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North-West India Conference: - Miss McKnight, Miss Livermore.

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# Conference Roll.

	Names.			Year of	Joining	Mission
1.	Mrs. P. M. Buck				• • •	1871
2.	Mrs. James Lyon					1881
3.	Mrs. C. H. Plomer		•••			1886
4.	Miss Anne E. Lawson			•••		1886
5.	Mrs. J. C. Butcher	•••		•••		1888
6.	Mrs. G. F. Matthews				•••	1889
7.	Mrs. Rockwell Clancy				•••	1892
8.	Mrs. J. F. Robertson					1893
9.	Miss Lily D. Greene		•••			1894
10.	Mrs. W. W. Ashe					1894
11.	Miss Laura G. Bobenhou	se			•••	1898
12.	Miss Melva A. Livermore	e			•••	1898
13.	Mrs. D. C. Clancy				•••	1899
14.	Mrs. Mary Eva Gregg W	ilson			•••	1899
15.	Charlotte T. Holman*				• • •	1900
16.	Mrs. F. B. Price					1901
17.	Miss M. I. F. McKnight					1902
18.	Mrs. Mott Keislar		•••			1902
19.	Mrs. F. C. Aldrich				•••	1902
20.	Miss Hilda Aaronson					1905
21.	Mrs. Benson Baker			•••		1905
22.	Miss E. Lavinia Nelson		•••	•••		1906
23.	Miss C. C. Nelson					1906
24.	Miss Carlotta E. Hoffman		•••			1906
25.	Mrs. W. E. Tomlinson				•••	1906
26.	Miss S. C. Holman*		•••		•••	1906
27.	Miss Estella Forsyth*				•••	1907
28.	Mrs. A. L. Grey*				***	1907
29.	Miss Linnie Terrell					1908
30.	Miss Winnie Gabrielson		• • •	•••		1909
31.	Miss Mary Richmond	•••		•••	•••	1910
32.	Miss Adelaide Clancy		•••	•••	•••	1910
33.	Mise Cora J. Kipp, M.D.	•••	• • •	•••	•••	1910
34.	Mrs. E. A. I. Baksh, M.D.				•••	1911
35.	Miss Ridley Clancy		•••		•••	1911
36.	Mrs. L. B. Jones	•••	•••	•••		1911
37.	Miss Harriet M. Mills		•••		• • • •	1911
38.	Miss S. Edith Randall			•••	•••	1911
39.	Miss Ethel L. Whiting	•••		•••	•••	1911
40.	Miss Clara A. Porter	•••	•••	•••	•••	1912
41.	Miss Ruth Cochran	•••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		•••	1912
<b>12</b> .	Miss Grace Boddy		•••	• • • •		1912
43.	Miss Margaret E. Dease		•••		•••	1912
14.	Miss Anna Blackstock	•••	•••	•••		1912
45.	Miss Ella M. McLeavy				- 23. <del>- 1</del> 301.	1912
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# Missionaries who are retired or detained at home.

1.	Mrs. C. L. R. Hoskins			•••	• • •	1867
2.	Miss Fannie J. Sparks				•••	1870
3.	Mrs. Emma Moore Scott		•••	•••	•••	1877
4.	Miss Anne Gallimore		•••	•••	•••	1889
5.	Mrs. J. B. Thomas	• • •	•••	•••	•••	1889
6.	Miss Emma Scott, M.D.	•••		•••	•••	1897
7.	Mrs. G. E. Stokes		•••	•••		1900
8.	Mrs. H. R. Calkins		•••	•••	•••	<b>190</b> 0
9.	Miss Ida Ellis	•••	•••	•••	•••	1900
10.	Miss Annie S. Winslow		•••	• • •	•••	1901
11.	Miss Agnes Saxe	•••		• • •	•••	1904
12.	Miss Julia I. Kipp				•••	1906
13.	Mrs. T. S. Donohugh		•••		•••	1906
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# Appointments.

#### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 1913.

#### ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.

Allahabad, City, District and English Work, Mrs. Price.

#### BULANDSHAHR DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Robertson. District Work, Miss Gabrielson.

#### CAWNPORE DISTRICT.

Cawnpore District Work, Mrs. Tomlinson.

" Girls' High School, Superintendent, Miss A. E. Lawson. " Principal, Miss E. Whiting, Miss

Margaret Dease.

Business Department, Miss C. Porter.

,, Hudson Memorial School, Miss Richmond.

City Work, Miss H. Aaronson.

Literary Work in America, Mrs. Hoskins. On leave to America, Mrs. Calkins.

#### DELHI DISTRICT.

Delhi, District, City and Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Mary Eva Gregg Wilson.

#### KASGANJ DISTRICT.

Kasganj, District Work, Mrs. Ashe.

#### MEERUT DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Buck.

District Work, Miss Gabrielson.

Girls' High School, Miss C. C. Nelson, Miss Cochran, Miss Blackstock.

Bdys' School and Circuit Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Baker.

Training School and City Evangelistic Work, Miss Blackstock.

