is an elderly man, and has sought far and wide at many shrines for the truth. He came to tell of the inner light and joy he had received from the Lord Jesus. His experience seemed extraordinary, an experience found so seldom in this land, where the heathen need a double conversion to get the real thing. I have met him several times since. He says his joy is still with him but that he finds he is beset by many adversaries. Even those who have lived years among them know little of the terrible chains of caste that bind them.

Volunteer service has been given by several of the women of the Mehmabad Church. Two of these are widows who have to work for a living, but they find such joy in this service of love that they go when opportunity is afforded them to witness in the villages. Recently they went to a Hindu fair and sold Scripture portions, returning home with glowing faces as they told of God’s blessing.

In April the pastor’s son contracted a very bad type of small-pox from a student in the municipal school. The cases in town were fatal, but God miraculously spared those of us who had been exposed to it and in record time healed the young man.

Only five weeks ago a little girl was brought in from one of
our out-stations dangerously ill with double pneumonia, typhoid
and malaria fever. She was delirious and remained so for two
weeks. We prayed for and anointed her according to Scripture
and petitions were offered up daily at the throne of grace that her
life might be spared to her anxious and sorrowing mother who only
a few months before had lost her husband. God heard and answered
our prayers. In both these cases, as well as in a case of pernicious
anaemia of the wife of a Christian clerk in the Government office,
who also was healed in answer to prayer, the local Government doctor
has publicly acknowledged the hopelessness of the cases and the
miraculous healing by the Lord. He has said over and over again,
"Your God is kind, it is He alone who has done this."

We, too, can say God is kind and we have many causes for
rejoicing in Him and praise to Him, but the above report shows we
have need to keep humbly bowed at His feet, daily seeking His grace.

MALKAPUR

"Lift Up Your Eyes"

BY OLEN AND RUTH SCHLATTER

The past year has been one of the hardest we have experienced
in the work. Before we came to the field a veteran missionary told
us that the work a missionary had to leave undone rather than what
he did was what was hard, on the mission field. Just such things
made the year a hard one.

On the other hand we would report the year as one marked by
exceptional spiritual victory for us personally, marred only by the
lack of open evidences of definite results. How can we be glad with-
out an ingathering of souls from the district?

Not all has been discouraging. The Lord always gives us good
things. He has given us the best of physical health. Also the great
joy of having the news come from the Children's Home in the hills
that our eldest daughter, June, was saved. Many encouraging incidents
also were seen in the work of the district.
The church work progresses nicely. We have been sitting back and taking our place as lay members as far as possible, but have had the privilege of advising all along the way. My wife had more work among the Christians than I had, for the pastor’s wife could not be in the station, so my wife carried on regular meetings with the women. These women showed spiritual growth, and interest in the souls of others whom they brought to the meetings.

While on tour my wife makes it a practice to do most of her work by holding meetings in the various heathen homes to which she is especially invited. One day while going with a volunteer Bible-woman to such a place a little girl came from a byway to ask her to see a woman who was calling her, for just a minute. They followed to the room, dingy for lack of sunlight, but lighted with the glowing face of the poor, sick village woman. “Don’t you remember me? You and another white lady came here some years ago to tell me of Jesus. I have worshipped Him ever since that day. He is so beautiful! He gives me visions of Himself. If He should slay me I would still trust Him.” Such testimonies are cause for joy as we tread the dirty village streets seeking for souls.

Some outcaste people who formerly expressed their desire to become Christians, live in a village about seventy-five miles from our station. I made camp at that village to meet them. During the week there I met a caste man who had heard the gospel story. When I asked him about accepting Christ as his Saviour, he answered, “I was interested a few years ago, indeed. But, then, my caste men built me this house, and gave me a supply of grain to dissuade me. I am not in need, but nevertheless I cannot disappoint them now by becoming a Christian. Some future day I hope to accept Christ.” Pray for him and those who are holding him from taking the step, that all may come to the Saviour.

As we become better acquainted with the people in the villages they show a friendly spirit and almost each week sees some of them at the bungalow as they come to the county-seat for court cases or to market their products. One family, who for various reasons, including fear of persecution, have not been baptized, came in the
other week. We asked them about their spiritual progress as we had not met them for several months. “Yes, we are still worshipping Jesus. We never take a trip in our ox-cart without first having prayer.” They had been with us a few days and noticed our custom of praying before we started on a journey.

One day when I was not at home a young lad came to ask about the Way. As my wife and the evangelist began to question him as to where he had heard the story and why he was persuaded to change his faith, a group of men came to the gate and called him. When he went out to the road they gave him a severe beating and kicking. The evangelist went to find out the reason for such action and they told him they knew the lad had this in his mind, but that they would beat it out of him.

There are several villages from which delegations come regularly to ask for someone to come and teach and baptize them. One low-caste man offers us two acres of land if we will send a teacher. Another caste man, from that village, offers us 100 rupees for the same purpose.

This report is only of the work within our district. It mentions nothing of the many weeks when the missionary was called away for special duty.

“Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.” “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.”

KHAMGAON

The Joy that is Unexcelled

BY KATHERINE WILLIAMS

After a happy furlough, how glad we were to take up again the work to which God has called us.

Soon after getting settled in our station Miss Derr and I were off to the district to spend several months going into the highways
and byways to tell the story and to try to "make men see" the only way of salvation. Only those who know the joy of doing so can sing from the heart, "I love to tell the story of Jesus and His love." Perhaps the only joy that exceeds the telling is to see hungry hearts responding.

In our first camp we met many women, who would tell us of those who had told them the story long ago, and again and again they would say, "It is true." We found in a number of places an unusual interest in the gospel, and we have been encouraged to believe that soon multitudes will be delivered from Satan's bonds.

In Zawala, our second camp, we found some who showed a special interest in the message, among them a woman of the farmer caste, Gunjabai, who came frequently to our camp. She invited us to her big home where we held several meetings with a company of women and a few men present. Gunjabai finally said she would have nothing more to do with idols, asked us to teach her to pray in the name of Prabhu Yesu and to pray for her wayward son. She attended many of our prayer meetings at the camp. She could not understand why we used such "unnecessary things," and one day exclaimed, "Did God not give you any hands that you have to eat with a spoon?" Another time when told why we wore sun-helmets in this country she said, "And do they have another Surya Narayan (sun) in their country?" We are looking forward to meeting Gunjabai again this season, when we hope to accomplish something more specific and truly win her for the Lord.

We held children's meetings in the villages and one morning our young Bible-woman, Rubibai, began by telling the children not to take the story in one ear and let it out of the other, when a little girl spoke up and said, "I will take it in by one ear and put my finger in the other so that it cannot get out." After the touring, and since the hot season, we have been working in the surrounding villages as well as going frequently into the city, which is a field in itself.

