EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEY FOR 1937

BY E. R. CARNER

"Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. . . . He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths." Isa. 2: 3.

These words from the pen of Isaiah hold glorious promise concerning the coming age. God's infallible promise is that "many peoples" (R.V.) will not only utter them but act upon them, going literally "up to" Jerusalem, which will then be the world's great meeting place with God, to have Him teach them His ways. But we who are the children of faith and who live for the glory of that fast approaching "day of Jehovah" may use them now in an accommodative sense.

Through all the years of our Alliance Mission in India we have held these annual gatherings and God has so graciously met us when we have honestly sought His face, that wherever we have held them, whether in Bombay or Mehmadabad or Dholka or Akola they have come to mean to us "the mountain of the

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Flee As a Bird

Years ago a tired missionary lay one night at the beginning of the hot-season, sweltering in the heat and dust that swirled around him. The monsoon wind was blowing from its furnace home in its preparation for the rains which it always brings, after long weeks of “stoking up.” It was hard to sleep even in the open, where the missionary lay, and worse still inside the bungalow. As he looked up at the stars and thought of God’s goodness he breathed a prayer for guidance about the matter of getting away to the hills for a little time of respite from the heat—unescapable in any other way. Then, in the quiet of the heart, he heard a voice which said to him, “Flee as a bird to your mountain.” He believes to this day that the voice came from Him who says, “My sheep hear my voice.”

If our friends at home knew how much it means to us to be able to leave our stations and live for a few weeks in the cool of a hill-station, in the fellowship of other missionaries and with the
privileges of Bible conferences afforded at such places, they would always bid us Godspeed in our going. We ride third class, sleeping often on the racks above the seats, intended for boxes and bundles, and sometimes on the floor beneath the seats, because third class is often crowded and because we cannot pay for second class tickets. Two nights of such travel search the weak spots of our physical frames and leave us good and weary when we finally reach the hills. But once there, we can take a bath and wash off the grime and the germs picked up while en route with those who carry them.

Our Board has recently authorized the purchase of two cottages in Kodaikanal, where the climate is cool enough to rest us from the severe heat of the plains and not so cool as to make us suffer because our blood is thin from living in the tropics. The money paid on this property, which is situated at the very centre of this lovely hill-station, came from the sale of a property on the plains which we were able to do without. We still owe $4,000 on the cottages and land around them. We solicit your prayers for money with which to pay this balance. The picture in this issue of the BULLETIN, entitled, "A New Rest-Home," gives you a fine view of Kodaikanal. Missionaries' lives are prolonged, their tired nerves rested and their “souls restored,” through their being able to go in the hot-season to such places. It is a saving of money, a matter of sound business sense, to make such provision for God’s servants who live in climates like India. We humbly ask you to pray that the needed sum to cancel all indebtedness on the rest-home in Kodaikanal may soon be provided.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL

Part of the Church’s Tomorrow

BY A. C. EICHER

“And Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for thy servant heareth.’”

We praise God for all His goodness to us during the year 1937. Mr. Smith turned the school over to us in January, the middle of the
school year. The term runs from the end of June to the latter part of April. At this time there was a total enrolment of eighty-seven students. In the boarding school were forty-two, eleven in the hostel and special group, and thirty-four day scholars. School reopened in July with an attendance of ninety-one all told. Forty-four were in boarding school, eight in the hostel and special group, and thirty-nine day scholars. Since then the total number has increased to ninety-three.

Among the day scholars we have many different communities represented. There are Christians, both Protestant and Roman Catholic; Muhammadans; and many Hindu castes represented, among whom there are boys from the following castes: weavers, farmers, tanners, outcastes and Brahmins. In the lower classes we have eleven girls.

These village children are a problem in many ways. One of the most common difficulties is that they do not come to school alone—lice, bed-bugs, fleas, and itch are often their companions. At the time of writing this, there are five cases of itch, all brought about by one infected village lad. In spite of these small annoyances, we thank the Lord for these outside children, and request that you pray with us that we may win them to the Lord Jesus.