On leave to America, Mrs. Donohugh, Miss Livermore.

#### MUTTRA DISTRICT.

Agra, City, Village and English Work, Mrs. Plomer. Aligarh, Woman's Industrial Home, Mrs. Matthews. Aligarh, Girls' Orphanage, Miss Hoffman, Miss Boddy.

Boys' Orphanage, Mrs. Jones. City Work, Mrs. Matthews. ,,

Circuit Work, Mrs. Jones.

Brindaban, Medical Work, Miss Kipp, M.D.

Hospital, Miss Terrel, Superintendent.

Zenana and Evangelistic Work, Miss Terrell.

Muttra, Blackstone Missionary Institute, Miss McKnight, Miss A. Clancy, Miss R. Clancy.

Muttra Girls' Boarding School, Miss A. Clancy.

Zenana Work, Miss McKnight. District Work, Mrs. R. Clancy.

District Evangelistic Work, Miss E. M. McLeary.

On leave to America, Miss Scott, M.D., Miss Saxe, Miss C. F. Holman, Miss S. C. Holman.

#### PUNJAB DISTRICT.

District, City and Evangelistic Work, and Training School, Mrs. Butcher.

Girls' Boarding School and Evangelistic Work, Miss Greene.

#### RAJPUTANA DISTRICT.

District Work, Mrs. Keislar.

Ajmer City and Circuit Work, Mrs. Aldrich.

Girls' Boarding School, Miss Bobenhouse, Miss Mills.

Phalera, Orphanage, Miss L. Nelson, Miss Randall.

#### ROORKEE DISTRICT.

District and City Work, Mrs. D. Clancy. On leave to America, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Grev.

#### SOUTHERN PUNJAB DISTRICT.

District and Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Lyon.

# Official Minutes.

# First Day.

ALIGARH, THURSDAY, 6th March, 1913.

#### OFENING.

The North-west India Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in the Drawing-room tent in the Mission Compound in its Twenty-first Annual Session. The Vice-President took the chair. After singing "I must have the Savior with me," and prayer by Miss C. T. Holman, the Conference proceeded to organize.

#### ELECTIONS.

President ... Miss Lawson.

Vice-President... Mrs. Price.

Secretary ... Miss Bobenhouse.

Assistant-Secretary ... Miss Mills.

#### ROLL-CALL.

The roll was called and twenty-nine members were present.

#### MOTION.

On motion the chair appointed the following Committee on the revision of the roll:—The Secretary, Mrs. Butcher, Miss McKnight.

#### INTRODUCTIONS.

The Misses Boddy, Porter and Cochran were introduced. Prayer of thanksgiving for these, our new missionaries, was offered by Miss Livermore. Mrs. Grey was welcomed, also our returned missionaries, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. D. C. Clancy and Miss Hoffman. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Buck for the safe return of the Misses Nelson and Miss Buck, who are now en route to India. Mrs. Wilson then offered prayer for the bereaved family of Miss Elizabeth J. Wood and also for our beloved Mrs. Mansell.

#### GREETINGS.

A letter from Mrs. Hoskins, full of love and zeal for the Master's work in India, was read. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Warne expressing our regret at her absence.

#### TIME OF SESSIONS.

By motion the time for daily sessions was fixed from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M., the programme hour beginning at 1 P.M.

#### PROGRAMME.

The programme was opened by a vocal solo rendered by Mr. Wood. Miss Livermore was requested to preside during the programme hours of the Conference. The subject for the day, The Educational Forces of the North-west India Conference, was strongly presented by Miss McKnight, followed by an interesting discussion. The motion prevailed that the Educational Committee prepare a list of "Findings" based on Miss McKnight's presentation of the subject and the discussion following.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Buck.

# Second Day.

FRIDAY, 7th March, 1913.

#### OPENING.

Conference was called to order by the President, after which the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Buck.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

#### NTRODUCTIONS.

Mrs. Robertson was introduced and welcomed by the Conference.

#### REETINGS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Emma Moore Scott expressing her great longing to have a part in the work in India again. The Secretary was instructed to reply to the letters received from Mrs. Hoskins and Mrs. Scott.

#### OMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

On motion the Chair appointed the following Committee:—Mrs. Butcher, Miss Terrell, Miss Gabrielson.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

On motion the Chair appointed the following Committee:— Mrs. Price, Miss Richmond, Miss Hoffman.

#### MOTION.

The motion prevailed that a service be held at 9 A.M. on Saturday in memory of Miss Elizabeth J. Wood and Dr. Sheldon, Mrs. Tomlinson being chairman.

#### REPORTS.

The report of balances was given.

The report of the Central Conference Manual Committee was read by Mrs. Wilson and accepted with thanks. The motion prevailed that our former Manual Committee be continued.

The report of the Official Correspondent was given by Miss McKnight and accepted. Prayer was offered by Miss Livermore for our Secretaries and Society at home and for the removal of the debt.