Our young preacher has been a great help in the work and especially used in helping to organize Sunday Schools, of which we have started four in the city. He seems specially fitted for work
among children and it has been encouraging to hear the children repeat the Bible stories taught them and to listen to them sing gospel songs and give from memory verses from the Word.

Soon after returning from the hills, Miss Derr began a weekly meeting for the Christian children, and each Saturday they have gathered and shown joy and interest in taking part in their meeting. During Miss Derr’s illness, while she has been away, these meetings have been carried on by others.

Miss Bushfield, who has been with us for about four months, has been an untold blessing. Though retired she is really retired in name only as almost daily she has had a blessed ministry with the people on the compound. We thank God for the privilege of having her with us and shall greatly miss her as she returns to her station.

Our out-station evangelist reports unusual interest among the people, and an eagerness to listen to the gospel and to read the Word. There are some enquirers in this field. Throughout the district we have had a fair sale of Scripture portions.

Our new pastor, Rev. Douletrao Bansode, has been giving good service in the church and has two weekly prayer meetings held in different places, especially for the men who are at work during the day. Besides spending much time in visiting the Christians he also goes to the city almost daily to preach and reports good interest in the message.

During the early part of July we had Mr. Timothy for special meetings when many received great blessing and we have noted a marked difference in the lives of some. In fact we were all blessed and we thank God for the ministry of this consecrated man, who seems to have the burden of his own people upon his heart.

We realize that we are living in momentous days and as the clouds loom upon the world’s horizon and as we sense the approach of our coming Lord our hearts long for a harvest of souls to lay at the feet of Him Who gave His life for India. Pray with us that we may, indeed, come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
"Like a Shepherd, Jesus Leads"

BY MISS EDITH F. MOORE

"And Jehovah went before them to lead them the way."

Our great note of praise for the year is that the Lord has been with us, leading the way. His promises have not failed and we have been the recipients of His wonderful grace and love.

Through the Lord’s gracious supply more young girls have been given protection and Christian training this year than last. A number of girls finished their school course with us and have gone to Government Normal School for further training. Anandibai has entered Bible-woman’s work, and is having the joy of preaching the gospel to her own people. Surubai was married and has gone to her new home.

God’s blessing has been manifested in many ways. The health of the girls has been very good, and there has been little illness with the exception of one case of enteric fever. Anameka, the daughter of one of our preachers, on arriving in school was taken ill. As the disease progressed and she reached the delirious stage we became quite anxious for her and sent for her father. His prayer of faith, and submissive will, so pleased God that He restored the little girl to health, for which we are thankful.

The Government has been giving us an annual grant which is a great help toward paying the teachers. The results of the school term examinations were very good, showing the excellent work of the teachers.

The girls are showing a great interest in their Sunday School classes, and some of the older girls are making splendid teachers. We had a very interesting Review Sunday when the teachers gave a demonstration of the presentation of a lesson, to their respective classes. It was so thoroughly enjoyed that all are looking forward to the coming Review Sundays. The girls have done some work in the village of Timbourni, where they have found a great response from the children, who show eagerness for the Sunday School classes. These children often come a mile or more on the way to meet their teachers and accompany them to their village.
Time passes quickly and the days are filled with service for our blessed Lord. We would write you, our many friends, oftener had we the time. We send you greetings, and our appreciation of your prayers and help.

JALGAON

A New Way to Tell the Old, Old Story

BY A. C. EICHER

Shortly after conference, last year, it was our privilege to get out on tour in a section of the district which we visited for the first time, to camp there, since we have been in Jalgaon. The people there as in every place where we have gone, asked if I were the son of the elderly missionary sahib (Rev. C. W. Schelander), who used to visit them in years gone by. I tell them I am not, but that his boy and I were in school together. They get some comfort from that, it seems.

We made two camps. Our first was in Nandra, where we stayed for a month, and our second in Shirsolli for an almost equal period of time. Nandra is eight miles from Jalgaon “as the crows fly,” each evening, to roost on the station platform, but the nearest road that will allow motor travel makes a journey, twenty-two miles long. A cycle helped me much in enabling me to take a short cut that was impossible to the motor. In the mornings we visited surrounding towns on foot; afternoons, had children’s meetings at the tent; and in the evening or night time we had nightly services in Nandra town itself.

On a number of occasions we used the WYCO amplifier to excellent advantage. Locating our outfit before the raised dais of the village court house, we swung our gas lantern from the limb of a conveniently located tree, dangling beside it the microphone into which we spoke or sang. Well up in the branches of the tree we perched our loudspeaker. Imagine the surprise on the faces of the villagers when they saw us on the ground under the tree, and saw the phono-
CHRISTIAN WEDDING—NO IDOLS NEEDED!

Miss Agnita Hansen
AFTER THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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graph playing from time to time with us down there, but heard our voices, and the music from the phonograph, being shouted forth from among the innocent tree branches! Mr. Satralkar's records were especially an attraction to them as they are purely Indian. Crowds of people came like the proverbial rats of Hamelin after that famous pied piper. We had from two hundred and fifty to four hundred at a meeting, mostly men and boys. Besides the group which sat in the light of the gas lantern and in the immediate crowd, there were small companies of women who would not come out into the open meeting, but were interested in hearing, and could get the message sitting at their own doorways. In this way, the amplifier opens a way for men to preach the gospel to women as well as men. The following up work among the women must of course still be done by women.

Because of sickness in the home, Mrs. Eicher was not able to be with us in the beginning of our touring season. During this time, shortly after our first meeting with the loud speaker, one of the evangelists went to the town in the evening to get milk. While he sat watching the buffalo being milked in the lean-to at the side of the house, a neighbour woman came over and talked to him about the service of the night before. She said, "We listened from our homes and could recognize the different ones who spoke, but we did not understand every word that was said. Please tell us more about what you told the men." In a short time about twenty women gathered to listen. Among the interested listeners sat the milk woman's aged husband, who probably had been a middle-aged man when she was married to him in childhood. He acted as a sort of chaperon to the group of women, and for a good half hour the evangelist told them the gospel message while we sat at the tent wondering what had become of him and our milk! When we heard the news, we were delighted at the unexpected opportunity for witnessing among the women. Praise God for new means and new chances to tell the old, old story.

On a few occasions we had great help from a group of young men from the Jalgaon Church who helped us in the singing. The
coming year we want to do more of this, as it is a great lift in the work, and is also very beneficial to the lads themselves.

The children's work was especially encouraging both in Nandra and in the camp in Shirsoli. Almost every day we had groups of from ten to forty or fifty, mostly boys, but some girls, too. Especially in the Shirsoli camp, where we stayed for most of a month, when we offered prettily coloured cards to the children who would learn verses of Scripture, it was a joy to give out one day almost twenty cards which represented three verses learned per card. Most of the cards went to boys, but in the crowd of learners there were two, bright, high-caste girls who braved the boys and their teasing, and very quickly learned their verses well. Clasping their pretty cards to their breasts, they ran home happily. The verses in their minds we trust will remain with them long after the cards have been eaten up by the myriads of insects that infest houses in India. All told, we gave away about fifty cards which represented a hundred and fifty verses in the young minds.