During the special meetings, many of these boys gave witness to being definitely saved. We praise God for moving in their hearts. The results of the moving of God's Spirit on our school during ten
days of meetings with Mr. Timothy have been far reaching. The first movings of repentance were among the smallest lads; this gradually permeated the whole group till the largest boys, too, were reached. Boys made confessions to each other, made things right with their teachers, and no less than thirty-five of them came up to the office to get right with God. It was a time of blessing, and some received the Gift of the Holy Spirit and consecrated their young lives to the Lord. How we praise God for our brother Timothy’s ministry among us! It is an encouragement to remember that he as a lad was in just such an institution as this. From among our boys may the Lord raise up more Brother Timothys!

We praise God for the able and consecrated efforts of our teaching staff. Our boys have done well in their scholastic work. We have four men and one woman on our teachers’ staff. The woman is substituting for our regular primary teacher, now on leave for the purpose of taking advanced education. Fifteen out of seventeen boys passed in the Government examination.

The general health of the boys would have been good this year except for the constant ravages of malaria fever. It was a blow to lose one boy during the year. He came to us very run-down and weak from much sickness and under-nourishment in his poverty-stricken home. He succumbed to an attack of cerebral malaria (the most malignant type) after only a few days’ illness. He was just twelve, and had been in school a little over a month and a half. About four-fifths of all our sickness has been malaria or other ailments brought on by it. Generous friends in India have contributed the money for screening in the main dormitory against our mosquito enemies. Now will follow a campaign on teaching the boys to keep the doors closed!

Our forty-acre farm has done well under the able hand of Barnabas Master. The garden has been a means of supplying needed green vegetables for the boys’ diet, and the fields have supplied wholesome outdoor work to growing boys. Crops have not been as good as in some years on account of the infrequent rainfall, but we still have much to be thankful for.
Under the guidance of the Lord we are planning to install a pumping system on our well, to supply water to the septic toilet for the school which is shortly to be installed, to increase our irrigated land for a fruit and vegetable garden, and to pump water up to our compound. At present it all must be carried by hand. Please pray with us that the balance of the funds needed for this project may be forthcoming. We have about half the needed amount in hand. We have also a great need for a rat-proof and white-ant-proof store room for our grain, cotton and other farm produce. We are looking to the Lord to supply this need as well.

We have a lively Sunday School with over ninety pupils attending it. Some time ago, a group of our larger boys were going to a village to hold Sunday School, one Sunday morning. One of the lads was overheard to make this significant remark to his chum, "We must live these things ourselves, if we want them to have any effect on the people of this village."
Two or three days ago I was speaking with one of our boys in the hostel, who attends Government High School from here, walking five miles back and forth daily. I asked him what he wanted to do after he was through with high school studies. A number of times I have spoken to him before, but have never gotten any definite reply. On this occasion he said, “Yes, I know now what I want to be.”

I asked, “What?”

He said, “I feel the Lord wants me to enter Bible Training School in order that I may prepare to preach the gospel.”

Praise God for this answer to His call. This is his own decision in answer to God’s speaking to his heart, as I have not given any suggestions as to what he should do.

Please pray above all things else that others may hear the same call, and like Samuel, answer, “Speak, for thy servant heareth.”

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Lord.” May this year’s Convention be exceptional only in that it will again and far more deeply “teach us of His ways.” Then we will walk in His paths and not in the paths of our own choosing. Should we not “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise? Give thanks unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy endureth forever; and His faithfulness unto all generations.” (Psa. 100: 4-5).

God’s Care

During most of the time He has kept nearly all of us in health and strength enough to go about our work for Him. Some have been sick, it is true, but His grace has sustained them and has made pain and weakness to be a means whereby they have learned deeper lessons of His love and power. Romans 8: 28 stands in sickness and in health.