#### MOTION.

The motion prevailed that six hundred copies of the Annual Report be printed. The following consented to send copies of the Report to the Conference Secretaries of each Branch:—

New England	Branch	•••	•••	Miss Whiting.
New York	"			Miss Mills.
<b>Philadelphia</b>	,,			Mrs. Price.
Baltimore	,,	•••		MISS COCHRAN.
Cincinnati	,,	•••		MISS TERRELL.
North-Western	,,	•••		Miss Hoffman.
Des Moines	,,	•••		MISS BOBENHOUSE.
Topeka	,,			Miss Gabrielson.
Minneapolis	,,	•••		Mas. Butcher.
Pacific	"			MISS A. CLANCY,
Columbia	11	•••	• • •	Mrs. Jones.

#### PROGRAMME.

The programme was opened by a vocal duet rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich.

The first subject for the day, Medical and Industrial work and Sanitarium was presented by Mrs. Keislar. The second subject, the Church, was presented by Mrs. Wilson. Animated discussions followed the presentation of each subject. Dr. F. G. Brown, a member of the Upper Iowa Conference, was introduced and asked to take part in the discussion.

The Sanitarium Committee and Dr. Kipp were appointed to prepare "Findings" on the first subject, and the Finance Committee on the second subject.

#### CLOSING.

After singing the hymn "A charge to keep I have" prayer was offered by Miss Livermore and Miss Gabrielson and the Conference adjourned.

# Third Day.

SATURDAY, 8th March, 1913.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Conference met at 9-30 A.M. with Mrs. Tomlinson in the chair, for the Memorial Service. Mr. Wood gave a touching memoir of Miss Wood's life and work in India. This was followed by several voluntary tributes given by her co-laborers and personal friends. The meeting adjourned by expiration of time, until 11 o'clock. After singing "A charge to keep I have" the service was continued with memoirs of Dr. Sheldon's life given by Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Matthews, Miss McKnight, Miss Terrell and Mrs. Wilson. The service closed with singing one of Miss Wood's favorite hymns, "He was not willing that any should perish" and prayer.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

#### MOTIONS.

The motion prevailed that the election of officers and standing committees be held at noon on Monday.

The motion carried that the following Conference be held in January.

The motion carried that Mrs. Robertson act on the Temperance Committee.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the General Office Correspondent was read by Miss Gabrielson and accepted.

The report of the Board of Education and Examiners was read by Mrs. Wilson and accepted.

#### MOTIONS.

On motion the Chair appointed the following Committee, composed of two older and three younger missionaries to suggest changes in the course of study for missionaries and assistants:—

Miss Green, Miss Hoffman, Miss A. Clancy, Miss Porter, and

Miss Whiting.

The motion prevailed that we express our desire to the Secretaries at home that new missionaries be sent out in time to attend the Language School.

#### COMMUNICATION.

A communication from Professor J. Devadasan, the General Secretary of the Methodist Brotherhood of India was read and received appreciative attention.

#### PROGRAMME.

The programme opened by the singing of the hymn, "Is there anyone who can help us." Miss Worthington and Mrs. McLean of the C. M. S. Mission were introduced. Those appointed to prepare the "Findings" on the subject of the day were Mrs. R. Clancy, Mrs. Keislar and Mrs. Butcher. The subject, "Evangelistic Forces" was presented by Miss Livermore. A discussion of the problems of this work followed.

#### MOTION.

On the recommendation of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism the motion prevailed that the closing day of the Conference be set apart as a day of special prayer.

#### INTRODUCTION.

Mrs. Hallowes, the National Superintendent of the Society of Social Purity, who is lecturing in behalf of the temperance cause in India, was introduced.

#### CLOSING.

After singing the doxology and prayer by Miss Green, Conference was adjourned.

# Fourth Day.

#### OPENING.

MONDAY, 10th March, 1918.

The opening hour of the session was devoted to the Temperance meeting. The service was opened by a hymn and prayer by

Dr. Brown. Mrs. Hallowes gave a stirring address on the subject of Temperance and the White Slave Traffic, showing how closely the two evils are connected. The Temperance Committee was appointed to bring in "Findings." A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Hallowes in appreciation of her address. The service closed with prayer by Miss Holman.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

#### INTRODUCTION.

Mrs. Gladding of New York City, a member of the American Educational Section of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference, was introduced.

#### GREETINGS.

Greetings from the Bombay Woman's Conference were read.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary send a response.

#### ELECTIONS.

The following Officers and Committees were elected—See page v.

#### MOTIONS.

By motion, the following Committee was elected to act in conjunction with the Annual Conference for securing a change in the time of the Language School:—Miss Lawson, Miss Greene

The motion carried that we pay all dues collected by our Local Auxiliaries into the Treasury of the Minneapolis Branch.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the Committee on the Evangelist Teachers' Fund and Summer Schools was read by Mrs. R. Clancy and accepted.

The report of Woman's Friend Committee was read by Miss

A. Clancy and accepted.

The report of the Tilaunia Sanitarium Committee was read

by Mrs. Keislar and accepted.

