because we were visited by devastation in these three distinct forms in the respective camps.

'We cannot report any remarkable moving of the Spirit in our touring days. We had to say like Elijah's servant, "There is nothing." Rather the season proved to us that unless we sought God a great deal more personally and opened the way for the working of the Spirit there would be little or no spiritual life in the District. To that end we have endeavored to seek the Lord this year. "—and he cast himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees." God is good. Inquirers began to come to the surface out of the dark depths of spiritual apathy and bondage.'

The Derrs held two Short-Term Bible Schools this past year at which time the Spirit of God wonderfully worked in hearts, "bringing them to a knowledge of the truth and to the absolute assurance of Salvation." A total of eight were baptised, taking their stand as children of the Living God, Praise His Name! Other ministries in the form of nurses' meetings in the home, monthly women's meetings in a nearby town, and English classes held regularly for young men in the Akola Library, have been added means of reaching men and women for Christ.

Word has been received of Miss Harriet Beardslea falling and fracturing her left leg above the knee. Miss Beardslea spent 35 years of ministry in India, being remembered for her faithful service in our two Bible Schools and especially for her work in the Santa Barbara Boys' School. She has never ceased upholding us before God's Throne, so in like manner, may she know that we in India are praying for her speedy recovery.

Rev. Fred Schelander reports that the New Testament revision of the Bible Society edition is ready to go to press. For unknown reasons the printers are holding up the printing of the revised edition of Pandita Ramabai's version of the Bible for village people. Prayer is requested.

Mrs. Schelander writes of having numerous opportunities for holding Bible Classes among the women of the city of Poona. Pray that the harvest may be great in this promising field.

This past year we have been privileged to be visited by Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Bailey, Rev. R. M. Chrisman and Dr. J. H. Hunter. Although the time spent here has of necessity been brief, we trust that the result of the burdens seen and felt may be far-reaching.

Following the departure to Glory in 1961 of Rev. K. D. Garrison, Mrs. Garrison went to be with her Lord on Easter Day, 1962. Their service for the Lord in India will long be remembered, especially by those who have been brought to the feet of the Master by their consecrated lives.
The Laird Stengeles

The Stengeles from Amraoti report a large variety of ministries this past year. Much blessing was received in the villages through the earnest testimonies and individual ministries of a visiting Gospel team from our Nargaon Bible Training School. Thirty-seven villages were visited, 714 Gospel portions were sold, numerous tracts were distributed and believers strengthened in the Lord. Shortly after the New Year, a four-day Nurses Retreat was held on the Mission compound. Since many nurses especially those in government hospitals, have no opportunity for Christian fellowship and study of the Word, this proved a time of strengthening for these nurses, a few coming from as far as 280 miles distant. Also in the city of Amraoti a Library has been opened, having an average daily attendance of seventy-eight, thus proving to be a real means of ministry in this large city. As a result of the Adult Literacy program during the Hot Season, and the accompanying spiritual ministries, several inquirers have stepped forward indicating their desire to follow Christ. Pray that these contacts that have been made and messages given to God's children, may result in fruit for the Master.

The Jack Derrs write:

'Following conference (last year) we held three tours in various sections of the district. To this day Freddy and Heather still refer to these camps as:'
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—Editor, E. H. Lewellen

Is India at War?

We have received many letters from friends asking what the real situation is in India today. Since our information is obtained only from the newspapers, the information available to our readers would without doubt be equally up-to-date. It is yet too early to judge what the future holds for India in her present conflict with China. It has, however, been encouraging to see the oneness of mind and spirit of India’s people at this time. Realizing the seriousness of the hour, young men have been enlisting in the armed forces by the thousands, relief measures are being willingly and spontaneously undertaken by those of all walks of life, and donations of gold and money are being sent daily to New Delhi.

Won’t you, who have access to the Throne of Grace, pray with us that God’s wisdom and enabling may be granted to India’s leaders at this crucial hour? Even as governments are giving support through arms, India needs your support through prayer.

Will you remember to pray
— for a moving of God’s Spirit among the Christians and non-Christians as the touring season begins and as missionaries and Indian evangelists move from village to village proclaiming the message of salvation?
— for a Moslem doctor who is enquiring after the Lord?
— that the remaining funds required for the building of the women’s wing on the Akola Library may be received quickly, so that this much-needed project may be started?
— that the need for an increase in giving may be sensed among our Indian Christians, resulting in the support of more desperately needed village evangelists?
— for several of our village congregations where petty quarrelling and coldness have robbed them of their testimony in their respective villages?
— for India and her leaders at this needy hour in her struggle with China, and also that the faith of God’s children in India may be strengthened as never before?

We are glad to Welcome
— Rev. and Mrs G. L. Carner to Akola as Mission Chairman.
— Miss Gladys Jasper to Akola after having served several years with the Evangelical Fellowship of India.
— The C. H. Dykes to Jalgaon, upon return from furlough.
— The R. F. Perrets to Akot, upon return from furlough.
Advances in the Indigenous Church Program

God is answering prayer! It is with a new joy that we are seeing daily miracles accomplished that we long thought impossible, or that would require years of patient plodding to be fulfilled. From one quarter after another reports are being received of regular meetings being carried on under local village leadership, without weekly dependence upon outside help. This is one major step forward, however meetings are not only being held in some areas, but their numbers are being increased as inquirers are being baptised.

In the North Berar area, under the leadership of their first non-missionary Church Council Chairman, the majority of churches are carrying on their own weekly worship, bearing the responsibility of providing for their own spiritual nourishment. In the Daryapur area, all of the ten organised churches and many of the unorganised groups are carrying on by themselves—and growing in the Lord. In two other villages the congregations have called new Bible School graduates as their pastors, agreeing to pay them ten Rupees a month as a beginning, and these pastors are sacrificially doing a splendid work. In all of these instances, it has been the warm testimony of the people themselves which has won their fellow villagers to the Lord. In one village a notorious bootlegger and alcoholic was saved and his life was changed so radically that he is the talk of the village.

