Jesus has put us "in trust with the Gospel"!
    Shall we His confidence idly betray
While, is her ignorance, India wanders,
    Guilty, despairing, and out of the way?

Jesus has put us, "in trust with the Gospel"!
    Wonderful story of mercy and peace!
Healing for broken hearts; sight for the blinded;
    Hope for the poor; for the captives, release!

Jesus has put us "in trust with the Gospel"!
    Perishing millions the truth have not heard!
Dusky hands grope in the shadows for guidance;
    Shall we deny them the light of the Word?

Jesus has put us "in trust with the Gospel"!
    When we behold Him at last, face to face,
Can we say humbly: "Dear Lord, I have brought Thee
    Souls from dark India, saved by Thy grace"?

India! India! far o'er the ocean,
    Sinning and dying, thy people we see!
"Whom shall I send?" 'Tis the voice of the Master!
    Here am I, Jesus! Send me, O send me!

—A. A. P.

(The above poem can be sung to the tune "He Was Not Willing.")
John 7:47-49 – Then answered the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

Matt. 15:33 – Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

Matt. 9:36 – And when He saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

When the scribes and Pharisees saw the multitudes, they were moved with contempt. When the disciples saw the multitudes, they were moved with consternation. “Whence shall we buy bread?” But when the Lord Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion. In these Scriptures we find three common attitudes toward other people—an attitude of contempt, an attitude of consternation, an attitude of compassion. The Pharisees felt themselves far above the multitudes. They knew not the Law, not having been taught by these self-same teachers, so they were not worthy of consideration, and were dismissed with a Brahminical toss of the head. We are all too familiar with this attitude of contempt for common people in India, and many Christians have the same attitude as far as practical help is concerned. The disciples had some concern for the multitudes, since they suggested that the Lord send them away to lodge and to buy food. But when He said, “Give ye them to eat,” they replied, “Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to feed so great a multitude?”

Not only was the Lord Jesus filled with compassion for the multitudes, He did something for them. That sweet and gracious word, Compassion, is never used of Him as simply implying emotion. Action is always joined with His feeling of compassion.

Mark 6:34 — And Jesus when he came out saw much people and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep having no shepherd: and He began to teach them many things. The teaching ministry is a definite part of the work of the church. Our Lord included it in the Great Commission in Matt. 28 — Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. We seek to carry out this
command by Adult Literacy classes, Short Term Bible Schools, Sunday Schools, Preparatory Schools and other special work.

Adult Literacy has received a fresh impetus in the Marathi area with the publication this year of "Vatchan Killi" or Reading Key, which opens the gates of knowledge to the illiterate, especially adults. This primer is the joint work of Miss Dongre of Ramabai Mukti Mission and Mr. G. L. Carner and Mr. Virsen Hiverale. The book marks a new advance in such publications, with its pictures in four colors and the objects illustrated having a similar shape to the first letter of the word to be taught. With this association aid to memory the learner can from the first day read in sentences words which he has already been using in his talking. Thirty thousand copies of the first edition have been published and the Mission has granted a loan from the Marathi Forward Movement Fund to assist in this great work. In the hot season 20 classes for illiterates were held, and 190 people learned to read. Most of these were Christians, but in Chandur district 9 non-Christians attended classes and passed their tests, and this has been an entering wedge for the Gospel. Four non-Christians are now being taught in Palanpur and 10 in Mehmedabad. While our primary purpose is to teach believers to read their Bibles, there are occasions when we can use this Knowledge Key for those entirely ignorant of the Gospel.

Short term Bible Schools have been held in four centers during the rains, with an attendance of 72 adults and over 38 children. In this ministry we get into direct contact with the village Christians with their problems and ignorance, and the Word of God does its work in their hearts wherever it is given free course. Even when small, these schools have an important place in the building of the church. Evil is learned automatically, but spiritual truth must be taught, line upon line, and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. In Chandur the Short Term Bible School students included workers' wives and children and other compound folks, and was more in the nature of a Summer Vacation Bible School at home. The compound children in Amraoti also attended the morning classes in that STBS. Murtazapur has recently held a school for workers' wives, when the men stayed home to care for the children and the women were free to attend. Why not more of these two kinds of schools on our stations? We can never teach our boys and girls and older folks too much of the Word of Life.

Our Preparatory Schools have maintained their teaching ministry through another year of rationed food, high prices and wavering personnel. There are enough difficulties and
disappointments in school work to make us think that it is worthwhile. The enemy of souls must be displeased with it or he would not pay so much attention to it. Nearly four hundred boarding students and one hundred day scholars have secular and spiritual instruction in our three schools, while over 300 other children have attended our town and village schools where Scripture instruction is part of the curriculum. Eight hundred young lives to be influenced for God in our work! Our Master has compassion on them and wants them all for His scholars.

Our Young People's work is at once an evangelistic opportunity and the teaching situation. The BKCC Y. P. Rally has just closed at Yeotmal with an attendance of several hundred young people from this area, with some measure of spiritual blessing. The Rally for the 14-20 age group at Kadeshpur near Mehmedabad was a time of great victory for the more than 50 young men attending. The hindrances in this work come mainly from the young people themselves, but it is imperative that we win them for the Lord before other forces sweep them off their feet.

The dissemination of literature is another part of our teaching program. We are thankful to report that the New Testament section of Dr. Simpson's work on the Holy Spirit is on sale in Gujerati, and his "Christ in the Tabernacle" and "Romans" are on sale in Marathi. Miss Derr and Miss Wing have with their Indian helpers spent much time on this work. Other books are being translated and additional funds are required to carry on, as the turn-over in religious books is rather slow.

Matt. 15:32 — Then Jesus called his disciples unto him and said, I have compassion on the multitude because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting lest they faint by the way. Our Lord's compassion caused Him to feed the multitude, the 5000, and again the 4000. Our difficulty in India is not to find recipients for our deeds of mercy, for they throng us on every side, the lame, the halt, the blind, the hungry, the ignorant. There is no question as to our helping people. With our greater share of this world's goods, small though it be, and our greater knowledge, we owe even just from a humanitarian point of view a debt to those about us. It was of course those who had continued with Jesus on whom He had compassion and whom He fed, but in the light of His sermon to them in John 6 on The Bread from Heaven, they were not all believers. Every mission station radiates a wave of generosity in various ways as we seek to alleviate in some small measure the physical
needs of the people about us. By our good works we can show to men the loving heart of our Father in Heaven.

Luke 7:13—And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said unto her, “Weep not.” While our Lord went further than we can and raised the young man of Nain to life, there is still left for us the ministry of comfort and pastoral service to show forth His compassion. We may not have the direct pastoral relationship to the people that their Indian shepherds have, but there is always scope for compassion and sympathy in this way. The Indian people are quick to see under the surface and sense what our reactions are, be by the sorrows and needs of those about us we shall have a ministry of compassion. Mrs. A. I. Garrison in a recent letter said that she wanted to talk enough Hindi so she could pray with people in Hindi. That is the spirit of compassion.

Matt. 14:14—And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. We are thankful that the Lord still heals in answer to prayer. There are not many of us who have the gift of healing, but again and again the Lord does stretch forth His hand to heal in answer to the simple prayer of faith. It is a most interesting thing that among the village people, it is usually after enquirers have had some answer to prayer, often in the matter of healing that they make the decision to step out and be baptized. Mr. Eicher tells of the little girl of new Christians who came with her parents to the recent Short Term Bible School. She and her sister had both had smallpox, the sister dying of the dread scourge. She was thin and lifeless, anemic and listless. The second time prayer was offered for her and she was anointed, the Lord touched her, the sparkle came back into her eyes and her appetite picked up, and she began to amend. The Lord has compassion on the children as well as adults.

Matt. 9:36 — 10:1, 5 — But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease . . . These twelve Jesus sent forth. Seeing the multitudes, Jesus was moved with compassion and sent the twelve forth to preach the Gospel. Before men can be sent, they must be trained. Our three Bible
Training Schools have operated during the year with 9 young women finishing courses in Khamgaon, 15 students from Nargaon and Mehmedabad going out into practical service, and one student completing his course in the Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal. We are also co-operating with the Seminary in teaching personnel; Mr. and Mrs. Cartmel having taught there for the past semester, are remaining there until furlough in the spring. The enrolment in our three schools at the present time is 46 men and 38 women. We continually need to remember the Lord’s command to pray for laborers. In Gujerat it is especially difficult to get young men to enter training for the Lord’s work. One reason for this is the high wage obtainable in the mills in Ahmedabad, which makes them unwilling to accept the humble stipend we can offer students, and later on, evangelists. A bright spot in Gujerat came during the hot season when a group of laymen from Simpson Church spent several days in our new station of Palanpur, having Bible studies with Bro. King and going out for evangelistic witness. We must arouse the church to realize that evangelism is the business of the whole church.

Khamgaon Bible School has again had illiterate young women from the villages as a Beginners’ class. Mr. Hiverale, our Literacy leader, started them off with a month’s instruction which also served as a training school for regular students, in literacy methods. These girls are now able to read the Bible for themselves, and the change in them from darkness to light has been a joy to their teachers. We trust they will spread the message of salvation and soap as they return to their villages to live as Christian witnesses.

The touring season saw parties spreading the good news in Dhandhuka, Viramgam, Radhanpur, Malkapur, Khamgaon, Balapur, Akot, Murtazapur, and Arvi talukas with special reference to the unevangelized masses, while the work had more reference to the scattered Christian groups in Akola, Anjangaon, Amraoti and part of Murtazapur talukas. Since returning from furlough in August, the L. R. Carners have already made one camp in a far corner of Akola district not reached before in 15 years, touching villages which seemingly have never had the gospel preached in them. The same is true of places in Arvi, Dhandhuka, Radhanpur and Palanpur, so recently occupied, as well as of corners of our most carefully sown areas. We would be so glad to have this witness given by the church, but until it awakens to its responsibility we cannot sit idly by with souls going into Eternity without Christ. Our numerical responsibility is nearly 6,000,000. There are 17 mission stations, 20 church centers (often identical with the mis-
sion station), and 48 outstations as of Dec. 31st, 1950. Our missionary staff since spring has totalled 48, increased by 3 in August and two more in October. There are 119 workers on the Indian side, that is, 18 pastors, 26 evangelists, 16 catechists, 16 Bible women, 3 colporteurs, 25 school teachers and 5 others, and in addition to all of these, 15 student workers, not included in the 119. Out of 36 organized churches, 18 are considered self-supporting. Their offerings in 1950 amounted to 22,660 rupees from 3206 members. Two hundred and sixty-one baptisms were recorded in 1950. Eighty-six Sunday Schools are conducted with an enrollment of 2419 scholars. Mentioning Sunday School reminds us of the Sunday School Institute that Mr. and Mrs. Cartmel conducted at Katepurna following the annual conventon there. There was a good attendance and interest.

This is our 60th Annual Conference. Before 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Rogers and others had labored as independent missionaries in Berar. Miss Bates and then Miss Dawley joined this group as Alliance missionaries, followed by Miss Case and Miss Walker. While Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were home on furlough they turned their property over to the Alliance and became full-fledged members. The number of missionaries attending the first conference must have been 43, with 10 children. Those present at this conference who attended the first one are A. I. Garrison and Ruth Garrison Brabazon. Of those attending this first conference, 5 died in 1895, 1 in 1896, 4 in 1897 and 1 in 1898. Ten left the field — four leaving in 1893, two in 1896, one in 1897 and two in 1899. Others came in 1894 and there were other losses, but I have just followed the fortunes of those at the first conference.

How interesting it would be to see that first conference. We may be sure that Dr. Simpson inspired all with his messages and deep heart concern for the new mission and for the lost millions. What were the clothes like in that day? What did they eat, aside from stew and curry and rice? What hopes inspired their hearts; what prayers were offered for the salvation of the lost? God who treasures up the tears of His saints has the record of all this. There were soon disappointments to meet, frustrations to overcome, problems to be settled. We thank God for these early pioneers. May we be as zealous as they, as worthy of rewards as were they. They served God in their own generation as we must do in ours.

Mr. Moyser arrived on the field in the fall of 1894. We pause to pay tribute to his stalwart Christian faith, his business ability, his practical common sense, his fervency of spirit in serving the Lord.
There is no use giving comparative statistics of 1892 and 1951, but here is a comparison between 30 years ago, 1921, and 1951 which may be of interest.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>1921</th>
<th>1951</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Our responsibility</td>
<td>2,275,000</td>
<td>5,900,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mission Stations</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missionaries</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Church centers</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outstations</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self-supporting churches not listed</td>
<td></td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Church members</td>
<td>1725</td>
<td>(1950) 3206</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baptisms</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>(1950) 261</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ordained men</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Indian workers</td>
<td>144</td>
<td>119 plus 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School fees collected</td>
<td>Rs 1068</td>
<td>Rs 14,378</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Church offerings</td>
<td>2915</td>
<td>22,659</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gospels sold</td>
<td>19,632</td>
<td>8628</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. T. S. Students</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prep. School Students</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>481</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mention must be made of the formation during the year of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. It is time that the evangelical forces who are in the majority among the missionaries and Indian pastors joined together to give a stronger witness for the truth and to make their influence felt in the religious world. The primary emphasis has not been organization but revival, for that is the greatest need we have at the present time. The visit of Dr. Taylor and Dr. Wright in December was much appreciated. Both are former Nyack students.