The report of the Muttra Training School was read by Miss McKnight and accepted.

#### MOTION.

The motion prevailed that Miss Ridley Clancy be appointed to visit our English schools in behalf of the Muttra Training School.

#### CLOSING.

The session closed with the singing of the doxology.

# Fifth Day.

TUESDAY, 11th March, 1913.

#### OPENING.

The Conference session was opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Buck, Miss Lawson presiding.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

#### ELECTIONS.

The election of Officers and Standing Committees was completed.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the Literature Committee was read by Mrs. Price and accepted.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given by Mrs. Tomlinson and accepted.

The report of the Building Committee was read by Miss Livermore and accepted.

The report of the Committee on the revision of the course of study for missionaries and assistants was given by Miss A. Clancy. The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

The report of the Committee on the revision of the roll was given by Miss Bobenhouse. The motion prevailed that the names of all missionaries who have been at home for more than two years be printed in a special list.

The Registrar's report was read by Miss Bobenhouse and accepted.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read by Mrs. Robertson and accepted.

The report of the Committee to prepare "Findings" on Temperance work was read by Miss Randall and accepted. The report of the Treasurer of Auxiliaries was given by Miss

C. T. Holman and accepted.

#### MOTION.

The motion prevailed that the programme for the day be omitted and that we continue with the business of the Conference.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the Committee on Conference furniture was given by Mrs. Wilson and accepted.

The report of the Committee on evangelistic work with "Findings" was given by Miss Livermore and accepted.

#### Motions.

The motion carried that Mrs. Graham's letter containing helpful information concerning the work of the last General Executive Meeting be seut to all the Auxiliaries of the Conference.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the Educational Board was read by Mrs. Wilson and accepted

The report of the Committee on W. F. M. S. furniture was given by Mrs. Wilson and accepted.

#### MOTION.

The motion prevailed that the supplementary rules of the Conference be printed in the Report from year to year.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Conference adjourned by the expiration of time.

#### CLOSING SESSION.

Conference met in session at 12 A.M. and was called to order by the President.

# Motion.

The motion prevailed that women who have not passed the first year's Bible-readers' Course of Study, and not receiving more than rupees four per month, may be supported from the Evangelist Teachers' Fund.

#### REPORT.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read by Mrs. Price and accepted.

#### MOTIONS.

By motion the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the authorities of the St. Catherine Hospital to express our appreciation of the care they gave to Miss Elizabeth Wood during her illness.

The motion prevailed that two hundred copies of the Manual

be printed for the North-West India Conference.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Conference adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Buck.

# Sixth Day.

WEDNESDAY, 12th March, 1913.

At 12 A.M. the Woman's Conference met in joint session with the Annual Conference at the close of the special season of prayer, Bishop Warne presiding.

#### MOTION.

On motion, the Conference covenanted to join in prayer for evangelism at the noon hour daily. The following Committee was appointed:—J. F. Robertson, B. Baker, S. K. Swami.

#### ELECTION.

The officers of the Historical and Literary Society of the previous year were re-elected.

#### Morion.

By motion the following memorial, presented by Miss Livermore was adopted by rising vote:—

#### MEMORIAL.

Our Conference would call attention to the fact that out of the 100,000 Christians in the North-West India Conference, at last one-half are women and girls and that 90 per cent. of these live in villages, and that, on the other hand, by far the largest number of Christian women work among urban populations. Believing that the need of village women is, if possible, even greater than that of women in the cities, this Conference urges that a larger number of women workers, both European and Indian, be set apart for rural evangelistic work. In view of the dense ignorance and miserable condition of the women entering the Church in Mass-movements and their need of personal and sympathetic leading; and in view of the great need of special attention being paid to the pastoral care of women by women; and since the proper instruction of women will so deeply affect the strength and vitality of the future Indian Church; and whereas. Bishop Warne in his Episcopal address before the Central Conference in 1912 said, "Our ambition, however, is that the time may come when in addition to their most excellent educational work in the various districts, there shall be one missionary of the Woman's Society set apart in each district of all the Conferences for Evangelistic work," therefore we most urgently appeal to the ladies of the Society to send out at once at least eight missionaries, so as to place one evangelist in each district of the Conference.

# Reports of Committees.

# Report of the Board of Education and Examiners for the year 1912.

- The examinations for missionaries and assistants were conducted in July and November. There were a larger number than usual this year because of the number of new missionaries. The character of work done by the new missionaries was very commendable. The results will be given in detail by the Registrar.
- In addition to the regular examinations of July and November, language examinations were conducted for the Muttra Training School. These results will be reported by the Registrar.
- The Bible Examinations of the Muttra Training School were conducted by the Examining Board appointed by the Board of Trustees of the School.
- 4.—The examinations of the Bible-readers were conducted at the District Conferences, as follows:—

Allahabad, Caumpore, Muttra,
Rajputana ... Miss Bobenhouse.

Delh, Kasganj, Meerut ... Miss McKnight.