In the year, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Ringenberg have left us for furloughs, which they needed and of which they were well worthy. We look forward to their return to us within another year. We gladly welcome back to the work Mr. and
Mrs. Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. Amstutz. In the days which lie ahead, may they have great blessing and more effective ministry than ever before. Then, we have special joy in receiving into our thin ranks, new recruits. Miss Davies came in August and has already given helpful service in the office work at Headquarters. Along with this, she is tackling the stubborn intricacies of an Oriental language, and her struggles with strange sounds, which we sometimes overhear, remind us of the far off time when we, too, were young and the conquest of Marathi was our chiefest anxiety. Concerning Gerald and Sara, who came with the veterans mentioned above, our hearts are almost too full to speak. When I came to India nearly thirty-four years ago I thought, "If God will give me seven years in India—one term—I will be thankful and will be willing then to go home to heaven, if He so desires." But His thoughts are not our thoughts and are higher than our thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth. I feel now, I think, almost like Jacob did when he
said to the Lord, “I am not worthy of the least of the mercies, and of all the truth which Thou hast showed Thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become (not two but) three bands!” (Gen. 32: 10).

**Finances**

Once again we can look back over a year of God’s most gracious provision for our temporal needs. Full allowances arrived month after month for nearly two years and up until the allowance for September came. We are humbled to think of our Father’s providence on our behalf. We are further humbled as we think of the noble men and women who regularly, systematically and sacrificially bring their generous tithes and offerings to the feet of the Lord Jesus in order to make it possible for us to live in His service in India and other dark lands.

**Spiritual Blessings**

Looking toward our Indian Church we can see much for which to praise God. Among our pastors and evangelists are those who are making real progress in leadership. The while, they are learning how frail is the arm of flesh and how fickle the human heart. They are also coming into real wrestling against the powers of the realm of Satan and we believe they are learning how to touch God by prayer and faith, the Source of deliverance and victory for themselves and for their churches. A few, though as yet only a few, of our laymen are manifesting gifts of leadership and the humility to accept places of hidden though vital service for God’s Church. Many of our people are still babes in Christ and many are but the “small souls” (Gr., 1 Thess. 5: 14b) whom Paul mentions, but all who are sheep are dear to the heart of the Shepherd. He laid down His life for them and He asks us to take care of them till He comes. They are not to be blamed for their dark background of ancestral sin and sadness. If we are true to our Lord and them He will bring them and us to His everlasting kingdom where they and we shall shine in His beauty.
Move Forward

Since our work, both in the Mission and in the Indian Church, is so fully organized, we need more than ever to be awake and aggressive. We need, on the one hand, to stand ready to encourage and to assist the developing leaders of the National Church, giving to them our love and prayers; bearing with their mistakes; being charitable toward the weaknesses we see in them; counselling with them, if possible, when they are baffled by their problems; freely forgiving them if they seem at times to pass us by, or not to ask us to preach in their pulpits as often as we think they should. We need, on the other hand, to guard against ceasing in any degree to carry on an aggressive and progressive ministry of the gospel. God called us here to be His witnesses and if for the sake of our Indian brethren we hand over to them work which hitherto we have done ourselves, let us see to it that we lift the torch of God's true light still higher and that we carry it still further out into the surrounding darkness. Not so much has been done as to leave less for us to do. Our task as missionaries is more than ever arduous.

Sunday Schools and Young People's Work

To me, one of the most encouraging signs in our Mission is the growing interest in the welfare of the children and young people of the churches and outside the churches. Last year Miss Beardslee and Miss Conger were appointed to give their time to this phase of the work. We all know of some of the good already accomplished, and we thank God for it. But beyond this is the new interest which all of us, I think, have in the welfare of the young. Always we have loved the children and the young people; always we have known that the church of tomorrow would come from the young people of today. But the more constant and more intense realization of this fact at present manifest among us, is a good foretoken for the work of the future, should our Lord tarry.
Problems

Yet serious problems face our Mission at this time. While we rejoice in some progress along the lines of self-government and self-support, in our Indian Church, we have not the slightest reason to be satisfied. The time is not yet for us to rest on our oars. We have not yet “arrived.” Many and grave are the problems which face us.