During the year Mr. and Mrs. Eicher and Raymond, Miss Marthena Ransom and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haagen went on regular furlough, followed by the Shaws in July, while Miss Edith Moore went on furlough prior to retirement. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Carner and Gopi and Miss Betty Dyke arrived in August, John and Leona Garrison and John David in October. We welcome these new ones into our midst. Ada Mary Haagen arrived in America on June 7th, and Bruce Charles Dyke reached India on October 28th. Mention has already been made of the passing of Mr. Moyser. Our congratulations to Mr. Vandegrift and Mr. Perret on passing their second language examinations. Others have progressed on the upward paths of Marathi and Gujarati.
Momentous changes are going on in the world about us and we know not what a day may bring forth. I have seen too many clouds arise and disappear in the past thirty years and more to make any predictions as to the length of time we have to labor. But of one thing we can be sure, souls are passing away, and we need to urge them with compassion to come to the Saviour. God is moving in revival power in many places. Let us keep on in prayer for His working in our midst until we see what we have not seen in this land. Why should we not expect it? Our God is a God of compassion.

John Turnbull wrote this little poem when he was in our mission in Gujerat:

“This land is a dead land, on lies men stake their doom,  
I never pray for this land but I think of Joseph’s tomb.  
I never pass a burning corpse upon the river’s shore,  
But something whispers in my heart, ‘He lives forevermore.’

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

Santa Barbara Boys’ School
C. H. Dyke.

“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it” I Thes. 5:24.

When the shock of knowing that we were placed in charge of the Boys’ Boarding School subsided, we began slowly to adjust ourselves to the idea of being the father and mother to a hundred boys. Truly it has proved to be almost that. We can but rejoice now that we look back on the eleven months that we have been at Santa Barbara.

It is not that we have not had trouble — where there are so many boys of different backgrounds will there not be trouble? The boys of the current school year seem to have been subject to an epidemic of stealing and running away from school. We have had to take drastic measures in four cases and severe punishment has been meted out to several others to bring them in line. It is here that I began to realize the meaning of one of my professor’s words who whenspanking said, “This hurts me more than it hurts you.” The Lord has been gracious
in sparing us from great upheavals and in spite of the punishments given we feel that we have had the confidence of the boys.

We rejoice that the school is not just a place to work over books. We have known the thrill of seeing a repentant's tears and hear his prayer to God for forgiveness. This alone compensates for the other hundred and one mundane things that take up our day. At Katepurna and later in Akola several boys received baptism as they stood for Christ. The District Inspector of Schools was kind to change the caste name of five boys to Christian when he was shown their baptismal certificates.

The present Inspector visited Santa Barbara on October 15th. I quote some of his remarks: "The special feature of the school is its library-room which is equipped with maps, charts, books, magazines, and newspapers. It is the only library of its kind in my range... the school is likely to top some of the model schools in my range."

The school farm has been planted with peanuts, jawar, and cotton and the fields in Katepurna with cotton and wheat. We are thankful for the good looking crop, the harvest of peanuts and the promise of profits. We are indebted to the help we have received from both Barnabas Master and Hiwale Master. The Lord has been gracious in giving us a full staff of teachers, but we ask special prayer for Mr. S. Y. Patil who has not yet accepted Christ as his Lord.

The House system which Lauren Carner started many years back was stopped some years ago, but reestablished while Shaws were here last year. The Gov't School boys have been included in the system this year. The system divides the boys into three groups for play, study and character. The group receiving most marks in each department are given a shield each quarterly exam time. This has proved a real means of discipline and brought a good competitive spirit.

The financial horizon is quite dark and with the other schools we are trying to make it brighter. Education is a prize worth much more than we realize much of the time and we feel that teaching our people to sacrifice that their children may have it will make them see that things worth while cost even to the point of sacrifice. We feel that our fees are not out of the range of possibility and the days have come when we cannot hand everything out free. We look to the Lord to supply our needs and theirs.

We praise the Lord in a personal way for His healing hand on Nancy who has just recently had typhoid, and for bring—
ing little Bruce Charles into our home. We have yet much to learn as far as school things are concerned and praise God for the spiritual lessons that we have learned while here.

Amraoti District

L. E. Hartman

“His mercy endureth forever.”

We are grateful to our God for His care and preservation of us and our workers through another year. There has been some sickness among us, but there have been no deaths, and at present we are all in a fairly good state of health. This is something which can be seen but no doubt He has protected us from many unseen dangers as well. Praise His Holy Name forever!

Apart from its being short, the past touring season was just about the same as preceding ones with the ministry of teaching Christians and inquirers from village to village and preaching the Word to non-Christians. Many non-Christians listened eagerly to the preaching and a few inquirers were added to the list. About the same number were baptised as in the past few years.

Because of the responsibility put upon us by the Synodal Executive Committee in connection with the camp meeting held for all our Marathi-speaking area at Katepurna it made it necessary for us to spend a month away from our own district. We were sorry to be away from our work so long, but because of the evident blessing of God upon the camp, we felt it was worth more than all we had denied our own district.

On account of Katepurna Camp Meeting we held no camps in the villages during the Hot Season except the Church Council Camp in Amraoti. The attendance was not very large, but some seemed to meet God. The speakers were Rev. Bower of Khamgaon, one of the first Indian men to be ordained by the Alliance, and Rev. Sinker, bishop of the Nagpur diocese of the Church of England. We met the Bishop and learned to appreciate his ministry during our Missionary Convention last year when he was the guest speaker. Since Amraoti is a part of his diocese we invited him to stop with us next time he came here. Our thought was to have him give a message in the local church, but his first visit came during the camp meeting so we put him on the program. We believe he is a man of God, fully devoted to Christ and deeply taught in the Word.
We had four adult literacy classes in as many different parts of the district, all held at night because the students had to work during the days. It is truly marvelous what a good teacher, trained in Dr. Laubach's latest methods, can do with a group of illiterates. For instance my visit to one of the classes came the night of their ninth session and already some of them could write their names nicely and read a lot of words. There were eleven in that class and ten of them passed in the examination at the close. This means that, after six weeks of work, they could read well enough for the inspector to declare them literate. Another class of eleven had a perfect score and from a third class of nine, eight passed. While from a fourth class of nine the government inspector passed only three. The main reason for the poor showing of the last mentioned class was that the teacher, instead of staying with them, went back and forth daily from his home three miles away. Sometimes he failed to get there for the class. That was bad for the morale of the students. We have concluded that in the future no class should be attempted where the teacher has to go back and forth from another town or village.

The short term Bible School was held in Amraoti in October. Last year we had too many students for good work, thus we decided to cut down this year by inviting a more select group. For various reasons more than half of those invited were unable to come with the result that we had the smallest school we ever conducted. Still we have good reason to believe it was worthwhile for the students seemed to receive real help.

The work of the Amraoti local church has gone forward about as usual, following the regular routine with only a brief series of special meetings in the Rainy Season. The local situation is such as to make it impractical to have day meetings except on Sunday. Therefore the church committee didn't think it worthwhile to call an outside speaker and asked the local missionary to do the preaching. Some came forward for prayer help; one young woman who lacked assurance concerning her salvation came to the altar of prayer and seemed to meet the Lord for her need. We crave prayer for this church and its pastor, Rev. Aglave.

We are thankful for our new co-worker, Bro. J. L. Amstutz, whom the Executive Committee has sent to us. We are sure he will be a blessing and a help in the work and will be able to do many things which lack of time has prevented us from doing.
While in many parts of India, famine or near-famine conditions prevail, in Berar the crops are the best we have seen since we came to the field nineteen years ago. Harvest is the glad time of pulling peanuts, picking cotton, and reaping the kaffir corn, pulse, wheat and other grains which this year are so abundant. We praise God indeed for this wonderful harvest.

We are thankful too for the spiritual ingathering granted in our North Berar area during the past year. We spent our touring months in the towns and villages of our central and southern areas being able to cover only three out of our four Church circle zones. There were baptisms in six out of the seven camps which were made. Groups varying in number from two to fifteen came out for Christ, turning from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. Anjangaon District statistics show a total of 136 baptisms of which 125 were converts from Hinduism. We praise God for these who have stepped out of superstition and idolatry, but to teach them to walk as children of light—that is a long, hard road. They know nothing of a life guided by Christian principles. Cheating, lying, stealing, giving of foul abuse and loose moral living—such is the background from which they have come. Except for God's newly-given life and His daily grace there could never be progress in their Christian living. The same is true of any person entering upon Christian life, but in Christian lands there are fewer tentacles from the old life to trip the new-born babe in Christ.

It is in the nurturing of these new "lambs" and in shepherding the flock of believers that the work of our splendid pastors, evangelists, catechists, and Bible women come to the fore. Using the daily worship program, Sunday Schools, cottage meetings and special evangelistic services as well as the regular Sunday worship periods, both new believers and old are guided in Christian living and encouraged in Christian giving. Yet with all that is done, there are some grievous lapses. Most of these are not primarily into idolatry, but into keeping Hindu social customs, especially those connected with marriage and death. All of these customs are permeated with idol worship. Hindu festivals also have a dreadful tug at the hearts of new believers. Our hearts were heavy when we received news of the death of old Rumaji, a faithful and prayerful Christian of many, many years standing. His family, who are the only Christians in Rustompur village, under pressure from relatives, had Hindu burial rites performed over his
body and ten days later held the customary "Daskriya" rites and feast. All this in spite of the fact that two Christian workers lived within a few miles of the village and could easily have been called.

Seventeen outstations are at present manned by 24 Indian pastors, evangelists, catechists, Bible women and student workers. Only one of our four church circle pastors is ordained. We praise God that during the year the government granted him a license to perform Christian marriages. We earnestly hope and pray that this will help to prevent marriages among our Christian people by Hindu rites. This practice has had a blighting effect on their Christian growth, and has often been the means of bringing a spiritual crop failure where there ought to have been an abundant harvest.

The mission owns ten of the properties of the 17 outstation points. We are at present negotiating for the purchase of three others in the more fruitful of these remaining seven centers. These properties will be much more satisfactory and efficient centers for evangelistic effort than the present rented quarters.

One village school is still operated in Surji but we wish more interest were evinced by the people of the town. Many of our Christians there have grown cold or lapsed altogether into Hinduism.

The wooden framework, doors and windows of the mission building which formerly housed our evangelist-teacher in Kutasa during the year has been taken away to Akot where it will be erected as a two room guest house for the many Christians and enquirers who come to see the pastor there. We most sincerely regret that no suitable arrangement for a missionary residence has been made yet so that the wonderful prospects in the Akot area might be more fully developed.

There is a great harvest waiting for spiritual reapers and we pray that there may soon be a missionary couple appointed to this potentially fruitful area. All our last touring season it was impossible to get over into the Akot area. This year we plan our first camps after Conference to be near Akot.

A total of 86 villagers became literate in the adult literacy classes which were held in eight different centers. There was a variance in the number of students from twenty in Ramtirth center to three in the women's class at Vihigaon taught by Anandrao Rakshaskar's wife while he had a class of eleven in the neighboring village of Hantoda. Such cooperative effort
Christian homes; marking the sign of the cross on the houses; which includes both members of the family is the type of work we look forward to in each of our outstations.

The concentrated evangelistic effort at the Rin Mochan religious fair was made again during the year, and we much appreciate all the hands that came to strengthen the local workers. Of recent years the pilgrims who attend this fair have been far fewer than in former years. For this we praise God, but it is a negative factor. Would that all whose flagging interest in the phallic symbol worship at Rin Mochan became so because of vital interest in Christ, but we fear it is a lethargic attitude toward all religious activity. Considerable success has been reported in tract distribution and gospel sales at various fairs, weekly bazaars, bullock races, and buffalo fights where large crowds gather. Everywhere there is a most open-hearted reception to Gospel preaching. On Christmas Day at Ruikheda in Akot Taluka, a sudden shower interrupted the evening service during the showing of slides on the life of Christ. Upon the invitation of the towns people Pastor Aghamkar moved the meeting into the Hindu temple of Mahadeo and a fine group of high caste Hindu people listened most attentively. Outcastes are not allowed within this temple (in spite of recent legislation to the contrary), but the one Christian family in the town who were Mahar untouchables before their conversion, were permitted to go in for the Christian service.

A number of cases of healing have been reported from among our Christian villagers. A Moslem lad confesses to being healed through the Christians’ prayers. A middle caste Hindu farmer suffering from epilepsy reports that he has received much help through Christian prayer and none from any other source.