A trailer, built out of an ancient car-skeleton, has proved invaluable in hauling camp equipment. In Nandra we intended to break camp on a Thursday, but Wednesday morning dawned black and threatening. It seemed that any hour we might be deluged with rain. Of the long road home, miles and miles lay through fields of deep black cotton soil. Had a severe storm broken, we would have been marooned for a long time, and Christmas was at hand. We decided to break camp at nine-thirty in the morning. By one o'clock we had the tents down and everything loaded up. By three we were in Jalgaon, twenty-two miles away. It would have taken a bullock cart a long day to cover the distance.

Especially do we wish to praise God for delivering us from a storm while we were camped in Shirsoli. Clouds banked threateningly. Wind shook our tents like a boy plays with an empty paper sack. In the early afternoon it grew very dark. We thought we were in for a soaking if not for an uprooting of our equilibrium along with the tent pegs. All night long the wind played roughly with our tents, but we praise God that no more than a sprinkle
of rain fell. We were camped in a shade of a magnificent mango
tree, but we were in the lowest spot in the field, and had heavy rain
fallen we would have been in a small lake. On all sides of us fell
heavy rain and hail stones.

With hearts that longed to stay on in Shirsoi for another month
or more, we tore ourselves away to go up to Mahabaleshwar for
language work. The three months spent there were used of God to
our benefit, and we both feel that because of the work up there, our
ministries will be enriched in India. We also wish to thank God for
helping Mrs. Eicher in passing her second language examination,
which she intended to take the year before, but which she did not
have the strength to do after the coming of our baby, Ann.

During the rains we have worked in and around Jalgaon, also
have done considerable building and renovating work on both the
bungalow and the Workers' houses. Among other things we have
turned a small room in the bungalow into a reading room for our
Christian young people, and we trust that this will be an additional
contact to help them spiritually.

Scripture selling has gone fairly well this year, but we hope to be
able to do more of it this coming touring season. When the Bible
Society Van went through Jalgaon last year, we helped them in selling
some hundred gospels.

Especially is there a field for Scripture distribution, if not for
Scripture selling, opening more and more among the depressed classes
who are awakened far more now than they were a year ago. May
God give wisdom in leading these oppressed, dissatisfied, awakening
souls into the peace that Jesus promised. Brethren, pray for us.

DHOLKA

Problems and Progress

BY CARL AND RUTH GUSTAFSON

When we returned to our station at the close of conference last
year, we felt that God had heard prayer regarding the work in our
school and district, but we knew that the enemy would do his best to
discourage us. And he surely did. It has been one of the most
trying and difficult years we have spent in India; also, it has been a
year of great victories, for Christ has been more than Conqueror in
and through us. To Him we give all the praise and glory.

Of all the tasks falling to the lot of a missionary, to us, the task
of building or repairs, seems the most trying. There are so many
uncertain factors connected with labour and materials in this land,
that one cannot count too much on any past experience. Every such
task presents its own peculiar problems and difficulties, some of which
are most disturbing to one’s peace of mind. This year building and
repairs have taken up part of our time, and it is with a special note
of praise that we report this phase of our labour. Not only have we
been conscious of God’s guidance and grace, but our co-labourers
and the boys and girls of our institution have done much to make
our building and repair programme a success. There is still much to
be done, but with such encouragement we believe the rest of the work
will be comparatively easier. We praise God that He gave the money
to meet these necessary expenses.

Our compound is a busy place. The poet sang, “Cannon to right
of them, cannon to left of them, cannon in front of them volley’d and
thunder’d,” but the noise of our happy children in study, work and
play, from 5.30 in the morning until 9 o’clock at night, seems even
more trying to the nerves at times than the roar of artillery. Here, if
anywhere, one can sympathize with the troubled old lady, who said
she wouldn’t know what to do if it were not for that blessed passage
of Scripture which says, “Grin and bear it.” We do bear it, and for
the most part, smile, but, here again, God’s grace operates, and we
marvel at the peace possible when one’s concern is for the spiritual
and physical well-being of one’s charges rather than for oneself.

There have been several cases of severe illness this year, but in
each case God has heard prayer. Our children are learning to trust
God, and that is the most valuable lesson man may learn. However,
apart from this, our boys and girls are making good progress in
studies. Last year our Boys’ Vernacular Final Class had 80 per cent
of its students pass the Government Examination, and twelve out of fourteen of our girls successfully passed the Government Girls' Vernacular Final Examination. When one considers that in Government schools more failed than passed in these examinations, the work of our students merits praise, indeed. The results of the yearly examinations in our primary schools were equally good, in most cases. We feel certain that even better results will follow when we have finished with the improvements necessary to our school-rooms and hostels, so we humbly beseech your co-operation and prayer concerning this need.

The results of our Junior church have been most gratifying. It was a distinctly new departure when we obtained the co-operation of the local church to start a Junior church, but the children were most delighted. It is their meeting and they make the most of it. At the Annual Meeting of our church, the members of the Junior church were present, and when a session was given over to testimony, the Junior church captured the meeting!

The church work throughout the year shows progress. Thirteen were baptized and there are at present eight enquirers. During the special evangelistic week the members of the church visited nineteen villages, held 43 meetings, sold 133 gospels, 103 religious booklets and gave away 275 tracts. About 2,000 people heard the message. Apart from this special effort many other meetings have been held and a goodly number of Scripture portions sold. Praise God for every portion of the Word that gets into the hands and ears of the lost in India.

Two new out-stations were opened during the year, and the day school at Andhari, which has been closed for some time, reopened. The two new places are on the border of the vast Dhandhukha District. It is a hard field, but already there have been signs of God's working among the people. A school has been conducted in one of these places, and a recent report shows that the increase in numbers has been steady, and that the villagers seem to appreciate the efforts of the evangelist-teacher, who is conducting it. The village is about twenty-three miles from Dholka, and some twelve miles from a
railway, yet a delegation from the village recently walked all the way to Dholka to thank verbally the Mission for sending a teacher to them. These villagers are independent farmers, deeply steeped in Hinduism. Already the Arya-Samajists have visited the village several times, trying to persuade the people not to send their children to the school, but thus far we have heard of none who has been intimidated by these enemies of the gospel. Pray for the village of Deo Dolera and the Christian school in it. There has never been, to our knowledge, a Christian witness living in this district before. It is a needy corner of the vineyard, so please make it a special subject of intercession.