Punjab ... ... Miss Greene.

Roorkee ... ... Mrs. Wilson.

The conflict in the time of the District Conferences made more of the work fall upon some than upon others, but it seemed unavoidable.

- 5.—The Sub-committee, Miss McKnight and Mrs. Wilson, appointed to examine the women of the Bareilly Theological Seminary, met with the Committee from the North India Conference and spent two days in December in examining the school.
- 6.—It is with pleasure that we report that the Bible work of the Boarding Schools is improving from year to year, though there is still much to be desired.

Mrs. Wilson personally visited four of the Boarding Schools during the year and rendered help in the Bible study. She reports that the schools having teachers specially trained in Bible study are doing by far better work than those which have not. The Board would urge the securing, by each school, of one or more teachers trained in the Bible and capable of teaching it well. As the demand is greater than the supply for such teachers, we advise that suitable girls, capable and spiritually-minded be selected by the Superintendent of each school and sent to the Muttra Training School for training in this work.

The results of the Bible Examinations for the year 1912 were as follows:—

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EVA GREGG WILSON,

Chairman Board of Education and Examiners.

# Registrar's Report.

#### Examinations of Missionaries and Assistants.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Misses Ethel Whiting, Harriet Mills, Elizabeth Wood, Hilda White and Mrs. Grey passed in the English Primer.

Misses Whiting, Mills, Wood, Mary Thom, Shirley DePrazer and Mrs. Grey passed in the Gospels in Roman, and Roman Dictation.

Misses Whiting, Mills, Wood, Thom, Shirley DePrazer, Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Tomlinson passed in the Gospel of St. John in Urdu.

Misses Whiting, Mills, Wood, Thom, R. Clancy, Hilda White, Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Tomlinson passed in the I and II Urdu Books.

Misses Whiting, Mills, Wood, Thom, R. Clancy, Hilda White, Richmond, Terrell and Mrs. Grey passed in Urdu Dictation.

Misses Whiting, Mills, Wood, and Richmond passed in Platt's Grammar.

Misses Whiting, Mills, Wood, Thom, R. Clancy, Richmond and Terrell have done the required reading.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Misses Richmond and Terrell passed in Dharm Tula and Hindi Dictation. Miss Richmond passed in English Translation.

Misses Richmond, Terrell, Wood and White passed in Miratul-Urus, Part I. Misses Richmond, Gabrielson, Wood and White passed in Urdu Dictation.

Misses Richmond, Gabrielson, A. Blackstock, R. Clancy and E. Atmaram passed in Kempson, Part I.

Misses Richmond, Wood and Mills have done the required reading.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Miss Forsyth passed in Mumuksh Brittant and Hindi Dictation. Misses Forsyth and Barker passed in Kempson, Part II. Miss Daphne Herm has done the required reading.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

Misses Heron and I. Lawrence passed in Kempson, Part III.

Miss Heron has done the required reading.

#### Examination of Bible-Readers and Evangelist Teachers.

#### ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.

Seven women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. Two received certificates. Two women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. No certificates were granted.

#### CAWNPORE DISTRICT.

Nineteen women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. One certificate was granted. Eight women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. One received a certificate.

#### DELHI DISTRICT.

Nine women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. No certificates were granted.

#### KASGANJ DISTRICT.

Five women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. One certificate was granted. Six women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. One certificate was granted.

#### MEERUT DISTRICT.

Forty-eight women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. Four received certificates. Twenty-one women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. No certificates were granted.

## MUTTRA DISTRICT.

Thirty-three women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. Eight women received certificates. Twenty-nine women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. No certificates were granted.

## PUNJAB DISTTICT.

Thirty-one women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. Eleven received certificates. Six women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. No certificates were received.

# RAJPUTANA DISTRICT.

Forty-five women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination.

Twenty-seven received certificates.

Four women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination.

No certificates were given.

#### ROORKEE DISTRICT.

Twelve women appeared for the Bible-readers' examination. Five received certificates. Three women appeared for the Evangelist Teachers' examination. Two received certificates.

L. G. BOBENHOUSE,

Registrar.

# Blackstone Missionary Institute.

# Report of the Muttra Mission Training School, 1912.

THE STAFF-

It seems superfluous to speak of the loss that Mrs. Wilson's departure has been to the work, after twelve years in which she put her heart and life into the training of some hundreds of students. Her work and influence will live on. We hope she may still be able to give short courses of Bible study, and to continue her work as Field Secretary for the School.

We also miss greatly Miss Parkhurst, after her five valuable years of service in the office and miscellaneous work of our large

Institution.

We are glad to say that Miss Adelaide Clancy is now with us as Associate Principal, and that Miss Ridley Clancy has been accepted by the W. F. M. S. as teacher in the English Training Department. She does almost all of the English teaching and is efficient and enthusiastic in her work.

With Miss Ogilvi and Miss Wells, who are graduates of the English Training Department, and strong, spiritual teachers, we have a fine Staff. They are re-inforced by our faithful Kate and Ganeyshia, who are growing old in the service, and four of our trained girls, who are helping effectively in the Preparatory and Village Departments.