Practically the whole rainy season was spent in teaching ministries: First we taught at the Mission workers’ Summer School held at Akola. Following this a three-week Short Term Bible School was held in Anjangaon. Fifteen men, nine women and ten children were the students in this school. They were selected from all sections of our district by their pastors who assisted in the teaching doing their work with ability and enthusiasm. Most of the students had only recently been baptized, and only about half a dozen of them were literate. In spite of their lack of schooling they drank in the Truth of God’s Word and on the final Sunday in the three services they passed their oral exams with good results.

In order to teach the new converts what the Christian Home Festival is like we had it celebrated concurrently with the last week of the Short Term Bible School. The cleaning up of
the pretty effect of the tiny lighted oil lamps illuminating the house and courtyard reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and we are His lights on earth; and a community picnic to show our oneness in Christ—all of these features were a great blessing and in some measure filled the gap left by renunciation of Hindu festivals. On the three memorable services of the final Sunday, the women took their full share with the men in quoting Bible verses. Before morning worship there were four baptisms at the river. Communion was celebrated at the afternoon meeting, and a heart-warming testimony meeting finished off the night service. It was a very long and a very happy day!

During the Short Term Bible School we received grievous news. One of the most promising of our young men in Bible School surreptitiously left the school with his wife and children and went home in defeat spiritually. We had thought him to be one of our best young men but he allowed discouragement and bitterness to enter into his heart; thus he failed God. But God is good in giving encouragement in the midst of disappointment. On the very day that we heard the report of failure, we received news of the humble confession and petition to return to fellowship in the church on the part of Sakharam, a young man in Vihigaon who was formerly a Mission worker. Pride had destroyed his usefulness and his services had to be discontinued. Being out of victory and out of fellowship with the church, he had become the zealous leader of an opposition party and did all he could to make the work of the local evangelist difficult. God has so worked in Sakharam's heart that he has made written apology to the Church Council panch; he has given public and humble confession of his sin and pride; and in the local church on the climactic day of the Short Term Bible School, after being happily reunited in Christian fellowship, he partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time in a number of years. This is indeed spiritual victory and we praise God for it, thanking Him particularly for the loving, patient, steadfast stand of Pastor Hivarale and Evangelist Rakshaskar, who, under God, were instrumental in bringing about this wonderful change. As Sakharam spoke his confession, Pastor Hivarale stood with the tears of joy unashamedly running down his cheeks.

A wonderful part of the spiritual harvest is the number newly won and the old time believers established in the faith; but to see blighted ears of corn restored fresh and whole, this puts a new zest into the hearts of the reapers as they remember God's promise through the prophet Malachi, "And they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son."
Chadur District

Tilman Amstutz

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22: 6.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19, 20.

The effective answer of the old German to the pessimist who said marriage was a failure, was to point to his crowd of rosy-cheeked children and inquire, "Are dees some failurees?" So the Church is to show what it is, by what it accomplishes; the best form of definition, is demonstration. The Church is to be so normally healthy, hearty, and happy, such a joyful mother of children, such a good and hospitable housekeeper, that others will wish to share with us, and help us to spread the fellowship, the cheer and the joy of the household.

One day I was surprised when a mother came forward and placed her child on the carpet in front of the pulpit. She then turned her attention to the preaching of the Word as if to question, "How shall I train this child?" Christ said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God." The dedication of children unto God is part of their training. It is to initiate them into the Church’s training school and to impart to them requisite rules of conduct.

The Home Festival Week, held Oct. 7-14, was well observed. Every home was visited to relight the candle of devotion and loyalty to Christ and the Church. The children were taught to sing, "Shine, shine, just where you are: send forth the Light into the night, Shine for the Lord where you are." While Hindu throngs were observing "Dasara," these Christian homes were witnessing a Living Saviour—Jesus, the Lamb of God for sinners slain. Cleanliness, helpfulness, and godliness were subjects stressed in the Home Festival.

The Short Term Bible School was held for ten days the latter part of August. It was a training camp for all the twenty-six members of the local church. "Efficiency and Skill," was the school motto. We feel that not only is knowledge needed in order to win men to Christ, but skill also. Adapting the message to each type of inquirer is a requisite
for successful soul-winning. The art of presenting the message, and the use of music and song were likewise taught.

Of the five camps we made, we can relate but a little. The first at Anjinvati was a training camp for girls of the Young Women's Bible Training School. Accompanied by senior workers, these young ladies did good work among the women and children of the town. Flannelgraph pictures were used to attract the crowd. The next camp at Télegaon impressed us with the urgency of our task. All around were tombs, temples, sacred shrines and old buried structures speaking of past generations who never heard the Gospel having passed into eternity without hope and without Christ. Over half of the houses were desolate and only ruins remained. How it spurred us to bring the message without delay! In one village three souls knelt in prayer right in the street. The “patel” bought a Bible and others were much moved showing a readiness to acclaim the Truth. In another place the “patel” went with us to be sure we would go to his people in two other villages. What opportunities we have today of reaching the multitudes! Three more camps were made thru which we reached the people of many other towns.

We attended five religious fairs. At each of these we presented our message. All our staff of workers and lay helpers did their best to publish the Glad Tidings; even kind Hindu friends helped us to set up tents, arrange loud-speakers, and seat the people, while we gave ourselves to ministering the Gospel Message, in word, in song and in testimony. At times the throngs drew the message out of us. At Ghuikherd the crowd was seated as in a huge natural gallery, tier upon tier, looking down from their vantage point to see the heart charts hung over the car which were flanked on each side by the preachers of the Gospel. Books were sold until the supplies were exhausted and we had to apologize for not having brought more. Is there not a hunger to hear the Word of God, in India, today?

Until now we have not been able to “Preach Christ to the Nations” over the radio like we hear from Madras, or air the “Songs We Love to Sing” like the Voice of Ethiopia, yet we do have a great ministry in song by using the “Kirtan” method (singing the Gospel Story and explaining it afterwards). Some of our workers have effectively presented the message in this lyric style.

In our eagerness to gain converts, we fail to train, to prune, to discipline, and to correct. We must learn to conserve results by faithful shepherding of the flock, especially by caring for the lambs of the fold. Will you help us by praying to that end?
After living for five months in tents at several different sites without private means of transport, there naturally are many anecdotes to tell. Out of all the varied experiences what can we count as gain for our Lord?

During the last touring season we camped at Rohna on the Arvi-Pulgaon road, Telegaon and Karanja on the Amraoti-Nagpur highway and Wadhona on the Arvi-Wardha road. We had hoped to camp at another village on the latter road but were hindered. Including an extended camp made at Arvi town the year before, we have now probed the taluka in every direction. This much we did achieve. We know the taluka as a whole. We have made many contacts and these people are alive in our memory. Some have kept contact with us despite the distance that separates. We distributed literature; sold Gospels and New Testaments. We preached Jesus to the wise and simple. Many heard of Him for the first time.

Having counted up all these gains—the experience and the increased concern for Arvi in our hearts—the fact remains that the Church has not expanded in Arvi as we desire.

This fact raises the question: Why? Why have not people been reconciled to God in Arvi?

"The Lord’s hand is not shortened that it cannot save." The people we deal with may seem to be anything but the good soil of the parable, and yet some questions haunt us: Was Jesus exalted as the Lord of lords and only Saviour by our preaching and by our lives in the villages? Has witnessing become the monopoly of a Mission financed ministry? What might have happened if we had had a house in Arvi and had maintained relations with the villagers from whom we are now separated?

After conducting a Marathi Synod Sunday School Institute at Katepurna in March we moved to our new appointment — the Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal.

Here we have been ministering to the villages of India in an indirect way. Teaching subjects such as “Village Evangelism” and “Rural Sociology” does not allow love for the village people to diminish. —We have taught “Child Evangelism” and “Corinthians” to Marthi students’ wives. “Modern Christian Cults in India” was taught to the five senior students. The total student body numbered twenty seven. Four of these are single ladies, three speaking Hindi and one Marathi as mother
tongue. Two ladies, wives of Marathi students have a course the medium for which is Marathi. The six Marathi speaking men are all from the Free Methodist church. There is one Hindi speaking boy and one Anglo-Indian besides thirteen Travancore students. The faith and evangelistic vision of these students is challenging and encouraging. Students have the opportunity to learn Hindi or Marathi and use what they learn in evangelism assignments during and between semesters.

It is hopeless to convey a vision of the seminary in a short article. We accepted the call to the Seminary realising the opportunity and responsibility it carried. The opportunity we are thankful to have enjoyed but the proof of our faithfulness to this responsibility will be manifest when the students take up their tasks in the ministry for Christ and His church in the various parts of India.

Khamgaon District
Julia E. Derr

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.”

I think when the Lord looks out over the brown fields of Khamgaon District, His heart must break to see people toiling, suffering and dying without Him,—no knowledge of salvation, no Heavenly Father to turn to in distress,—no hope after death. The population of Khamgaon District is about 200,000, of whom 50,000 live in Khamgaon City (one of India’s largest cotton markets) 21,000 in Shegaon, and the rest in towns and villages scattered throughout the rural area. Owing to shortage of personnel among both Missionary and Indian workers, we are a very small band to reach such a vast multitude, yet in spite of our inadequacy, I thank the Lord for many answers to prayer. The opposition of the enemy has been severe, but at least we have lost no ground.

Last year I told you of a high school girl here in Khamgaon, who conducts a children’s class on Sundays in a near-by village. Her father was saved in that same village when as a ragged little Hindu boy he attended just such a class. Molly hopes to win children of this generation as her father was won, and has carried on faithfully rain or shine throughout the whole year. A small boy, who was incensed because the teacher would not reward him for work he hadn’t done, threw stones
and ashes at her when she started for home. This happened several times. I asked her if she wanted to quit. “Oh no,” she said, “Let’s pray about it.” After a time he was won back and there was no more trouble. The children continue to learn much Scripture and many songs. Pray for Molly as well as for her sister who attends a Hindu high-school where a teacher scoffs at Christianity.

Thank the Lord, a low caste man, saved 5 or 6 years ago, stands true though his wife refuses to join him. However her heart is softening for she told us recently how her husband had been saved in a time of danger and added with awe, “He takes Christ with him wherever he goes and He protects him. Even his Hindu manager knows this.” Pray that she too may soon be saved so that their children may have a Christian home.

We were greatly burdened when last in Shegaon to find the Brahman priest who wanted to become a Christian still supporting himself by the idolatrous ceremonies of his office. His wife who had been healed of a T. B. ulcer in answer to prayer was once more ill and suffering greatly. He complained that the Lord Jesus had not proven as loving and able as we had pictured Him. Under a strong sense of the Spirit’s impelling, I told him solemnly that the Lord Jesus is not just one of the gods who like their Hindu deities can be worshiped without rejecting the others but that He is the One and only God for whom we must forsake all others. I ventured the opinion their attempt to cling to idolatry while praying to God had been their undoing. I besought them even yet to turn to Him with real repentance, assuring them of His forgiving love. There was a long silence in the half-dark room where we sat, then Muktilal left without a word. We then asked his wife if she would like us to pray with her again, urging her tenderly to accept Him as her Saviour. She replied bitterly, “How can you pray after what you have said? You know if we became Christians openly, fifty of our friends and neighbors would rise against us at once. Without his work as a priest, how shall we eat? No, don’t pray.” We went away sadly, but prayed at home. When we tried to see her later she hid at first, then when discovered told us in despair that her neighbors were asking why we visited their home exclusively; thus she was afraid to have us come. She said with great bitterness, “I’ve lost faith in all gods, yours and mine. I shall go out alone; I know I’m dying.” We did pray much for this woman, but were not able to make another visit. Recently we heard she died during the Hindu feast of Lights, going out, we fear, into eternal darkness. We can only hope that at last her heart did turn to Him of whom we had taught her. Her husband has
resumed his friendship with the evangelist. Continue to pray that he and his sons may yet be truly saved. Khamgaon has nearly 200,000 such souls who need your prayers.

Routine work went on as usual this year. We made two camps during the winter months. In the first we found people who had known us when we worked in this Dist. ten years ago. They still remembered us and our message. One widow told us how she and her son still read the New Testament and prayed to Jesus, though in secret. In the second camp we received the cold shoulder from some who were formerly friendly. We solaced ourselves with the thought that when the Lord wishes to work, Satan always hinders.

There have been answers to prayer in our Christian Community: A lad, who was dying of pneumonia was healed in answer to prayer. We went to the house on an urgent call from his parents to find both the doctor and nurse working over him with deep anxiety. After they left we all joined in prayer. He regained consciousness and began to mend remarkably from that hour. The father, a nominal Christian, told us afterward how he had prayed before the doctor arrived confessing his own sins and asking for his son's life. So one was granted spiritual life and the other physical.

We thank God for our faithful pastor with his prayer list on which are the names of all, but especially those in special need. His helpmeet is not only a good pastor's wife and home maker, but a capable Bible woman. She is now responsible for our weekly children's classes in different parts of the city. Probably the need of our church is for its members to awaken to the lost condition of their non-Christian neighbors. Our young men did help this last summer, going out with the pastor for open-air preaching and singing of Gospel Bhajans.

