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-Editor, E. H. Lewellen

In the year 1892, a boy's orphanage was started at Akola headquarters with fifteen boys. During the famine time from 1896 to 1900 there were as many as 350 boys in the orphanage. In 1897 Mr. Moyser moved the orphanage to the present location which is called Santa Barbara. It was some years later while Miss Beardslee was in charge that the name was changed from an orphanage to a boarding school.

During the years of the Depression (1930's) the Mission thought of closing the school, but the Lord had His hand upon it and kept it going. I well remember Miss Beardslee saying that she had to "scrape the bottom", but He never failed. Many leaders of the future were trained during this period, and are now working for the Lord in different walks of life, as pastors, evangelists, teachers and church leaders.

Then came a big change in 1955 when the Mission turned over the school management to the Indian church. As is written in the Hot Season issue of The India Alliance, "Responsibility and authority must be balanced", the turning over of the management of the school included responsibility as well as authority. Each year twenty per cent was deducted so that at the end of five years all Mission subsidy ceased, after which the agricultural fields owned by the Mission were donated to the school to help with expenses. However the days were difficult and the Lord heard our prayers and sent us relief and gift supplies through the Church World Service.
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SEMINARY TRAIL

The majority of our pastors, evangelists and Bible women have been products of our schools at Santa Barbara and Khamgaon. Upon graduation they have gone on to our Men’s Bible Training School at Nargaon, or the Women’s Bible School at Khamgaon in training for the Lord’s service. Perhaps the question arises in the minds of our readers, “And after that—?” We are glad to report that for those who show ability and a definite call of God upon them, there is further opportunity for training at the Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal. The Seminary is a union of nineteen supporting Evangelical Mission groups. Someone has aptly said that it is a union of many states, languages, churches, denominations and even foreign countries. With English as the medium, evidence of the high academic standard maintained, is shown by the students who have come from not only all parts of India, but also Japan, Nigeria, Burma, Ceylon, Iran and Nepal, who are working towards obtaining their G.Th., B.Th., B.R.E. or B.D. degree. Placing a strong emphasis upon practical experience, the student body is divided into nine practical work teams,.

ANJANGAON DISTRICT

(276 villages and 174,096 people)

Two men from a tiny village to the south came to us a few months ago of Grand to the newly converted of the unconverted of these people. As soon as possible, we took light camping equipment and had a two-day evangelistic campaign with them. Clear understanding was apparent, and there were fervent prayers of confession, repentance and faith, followed by glowing testimonies, and seven baptisms. The converts were further grounded in the Word a few weeks later when they attended the Villager’s Short Term Bible School. Regular worship is now held in their village and their eager witness is so effective that there are more inquirers and still more showing interest.

Another village has been barren for years. Then two brothers, inspired by their training in the Lay-Leader’s School, began witnessing. Soon two inquirer couples emerged. They were soundly converted, and then baptized about fifteen months ago. Then through the combined efforts of the new converts and the two brothers, four more entered the fold a year later. Today, still more are inquirers.

In still a third village, overtures to the unconverted made by resident workers for decades have been frequently rebuffed. However in the last three years the nucleus of believers has become especially strengthened through the consistent ministry of the Word. The witness of new grace in these lives soon began to take effect.

Whole-hearted singing, glad brotherliness and an atmosphere of pungent spirituality in the worship services attracted neighbors to the hearing of the Gospel. Numbers became sincere inquirers, and now within the past eighteen months this village group has had some ten baptised converts added to its number.

How are men won to Christ? Surely there is no substitute for the witness of local Christians, living together in fellowship, full to overflowing with love for their Saviour, and for their neighbors!

- JONATHAN AND ANNA LOU STUTZ

The J. F. Derr would appreciate your prayers as they conduct special evangelistic and Bible teaching campaigns throughout the Marathi area at the request of the Indian churches. Will this be the means God uses for the long-awaited outpouring of His Spirit upon His children in India?

Even though the India Alliance editor took it upon himself to “retire” Mrs Ruth Schlatter in the Summer Issue, 1962, we are glad that he was mistaken, and that she has returned to take up ministries in the Akola office. We trust and pray that those of our number on furlough, Rev. and Mrs A. C. Either, Rev. and Mrs D. W. Capps, Miss Julia Derr and Miss Ferne Gerrie, may have restful and fruitful ministries while at home.

There will be a convention for the youth of all neighboring evangelical missions at Nargaon, October 10th to 14th for the purpose of challenging our young people to lives of surrender and dedication to Christ. Won’t you pray to this end with us?

Although many of the necessary permissions have been granted to Mr and Mrs Moses Palaspagar to go as missionaries to Cambodia, for unexplained reasons, the final visa is being held up. Pray that this may be granted shortly so that this dedicated couple may be released to work for His glory among the Indians residing in Cambodia.
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which go out in rotation on weekends to preach, sell Gospels, and distribute tracts. In mid-October there is a two-week practical work break, at which time the entire student body moves out to various areas where their help in the villages and cities has been requested.

Since 1942, there have been 252 young men and women trained, of which there are 245 today in active Christian service, serving with 36 denominations in India and abroad, to which shortly will be added the 117 presently enrolled. Graduates return to work in their own church areas, others take up pioneer work in Nepal, Bikkim, Assam, the Tibetan border, Kashmir and unreached areas within India. Mosca and Kusam Palaspagar, the first foreign missionary candidates from our Indian Church, for Cambodia, are graduates of the Union Biblical Seminary. The Principal, Dr. Frank Kline comments, "A 'goodly company' indeed! and we pray that they may carry the light and love of the Gospel by the fruit of the Spirit till Jesus Christ will be crowned the Lord of life in thousands of souls throughout Asia and Africa to the glory of God and the establishment of His Church in this most challenging of all times."

The boxes had come from America containing powdered milk, for the hungry and undernourished of India. But now the boxes had become heavy, for they were now full of books. With a bit of shoving and prodding here and there, the boxes finally fit snuggly into the cramped space of the station wagon. On top of these were piled the display racks and folding tables, and finally the personal baggage necessary for a three week tour. Lamuel, the young salesman and the Daryl Cartmels were beginning their bookselling tour. The books in the powdered milk cartons were now to be the milk and meat for strengthening the churches in the north-west section of the Marathi area of India.

The first stop was the city of Kalyan, where English and Marathi books were sold to factory workers. Before leaving the city, pictures and Gospel-text mottoes were hanging on the walls of many of the one-room homes. Arriving at a tribal fair in the hill region, Marathi books were exclusively sold, the book "Beware of Snakes," being the most popular. And so in the streets, in tribal fairs and in Christian camp meetings, the Word, through the printed page found its way into many a village hut and city tenement providing food for thought and food for growth. After nine hundred miles, traveling over highways, through fields and along canal banks, the boxes were removed—this time empty.

A word of thanks goes to the many pastors and evangelists who opened their hearts and shared their homes, in a desire for their people to read the Good news.

THE RAINY SEASON MEANS:

- Weeding in the fields,
- Water for Mrs Water Buffalo,
- Floods—and perhaps the loss of many homes.