#### THE STUDENTS-

The enrolment for the year numbers eighty (80), of whom four are in the English Department, nine in the Village Training, and sixty-seven in the regular Hindustani Training Schools (ten of these latter are converts). Six missions are represented, viz., Church Mission, Union, London, Baptist, Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Methodists. The students come from twenty-one stations, scattered between Amritear and Benares,—Pithoragarh and Bellary, South India.

The ten students who completed the course during the year are all employed in mission service—six as teachers or Bible-readers, two are learning nursing in mission hospitals, and two have married mission workers. Eight others who came for a shorter course of Bible study have left to enter the work. In a trip to Bhot, last year, it was a great pleasure to find some of our Muttra-trained girls teaching the women and children in lonely out-posts far up in the mountains.

#### PRACTICAL WORK-

Besides teaching the entire Bible and other subjects, regular instruction has been given in methods of teaching and of various other lines of mission work. Much practical work has also been done throughout the year. For about seven weeks students went by turns to villages, and were thus given opportunity for experience in this form of evangelistic work. Mohallas and zenanas have been regularly visited, Scripture taught in the schools, etc., all under the supervision of experienced workers and with the object of applying the methods learned in theory. A quiet personal work has been carried on in the school by several of the girls, which shows that there is among them a real desire for soul-winning.

In conclusion, we wish again to emphasize our need for more students for the English Department. We have a Staff and equipment which would make it possible for us to care for ten or twelve students with very little more expenditure of time or effort than is required for four. There is a great demand for trained assistants of this type—applications for such are constantly being received. If those engaged in English work, and in the higher education of Indian girls, would impress on those in their care the need and the wonderful opportunities in evangelistic work to-day, we believe there would be a larger response to the call.

We shall be glad of any suggestions that may enable us to secure more students in this Department.

ISABEL MCKNICHT.

Principal.

# Report of the Committee on "The Woman's Friend."

In reply to our communication to the North India Conference we have to report that the circulation this year is: Urdu 1,157, Hindi 964.

We are glad that this publication is put into the hands of so many. The girls in the schools enjoy these papers so much and after they are married are still anxious to get them. We would urge that more copies be given out.

In some of the schools these papers, after being read, are

sent out to Bible-readers and others.

We should pray that this paper be a great blessing to all who take it.

Committee.

A. CLANCY.

MRS. PLOMER.

MISS FORSYTH.

MISS WHITING.

# Report of the Literature Committee.

The Woman's Friend is used in all the Districts of our Conference and The Children's Friend in all except Muttra and Kasganj. Six of the nine Districts have this year distributed tracts on tithing, and seven Districts have made good use of Bishop Warne's tract on Family Religion, while several Districts have found the Epworth League literature supplied by the central office in Lucknow very helpful.

In all our Sunday-schools connected with Boarding Schools the International Sunday-school lessons were taught last year and many village workers were also supplied with the Sunday-school lesson leaves for their work. On Meerut District, especially, the book of stories prepared by Miss Gabrielson has been found very helpful, and other Districts are using it this year. Your Committee recommends this book for the help of all Bible-women and Sunday-

school workers.

Dharamtula and Bajhan Sangra are among the best selling tracts. "What We Believe," written by Bishop Warne and translated into the vernaculars has been found very useful. Shaksi Kam (Personal work) to be had at our Publishing House, Lucknow, is very suggestive to soul-winners. A Hindi tract, entitled Child Birth, which can be secured from the North India Tract Society at Allahabad, is excellent for the instruction of young mothers. Victory ever Secret Sin, by F. B. Meyer and Quest and Vision, by Dr. Buck, as well as the translation of Duncan's book on Christian Stewardship are great helps to Christians. The Young Women's Christian Association paper, edited by Miss Luce of the C. M. S. Mission, Sigra, Benares, is especially good for girls, and is taken in some of our Boarding Schools. The Kaukab continues to be read and passed on, and is much appreciated by all.

Some of the literature used is paid for by contributions made by the missionaries for this purpose; some is paid for from the tithes paid by workers or from District funds, while the tracts are often sold, and in some instances people pay for the periodicals they receive.

Some report that after reading they give their English papers to soldiers and others, also that they keep a supply of English Scripture portions and Testaments, which they sell or give away as opportunity offers. Often educated Indians will accept an English tract or book when they would spurn one printed in their own vernacular. Just here we should like to mention *The Visitor*, which in its new dress is very attractive and will certainly do good in every home it enters. In this land where the English-speaking people are supplied with so much literature which is deluding, if

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WINNIE M. GABRIELSON.

not actually degrading, we cannot do better than to place in their

hands clean, interesting and inspiring literature.

# Report of Temperance Committee.

In reporting for another year's work this Committee rejoices in the forward march of the temperance work. Our preachers have continued the practice of quarterly or half-yearly temperance sermons, while the Sunday-school temperance lessons have also been taught.