Another phase of my work that I find deeply interesting, though exacting, is the translation, and printing of literature for our Christian people. We are working on Dr. Simpson's books. "Christ in the Tabernacle" and "Romans" have been put on the market this year in Marathi. An elderly, retired pastor does the first translation work, after which I and the other members of the Literature Committee take over. There is a great demand for Bible study books in the vernaculars. We also want to get out clean books for our young people, a correspondence Bible Study course for those who cannot attend Bible School, information on missions, etc. The field is only limited by our lack of time and lack of funds. One of our acute problems is to know which of our many tasks to do first. I was further hindered by several weeks of malarial fever, but thank the Lord for His healing touch.
The burden continues for our multitudes of lost souls. Please add Khamgaon with its 200,000 people to your prayer lists.

Khamgaon Girls’ Boarding School
Bernice Steed

“His tender hands have fashioned tiny things;
The wee blue petals of forget-me-nots;
A drop of mist, an insect’s tissue wings;
A poppy seed, a caterpillar’s spots;
The sensitive antennae of a bee;
Each amber globule of the desert sands.
Then shall I fear when He has said to me
‘Thy days, my little one, are in My hands—?’”

(author unknown)

We all admit the touch of His hand on all the tiny things of creation, but do we as readily see the touch of His hand in all the little things that make up each day of our lives? Sometimes it seems that only little things make up the day. It is time to prepare for chapel hour. Opening to the Psalms one is transported to the heavenlies. “He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by name.”

“Auntie, may I put the baby bulbuls in your room for safety? The cat is around.”

“Great is our Lord, and of great power; His understanding is infinite.”

“Auntie, Kamala did not sweep her room this morning. May I call her out of study?”

“Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains.”

“Auntie, my ear is aching, may I be excused from study?”

And so the day goes. It must be a miracle of His grace to keep the heart in the heavenlies while the feet walk in the dust of the earth. When it is His work there comes the assurance that He is interested in the moments as well as the hours. The heart cries “Lord, take the moments and use them as thou wilt.”

In a family of almost 150 such as we have in Khamgaon School, there must needs be many mundane duties but it is
not drudgery when His hand is upon it. He gives again and again through moments of uplift throughout the day. What heart would not be inspired to see line upon line of children, each one on bended knee, eyes closed and little brown hands folded, reverently sing a prayer song. My window opening into the compound often frames a very pretty picture—a number of circles of children sitting on the ground enjoying their simple meal mothered by the "Akka" (elder sister) of the group; or girls lined up ready to go to school, neat and clean, hair carefully plaited, eyes sparkling, the youngest member of the group, Chandri the calf, also in line.

We have been very grateful for the splendid cooperation of teachers and helpers and for the happy spirit in which the girls do their work. The twelve high school girls who live in the compound and attend the government high school two miles away have contributed much toward a good spirit in the school. They have also been burden-bearers, acting as "akkas" in the family groups.

The children took a keen interest in the home festival and worked like Trojans to beautify their rooms. Children of India have real skill in making things of beauty out of the most common materials at hand. Low mud walls were built around small front yards. Broken china appeared in mosaic pattern on these walls. Mud bullocks and peacocks guarded the entry to the court yards. Newsprint, colored with inks of various hues, was converted into chains etc. Saries made drapes at the doors.

One of our main objectives in this school is to develop Christian leadership. One of the best workshops for this is the young people's society, where the girls are in full charge. Junior section is carried on with such zeal and enthusiasm that one cannot help dropping in to see what it is all about. Many gladly contribute special songs. I was gratified to see how well personal applications are made in connection with the Bible story. At one meeting, after the offering was taken, the president said, "The treasurer will now count the offering and pray." The treasurer reported that there was one and one half anna in the bowl and prayed. Evidently she was not satisfied with the offering as a word of admonition followed: "Yesterday there was a collection of Rs 2–10–0 for a special purpose and here is one and one half annas for the Lord. What about it?" Is this not a budding treasurer for the church of tomorrow?

Francis Thompson has said,

"All things by immortal power near or far
Hiddenly to each other linked are,
That thou canst not stir a flower
Without troubling a star."
Be this as it may, we are sure that we cannot stir a flower in the garden entrusted to our care without His knowledge and concern. How we need His counsel, wisdom, and enabling as we spend the moments, days and months in this sacred ministry.

Khamgaon Women's Bible Training School
Hilda J. Davies

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the power belongs to God and not to us."

No artist would mount his masterpiece in a cheap, shoddy frame. Nor would a jeweler place a priceless gem in an inexpensive setting.

Yet God has chosen to commit His greatest, most priceless treasure—the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—to plain, earthen vessels. On the surface of things it does look incongruous. Yet, the reason for this glorious incongruity is "to show that the power belongs to God."

The vessels which He chooses to send and use at the Women's Bible Training School at Khamgaon are often of the earth very earthy. When they come to us, we with our earthbound eyes sometimes see only the unattractive clay and wonder how such a vessel could possibly contain such a glorious Treasure. It is not long however, until the vessel begins to show of the treasure hid within. As the Treasure begins to be more and more evident we rejoice that only God can take the ordinary and use it in an unordinary manner to show forth His power.

There are now twenty young women in our Bible Training School. We have a large first year class. Most of these students came with the idea that they were pretty good frames or settings for God's treasure. As they have begun to understand how truly magnificent is the Treasure, how beyond compare is its richness and glory, they have begun to realize how unworthy they are to hold such a treasure, and are seeking to be made vessels meet for the Master's use. Most of them will probably not return for they come from Missions that plan to send them on for nurses' or teachers' training. Pray with us that they may be grounded in Him, so that when they do
leave, they will take this glorious Treasure with them into the hospitals and teacher training centers of Berar and Khandesh.

We are offering only first year work for the "Vatchan Lok" this year; thus the number is small. We are expecting a larger class next year, for some Missions did not know we had a course for illiterates. By times we dream of an exclusive ministry to the illiterates giving all our time and attention to strengthening and establishing the village young women so they can go back to their villages to be pillars in the small Christian communities there. We thank God for those who do attend school; we long to see more and more of these underprivileged village girls given the opportunity of at least one year of systematic instruction before they take up the duties of wifehood and motherhood. Then they too can set forth in the remote villages of Khandesh and Berar, the glorious Treasure of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The students, however, are not waiting until the year is finished to take the Treasure to others. Twice a month the seniors have opportunity for service in the Junior Church. The Christian Sunday School offers scope to a number of the other girls. The Sunday School for Hindus continues to be a delight to those who have the privilege of exalting Christ before their scholars who take away with them bits of the Treasure into the darkness of heathen homes. Some of them continue to come in spite of beatings and threatenings from those at home. One little chap tells his home folk as well as his school master the things which he is taught on Sunday morning.

Last cool season we attempted something new under the sun: we sent each young woman for two weeks of on-the-field training. Judging by the obstacles we encountered, the enemy didn't like this idea one bit. Each mission was responsible to see that their girls were sent out. Both the missionary with whom the girls worked, and the girls themselves turned in reports on the work done, and the manner in which it was done. Mrs. Schlatter, Ann Droppa and I took the least promising of the group. We were amazed as we saw how earnestly and zealously these rather earthy vessels carried the Treasure to the women and children of the villages. After going to the same villages for about seven days, we gave a modified "kirtan" in each village. We didn't have enough nights to fill all the invitations which came to us. Each evening a large respectful crowd of men, women and children gathered to listen. One evening a child cried and disturbed the silence. A man quickly turned and said, "Keep her quiet we want to listen." On another evening the town guru started blowing a laugh-provoking
conch shell in another part of the village. A number of men left the meeting but shortly returned. We learned later that they had gone to remonstrate with the guru for disturbing the “kirtan.” In another village the unsympathetic “patel” listened in the shadows, and told us the next day that he had listened.

We do not know what the girls were able to accomplish, but this experience was a source of great inspiration and challenge to them. They came back realizing that they had not truly understood how great was the treasure they held, nor how great was their privilege in loving and serving the Lord Jesus. We hope, with the co-operation of our missionaries, to stage a repeat performance each year.

Of the nine who were graduated in March of this year, two are married, (one continuing her studies with her husband at Bodwad), one is a Biblewoman, one is working in the Khamgaon Boarding School as cook, two (from Mukti) are doing matron’s work and village preaching there, as well as going into the villages several times a week and one is in Nagpur training to return to teach for the Lord in the Bible School.

Those of us who occupy the places of leadership at Khamgaon have been very conscious during the year that we have the treasure of Teaching the Gospel in very frail earthen vessels. The fraility of the vesse’s but proves the power which works in them to be Divine. The same divine power operates in the vessels to whom we seek to impart knowledge of Him.

Malkapur District
Jack Derr

Following Conference last year, our plans to go immediately on tour were held up by two weeks of sickness. In those two weeks of pain and weakness I asked God many times to heal me, and I could not understand why He did not. God knows, and He had not forgotten. About the end of November the Khamgaon District missionary, who happens to be Aunt Judy to me, came to visit us. She suggested calling Pastor Cutler from Bhusawal to pray with us. Pastor Cutler arrived the next morning and shortly after we all gathered to pray. About a half hour later the pain which had been present to a lesser or greater degree for the past two weeks, was gone, and strength began to return until I felt so well that I was able to go out and finish the day changing a tire on the jeep. A
The first camp was a joint camp with the Khamgaon District missionary, it being about on the Khamgaon-Malkapur border. There were two girls from the Khamgaon Bible School in that camp getting experience with the Bible women and lady missionaries. The women visited homes morning and afternoon, and the men held meetings morning and evening. After one evening singing and preaching, a Rajput villager accompanied us to show us a shorter route to our camp in the darkness. On the way he ventured to promise that when he harvested his juar, he would set aside a portion to be used for a feast in honor of Jesus.

Following the Nandura camp we were at home for a few days during which time we visited towns near Malkapur. Then packing our equipment and family again, we left for a camp near Motala, close to the southern border of our district. There the same schedule was followed by men and women, so that morning, afternoon, and evening someone was witnessing in some town in that area. Everywhere the people listened well. On one occasion the men of one town came to another, while we were holding a meeting there, to ask us to return to their town again. We left that camp on January 26.

After a few more days at home, I left alone with the workers for a third camp in Jalgaon “taluka.” Toward the end of that camp we moved our location a few miles to Dhanora, where every year a good sized yatra is held. The grounds were filled with loudspeakers for “tamashas,” cinemas, and even cigarette companies. For two nights we witnessed to the wandering crowds who came and went, watching the slides, listening to the “bhajans,” and purchasing over a 100 Gospels. On February 23rd, we returned home and from that time on worked out from Malkapur, until the end of April.

Since returning from the Hills, Malkapur has been our hub. The changes in workers made at Synod time in March resulted in two active young men working with me in Malkapur. Ruth has taken on the wife of one of them to help the elderly Bible woman who is there. Consequently the women’s work in Malkapur has increased and the witnessing in the towns around has been more widespread.

Since June we have been out three times for overnight stops to encourage the two elderly workers at our outstation at Jalgaon-Jamod, and help them by “bhajans,” by slides, and by taking them to some nearby towns. Since about the first of October a room in a crossroads location has been secured for
a reading room to be run by one of the men who cannot walk well.

Since July 16th I have had the privilege of teaching two days a week, four hours a day in the Bible School at Nargaon. That has necessarily taken time for preparation, for what to say, and how to say it.

The East Khandesh Church Council in February urged all member church groups to assist in the expenses of the Bhusawal School, which is considered a forceful means of reaching many Hindu children, and subsequently their homes. As a result, following the S. S. tin-can offering idea, we prepared a tin which we announced was for donations for the school, aside from regular offerings. It was begun in April, to be opened after three months. At the end of June the can disclosed about Rs. 15, and at the end of September there was Rs. 21—8 in it. In October, while going through some trunks we decided it was about time to get rid of some out-grown, and worn clothing, mostly children's, but including some adult's. Therefore, during Christian Home Week we announced a rummage sale, the proceeds to go to the Bhusawal School. Articles were to sell for one anna, two annas, three annas, for the most part, with a few higher priced. When the clothes had disappeared, there were Rs. 32—5 in the till. So from Malkapur about Rs. 68 has been sent for the school. We hope when the school can is opened at the end of December to find even more indication of their desire to give for God's work.

Christian Home Week was observed October 7—14, with a night for home visitation, another for a “kirtan,” another for pictures, and an afternoon for a “jeven.”

During the year since last Conference about 325 meetings have been held, leaving a witness in some eighty different villages. One Bible and approximately 460 Gospels were sold.

Here and there some have expressed a desire to become Christians. Some have talked with us with apparent sincerity, and some have even prayed. We were especially hopeful for one young man, but he is afraid of his relatives, and now we have not seen him for some days. We do pray that God will give a harvest some day soon.