In closing we would lay on your hearts another very special need of prayer. A short while ago a Brahman family decided to become Christians. They came to us and lived on our compound for about six weeks. During that time they showed a keen interest in the Christian message, and we had hopes that they would be able to withstand the persecutions of their caste people. This they did for a time, but when the Arya-Samajists joined the Brahman community in their efforts to prevent this Brahman family from being baptized, the persecution proved too much for the enquirers. Keshavlal and his wife and young daughter say they will never forsake Christ, and that they know that He, and only He, can save, but they seem too sorely pressed by their persecutors to step out upon God’s promises to them. Our Christian community is praying earnestly for these bound souls, and we would much appreciate prayer help.

We Count on God

BY EVA KING

Our Lord is still the wonder-working Jesus. He, who walked the long, hot, dusty roads from Nazareth to distant villages in Palestine, walks with us, and bears with us the heat and burden of the day; He, who touched the fevered brows and sent His Word to heal, moves silently and tenderly among us, accomplishing marvellous things. He draws nigh in truest sympathy when we are tempted to
become weary and faint in our minds. We have found in Christ Himself our only true blessedness, therefore, we press on and count on God for more power, faith, love and grace, and to be filled with Christ, to tell forth the wondrous story which alone can bring men and women out of the pit into which they have fallen and lift them into the glory where He is.

During the hot season, measles, followed by pneumonia, raged all about us. Measles in India strike terror into the hearts of the people because of the high death rate. The Lord saw fit to permit this plague to enter many of the homes of our Christian people. The babies and little children were smitten one after the other. In numerous homes after two or three days of intense suffering the little spirit would take its flight to God. During the epidemic I was greatly concerned for our family of girls. We prayed much that the Lord would protect our little ones and not permit the plague to come nigh our dwelling. The weeks passed by with not a single case and we were praising the Lord every day for so wonderfully answering prayer. One morning I was called to see a sick child, and to my surprise I discovered she had measles. A few days later her sister, too, fell a victim to the same malady. This discovery was rather disturbing to my peace of mind, but the Lord Jesus had a purpose in permitting this test of our faith. In a few days both girls were critically ill with measles and pneumonia. We realized that we must touch God for these children or do as others had done — lay them away in their little graves. I called Mr. Gustafson and our Indian pastor and the elder of our church, and they anointed them in the name of the Lord. We definitely claimed His promise and thanked Him for answered prayer. Both girls were almost instantly healed. In two days they were free from fever and all congestion of the lungs had disappeared. This was a testimony to all, far and near, that the Lord is the same wonder-working Jesus and still delights to heal the sick in answer to believing prayer. That was the end of the epidemic in our school. We know the day of miracles is not past.

We praise the Lord that our girls' school is not only a place
where the children are being educated, but it is a training school
where young lives are in the process of being moulded as is clay in
the hands of the potter. Our greatest desire for them is that they
may be moulded into vessels of surpassing grace and beauty. A
regular Bible course is taught in our school, beginning with the first
grade. This gives the young people a good foundation of the Word
of God by the time their school days with us are over. The songs of
praise which we hear every morning and evening, cause our hearts to
rejoice that in the midst of this vast multitude of sin-laden souls
shines out a bright spot like Dholka, where faces glow with joy
because the presence of Jesus is real in the hearts of many of these
girls. When we put God first in all the duties of the day, He pours
out His blessings upon all departments of the institution. The girls
learn early to pray about everything. The little annoyances which
crop up in their play, their daily school work and their examinations
are all taken to the Lord in prayer. Consequently God blessed the
school work of the past year. Twelve out of fourteen girls who took
their Vernacular-Final examination passed, and the results of the
other grades, too, were very good.

The Junior church which was started about a year ago has
proved to be a great blessing. I have noticed a marked difference in
the lives of the younger girls since they have their own meetings and
are able to understand the message. In many of the services the
Spirit of God has been very real. There has been conviction of sin
which has caused many of the boys and girls to fall on their faces
before the Lord. With tears they have confessed their sins and asked
God to save them for Jesus’ sake. After one such meeting about ten
of the girls came and asked me to pray with them for they had not
yet received the assurance of their salvation. After an hour together
before the Lord one after the other began to testify. Their radiant
countenances were sufficient proof that now they had the assurance
for which they were seeking. With happy hearts, glowing faces, and
singing His praises, they went back to tell the other girls what God
had done for them. God grant that in the coming years, if Jesus
tarry, they will always thus promptly turn to the Lord. Who knows
the traps Satan has already set to ensnare these tiny feet! But we build
a wall of prayer about them, and they, being rooted and grounded in
Him from babyhood, surely cannot go far astray.

The following verse is my prayer for myself and for the precious
lives God has committed to us. May He gloriously answer the cry of
our hearts for the sake of lost souls in India.

“Oh, to be but emptier, lowlier,
Mean, unnoticed and unknown,
And to God a vessel holier,
Filled with Christ and Christ alone;
Naught of earth to cloud the glory,
Naught of self the light to dim,
Telling forth the wondrous story,
Emptied—to be filled with Him!”

CHANDUR

“Give Ye Them to Eat”

BY E. F. EICHER

Immediately following convention last year my time was taken
up with building work in Akola. If “tribulation worketh patience,”
I would then recommend building and repair work in India as an
excellent means for developing it.

We took over the Chandur district in February, but did not
have much opportunity to tour as the remainder of the time prior
to the hot season was taken up largely in local conventions. The
first one was organized by brother Amstutz for the Christians in the
northern part of the district. These came together and God spoke
to their hearts. The final service was a public one held in the main
part of the town. After setting up the loud-speaker and playing
a few Marathi records, the people came running from all sides and
in record time we had a fine audience. All the Christian men who
could, took part in the meeting in either testimony or song. One
brother had never had such an experience before, so after speaking
a word or two into the microphone he stopped to listen to his own voice magnified! We encouraged him to go on with his testimony and assured him that his voice was being heard by the people. The following morning we had reports from many who had heard the messages from their fields and threshing-floors. Some who were over half a mile away, on the other side of the town, said they heard every word clearly. We are thankful to God for this means of broadcasting His Word to both men and women.

The next convention was at Chandur and all but two or three of the district Christians were present. One young man who was a professing Christian had just the year before been persecuting the Christian people and had given Mr. Amstutz trouble in every way that he could. He testified that God had saved him, publicly confessed his sin, and asked forgiveness of each member of the church whom he had wronged. He also told how just a year before he had made all arrangements to join an anti-Christian organization, but the Lord had in answer to fervent prayer restrained him. We were happy that Mr. and Mrs. Amstutz were able to see this fruit of their labours before they left.

One month later this same young man had an opportunity to testify to a large crowd of non-Christians. There was a mass meeting where speakers from various religions were invited to present their claims. We were invited to send someone and as David was so anxious to witness we allowed him to go. He told how he had worked against Christ and then how his life had been changed and the people were so surprised to hear a simple testimony of what can be done in a heart, instead of a long tirade about the superiority of one religion over another, that they forgot to heckle him. All the rest of the speakers were heckled, but those who went with David to stand back of him in prayer reported that the audience listened in perfect silence.