Some of our stations have organised Women's Christian Temperance Unions and some Bands of Hope; but the chief object is to get the girls in our schools to sign the pledge, after intelligently understanding the evils and ruin of alcohol and all

narcotics.

In Ajmer there were 68 girls who signed the pledge, which proved very profitable and helpful during the Christmas vacation, when some of them were offered wine in their homes, but refused on the grounds that they were pledged not to take it.

The Junior League and Epworth League have also continued

their temperance work.

In the mohallas and villages men and women have been instructed on the evil effects of tobacco, drugs and pan, and eternity alone will tell the good that has been accomplished. The power of revivals has been manifested in the lives of some by their determination to give up the drink. This is true in our English work as well as the Hindustani work.

Soon after last Conference Miss Broad, a W. C. T. U. missionary, visited some of our stations; Meerut was specially favoured with two public meetings and one drawing-room meeting. She

also conducted five meetings in Aligarh, and organised a "Y," with 60 charter members. Since the New Year, Meerut has been visited by Mrs. Angus Robertson, who addressed a well-attended public meeting, at the close of which four signed the pledge. She addressed a drawing-room meeting for ladies on the "White Slave Traffic," which was a revelation to most present of the existing evil. Mrs. Hallowes visited Allahabad and Aligarh and profitable meetings were held.

C. T. HOLMAN,

# Report of W.F.M.S. Auxiliaries.

The work of the W. F. M. S. Auxiliaries has gone on steadily

throughout another year.

We deeply lament the death of our beloved sister, Dr. Martha Sheldon, and pray that the work which she began may be developed until Bhot, Nepal and Tibet shall have been Christianized.

It was voted by our Conference to remit the entire proceeds of our auxiliaries to the Treasurer of the Minneapolis Branch.

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#### C. T. HOLMAN,

Secretary and Treasurer of the North-West India Conference Auxiliaries.

# Report of the Building Committee.

During the year the dormitories in the Hudson Memorial School, Cawnpore, have been completed, including rooms for teachers and matron. The sewage system has also been installed in the boarding department and electric lights have been put in the bungalow.

The Annex to the Girls' High School was finished in August and is considered by every one a fine and beautiful building. Some new stone floors have been put down in some of the rooms and verandahs, and a verandah added to the sick-room. Electric lights have been installed throughout the school and electric fans are being put in at the present time.

At Tilaunia a little cottage has been built for the doctor and a

new hut for the patients of the Sanitorium.

At Aligarh Mrs. Matthews has added a fine wing to the kothi

to meet the needs of work connected with the bakery.

A dormitory has been put up at Lahore, and the long hopedfor school is at last a reality. Other buildings will soon be begun at this center.

Plans have been made and work begun on the dormitory of the new high school at Meerut. Plans have been submitted for the evangelist's home at Ghaziabad, nurses' quarters at Brindaban, a dormitory at Muttra and for a school building and Missionaries' Home at Lahore. Estimates are being made for all of these, and it is hoped that all these buildings may be erected during the year.

A. E. LAWSON.

# Report of Evangelist Teachers' Fund, 1912.

During this year, 127 women have been supported by this fund, and Rs. 3,921 have been paid out in salaries for them.

For the first time in many years there was enough in the fund this year, to give all the Districts just what they asked for Summer School expenses, and Rs. 1,477-2-0 were paid out for this

purpose.

For the first time also we can report a credit balance in the fund of Rs. 441-10-10, which will help us out in the work of 1913, as many more women are being employed by some of the districts, and many of the women now employed are deserving of an increase in their present salary.

We are grateful to the Cincinnati and Topeka Branches for their generous support, and are glad to be able to tell our sisters at Home that many of these women supported by this fund, are doing a noble work for the Master. Asking special prayers for these women.

Gratefully yours,

CHARLOTTE E. CLANCY,

Treasurer.

Statement of Evangelist Teachers' Fund for 1912. N.-W. I. Conference.

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Treasurer.

## W. F. M. S. Furniture Committee.

1. This Committee would call attention to rules in the New Manual regarding W. F. M. S. furniture and urge that these be strictly kept.

2. In accordance with the request of the new Manual, the

committee respectfully requests-

(a) That the Superintendent of each W. F. M. S. Home send to Miss Bobenhouse, not later than April 15th, a complete list of all W. F. M. S. furniture.

(b) That every missionary having received furniture money from the society inform the Committee through Miss Bobenhouse of the amount, and where

it was spent.

(c) The committee interprets "furniture" to be bought with W. F. M. S. money to mean imperishable things, such as tables, chairs, bods, almirahs, and such heavy wooden furniture as may be required. But that durries, floor-cloths or matting, pictures, lamps, table linen, silver and cutlery, bedding, curtains, etc., etc., be not allowed.

(d) Each new missionary is requested to confer with this Committee before sending a request home for fur-

niture money.

Committee Eva Gregg Wilson,
Laura G. Bobrnhouse,
Adelaide Clancy.