In conclusion we can only say. “We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” (Luke 17:10)
Bhusawal Station

Winifred Sanford

The last year has been rather different from previous time spent in Bhusawal in that I have done more visitation work among the heathen and less in the Christian homes. The Lord has seemed to lead this way, and I thank Him for giving me the help of a young Bible woman who can speak Hindi as well as Marathi. Through her we are able to reach some souls who might not be reached with the Gospel otherwise. I also thank the Lord for a phonograph and records received from The Gospel Recordings, Inc., of Los Angeles. Although Brother Garrison has gone to the border of Nepal, he is still preaching in Bhusawal through this means; and while Brother Schelander is ministering to students at Nargaon, he is also preaching in front of some home in Bhusawal with Brother Bert Eicher helping by song. Brothers Timothy and Satralkar also minister in Marathi while Brother Bakht Singh ministers to those who understand Hindi. Our meetings are often held in front of Christian homes. After attracting some folks through the use of records, we use the flannelgraph board or the picture rolls on the life of Christ to give some additional personal message. On the whole the people have been friendly and attentive, but we long for fruit like Sagunabai and Gunpat, a Mahar couple who were baptized in April and seem to be going on well with the Lord. They were contacted by one of our retired pastors. The Lord has recently given them a baby boy and I have had the privilege of naming him “Paul.” Please pray that this family will be a shining witness for the Lord in India. We trust this is the beginning of a harvest in East Khandesh.

The Sunday School for children from Hindu homes in Augwalla Chawl (the Firemen’s Quarters) has undergone some organization. In order to be able to take attendance and give the children the individual prayer and attention they need, we have divided the group into four classes. In answer to prayer the Lord has supplied the additional teachers needed. The headmistress of our Mission Day School, Mrs. Lokhande, was already helping in the Sunday School as was her daughter, Vimal; but we realized the need of more help if we were to organize. First the Lord gave us the help of one of our fine young Christian men, Caleb Kaperdne, and later another of our Christian young men, Gopal Kherde, volunteered to teach. This gave us four teachers, with each of the two young men teaching a class of boys. I do not take a class but supervise during the class period and then give a short review in the closing session, using the flannelgraph pictures at this time so
that all the children will be able to see them. It may seem strange for us to observe Missionary Sunday in a Sunday School for children from Hindu homes, but we do, anyway; for a number of these boys and girls have signified acceptance of Christ as their Saviour and like to bring their pice or anna for the special missionary offering. On Missionary Sunday we have united session for the entire S. S. period and one of the teachers or I tell a missionary story. When possible we work out flannelgraph to go with these stories. Please pray for these 100 and more children from Hindu homes in Bhusawal that among them there may be witnesses of the Gospel in India and gems for His crown.

On Monday I have a class of about a dozen Anglo-Indian and Indian children in a school near our Mission Bungalow. I felt led to use the Child Evangelism course, “The Bible Way of Salvation” by Mrs. Ruth Overholtzer. After several lessons on Salvation from the Penalty of Sin, my heart rejoiced one Monday at the response of the majority of the children to the claim of Christ. The following Monday I went back anticipating the privilege of giving them the further teaching on Salvation from the Power of Sin (or sanctification) and Salvation from the Presence of Sin (or Glorification). What was my surprise and disappointment when I discovered that a new class schedule and extra curriculum for some of the older children necessitated their giving up the Scripture Class. This seemed difficult to understand, but I am keeping on with the younger children who have been sent into the class in place of others and trust that the Lord will follow the older ones by His Spirit and bring them safe to Glory. Some of them are children who are not permitted by their parents to attend our English Sunday School and it would naturally seem as if they are being cut off from all spiritual food. Do pray for these young ones who have definitely accepted Christ as their Saviour.

It has been a joy to start a society for the young women of our Marathi congregation. This group meets on Saturday afternoon. One of the special features is Scripture memorization. After a time they will have a written exam on the Scripture they have memorized and they must be sure to know where it is found in the Bible. A number of the young women have conducted meetings. Some show more ability and some less, but all have been very co-operative. One Saturday afternoon out of the month there is something different such as a cup of tea and some games or a walk to the Tapti River. We thank God for the fine group of young Christian men and women here in Bhusawal and we covet your prayers for them.
My opinion had been that the Indian folk preferred their own tunes for church services, and I have been surprised at the enjoyment they have manifested in singing the English tunes, accompanied by the organ. The Lord has also enabled me to pick up some of their tunes and the songs for the Sunday morning Marathi service are practiced with the young people on Saturday. Every other Sunday our service is held in Hindi because of the number of Hindi-speaking Christians in Bhusawal. On such Sundays we sing two Hindi songs and one Marathi, whereas on the other Sundays it is just the opposite. One Sunday after service there was such a down-pour of rain that no one could leave to go home. The folks started calling out numbers to sing and I could not help but think of that time in Heaven when we shall be singing His praises while the storm is breaking on this old world. Oh that the Indian Church may be revived in these last days, even perhaps through the medium of song and praise, that there may be purity and unity among believers and conviction of sin and salvation among the unbelievers!

On Thursdays I have continued to go to Nargaon for classes with the wives of our workers in training there. This year I had the additional privilege of going to Murtazapur for classes with the wives of the workers in that district. Messages were brought on Prayer and the Work of the Holy Spirit. My own heart was blessed through God’s own precious Word during this ministry.

We have yet to see real revival in India. The manifestation of sin in the lives of some of those naming the Name of Christ is sometimes shocking and always disappointing. One longs to see a real manifestation of the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Besides conviction one longs to see real repentance and true holiness of life. In the midst of our disappointment and longing we remember the promise of the Great Harvester, “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Psalm 126:6.
Activities this year have been mainly confined to language study, attending language School, settling into the new station, and getting acquainted with conditions in the local Church. Notwithstanding, the Lord has enabled us to minister to the needs of the people. Throughout the year we have had many inquirers; we praise God for the privilege of ministering to them.

Several of the near-by villages have been reached by bicycle, bus, and train in company with the student Evangelist, and at times with the Pastor. We have everywhere received a ready welcome from the people, and a respectful and attentive audience, with little opposition. We rejoice to notice the ever growing hunger in the hearts of the people for the Gospel message. Many Gospels and a few New Testaments have been sold, and numerous tracts distributed.

There are 5 candidates for baptism from the Marptha caste: Two village families and a college student, resident in Jalgaon. The latter is the son of an Ayruvedic Doctor and Priest of the Sanatan Dharma (a very orthodox sect).

Several high caste Hindu women and young girls have been contacted. They have proved friendly and not adverse to listening to the Gospel message.

One day we had a large group of about 20 young women from the Women's College in the City visit us in the Bungalow. They were the class of Mr. Hivale, a Christian teacher. During their visit we told the story of Zacchaeus on the Flannel board. All were very attentive and some deeply interested. Ere they left all were eager that we visit their homes. This we have been unable to do, as they live a goodly distance away and we have found it not possible to afford the tonga hire it would demand. The Lord understands and we have had to learn to abide His time. He is working; who can hinder?

The women's meeting is held each Friday evening in the Church. There is a regular attendance and God is blessing.

In August we had an "At Home" for the Christian nurses. It was much appreciated and we decided to have one each month as convenient. This we feel will meet a real need among
our nurses who get so little opportunity for Christian fellowship.

Our Sunday School is enjoying the blessing of the Lord. At the Annual Church meeting in January, my wife was appointed Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Matthew, a Christian from Travancore who has been in Jalgaon for three or four years and who is in full membership with the Church, was appointed Assistant Superintendent. Under this new management new life has been brought into the Sunday School work. Members of the Church have readily accepted places of responsibility in the Sunday School. Today there is a graded Sunday School with attendance of 55 taught by 7 teachers.

The Primary department has four classes and the Senior department three. New interest in the Senior Girls' and Senior Boys' classes give much cause for hope in the success of the work as a whole.

Our Assistant Superintendent was much concerned about those children of Christian parents who are too far away to attend Sunday School. He read the book "All about the Sunday School," and realized anew the responsibility upon the individual to get the Sunday School to the children. In July under the Sunday School Board's direction he began a Branch Sunday School at a convenient centre in the town. It is being held in a private Christian Home. The Student Evangelist, appointed as teacher for this Branch Sunday School is doing a nice piece of work. The attendance has increased from 5 to 15 already. This Sunday School joins the Church Sunday School each month on Missionary Sunday.

A new departure this year was a Parents' Day Sunday. The Primary Department teachers took a very keen interest and worked hard each night for ten days or more teaching the children their songs and exercises. We had a splendid program combining both Sunday Schools. The parents were greatly impressed and the result is being seen in the increase of attendance.

In January the attendance was 12—15,

In October the attendance was 50—55.

The spiritual life of the Church under the able ministry of Pastor Samuel Kokane continues to grow. The Sunday evening services are well attended and are a source of blessing. Giving in the Church is also on the increase. The cottage prayer meetings held each week continue to be a means of blessing to the life of the Church. The Wednesday Church prayer meetings are still poorly attended. For this we are much in prayer.
Since July an English Service is held each Sunday, to meet the need of a group of Travancore Christians who though knowing English are not acquainted with the Marathi or Hindi vernaculars. We enjoy this avenue of ministry and God's blessing through it.

Our special meetings were held in the month of August this year. There was much waiting upon the Lord for these services. A day or two before they began an all day of prayer was held in the Church. A great burden was placed upon the hearts of many for the backsliders of our Christian community—that God would cause them to attend the meetings and thus give them, as it were, another chance.

We were touched by the little children's interest in this Day of Prayer. A number of them came in very reverently and knelt in prayer for a long time, then went out for a while and came back to pray some more. This continued all through the day. One little tot of 7 was asked "What are you praying for?" She said, "For God the Father to cleanse us and bless our meetings this week." Another one of 5 was questioned "Do you know what to pray for?" He replied with a decided shake of his head, "Yes, I am asking Jesus Christ to bless us and the meetings." And truly God heard the prayers of these little ones. For these meetings brought a great spiritual uplift to the Church and were a source of much blessing. The presence of the Lord was very evident as the guest Speaker, the Rev. Timothy of Pulgaon, brought us Spirit-filled messages. Some of the backsliders attended every meeting and God in His faithfulness spoke to their hearts once more. Their lives are manifesting a real change and growth in grace.

For the first time in its history, the Jalgaon Church conducted a Christian Home Festival week. It was a week of much blessing and spiritual inspiration. Everybody took a keenly active part. It concluded on Sunday Evening with a Thanksgiving Service in which many members of the Church testified to the rich source of blessing that the week of activities had been to them.

This report will not be complete if we failed to record with love and appreciation the wonderful prayer ministry of Father Cutler. His prayers have come to mean a great deal to us in every phase of our work here.

We praise God for the joy and privilege of serving Him in this needy field. It is a constant joy to our hearts as we see His purpose being fulfilled in lives. We feel we are on the eve of a mighty working of His purpose in the Salvation of many precious souls in East Khandesh! Pray for us.
MAKING DISCIPLES

When our Lord was giving the apostles their commission after His resurrection He told them to go out and "make disciples" of all nations. This involves not only the proclamation of the Gospel but includes the teaching of the disciples all those things which He has commanded them to observe. Our Lord emphasized in His earthly ministry the importance of training in discipleship by giving a large part of His time to the teaching of an inner circle of true believers that they might be ready for the leadership of His church. This is the task committed to us in the Bible School.

It is a work which is not confined to the classroom and study, but its responsibilities reach out into all the details of the daily round. Our desire is that the young men and women who come to Nargaon may experience the whole Gospel for the whole of life — that Christ may be real to them in the multitude of tasks awaiting them when they go out to proclaim Him to India, and lead the Church in the Truth of God. We realize keenly our utter inadequacy for the tremendous responsibility of this task, but how often we have been made to see that we are only instruments and channels for the all-sufficient ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The forty-third year of the School opened with the largest enrollment in its history. Forty men and seventeen women entered for training at the beginning of the monsoon. Coming from all parts of Maharashtra we have students from eight different missions, the majority of whom are converts from Hinduism. We have a Jew, a Mahommedan convert, a number of Bhil aborigines, a number from the outcastes, one or two from the higher castes, besides second and third generation Christians.

In the histories of these students there are many heart-warming illustrations of God's grace and faithfulness, and of His love for lost mankind. There is also much to show us the great need in these lives for the working of God's Spirit. We cannot say yet that all testify to a definite clear experience of salvation. Much of the self-life crops up from day to day. The lack of moral principle in big and little issues is often disheartening. Disobedience to the revealed light of God is apparent. All are not bright students. More than one teacher has mentioned the difficulty they have in trying to teach the
One young man who seemed fairly promising schemed to collect his scholarship and leave the school on the sly. Although we found him out, yet he persisted in going and taking his scholarship with him. He and his wife and child walked out the back gate without saying goodbye to anyone. We had to send another student away, but are thankful that some of the young men were concerned about him. They spent much time in prayer together with the result that he left school in full victory. Word from him tells us that he is going on with God.