Several new village churches have been built and dedicated this past year (see picture)—others are in the process. Christians are experiencing the joy of witnessing in neighbouring villages to the saving and cleansing power of Christ. In the Murtazapur area, through the faithful witness of one couple, there is now a nucleus of six baptised believers, with four others now requesting baptism.

Will you not rejoice with us in God’s working in these instances, and pray with us for those who still need to be awakened?
Mrs. Lacy Lee Carner

Mrs. Carner’s ministries have been divided this past year between two stations, the Dhond Boy’s School near Poona, and Malkapur, which is in our area. In Dhond, Mrs. Carner’s duties involved the superintending of the secular part of the orphanage and school. Some of these duties included, accounts, the school correspondence, assembling material for a bi-monthly publicity paper, reports for committee meetings, assembling supplies for the daily menu and for the building of the five new class rooms, nursing the sick children, staff members and animals, dismissal of incorrigible boys, admission of new cases, entertaining a constant stream of the boys’ relatives and friends, and the building of fences and installing arrangements for irrigation of the school fields. Although many of these tasks were new and heavy, yet Mrs. Carner rejoices in the strengthening and upholding power of our Great Lord.

From Dhond, Mrs. Carner moved in June to Malkapur, a station which has been closed for three years due to lack of personnel. Invitations from many Headmen to visit their villages have been coming in, thus paving the way for God’s working in these difficult areas. Pray, that from these opportunities, a rich harvest may be gleaned.

Mens’ Bible School, Nargaon

Following last year’s Mission Conference, the Second Semester of the school year began with 23 men in attendance. In December all the students went out on the annual “School On Wheels” for two weeks.
practical evangelistic work. Teams of three and four toured several different Mission areas upon request, proving a blessing both to the students and to those to whom they ministered. Churches were strengthened, many new individuals were contacted for the Saviour, hundreds of Gospel portions were sold, and thousands of tracts were distributed. Upon return from these tours, each Sunday morning during the school term, the student body went out two-by-two to all the neighboring villages to teach Sunday School classes. Early in March, the eight members of the graduating class were taken on the annual trip to the old Buddhist Ajanta Caves, and both going and coming, the boys suggested stopping several times for evangelistic services as they passed through villages. Praise God for this spontaneous spirit of service.

During the year special services and classes were held by visiting Indian and missionary brethren, resulting in both a spirit of repentance and revival among staff and students, as well as sound practical knowledge for future service.

The G. F. Vandegrifts ask for continued prayer as they serve at Nargaon, to the end that young men may be trained for service and filled by His Spirit for an effective ministry.

Facts and Figures

Akola Library and Book Shop
- Population of Akola City, 1,20,000.
- Average attendance in Library per month, 5,500-6,000.
- Library's total membership, 446.
- Tracts and correspondence courses are regularly distributed.
- Total volume of trade in past year, Rs. 28,000.
- Of this, sales through Colportage work, Rs. 3,000.

Amraoti Library
- Population of Amraoti City, 1,30,000.
- Amraoti City boasts of seven colleges.
- Average attendance per month in Library, 2,400.

India's Population, 438 million people
- Of this, 85% are Hindu, 9.92% are Muslim and 2.3% are Christian (Evenly divided between Protestants and Catholics.)
- Out of 2.3% of Christian Population have come 89% of India's nurses.
- Total staff of Marathi Alliance missionaries, 42.
- Total Marathi Alliance missionaries on field, 32.

About the cover picture

The pastor, who is also president of the Marathi Synod of the C and MA of India, Rev. R. P. Chevan, stands before the Alliance Church in Akola. Mostly through the giving of its 175 active members, the congregation is supporting their pastor, 3½ village evangelists, and a village school teacher. God has further blessed their step of faith this year as they have for the first time taken up a foreign missionary pledge of Rs. 1,900, which, it appears at this writing, will be well overpaid.
Missionary Appointments

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Amstutz, Anjangaon, Evangelism.
†Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Capps, Jalgaon/Bhusawal, Evangelism.
Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Carner, Akola Headquarters, Chairman.
Mrs. L. R. Carner, Malkapur, Evangelism.
Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Cartmel, Poona, Literature Distribution.
Miss Hilda Davies, Khamgaon, Women's Bible Training School.
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Derr, Akola, Evangelism.
†Miss Julia E. Derr, Poona, Literature Work.
Miss Ann Droppa, Khamgaon, Girls' Boarding School.
*Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dyke, Jr., Jalgaon/Bhusawal, Evangelism.
†Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Eicher, Akola Headquarters.
Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Eicher, Chikalda, Lay Workers' Institute.
†Miss Ferne Gerrie, Akola, Office Secretary, Literature Work.
Miss Gladys Jasper, Akola, Office Secretary, Literature Work.
Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Lewellen, Murtazapur, Evangelism.
*Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Perret, Akot, Evangelism.
Miss Marthena Ransom, Khamgaon, Women's Bible Training School.
Miss Winifred Sanford, Akola, Library and Book Shop.
Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Schelander, Kedgaon/Poona, Bible Revision.
Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Shaw, Kodaikanal, Missionary Children's Home.
Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Stengele, Amraoti, Evangelism.
Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Vandegrift, Nargaon, Men's Bible Training School.
Mrs. Ruth Schlatter, U.S.A.
Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Hartman, U.S.A.

* Upon return from furlough. † Expected to go on furlough, Spring, 1963.
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