How can these problems best be solved? We believe the answer lies in the doing of what our text invites us to do. Let us, together, “go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob” (Isa. 2: 3). He is the God of all grace and it is God’s grace in searching, convicting, cleansing and filling power that is needed in us and in our Indian Church.

God has been faithful; He has been most gracious. His mercy and grace and patience with us in all our history, as a group of His servants, are easy to trace; His mercy, grace and patience with us, as individuals, are so obvious as to leave no more need than the mention of them. Let us therefore humble ourselves once more under the mighty hand of God till that Hand lifts us up. We can ask God to search us and we can accept His verdict about ourselves individually and as a group of His servants. We can turn from every fault or sin which He may graciously reveal to us; and we can ask for deeper cleansing and larger faith. Then, I believe, we can trust Him for such a working
of His great Spirit in us and through us as will enable us to win multitudes of lost souls for Christ and such power of His Spirit as to purify and unify ourselves and our Indian Churches—all for His great name's sake. Amen.

SOME "NEW" THINGS

A New Rest-Home gives you a lovely view of the hills and the little artificial lake at Kodaikanal, South India. It is here that some of our missionaries will have a few weeks of rest during the hottest of the hot season. Read the note on, "Flee as a Bird," in this number of the Bulletin.

A New Village-Christian School does not depict anything very prepossessing, does it? But out of such schools are coming real converts from among the children, and out of villages where such schools are carried on a goodly number of parents and friends of the children are turning to Christ.

A New Church shows you the building which Mr. and Mrs. Lapp have just placed in the outstation at Badnera, six miles from Amraoti City. Members of the living temple of God are among the group in front of the church building, and some of them are new, too, because they are "new creations" who have but recently found Christ.

A New (?) Interpretation of "Love" needs a bit of explaining. A very great Hindu, in the eyes of men, said, some years ago, that one of the "lamp-posts" of his life was the Hindu doctrine of *ahimsa*, which term, he said, meant "love." Literally this Sanskrit word means "abstaining from killing." Our picture shows how the doctrine works out as interpreted by the average orthodox Hindu. This sick camel has been left in a field to die "by inches," because *ahimsa* says not to take life under any circumstances! Mr. Gustafson is seen pointing to a ghastly hole in the poor animal's back, where the crows had been eating from the quivering flesh. And neither Mr. Gustafson nor Mr. Lauren Carner who took the picture would have dared to put the suffering creature out of its misery for fear
they themselves might be beaten to death by the zealous keepers of ahimsa!

A Contrast with the New shows up India’s ancient and modern sin—a sin among men which goes clear back to Old Testament days when men, first, “professing themselves to be wise became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man.” A man may see some things if he has but one glass eye but an idol with two of them is totally blind, “and they that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.”

New Plans gives you a little glimpse of a Conference on Evangelism held recently in Mehamadabad, Gujarat. Dr. J. B. MacLaurin of the Canadian Baptist Mission was with us in this discussion of the importance of evangelism and methods to be used. His sound and practical addresses to our Gujarati pastors and evangelists were most helpful.