We have been much encouraged by the spirit of prayer among some of the students this year. They are often down in the garden for prayer alone. They are learning, too, to face their problems on their knees, and there has been a wholesome entering in to the time set apart for private devotions. The testimonies show a hunger for God and a desire to do His will. Confession of sin and making things right with one another have been signs of spiritual awakening and the true work of the Spirit. It is good also to see the progress of returning students. One young man stubbornly refused to submit to the discipline of school life and left us without completing his school year in 1950. He is back this year, completely changed, for he has met God along the way. He very humbly confessed before the students that he had acted wrongly but that God in His mercy kept him from going back into Hinduism. Now he is a spiritual leader among the rest of the boys, and whereas before he was a continual problem, now he is a strength and help. Another young man went out from school a few years ago, and, as he testifies of himself now, went the way of the prodigal son, but God drew him back and he is now in school again, with a bright testimony of God’s loving grace. These are the things which make us hungry for a deep work of the Holy Spirit in the whole school, that all may be equipped and commissioned of God to go out into Maharashtra as true messengers of the Cross of Christ.

With the increase in the student body we have a corresponding increase in need of staff personnel and buildings. We are thankful for the completion of the new row of four rooms now filled with four student couples. Even so, several couples had to be turned away at the opening of school. Our water problem has been largely solved by the construction of a room for the pump engine thirteen feet underground with a tunnel from the room to the well for the pulley belt. We are at work to improve the sanitary arrangements in building proper bathing places and septic tanks. Materials have been gathered and the foundations dug for the new Eicher Memorial Chapel. This
will include a school office, a library, and two classrooms for the women besides the chapel hall. The building will be in the shape of a cross in the centre of the school grounds. For the ground breaking ceremony we were happy to have Mr. Smith, our chairman, who was principal of the school for many years, and Mr. A. C. Eicher, the son of the founder. Hearts were stirred to believe for greater things for God and the school in the simple program on that day.

We praise God for those who have been working together with us in the school. Mr. and Mrs. Bhaurao Bansod worked faithfully for over ten years in teaching and in the many other burdens placed upon them. They have been transferred to Khamgaon, and Mr. and Mrs. Yeshwant Aghamkar have come to us after fruitful service in Akot. With their training, experience, and consecration, this young couple is admirably fitted for the Bible School and we thank God for this addition to the faculty. Mr. Schelander, Mr. Derr and Miss Sanford have added immeasurably to the strength of the school not only in their teaching but in their contacts with the students and staff outside the classroom. Please note that we still have only two resident teachers for the men and two for the women. In a program which goes around the clock we need more help on the spot. There is much of our work which needs more careful planning and expanding. The evangelistic program, the village Sunday schools, the extra-curricular activities, the manual work—these and other phases of our training need closer supervision. Adequate personnel is the only answer to this problem.

So we continue, while teaching, witnessing, preaching, supervising building and just plain living, the task of the Nargaon Bible Training School in making disciples. May God impart the faith and love and understanding needed for this work and raise up from these men and women true “sent ones”, filled with the Spirit to do exploits for God in Maharashtra.

On the side, the Lord has given us a ministry in Marathi Christian Literature and Literacy work. “Jivan Prakash” (Light of Life) Nargaon, East Khandesh, is now the address for the village monthly magazine, the Bible Correspondence Course in Marathi, and the Marathi Scripture Memory Course. The new Adult Literacy Marathi Primer finally came off the press and is now being used in all parts of Maharashtra. In our Berar area twenty classes were held for adult illiterates with an enrollment of 225 out of which number 180 passed the full course. Mr. Virsen Hivarale has served the Lord faithfully and efficiently in directing these classes and in other
literacy work. This is beside his responsibilities as pastor of a village circle in North Berar. We are now working on having a ready supply of basic follow-up literature for the new literates so that they may develop a love for God's Word, and grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are convinced that the training of men and women for the leadership of the church in India, and the production of good Christian literature to give to them and the church they are to lead, are two essentials of good strategy in the momentous days in which we are living. May God give us clear vision and determined faith as the Holy Spirit shows us His program for this day in India, in carrying out our Lord's commission of "making disciples."

Dholka Station
Myra B. Wing

This year has been a year of varied ministries:

The translation work has progressed slowly and I trust it will progress surely! One of the volumes of the book entitled "Power from on High" has been translated, and published, and is now being sold. There is more than appears on the surface to having a book translated and published. When I would go for the correction and the revision of the manuscript, the translator would present me with long, hard sentences and ask me to explain the meaning of them to him. Some sentences would comprise whole paragraphs. Not understanding Dr. Simpson's figurative and metaphorical language, the translator would skip these passages, not attempting to translate them without first going over them with me.

Dr. Simpson uses Scripture copiously throughout his writings but with no reference as to where the passage is found. The translator was unwilling to take time from his translation to search for these passages, so asked me to do it. There is hardly a page of the three hundred and ninety two without some quotation from Scripture. On most pages there are three or four or even six or eight quotations. I use my Young's Concordance in hunting up the references and note down Book, Chapter and Verse beside the passage. Many of the quotations have no leading word so that even with the Concordance it is almost impossible to find them.

The translator is constantly asking for information which I must look up. There are references made in the book to fables
and stories without giving them in full as for instance this sentence: "The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the question of the old fable; of the cleansing of the Augean stables by spades and carts and scavengers, or the simple and better way of letting the current of the mighty river flow through that stable until it sweeps all its banks into a paradise of loveliness." The translator asked me to tell him the fable. I couldn't. I was driven to my Encyclopedia. I found that Augeas was king of Elis, and renowned for his wealth in oxen, of which he fed 3,000 head in his stables. When the dung of these animals had been allowed to accumulate for many years, Hercules was commissioned by Eurystheus, to cleanse the Augean stables in one day, and was promised as payment a tenth part of the oxen. Hercules accomplished the task by turning the courses of the rivers Peneus and Alpheus through the masses of dung in the stables. They were soon cleansed. This clarified the meaning of the sentence in the translator's mind and he was enabled to express clearly this beautiful lesson.

There was also the service of correcting two sets of three hundred and twenty four proof sheets and returning them to the Press.

The second volume of the book, "Power from on High", is almost translated. The manuscript has to be corrected and revised. "The Exposition of Romans" by Dr. Simpson is about half finished.

A great deal of time this year has gone into the editing of the "Trimasik", the Sunday School Quarterly for the United Missions of this Province of Gujarat. In the preparation of the lessons, I have prayed constantly that I might select the material that would bring the greatest blessing to the Christians. I trust these Quarterlies have been used for His glory.

The United Missions Language Committee asked me to organize a Gujarati Language School on the plains, and another in the hills for missionaries who are studying the language. The Plains Language School was held in Baroda for six weeks, from February 2nd. to March 15th. The Hill Language School was held in Landour for ten weeks, from April 16th. to June 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Kose were studying in these schools.

It was my privilege to teach a subject in the Summer School for our Indian evangelists and Bible Women in Viramgam during the Rainy Season.

By the Church's appointment I have had charge of the Junior Church this year which meets Sunday afternoons.
Seventy five children comprise the audience. Miss Blews and Miss Burley have helped in this. We have endeavored to lead the Juniors to a personal acceptance of the Saviour by means of object lessons and the flannel-graph. Many have made decisions for the Lord during the year and some have come forward that they might find strength to resist the enemy in his attacks upon them in their everyday life.

During the year there have been opportunities for service of one kind and another, which services I pray may bring forth fruit for our Lord's glory.

Luckiebai and I have gone out to the villages when possible. As we have seen the women worshipping the Pipal tree, walking around it and pouring water about it, rendering homage to a tree; as we have met them wearing their charmed threads on their way to fulfill their vows to their gods; as we have seen them performing their rites to avert the anger of their gods; as we have come face to face with their processions and seen them dancing before a god who cannot save them, and singing their praises to a god of stone; as we have passed them on their way to some temple with their offering; as we have seen them in their vain attempts to find salvation; a great cry has come up from our hearts to God that the light of the glorious Gospel may soon shine within their hearts, to give "them the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Dholka Preparatory School
Ruth Ellen Blews

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6:12.

The past year at our school has been one of struggle with the powers of Darkness. We have seen some real spiritual victories, but also suffered keen defeat on other occasions.

All got off to a fine start last December when after weeks of earnest prayer for revival Mr. Kose was invited to come and bring us messages from the Word. Hearts had been well prepared it seemed, for from the first service results were evident. Many were saved and quite a number responded to the challenge of reaching the lost by presenting their all to Christ in dedication that He might use them as He chose.
Our seventh standard class of 21 students went up for the vernacular final exam in January. They won first place in this School district by earning a higher percentage of marks than the students of any other school. We have great hope for them. Some were planning to go right into Bible School; others had that as an ultimate goal after High School. Nearly all showed a real desire to glorify Him whether in school or back in their villages.

Two months later God began dealing with other hearts. One March morning Ravikant asked for permission to go home. He had been terribly tempted to run away the night before. He had started to scale the back wall at midnight when he realized that this action would only cost his father, a fine and bring him into difficulty. He went back to bed.

"Why don't you want to stay here?", Miss Burley asked when he told her the story.

Then came the confession of his hard wicked heart: "I don't want to be good. I want to be just like the folk I've seen in the movies! Therefore I don't want to remain here in school."

"Well, let's pray about it," she suggested.

"There is no use. I'm so wicked Jesus' blood is not sufficient to cleanse my sin. I cannot even pray."

"Then just try telling the Lord how bad you are," she responded.

Finally he dropped to his knees and started with great difficulty. In a few minutes the Holy Spirit had begun His work in that heart. He was earnestly pleading for forgiveness and cleansing. God's word of promise, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," came as a sure foundation for faith in his Saviour. The next morning he gave proof of his changed heart by bringing Timothy and Gilbert for prayer.

The same day Wels wanted permission to go home. He said his mother was ill. After investigation I discovered he was not telling the truth and reproved him for his sin. Tears came streaming down his face.

"Are you willing to confess your sins and turn from them?" I asked.

"Yes I am", he replied. There followed such repentance and pleading for God's mercy as I hadn't heard here before. "If I had been there with Ananias and Sapphira Thou wouldst
surely have slain me, too,” he prayed. “I’m just another one who drove the nails into Thy hands and feet.”

God saw his contrite heart. Heaven rejoiced as a new name was written in the Book up there. His countenance bore evidence of the changed heart. Two others came that evening. God had given us great victories.

Then Satan’s counterattacks began. Early one Sunday morning the Matron announced that a non-Christian had gone over the wall to meet one of the Orphans, so instead of sending her to Bible School as she had previously requested, we suddenly found ourselves rushing her away to safety.

Some weeks later the House Father almost whispered the news that a Mohammedan had climbed a tree outside the girl’s compound wall and promised Kanta he would return at 11:00 P. M. with a half dozen friends to take her away. They would catch the night train to Bombay and be married there. It all sounded so thrilling to her. Our reactions were quite different. What could we do to protect this parentless child for whom we were solely responsible? After taking all the possible precautions, we committed the whole affair to the Lord who had never failed us and retired for the night. Sleep wouldn’t come for hours. We heard the whistle of the would-be abductor, but God kept our girl safely. Kanta, who had come to us from a very undesirable background, and had created much disturbance, recently went down before the Lord. He has begun a real work in her heart and life. She is learning to read His Word and pray. We trust that by His power and grace she may yet become a beautiful Christian character.

Three of our older boys had definite plans for Christian service. One of them had plead last year to be released from his 7th standard work that he might enroll in the fall class at Mehmedabad Bible School. A fourth lad was a high school senior living in our hostel while studying in the village. God had used him in bringing others to Himself. Satan’s next attack was at these four boys who fell into temptation and have had to be dismissed from the school. The one of the four whose conscience had been most tender writes that he is attending the movies each Sunday and going in for many forms of sin in the wicked city of Ahmedabad.

Yes, we have been in a spiritual conflict this year. The powers of Satan are allied against this place where young lives are being saved and Christian characters developed. Only intercessory prayer can enable us to prevail against his terrible onslaughts, but with the prayer support of our friends we believe that we shall yet see real victory in these lives.
"Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high."
Psalm 113:5.

First year language study having been completed in Baroda in March, we took up residence in Dhandhuka for two weeks before proceeding to Landour for the hot season, and further language study. Mr. and Mrs. Haagen sailed for America in mid-March; we immediately moved to Dhandhuka to continue the work they had so faithfully begun and carried on. The Sunday before leaving their station the Haagens were privileged to see the small chapel in Dhandhuka become a fully organized church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of India. The day before leaving Mr. Haagen baptized four young people, all children of the same family. They have since been accepted as members of the church.

Nathalalbai, pastor of the Dholka church, was also appointed as pastor of the Dhandhuka church, with Marcusbhai and Daudbhai to assist during intervening Sundays. Since then Marcusbhai has been transferred to another work and Daudbhai has been fulfilling his obligation very faithfully.