The Chandur church has never had a pastor as they have felt they were too poor and small in number to undertake the financial obligation. But last year they made up their minds to take a step of faith and applied to the Marathi Synod for a pastor. The church
pledged one quarter of his support, but according to the financial report of the previous year and conditions in the district, the prospect of even that did not seem at all hopeful. The community was so poverty stricken that if any one received the meagre wages of a few days' work, he hardly felt he could give the full tithe of it to the Lord. So they had fallen into lax ways of giving. The new pastor took things in hand and at the first church meeting the members all gladly voted to give half of their tithe into the general expense account and what they gave in the Sunday offerings was to be separate from that. They have kept their word and the giving has substantially increased. Surely God will honour them for it.

We thank God for many definite answers to prayer in the work. Two months ago we heard that the Christians in the south of the district were going to join the Roman Catholics. We cried to the Lord to overrule in this and each member of the church shared the burden. As soon as there was a sufficient break in the monsoon for us to visit these Christians, the pastor and I drove fifty miles by metaled road to get within walking distance of the village of Pohora. We called the little company together and after prayer asked them what their trouble was. They told us of their poverty and hardships and said they went to the Roman Catholics to get material help. In fact the leader of the group had interviewed the priest in Amraoti and when interrogated as to his reasons for coming he replied, "We are not coming for spiritual food, for we have the best, but we need work and we want our children put in school!"

Up to this time we had not realized the terrible hardships of these particular village Christians for there is no worker there and in the rains we are cut off from them. Their children were going from door to door in rags, begging pieces of old bread. Arrangements were made at once to put two of the boys in our Christian school. There ought to be a Christian school right there in their own village. Will you not pray with us that the Lord Himself will call out a consecrated evangelist-teacher to be an influence for the Lord in that town?

Lastly we wish to mention a word about a subject which is confronting all of us these days. Just before coming to conference,
the leader of the outcastes in our part of the country came to speak with me. He is a man at heart convinced of the claims of Christ in his life, having been taught about Jesus Christ from his earliest memory. In spite of all this, he has pledged himself to follow Dr. Ambedkar in whatever he plans to do. Pray that this young man may follow the leadings of his heart rather than of worldly or political gain.

The command of Christ to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat," has been pressed home to our hearts in a new way during the past year, especially in its spiritual application.

CHALISGAON

"If God Be for Us"

BY AGNITA HANSEN

The year has brought many testings. Like Jacob, we have been tempted to say, "All these things are against us." But the things which we thought were against us were really links in the chain of His loving providence. Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we remember all the way which the Lord has led us. Many have been the tokens of His love in wonderful answers to prayer. We have learned better how to lean on His strong arm.

In February the East Khandesh Church Council convention was held at Chalisgaon. Our chairman, Rev. K. D. Garrison, and two of our Indian pastors from Berar, were the special speakers. They all gave timely, spiritual and refreshing messages. The presence of the Lord was felt. Quite a number testified to the rich blessing which they had received.

We had a good touring season. Many people begged us to come to their village and camp, but we were only able to make two camps. The rest of the villages were reached from Chalisgaon. Our first camp was among the Wanjari people, near Lonjagaon. These people have for a long time shown a real interest in the gospel. On account
of bad roads we have not been able to visit them often. This year the Lord enabled us to spend a month in their midst. His blessing was manifest from the very first. We were given an ideal place in which to pitch our tents, under shady mango trees, and near a well. Living near them we learned much about the customs, superstitions, joys and the sorrows, of the Wanjaris. Daily we had large crowds of women and children to talk to and they showed a real desire to learn about the true God. What a privilege it was to tell them of the way of salvation. They seemed to sense their need of a Saviour and often there were tears showing conviction of sin.

We also held night meetings and showed lantern slides illustrating the Life of Christ. Even when we went home for our meals the people would gather around our tent and ask questions. One night a Muhammadan told the pastor that the Hindus and Muhammadans of Lonja village had a discussion among themselves and decided that Jesus Christ is the true Saviour. Many said, "We have been deceived; from now on we have no faith in our idols. The Lord Jesus died to save us also and we want His salvation." One dear old woman had for a long time believed, and had many answers to prayer. She told with joy that she worshipped Jesus only.

This year we have found Chalisgaon district more open to the gospel than ever before. The people are friendly and desire to listen. I could tell of many individuals with whom we know God is dealing, and of some who have given up their idols, and who believe on the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. For the past four years we have regularly visited Kashibai, a Kumbi widow, living in Chalisgaon. She always welcomes us with a smile and gives us a place to sit, on her veranda. Neighbour women also gather when we go to her house. God has truly touched her heart. She has forsaken her idols and put her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. She always listens eagerly to the gospel message and seems to have a real understanding of the Word when we read it to her. She usually takes it up and explains it over again to the other women. Her sons and daughters are not sympathetic with her. They often ridicule and scold her for letting us hold meetings on her veranda and thus "lower their name!" One day she
told how her son had been very ill and in answer to her prayer for him the Lord raised him up. We praise God for Kashibai.

In closing this report I would like to add a personal testimony. During the rainy season the Lord saw fit to put me on the shelf. For a long time I had been tested in body. I had prayed much about my condition and had hoped that God would heal me for His glory. This hot season it seemed that I could not go on any longer. After much prayer the Lord gave me liberty to go to Miraj for an operation. God in His love and mercy saw me safely through this ordeal, for which I praise Him. Within a short time I was back in my station feeling fine and thinking I would soon be able to work. I thought that I had planned it all nicely, but the Lord planned it otherwise. Five days after I left the hospital I came down with typhoid fever which lasted for weeks. During that time God's presence became very real to me and as my heart got quieted before Him He had many things to tell me. When I got to the place where I could fully trust in His Word, He touched me and I soon began to get well. I praise Him for sparing my life and once more enabling me to get out to the villages to preach the gospel. My desire is that He may use me for His glory and make me a more fruitful branch in His vineyard, that it may be not I but Christ in me. I am indebted much to my dear co-worker, Miss Ransom, who so faithfully nursed me in all my illness. The Lord protected her from the disease and gave strength for all the strenuous days. I also thank God for the way in which my dear fellow missionaries prayed daily for my recovery. The chastening was for my good and I praise Him for His faithfulness in delivering me.
BHUSAWAL

“Call ... and I Will Hearken”

BY ERNEST AND ESTHER CROCKER

“I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray to Me, and I will hearken unto you.”—Jeremiah 29: 11, 12.

We thank God for what we have realized of the fulfilment of these promises in this past year. In answer to many prayers, God has graciously supplied a long felt need for a consecrated man of God to shepherd the flock of the Indian church. Rev. Raghunath Khandare, the new pastor, through persevering efforts and dependence upon God, has effected great changes for good. New hope and vigour have entered into the life of the church, and renewed attempts made to reach out with the gospel witness to the heathen in the town. There are three Hindu enquirers now, asking for baptism and admission into the Christian fold.