NEWS AND NOTES

An unusually big percentage of our all-too-few missionaries must go on furlough this year. Mrs. Helfers and daughter, Marjorie, sailed on February 11. Mr. Helfers stayed for a little while longer to do some sorely needed work in Gujarat, where there is no one to take his place when he goes home. He will sail for Ireland about April 15 to join his family there and with them will leave Ireland for America on July 15. On March 15, Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter and family, Miss Bernice Steed and Miss Eva King left India to go to America, via the Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Lapp, Miss Anna Little and Miss Emma Krater will leave for furlough, probably in May. Miss Julia E. Derr sails on April 13, and will go home via East Africa, where she plans to visit her mother, a missionary in Tanganyika territory. We bespeak for each of these friends your prayers that their furloughs may mean rest and new strength for spirit, soul and body, and that those who return to India may come with new joy and zest for their work.
Miss Elizabeth Gustafson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Gustafson, has recently passed her Senior Cambridge Examinations "with honours" and has sailed for America in company with Miss Steed and Miss King. She will complete her education in preparation for missionary work in the Lord’s time, should He tarry. Pray for her and for brother and sister Gustafson who, with rare courage and true consecration to God’s call to them, are trusting the Lord to care for Elizabeth and for Charles who went to America last year. Only parents who have suffered the pain of long parting with greatly beloved children can understand what depth of sacrifice this involves. Bickersteth’s lines take on new meaning for such servants of Christ.—

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus’ keeping we are safe, and they.

Miss Gladys Fletcher has received the unanimous call of the Executive Committee of the Ramabai Mukti Mission to join the European staff of that Mission. Gladys comes to India with the
highest recommendations from her friends and teachers in Australia. We gladly welcome her to the great work to which she is called. She is the daughter of our comrade missionary, the Rev. Wm. Fletcher, now retired from India, but still serving in his ripe years, at Melbourne, Australia.

Rev. Gerald L. L. Carner passed his first year’s examination in Marathi in the first week in February, after only three months of study. His childhood in India deprived him of some advantages he might have had in America but there are compensations for all that, and one of them is the fact that Marathi will be to him like a second "mother tongue." He and Mrs. Carner are working faithfully in study so that they may be able as soon as possible to converse freely and accurately with the people in the people’s own tongue.

At Christmas time, Rev. Lauren R. Carner suffered from a serious attack of malignant malaria, contracted while touring in his district. Through the Lord’s great goodness he is now fully recovered and is doing full time work, touring in co-operation with Rev. F. W. Schelander in the Anjangaon District. Rev. Schelander reports that there is evidence of deep interest on the part of the outcastes of that district and a goodly number are asking for baptism.

Rev. L. E. Hartman reports unusual interest among the people of the villages in Jalgaon, Berar, taluk (county).

We cannot emphasize too strongly the need of more labourers for the vast multitude of souls in Berar, Khandesh and Gujarat, to whom we are responsible to give the gospel.

Our Mission was favoured by a visit, in both the Marathi and the Gujarati areas, from Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Neighbour. Dr. Neighbour’s ministry, through interpreters, was used of the Lord, both among our Christian people and a goodly number of non-Christians who came to hear his message. He is not a young man, being well into the sixties, but in the pulpit he seems to lay aside his years as a garment, while he presents with unction and eloquence the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Our Executive Committee has planned the opening of a Men’s Bible Training School at Nargaon, Khandesh, with Rev. Raymond
H. Smith as principal. A Woman's Bible Training School will be opened in connection with the boarding school at Khamgaon, with Miss Marthena Ransom as principal. Pray with us, in this step of faith, that the support of the students will not be lacking. While each student will be required to do all he can toward his support, something will be needed to supplement the expense in each case. Our plan is to give some months of training to each student, then to send him out to work in actual evangelism and after a year or so to bring him back into the school for further training. In this way we hope to keep the most valuable ones and cull out the misfits as we go along. Do pray for this very important work and for the needed funds.

Of the number who go on furlough this year, Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Lapp, Miss Emma Krater and Miss Anna Little are of retirial age and are perhaps leaving India for the last time, so far as the present age is concerned. They have given the very best years of their lives in unstinted service and noble sacrifice for dark and unresponsive India. Nobody, perhaps, except our Lord Himself, knows so well as does a worn-out missionary, the awful cost that must be paid, and paid gladly, in order to gather out of heathen lands those who are the Lord's other sheep. Pray definitely for these retiring servants of Christ.

It can never grow old,
It can never grow old,
Tho' a million times over the story is told;
While sin lives unvanquished,
And death rules the world,
The story of Jesus can never grow old.
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