Daudbhai, our only mission worker in Dhandhuka, has just passed his seventy-third birthday. A year ago he submitted to a serious operation from which it was feared he would not recover. One of his eyes was removed, and after several months of recuperation he is again working hard daily for the glory of God. Since March 1st of this year he has gone alone into this village and outlying villages a total of 160 times. He has contacted an estimated eighteen hundred people, has sold 32 Gospels and 48 tracts, in an area considered as very illiterate. He has also faithfully preached every Sunday except the three times the appointed pastor has been here. He has taken charge of prayer service and Bible study every Wednesday evening. From November to February of last touring season he accompanied Mr. Haagen in visiting more than 150 villages. He is an invaluable worker and is to be commended for his faithfulness and untiring labour.

Although we have not had the opportunity of touring the district as yet because of language study, we are thankful for the opportunities of witnessing to individuals. Outstanding, perhaps, is young Chandrakhant, a metric student who has just taken his examination in Ahmedabad. Due to the influence of Manu Peters (one of the young boys who was baptized
by Mr. Haagen), Chandrakhant has become interested in Christianity. He first contacted the Voice of Prophecy and had subscribed to their course, but has been persuaded to ignore these teachings and come to others for spiritual instruction. He has read the four Gospels in Gujarati and recently purchased an English Bible. Please pray for this young man that the Word of God shall quicken his heart and change his life.

The attendance of the Primary School has increased. We trust that with the arrival of the new teacher there shall be a further increase and a greater inclination toward Christian teaching. There are only two children from Christian families in attendance, so the teacher has a great responsibility and a wonderful opportunity to teach the Hindu children about Christ. On one occasion we went with the teacher to a nearby village to serve notice to eleven parents to send their children to school, or be reported to the school authorities. We had the opportunity of treating a severe wound of one of the boys; the people showed a kindly attitude toward us, and since then nine of the eleven children have attended school regularly, including the boy who was treated. Of the two who have not been attending, one is nearly blind and the other died just a short time prior to our visit. Since visiting the village a number of people have come to the bungalow seeking medical help from the “Doctor Sahib!”

We thank God for the good health He has given us since returning from the hills. We remember that one year ago the three of us were very ill and medical help was required. We have not had one day of sickness since returning from Landour.

However, we were grieved to hear of the death of our cook’s wife just five days before we arrived from the hills. She had been a faithful wife and mother to her family, and an excellent helper to Mrs. Kose about the household duties. In mid-August we found it necessary to dismiss the cook because of tuberculosis in both lungs. We thank God that He has kept us from contacting the disease although we were exposed to it for six weeks. Now Mrs. Kose is training another man to do the cooking and finds that teaching him is a full time job itself! In addition to teaching a man to cook, she has been carrying on other household duties usually performed by an ayah, and has been taking charge of Sunday School every Sunday. She has enjoyed this service for it not only gives her a means of serving the Lord while studying, but it gives her practice in speaking the language.

To add to our difficulties, our school teacher was taken to jail last week, accused of striking a Patel boarding boy with
some sharp instrument, and then released on bail. Circumstances of the case were such that it was decided by the school committee to dismiss him at once. However, it should be recognized there has been some agitation on the part of Patel boarding to have our Christians removed from the compound. We are in need of a worker's line as this would undoubtedly release the tension which is prevalent between the Patel boarding boys and our Christians who are on their compound.

A pandit was not secured for us until mid-September, but the one who is now coming is proving to be very helpful. Kureshibhai is a Mohammedan, and we would ask you to remember him in prayer, that God's Word, which he is reading, might convict him of sin and that our lives will be a testimony for Christ. I am planning to take the language examination after conference and am trusting I will pass in order that I might go out into district touring this fall.

We appreciate your prayers. In spite of certain trials we thank God that He knows and that He cares. We have learned more fully to cast our cares upon Him and trust Him for everything that He permits to come into our lives.

Mehmedabad Bible School
and District
Jesse Ringenberg

“For ye shall be . . . as a garden that hath no water.”
“He shall come down . . . as showers that water the earth.”

These statements of Holy Writ describing periods and conditions in the life of Israel are applicable to Gujerat. The drought of this year brought before us a tragic picture of fields rich in verdure and promise withering away for want of water. With Gujerat receiving only half of its usual scanty rainfall the improverished inhabitants of many rural areas are already distressed for want of ample food and water for themselves and their live stock. Spiritually too, how dry and dead sin has made this land! Even professing Christians are suffering from drought. Thank God for the promise in which we may hope. Oh, that He, the Spirit of God, would revive the garden of His Church. May His people long for the drenching showers of spiritual blessing even as the anxious inhabitants yearned for rain laden clouds to pour refreshing life upon the land.
This Church Council comprising two talukas has eleven churches. These are being served by five pastors, one of whom is a farmer. Another gives most of his time to teaching in the Bible School. There are three evangelists and two student workers in the Church Council. All but three of these ministering brethren are elderly men. Formerly there were three mission stations and at least six missionaries working in this area. National workers too, numbered considerably more. "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He may thrust forth laborers."

Many admit that Jesus Christ is Truth but few have the courage to follow their convictions and confess Him openly. Devious expressions are given to the challenge of the Gospel. Here are a few proffered by men of different castes and villages:

"Jesus is the Truth but we cannot observe religion under present conditions."

"Your books are good but if we read them and do not obey their teaching we become more guilty, so it is best that we do not read them."

"Your Jesus recited portions of the Vedas. That indicates that the Bible has evolved from the Hindu Scriptures, so not only Jesus Christ but every god including Sir Gandhiji is to be worshipped."

"In our Scripture it is stated that however good another religion may be or however bad your own, never change your religion."

"In our religion millions of rupees have been spent in providing holy places to wash away sin. What,—is sin not washed away there? Are these all false? Can only your Jesus forgive sin?

At Asmarn there lives an old man who was a back-slidden Christian. He is blind. He told Kershandas, the evangelist, "Master, on New Year's day you sang the hymn, 'Return, ye Wanderers,' which deeply impressed me." He recalled the words, learned in his youth, and recited them brokenly:

"After death there is no forgiveness;  
There is no returning to this life.  
The days on earth are very few  
Wherein we must be saved."

He continued: "Only the living Jesus can save. People believe if one has many sons, or much wealth, he naturally will have peace of heart. But no, no, those things do not bring peace."
The evangelist said that on a later occasion he was at Asmarn and met a lad who was being tantalized for reading a Gospel portion and for praying in the name of Jesus. His people tell him, “We ought to worship according to the religion and customs of our ancestors.” They blame the old blind man for this boy’s interest and for teaching the children to worship Jesus. This blind man, now sixty-five years old, is an example of the Scripture, “Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” As a boy he grew up in the mission boarding school. Only a few of his classmates are still living.

Seven of the ten who followed the Lord in baptism were from non-Christian homes. Karlidas and his wife from the village of Rich01 made the day of their baptism a memorable occasion by calling their friends from afar. Together with a goodly number of the Akalacha church, witnesses numbered about fifty. They form the nucleus of what we trust will become a church in their town.

An encouraging group of young married couples are being instructed in the rudiments of the faith at Karoli. The men are requesting baptism now, but thus far their wives have not been ready to take this step. We would appreciate your prayers for them that they each may have a clear experience of salvation. A class of ten adults is being taught to read in this village.

We have sought to impress the workers and congregations with the importance of Sunday Schools. There are ten schools being regularly conducted. Gujerat Sunday School Union examinations were taken by thirty-five and we are proud to say that one of our village boys has been awarded the Silver Medal for having had the best paper in the Junior Division of all Gujerat. As Superintendent of Sunday Schools for the Church Council Mrs. Ringenberg has visited the schools and has given assistance and inspiration to the leaders.

Disparaging the pursuits of one of the Bible students an uncle said to him, “You can’t live on that Book,” intimating that he ought to study something that would assure him of a livelihood. To his surprise the young man replied, “That is just what I intend to do,—live by the promises of this Book.” Such testimonies give us zest in carrying on the school program.

In a chapel message another of the students made the following remarks: “When my father was an idolator frequently worshipping every form of idols, he used to work hard night and day to support his family, yet he was always in financial
straits. Then he began to read the New Testament which an evangelist gave to him, and became a believer through it. He now worships Jesus Christ and serves Him more fervently than he had his idols. From the time he began worshipping the Lord Jesus his economic condition began to improve. Folks ask how he manages so well having a large family to support.

Laksman, the father of this student, is an elderly man. Yohan, his eldest son, is the pastor at Vasna doing commendable work; another son has taken two years of Bible study and is now teaching in Government service. Last year the father gave Rs. 29 at the annual business meeting of the church. He was asked, "Why Rs.29+? Why not 30-?" He explained that this was the amount left over of his tithe after having given to regular and special offerings through the year. This year the church thought his annual offering would not be much since he had not been well part of the year and had been unable to get cotton thread regularly with which to weave cloth. When he surprised the church by placing Rs. 34- on the table the pastor remarked, "How can you give that much?" He replied, "That is not for you to ask. I give the tithe to the Lord and after giving to other needs in His work this is what remains." We thank God for the splendid example of this brother. We pray that many may come to know the joy which Laksman has found in giving systematically and adequately to the Lord.

The Gujerati monthly magazine JIVAN SANMARG has continued for twelve years. We have served as editor all this time except while we were gone on furlough. This year, due to enhanced costs of publication the Synod was about to discontinue it for a year. However, the younger members, taking pride in their Gujerati monthly, disapproved vehemently. The young men appointed to carry on the business side of the publication have brought it out of the red. Its appearance has been improved, and every detail regarding subscriptions and finances has been gone into thoroughly. Many gifts have been gladly contributed and from the first of the year the subscription rate is to be raised to Rs. 1-8. We aim to use half of the space for choice translated material and the remainder for our Gujerati writers. Letters of appreciation come from Africa and other sources and subscriptions have been increased by about ten per cent.

In the administration of Synod and the Church Councils the year has passed quietly. For this we are deeply grateful to God. Reducing the number of Church Councils from four to two and introducing a few principles by which committees are less localized and involved, has been largely responsible
for the “blessed quietness” the leaders have enjoyed. Satan is not so pleased, however. There is an under-current of unwillingness to support the Central Pastor’s Fund. Laymen whose ambitions for office in the organization have been foiled are the source of this discontent. These advocate an unpaid, and consequently untrained, ministry and a dissolution of our present church organization. May the Spirit of God give His people such a vision of our Lord Jesus Christ and His purposes as will cause them to lose sight of unworthy personal and party ambitions and make them powerful instruments in His hands.

As we write this report, echoes of the Youth Camp just closed at Kadeshpur village are reaching us. A number of the boys stopped here on their way home to their various villages. All were brimful of exuberance over the happy time the fifty teen-agers had spent together under Brother Paul Morris’ able leadership. We were happy to speak to the group on Sunday morning when a number expressed their desire to serve the Lord as He may lead. The boys say they want two such Camps next year.

Kindly remember the needs and opportunities presented in this report in your intercession.

Palanpur District
Louis L. King

At the beginning of the fiscal year we were greeted with sad news. Our little church family composed mostly of government servants and their families, seemed about to dissolve. One family with six children was transferred to Ahmedabad and in a short time another family with nine children told us that they were going to Baroda. The R. R. man who had started the church in his home before we went to Palanpur was also transferred. This left us, our Bible woman Ednabai and her daughter, an old retired preacher of 65 years of age and two bachelor young men to compose an congregation. The outlook was a dismal one but almost immediately the vacuum created by the withdrawal of so many began to fill up. For every child gone, God has given us a Hindu child to replace him so that our average S. S. attendance in Sept. was 20 and for the whole year 18. The day after the last family went, Benjamin and his wife came from Yeotmal to work with us. In April we had the joy of baptizing our first convert from Hinduism — a young Rajput. He has suffered persecution from his family and associates but is growing in the Lord. Un-
fortunately, he has had to move to Ajmer but he keeps up a constant correspondence with us and is now studying Mr. Hillis's course on St. John. He longs for fellowship with his first-found Christian friends in Palanpur. Pray for him.

In spite of the loss of two large families, the Lord has replaced every absentee so that still our average Sunday morning attendance for the Church service is 18 and in the evening 14. There are from 5 to 10 Hindu young men who attend occasionally —3 of whom have been quite regular in attendance for the past two months.

The evangelistic work in the villages has been carried on consistently throughout the year. Our responsibility in Palanpur district is about 600,000 souls. We have preached to over 10,000 in 17 different villages in the course of the year which leaves at least 590,000 still untouched. Many of these 10,000 are repeats in that we have returned to the same places many times and so our witness has been concentrated rather than scattered over a wide area. As a result there are several who seem to be near the Kingdom. We trust that by next year the report can be given that many of these have truly given their hearts to the Lord.