At the annual religious fair for the snake-god, at Nargaon, last August, the pastor and two of the young men, gave valuable help, not only in selling Gospels, but by their personal testimony of God’s saving grace, to the crowds of Hindus who had gathered to worship this hideous idol.

The pastor’s wife, consecrated and efficient in the work, has been used of God in spiritual ministry among the women and children of both Hindus and Christians of the town. The Lord has opened up opportunities for her to carry on Sunday School work among the children of the Indian Railway Primary School. On each Wednesday morning at the close of the regular session, the children gather in the large school room and listen to Bible stories, and learn hymns and verses. Sometimes one hundred or more children attend this class, and frequently a few of the mothers come and join them. In this way some of the homes are being opened to the gospel witness.

In the month of August, another definite answer to prayer was
realized in the coming of Mr. Timothy, a gifted Indian evangelist, to hold a series of special meetings in the Marathi church. Many opposing forces acted to prevent his coming here and also to hinder his ministry while here in Bhusawal. “But prayer was made,” so that God overruled the enemy’s attacks and brought victory. Some of the nominal Christians were saved and a few backsliders returned to the Lord and consecrated their lives to His service. Two of these, who are educated men with good positions in Government service, are taking an active interest in Sunday School work. They have started classes for young men and for adults, urging the young, especially, to join. Truly this is a cause for thanksgiving.

Once more a regular mission worker has been stationed at Nargaon, and God seems to be blessing his efforts with evidence of fruit. In a small nearby village there is a group of outcasts who are asking for baptism. The workers visit them often, teaching them Christian truth. We can only pray that God will do a real work of grace in all their hearts.

There are many evidences of God’s blessing in the work of the English church. Though the average attendance has been small, we praise God for the spirit of unity and harmony which has prevailed. This has helped the spiritual growth of the faithful few. During the special meetings held by Mr. Fromman of Chikalda, in April, and again in September, God worked in the spiritual deepening of lives. Some new members were added to the church. One of these is a young engine-driver, who for years had been most indifferent to his soul’s needs. He had boasted of not being inside a church for eleven years. At the last service of these special meetings he came with his wife and child, and was brought under conviction of sin. When visited a few days later in his home, he humbly confessed his need and accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. On rising from prayer, with a radiant face, he exclaimed, “Thank God for showing me the Light! What a change it has brought in my soul! I will bring my fireman also to church. He, too, is a careless chap, as I have always been.” Mr. Fromman laboured for souls not only among the adult folk, but his keen interest in the children, and the work of the Sunday
A QUARTET OF OUR FINE YOUNG MEN
School, was an inspiration to us. We are trusting God for lasting results from these efforts.

Another source of encouragement in the English work has been the response given us while in house to house visitation with gospel calendars and wall-mottoes. The purpose has been that Scripture texts might enter the homes of the unsaved, and speak to individuals. This has brought us into contact, not only with Protestants, but with Roman Catholics, and with Parsees.

God has blessed us and we offer Him our thanksgiving and praise.

ANJANGAON

Clouds and Silver Lining

BY FRED AND EDNA SCHELANDER

We praise God for the privilege of spending part of the year in fellowship and co-operation with our predecessors in this district, brother and sister Hartman. We learned to esteem them very highly for their work's sake, and profited much from their example and advice. They have carefully tended this corner of the Master's vineyard for the past ten years. While eternity alone will reveal the full fruit of their labours, enough of the product is visible now, to witness to their loving patience, tact and prayers. They have unstintedly spent themselves for the people, and in consequence have purchased their affection and loyalty. Best of all, they have led them to Jesus and linked them to Him, rather than to themselves, thus making it easy and pleasant for others to follow them in the work.

The work in this district has been going through a sifting and purifying period. In the past five years or so the number of Christians on the roll has shrunk from over five hundred to less than two hundred. In many ways this continual process of apparent disintegration has been disheartening to observe and humiliating to report. We now feel, however, that this downward curve is definitely flattening out, and under God, a slow up-turn may soon be expected.
The “rice Christians” have been weeded out. The many who were baptized for worldly advantages have turned again to the world. We are left with a small company, it is true, but like Gideon’s little band of old, its members can shine and shout. Already some of the heathen have been known to report that God is in them of a truth.

It is difficult, if not impossible, for even us missionaries, to appreciate the grip of caste and custom upon village converts. Their hold upon them is manifested in the fact that never since the beginning of our work in Berar, fifty years ago, has there yet been celebrated a purely Christian wedding amongst our village Christians. Long before the children are old enough to be married according to Christian law, the pressure of Hindu relatives and neighbours upon the parents becomes unbearable. In spite of full knowledge of the sin and folly of such a step, in spite of previous pledges and declarations to the contrary, invariably resolution wavers, a Hindu girl-wife or boy-husband is chosen, and Hindu ceremony unites the couple to the perfect satisfaction of the caste. It is only among our boarding school students and the second generation Christians who have grown up around our Mission stations in the cities, that the Christian marriage rite is practised.

Similarly, the observance of Hindu festivals and pilgrimages, participation in the benefits of idolatrous offerings, and eating carrion, are age-old customs of the “Depressed Classes,” from which all our converts have come. Last Saturday, as the people started for their homes at the close of our fall convention, one of the Indian workers remarked sadly, “Sir, if we had only thought of it in time we would have arranged the convention dates so as to include today’s Dassara festival. These people are now leaving, happy and full of blessing, but before night there will probably not be one who has not taken some part, indirectly and passively at least, in the Dassara festival.” The next morning, Sunday, I cycled out as usual to my weekly rainy season preaching appointment in a village, four miles away, a village where our mission had an out-station for nearly twenty years, and where the best of our Indian workers have at times resided. I found some of the Christians around the carcass of the sacrificial buffalo,
waiting for their share of the meat. We have purposely mentioned these sombre aspects of our work. These souls have been purchased by Christ's blood. We want you to claim by faith their liberation from every vestige of bondage to the evil one.

These Christians and other enquirers are scattered widely in about fifty villages. Our aim is to hold regular monthly conventions in certain convenient centers. Thus all who desire may attend a few days' teaching in any month.

As usual, besides the smaller local gatherings, there have been two main conventions during the year, one in May, and one in October. At both of these, brother Timothy, a Spirit-filled Indian preacher from our neighbouring Free Methodist Mission, was the principal speaker. God greatly blessed his ministry among us, as was evident from the spontaneous confessions, tears and testimonies that marked almost every service. In the May convention a touching farewell service to brother and sister Hartman extended till five o'clock in the morning. At both conventions the Christians formed a procession and with singing and music marched to the market-place for an hour's open air service. The Devil strongly objected the second time, and had one of his servants, a noted Arya-Samaj leader, start an opposition meeting nearby. His attack on Christianity took the form of villifying certain Old Testament characters. This, however, aroused the ire of the Muhammadans present, and to avoid all possibilities of a disturbance of the peace the police escorted him away and detained him till our function was successfully completed. This unsolicited action of the police appeared to our people as a direct interposition of God on their behalf, and was a great encouragement to their faith.