One feature of our work is a daily prayer meeting which I am sure will bear fruit in our outward ministry as it has already brought fruit in our own individual lives. The Lord has dealt with us and our co-laborers and has met us on several occasions in various ways. We have seen a real deepening in the spiritual lives of our co-laborers as they have experienced answers to prayer and have discovered that the God of the Americans is also their God and hears their prayers as well as ours.

Many and varied have been our experiences — encouraging ones, disappointing ones, as well as heart-breaking ones. We have attended three fairs, one of which had never had any Christian witness before. The people eagerly listen and take the literature but to many it seems that the Gospel message is too easy a way to be true. One man in speaking of the Bible said: "The words in that book are such that when a man reads it he immediately wants to believe." Would that this were true in the case of every one who reads. Another man said, "We have nothing against the Bible or Jesus Christ, but we have no confidence in the Christians whatsoever." Such a statement as this makes our hearts ache as we know that it is fully justified. Oh that God would revive our church so that the witness could be the right kind — such as would attract and not repel.
One old man rejoiced our hearts when he said, "When you talk like that it finds a ready response in my heart."

There are so many people who listen with keen interest and then turn away with a shrug of the shoulders and, "Ram Ram what to do! We know what you say is right, but we can't change our religion. There's too big a price to pay." How we long to see them set free from their bondage.

There are a number of high school lads who every time they see us tauntingly say, "Jesus is the Saviour of the world." Pray with us that the truth of their own statement will dawn on them and that they will make that Saviour their very own.

One high light of the year was in the second week of May when 10 young men from Simpson Church in Ahmedabad, along with one of our pastors, Madavlal came to Palanpur for a week of witnessing. This was entirely voluntary on their part. At 6:15 A.M. and again in the evening they met with Mr. King for Bible study. It was a thrill to see them assemble early in the morning, sing a hymn, pray and then go out. Our one thought was: "If we only had them here with us permanently, what a ministry they could have." We were encouraged to see this much evidence of concern for the lost on the part of some of the Simpson church folk. Surely it is not all dead wood there. Keep on praying and surely the Lord will revive us again.

Mr. King has been engaged in special evangelistic ministry in our churches and in the churches of other missions. In addition he has taught in the Bible School at Mehmedabad. The true results of this ministry time and eternity will surely reveal.

Viramgam - Radhanpur Stations

Mrs. Paul Morris

The trip to our first camp of the touring season was eventful to say the least. It was high noon on Nov. 24th as we knelt in prayer, then climbed into the jeep and pulled out for Radhanpur State. We were in a joyous mood and talked happily of the prospects of giving out the Gospel to those who had not been privileged to learn of Jesus. We sang as we zipped (as fast as a jeep with 6 passengers and a loaded trailer can zip) along the good road to Mandal. From Mandal on as we drove through heavy sand we became quiet as each prayed that the Lord would take us through. At about 3 P. M. as we were going down a steep sandy bank to cross the 2nd river, the gears in the differential gave out and there we were stranded in the river bed.
We immediately sent our two men back to Sankeshvar, the nearest large village — the one evangelist to go to Viramgam to call a mechanic and the other to bring our tents and trunks by bullock cart to the village where we planned to set up camp.

Finally after offering 3 times the usual price, we got a bullock cart to take our trailer luggage into Lolada where we made our first camp. The two Bible Women, Bobby, and Ruthie went along with the cart and arrived at the village just at sun down. We sent them ahead for we knew that once at the village they would be given some food, a bed and cover for the cold night ahead.

We watched for the cart to come from Sankeshvar but it did not come. We had little food, no sweaters and no bedding for protection against the cold damp that was rising from the river bed. We gathered dry sticks to light a fire, and cut pieces of meat off the roast that had been put into a shoulder bag just before leaving home. Thus we dined and prepared to spend the night in the jungle. As I sat there looking at the river an old chorus came to my mind. “Got any rivers you think are uncrossable, got any mountains you cannot tunnel through? God specializes in things thought impossible. He can do things that no other man can do.”

By means of this experience we were enabled to give our fellow laborers an object lesson about trusting God for our financial needs. We were “broke” at the time of the breakdown but as we prayed together God sent in all the money necessary to repair the jeep. This answer to prayer was a great blessing to us all.

About 8:30 P. M. three men came out from the village of Lolada. Two of these men spent the night with Paul in the jeep and the other one brought Lois and me into the village.

As soon as we arrived the Bible Women got up and made tea for us and gave us some of their bread. It tasted wonderful. As we drank tea and broke our bread together they gave us a detailed account of the 4 miles they and the children had trudged during the heat of the day, how they had to keep putting back on the cart the things that fell off along the way, and of the dust that was so thick at times that they could not see the way ahead.

For the remainder of that night the 6 of us slept on 3 beds—no one long enough or wide enough to accommodate one person comfortably. We were nevertheless thankful for them, for we realized that somewhere 3 or more persons were sleeping on the ground in order that we might have a bed.
I'm tempted to describe the round mud house with a grass roof shaped like an umbrella and the door opening so low that I bumped my head almost every time I entered: The chief decoration of this house was dirt and cobwebs of long hanging and a pile of grain in the corner inviting the rats also to spend the night hours with us. Unless you have visited one of these groups of houses situated on the outside rim of the village you could not fully appreciate the sensation that was ours.

We were quite happy to rise in the morning and make a cup of tea to warm us up. As we drank it we thought of Paul out by the river, hungry and cold.

While we waited for the jeep to be repaired we set up camp and did a good job of getting acquainted with the village people and making Jesus known. Even three year old Ruthie had a share in this ministry. One day toward evening we missed the children and after a search was made we found them in another section of the village. They were seated on a bed with about 30 children gathered around and Ruthie was leading the group in the song, "Quickly, quickly, come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Our evangelists and Bible Women love to make use of illustrations in their preaching, and happenings in Lolada provided some first hand ones. As a mother of five children came into the house and put her filled water pots into their usual resting place a cobra bit her and she died almost instantly. "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Thieves came by night and stole the goddess from the temple of the shepherd caste. "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths but they speak not; eyes have they but they see not; ears have they but they hear not; noses have they but they smell not. They have hands but they handle not; feet have they but they walk not; neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is everyone that trusteth in them." A young son was trampled to death by the family bullock in their field. "Be ye also ready—for in such an hour as ye think not..."

We returned to Viramgam to celebrate Christmas with our Christians there. It was a happy, but Oh such a busy day! Besides our family festivities, the giving of gifts to our fellow laborers and their families and the Church service, the Sunday School had elected to have its annual picnic that day; so we spent the after noon supervising games and races and serving tea to our 70 guests.

In our touring this year we did concentrated evangelistic
work among the Bhajanas, a group that seem to be more responsive to the message of Life. At night we held Adult Literacy classes for the young men and early every morning, before they went out to do the day’s work, we held two preaching services—the one for the women and one for the men. Besides these meetings we did our usual touring in the surrounding villages. We have sowed much of the seed of the Word in the hearts of these Bhajanas. Will you pray with us until the crop is safely harvested?

When it was harvest time in Radhanpur State the farmers had an over abundance of helpers for the dreaded locusts travelled back and forth across the state devouring as they went. One day we drove for an eight mile stretch with locusts densely swarming on every side of the road. The locusts had nothing on Satan and his forces—they were on every hand—but Praise God He is the Victor and His harvest will be reaped in Radhanpur State.

Our touring was interrupted in February to enable Mr. Morris and our helpers to attend the annual Church Council and Synod meetings. We would request prayer for each of these bodies that they may be used of God in getting out the Gospel. We have had many opportunities for ministry in our Viramgam Church during the year. We praise God that some few are learning of the grace of giving of their substance to God. The giving per capita of the Viramgam church is the highest among our Gujarat churches; yet our people are able to give every quarter what they give in one year and we believe they will do so some day. We celebrated our annual Week of Witness in October and we are sorry to have to say that no one from the Viramgam Christian Community, other than paid mission workers, took part in this endeavour to get the Gospel out. Oh that the fervor of our “first love” might be restored to us and to all the Christians in Viramgam!

In March, Mr. Haagen, Mr. King, Mr. Morris, and Peter Khandas took a trip across Radhanpur State and the desert of Kutch to Kandla Port on the Indian Ocean. En route they stopped at Radhanpur City to see the plot of land that has been purchased by the C. & M. A. Let me tell you about the place we have picked out as being the most suitable for a future mission station—a station from which we can reach out into the surrounding villages, where the people are still WAITING to hear the Good News.

The piece of land has 6 good rooms on it which will be suitable for evangelists’ quarters, a Bible Woman’s room, a watchman’s room and a garage for the motor. At the other end of the compound there is ample space for the erection of a modest bungalow for missionary residence. Just across from this
square there is a plot near the sweet water well that will make a lovely garden spot. The center right of the property has an open space with cement benches and pedestals surrounding it. Here we will spread the matting and hold our church services. Just across from this open area there is a large cement water tank; here we will baptize the first converts. Oh, I can just see it all in my mind's eye——God's lighthouse in Radhanpur State!

We do not have this year's report from the Mission Press at hand, but you would be interested in knowing that our workers in Viramgam District and Radhanpur State, in a previous year, sold more gospels and tracts than any other station in Gujarat with the exception of Ahmedabad City where three missions are working. Will you claim with us His promise, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it?"

May and June are months of great hope in India as preparations go on for the monsoon grain sowing and the harvest that will surely follow. We are glad to report that the Viramgam Sunday School is continuing to grow. When we came to Viramgam the S. S. was not meeting but now the attendance averages 35. As a result of the plowing and seeding and watering, one of our S. S. scholars has gone to BTS in Mehsedabad. We have great hopes that the Lord will use Esudas in his future years to reap a harvest for Him in Gujarat—perhaps in Viramgam District.

During the monsoon the young evangelists and Bible Women again gathered in Viramgam for the Worker’s Course. We praise God for the improved spiritual tone of this year's school. The complete 3rd year course was taught. The teachers were as follows: Psalms, Mrs. L. L. King; Sunday School Methods, Miss Wing; Romans, Rev. N. M. Sevak; O. T. and Church History, Rev. D. Gemabhai; Matthew, Mrs. Morris; Doctrine and Galatians, Mr. Morris. Each evening as we were sitting down to our dinner a large group of Hindus from the village passed our compound singing, "Victory to Hunnaman, Victory to Gopal, Victory to Govind, etc.” They march through the main street of the village singing thus through the whole Shravan month. What a contrast it was to hear the students singing the Gujarati translation of "Everybody Ought to Know Who Jesus Is."

On August 25–26th Mr. R. P. Shah, a young well-educated Jain from North Gujarat came to visit us. He had been an enquirer for three years. As we were partaking of our Sunday noon meal he told us of a dream he had. A shepherd came to him and said, "What are you doing up here all by yourself?
Why don't you go and join the flock?” We asked him how he interpreted the dream and he said, “I came to Viramgam to join the flock.” Miss Wing, who was our guest at the time, said to him, “May you do just that.” How our hearts rejoiced when we received the following letter on Sept. 1st: Dear Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Miss Wing and Ruthie, I have accepted Jesus as MY Redeemer. You may add my name to your prayer list. Always in my daily program will be prayer of repentance and praise and also Bible Study.” We ask you to add Mr. R. P. Shah’s name to your prayer list too.

In September a retreat was held for all our workers in Gujarat. This afforded us an opportunity to pray together, to measure our devotion to Christ and His service, and to face the challenge of unevangelized areas in North Gujarat. The messages of our two main speakers, Mr. King and Mr. Smith, were termed by one elderly worker, “Very hard but just what we needed.” During the retreat the appointment to Radhanpur of evangelist Peter Khandas and student worker, Samuel Jela, was made public. We praise the Lord for the willingness of these two to go so far from their fellow Christians to labour in this needy area. Pray that we may secure a suitable wife for young Samuel. He is an orphan and needs a companion to help him in his work.

During September and October Mr. Morris visited and preached in seven churches and six YPS. In each of these services the Youth Conference to be held later in the year was well advertised. This was a first for our Alliance work in Gujarat and there was a hesitancy on the part of some about coming. Only those from 14–20 years of age were permitted to attend. The camp was held in Kadeshpur, Kaira District. From 12 Alliance churches 60 energetic youngsters, some 1st Standard passed and some college lads, some farmers and some city boys, enthusiastically joined together in Worship, Bible Study, discussion groups, and play. They comprised one happy family and village and city barriers were not discernible. All barriers were broken one night when a Hindu farmer, a Roman Catholic butler, and a college student knelt together with others to accept Christ as their Redeemer. On the closing night as we sat outside in a large circle more than 25 youngsters told of the spiritual blessings received during this camp. Among the testimonies were witnesses to salvation and a number of this promising group presented themselves to the Lord for Christian service. We are convinced that the young people of Gujarat comprise a mine of precious jewels—jewels that we must mine for Christ. Along with Brother King and Brother Ringenberg two of our young Gujarati ministers assisted Mr. Morris in this conference. Their ministry was richly blessed of the Lord and much appreciated by all present.