For the past six years a short-term Bible School has been held in the rainy season, when selected students come in to Anjangaon for special Bible Study. This year we made the invitation to attend school a general one, and charged a small admission fee. Thirty-three adults attended, and a dozen children, for whom a separate school was organized. During this school, and in the convention following, several gave evidence of a new spiritual quickening. As a
result of the witnessing of the students one man is now seeking baptism.

Such are some of the clouds and some of the silver lining visible in Anjangaon. We thank God that the work is His rather than ours. The government is upon His shoulder. The care, the thought, the planning are His. And His is the operative energy that can call the whole perfect programme into being. We want to learn to lean less on the flesh and on human wisdom, and more upon Him who said "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit." Pray for us.

AMRAOTI

"The Poor Have the Gospel Preached to Them"

BY O. H. LAPP

"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great." Acts 26:22.

This verse sums up our work in Amraoti for another year. We give God humble thanks for His presence and help in the work.

Before convention last year we were visited many times by companies of men and women from the Pardie caste, wanting instruction. We told them we have no workers to spare. But in the end we sent two laymen—Natu and Vyankat. The Pardies fed these men and paid them each four annas per day to care for their families. In this way they were taught definitely at various times for several months. At the same time a group of Mahars from another village, which had been under occasional instruction for years, became more urgent in their request for definite teaching. These two men volunteered again to go and stay in that village and live with the enquirers, and thus they were able to give considerable time to teach the people there. Also the mission worker went from time to time to help and encourage them. At the District Council Convention in March we baptized 45 adults—Pardies and Mahars. And we dedicated, what seemed like, numberless children. Some of the Pardies came to live near Amraoti. Miss Karner, with a Bible-woman, gave them an
additional month of daily teaching and prayer. As the village where the new Mahar Christians live, is located in low land, and the roads almost impossible for a car, we felt it would be better to invite all the village Christian women in for a week of special and intensive teaching. Miss Karner and the Bible-woman prepared a simple and practical set of lessons, covering the time the women were to be in Amraoti, which proved a great help and blessing to them. Lay workers looked after these two groups of new Christians during the hot season months. We have sought to have them come regularly to church meetings. Specially the communion service, which is observed on the first Sunday of each month. We have found this to be an excellent habit in which to encourage new converts.

Recently the local churches at Amraoti and Badnera have had a season of real blessing under the ministry of the Indian evangelist, Mr. Timothy of Yeotmal. In Badnera particularly there was a real work done among the young people. Some were saved, some were reclaimed, and all took a new stand for God and His service. In Amraoti there was evidence of real conviction of sin, and final victory, as was revealed in the heart-stirring testimonies which followed. We were glad that in these two weeks of special meetings quite a number of village Christians also attended and were blessed.

Among the evidences of real growth in grace is first, that the older Christians are beginning to have a concern and care for the village Christians and enquirers—providing shelter and food, and also taking time to teach and pray with them, as they come in from time to time. We praise God for this.

We are also grateful and deeply appreciate the help other of our missionaries have given us and our people from time to time, our Chairman and others.

We also praise God that about 3,000 Gospels, New Testaments, and Bibles, have been disposed of during the year.

We ask your prayers for the enquirers that come to us, and specially for an advance work among the Pardies. We hope to have a special meeting for all enquirers in March. The Pardies themselves are praying for this, and for their relations.
"Serving Man Is Serving God"

BY R. H. SMITH

"May I come in?" The question is usually addressed to me in English as a boy waits outside the office door, for even the little chaps like to say at least that much of a sentence in a foreign language. The next request is more apt to be for iodine than for anything else, as barefoot boys are always getting thorns in their feet, scratching their legs, or quite casually tearing off a toe-nail. While there are more sore toes to bind up than broken hearts, how glad we are when the request is, "Pray for me." We are thankful for every sign of grace we have seen. It is a good testimony to a boy’s religion when, after having done a wrong, he is willing to take his proper punishment.

The year has had its round of duties, usual and unusual; rising by night to attend to the sick, stretching barbwire fencing, inspecting heads for "residents," watching workmen doing repairs, planning the farm work with our farm manager, rising at the early hour of 5:30 a.m. to have prayers with the students, taking part in other spiritual activities, with some weeks of touring thrown in. We have thought many times of the Marathi hymn which says,

"Serving man is serving God."

We have had the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Carner’s company part of the year. Mr. Carner organized a Boy Scout troop, a decided help in school discipline and in the boys' enjoyment. One of our students took the highest marks in the Marathi area in the annual All-India Scripture Examination. The students did well in various school and Government examinations. With the boys' help, we have carried on the farm work with very little outside help, so that there has been real profit from the farm. Another cause of satisfaction was the receipt, equivalently, of over fifty dollars in gifts for the school from Indian friends and Sunday Schools. The unselfish service of our teachers and helpers cannot, of course, be measured in money.
Mr. Smith and Christian Friends of India
MR. CONANT BAPTIZING A CONVERT

Miss Agnita Hansen
A much needed roof was put on the boys’ dormitory in the hot season. They slept in peace this rainy season, without having to dodge rain drops, and their good health during the rains showed what a help the roof was. Malaria seems to be an ever-present menace, but we have realized in every sickness that the Lord has helped us. Our fifty and more boys also send their grateful salaams to you who have helped us in any way throughout the year. As they study, work and play, stand with us that they may be trained for the Lord, in whose fear is the beginning of wisdom.

“He Gave Gifts Unto Men”

BY E. R. CARNER

We once heard a servant of the Lord, weak of body and a sufferer, yet loaded with responsibility and plenty of work, say, in effect, “Oh for the power to do what I want to do; to accomplish the tasks I would like to accomplish; to reach out beyond these narrow confines and take hold of the world’s work!” My own feelings are akin to these as I look at the task which lies around me and can reach but to its fringes. With a district of three thickly populated counties and only one or two workers through whom to evangelize its multiplied towns and villages; with the dark spectres of ignorance, superstition, poverty and disease, of caste, custom and caution, each and all stubbornly arrayed against the advance of the gospel, we might well be disheartened. Added to this is the unceasing opposition of the great adversary of our Lord Jesus. Whenever definite plans are made to evangelize or to strike any other concrete blow for our Lord, the enemy shows his hatred of this vital kind of work. We have never entered upon a touring season without being conscious of this sinister attention from our foe.

But when we look “unto Jesus” and “keep looking,” somehow, things take on a different aspect and our hearts refuse to be cast down. Great is His faithfulness, and sufficient is His grace for all the trials and opposition, all the interruptions and things which seem to baulk us.
A goodly part of the work of the missionary in charge of the Akola district is “the material side” in preparation for, and oversight of, the conventions which of necessity take place at this station. In the past year we have had two local church conventions, a district convention, a meeting of the Marathi Synod, a meeting of the General Assembly, the annual convention of the missionaries, and a six weeks' Summer School with the workers. It has been a pleasure to participate in all of these gatherings by doing something for the physical comfort of our brethren in the Lord on each of these occasions, but it has made inroads on time which we fain would give to direct evangelism. We believe that such work was well worth the time and effort it required and that fruit came and will come from it all.

The work of the local church has had some encouraging phases. In the beginning of the hot season, Rev. Magganrao Jalaji, the pastor, and his council, called Mr. Timothy for a series of special meetings. The Lord used this anointed servant of His and hearts were deeply stirred. The Holy Spirit seemed to work especially upon the young. Children and young men and young women were brought to tears of repentance and some of them took a definite stand of faith and later were baptized. The Sunday Schools, held simultaneously in three or four localities, have done good work. Miss Steed’s work with the small children has been most effective and the interest and response of the plastic-minded “little ones” is encouraging indeed. All the teachers have done commendable work and fruit will be seen in days to come.

Our church still lacks the missionary zeal it should manifest toward India’s unevangelized multitudes. The poverty of our people and daily anxiety to find enough to feed the hungry mouths of their own children may be a kind of excuse for their not looking very far afield in their Christian activities, but we long to see them get the broader vision. Then, the Lord will add unto them “all these things.”

What little touring we did in the district was encouraging. We spent some days in the hot weather with the district Christians in the Gungshi neighbourhood and felt that the heat and dust and weariness we went through to accomplish this were nothing to be compared with the joy of fellowship with the Lord and these sheep of his own
fold. My wife was ill, seriously so, in the early part of the cool season, but the Lord had mercy upon us and heard our cry to Him. She is much better since His definite touch of healing was given to her body at that time. After that, we camped at Patur, the place at which we camped last year. There are souls there whom the Lord has touched and we live in hope of a harvest in His own good time.

The summer school was a time of blessing to our hearts and we could see that the Lord was blessing our workers with us, as we together meditated upon the wonderful things His Word reveals to them that love Him.

Miss Little and Mrs. Ramsey have each worked faithfully in “women’s work” and “city work,” sowing beside all waters and seeing and hearing much to encourage their hearts. We would be glad to report in full the brief accounts they have given us of the year’s experiences. We limit them to brief quotations. Miss Little writes: “There are as many openings as we can keep up with, and I can hardly pull myself away even to visit my friends. . . . We have been greatly encouraged by the sales of New Testaments and Gospels, considering that many who buy are uneducated women. I was asked to order two Hindi Bibles, for Kathiawar merchants. One of these men says he reads from ten to twelve o’clock at night, translating into Gujarati as he reads, for the benefit of his family. A young Telugu whose mother had bought a New Testament a few years ago, told us he had read it through to his family three times and was now reading it the fourth time, reading it daily and praying to the Lord Jesus. When I told him to confess Christ before the world, he closed his eyes, shook his head and solemnly said, ‘Yes, I know, I know, and I will—when I am free; when everything comes into my hands, then I will.’ Pray for this fear-imprisoned soul. About eighteen months ago a Telugu woman bought a New Testament. She cannot read but her daughter reads it to her. It has been wonderful to watch her go from step to step, taught by God. She always has a fresh testimony of His dealing with her. She cannot keep her joy to herself. Her husband and her neighbours all know. . . . On our last visit to her she said, ‘I covet only one thing . . . I covet the.
Lord Jesus.' And I covet her as a jewel for the crown of the Lord Jesus."

Mrs. Ramsey has worked early and late and the Lord gives her strength remarkable for one of her age. We quote from her report: "The Lord has said, 'Occupy till I come,' and from many signs, it seems as if His coming may not be far off. This thought gives zeal and eagerness in spreading the Good News. . . . The work which falls to my lot is with individuals, many of whom are for weeks or even months on beds of sickness, glad of someone to stand beside the bed, sing a hymn, explain it, quote a verse of Scripture, use an illustration and press home the truth. Earnest prayer fills one’s heart that the Word may not return unto Him void. Some leave the hospital cured, to carry the message with them, we trust, to repeat it to their neighbours in their own simple way. . . . This is but one of the ways in which I am permitted to work here in Akola but when the reader of this report prays, God will understand. . . . We shall meet with Him when He comes."

The work of our Indian brethren in the far villages of the district has gone on steadily for most of the year. One of the two evangelists, Chintaman, was at the gates of death with typhus fever, in the rainy season. The Lord wonderfully delivered him and now he is back among the people.

Mr. Smith took time from his school work to tour in the eastern part of the district, besides helping in local conventions and in many other ways throughout the year.

Best of all, the Lord has loved us and has manifested His love to our hearts. We are small and helpless, confronted with a task too big for us, but not so "in Him." He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men, and "unto every one of us is given [in Him] grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Oh, the measurelessness of that grace!
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conscience which they behold in the true Christian, yet lack the
reckless courage which would snap those bars like matches—the
courage openly to receive Christ.

Christian children of erstwhile outcaste parents are holding
positions of honour and high responsibility.

As late as December, 1935, a widow was burned to death upon
her husband’s funeral pyre, “despite the efforts of the police to fore-
stall” this tragic act.

A caste man, here and there, has found the liberty wherewith
Christ has set us free, and is proving it by acts of love and kindness
in a life of humble service for high and low alike.

In 1936, the highest mountain in the British empire was scaled
by an Anglo-American expedition of modern “heroes of Troy.” The
mountain is Nanda Devi and its height is 26,600 feet. It stands
in Almora District of the United Provinces, west of Nepal. From
its heights can be seen scores of other peaks of almost equal height,
a veritable forest of mountains. All this is symbolic of a spiritual
“forest of mountains” which wait here for men, noble and brave and
strong in Christ, to “conquer” them for Him.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is proclaiming with inexorable logic that
before India can achieve anything “by way of progress” she must
“annihilate” caste. In other words she must change her religion.
Dr. Ambedkar is by birth an outcaste, “untouchable,” with “handles”
to his name like “M.A., Ph.D., D.Sc.,” earned by sheer merit. Tens
of millions of people, barred from “respectable society,” will do what
he asks them to do. Oh that his eyes were opened to the vision
of Christ! Pray for him.

Will all friends who read the Bulletin kindly note what the
Chairman has said about this being the Jubilee Year of our Alliance
work in India, as well as at home? Then will you not pray, through
this year, that God will grant us a great out-pouring of His grace
and power—a mighty tide of revival in our hearts and among our
Indian brethren? Won’t you “hold the rope” for one or more of our
missionaries, in faith, through this year? This would make it a
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