# Resolutions.

#### Resolved:

I. That we regret the absence of Mrs. Warne from our Conference. We rejoice that she is greatly improved in health, and trust that she may soon be able to take her accustomed place among us.

II That we extend a hearty greeting to the missionaries who have returned from furlough, and with them join in welcoming Misses Boddy, Cochran and Porter to our ranks.

- III. That our prayers and good wishes will follow our sister Mrs. Gray and the Misses Forsyth, C. T. Holman, S. C. Holman and Livermore on their journeyings and stay in the homeland, that they may be a great blessing to the Home Church and speedily rejoin our ranks in India.
- IV. We, as a Conference, are grateful for the years of efficient service Miss S. C. Holman has given without support from the W. F. M. S., and trust that she will return to the work she loves and which needs her.

- V. That while feeling deeply the great loss of the sweet, quiet, Spirit-filled life of our sister, Miss Elizabeth J. Wood, our hearts go out in grateful praise to the Father for this rare life spent in abundant and joyous service. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones in the homeland, and thanks to the doctors and nurses of St. Catherine's Hospital, Cawnpore, who so lovingly and carefully tended her.
- VI. That we thank our Heavenly Father for the help and inspiration which has come to us from the Spirit-filled life of Dr. Martha Sheldon, but rejoice that she is now with her Lord whom she served so faithfully here.
- VII. That regretting the absence from the Conference sessions of Mesdames Ashe, Baker and Plomer, we extend greetings to them and to our absent members in the homeland.
- VIII. That we most heartily thank Mrs. Hallowes, the National Superintendent of Social Purity of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, for her address, which has roused us to greater effort in behalf of the womanhood of India and the world.
- IX. That we express our appreciation of the language school, and our conviction that it should be made possible for our new missionaries to have at least one term in this school at the beginning of their service.
- X. That in view of the possibility of any of our missionaries coming in contact with small-pox, which is so often rife in this land, and the deplorable losses we have sustained from this disease, we request the ladies at home to require each missionary to be thoroughly vaccinated before coming to the field.
- XI. That we extend our grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Matthews and her helpers and the Misses Holman for their joyous hospitality and the pleasant stay we have had in Aligarh. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Keventer and other friends who have added to the pleasure of our visit.

EMMA S. PRICE. .

CARLOTTA E. HOFFMAN.

MARY E. RICHMOND.

### Findings of the Woman's Conference.

### I. Medical Work.

### This Conference recommends:-

- (a) 1. That the number of medical missionaries be increased.
  - 2. That medical missionaries and assistants be urged to do personal work.

- 3. That nurses follow a course of Bible study during their training.
- 4. That nurses be given the evangelistic work in the hospital wards.
- A uniform course of study and salary scale for nurses in mission hospitals.

### (b) Vaccination and Inoculation.

In order to preserve the life and health of our missionaries, to save others from stress and strain, to protect Mission Boards from financial loss, it is recommended that the Mission Board require missionaries to present a satisfactory vaccination certificate before sailing. If this is impossible, owing to unsuccessful vaccination, that the person be re-vaccinated at the beginning of the small-pox season. If vaccination still be unsuccessful that the person be re-vaccinated every four or six weeks during the season, or until a successful vaccination is secured. This procedure should be repeated four or five years after each successful vaccination.

That missionaries be inoculated for plague during such an epidemic, and for interic fever at necessary intervals.

### (c) The Tubercular Sanitarium.—

### This Conference recommends:-

- 1. That patients be sent in the early stage of the disease.
- That means be provided to obtain the best quality of foods.
- 3, That proper employment be provided for convalescents.

### II. Industrial Work.

#### It is recommended:--

- 1. That industrial work be made a study.
- 2. That missionaries specially prepare for the work.
- 3. That the missionary-in-charge learn and do with her own hands the work she expects others to do.

### III. Evangelistic Work.

### The Conference recommends that :-

- The sacraments of the Church be made sacred and impressive.
- 2. Church loyalty be promoted.
- 3. Spiritual rather than intellectual preparation be emphasized in the requirement for baptism.
- 4. Tithing be taught in village and other schools.

### IV. Temperance.

### It is significant that-

- Rum sellers oppose woman's suffrage.
- The names of two million women are worth less, politically, than that of one drunkard in the gutter.
- The Liquor Traffic and the White Slave Trade go handin-hand. Without alcohol the White Slave Traffic could not be maintained.
- 4. It is recommended that purity talks be given to the young, and that boys be instructed that impurity is not necessary to the preservation of health.

### V. Education.

- Inasmuch as there are thousands of Christian girls in the villages of our Conference and we cannot expect to get more than a few hundred into our Boarding Schools for many years to come, stress should be placed upon the establishing of schools for girls in the villages,
- 2. As the Church becomes more and more self-supporting, methods of living will become more simple. Therefore the time seems ripening when we shall need a Normal School, or at least a Normal Department in one of our existing schools, for high school girls, to be conducted along a simple Hindustani plan of living.
- 3. Greater stress should be laid upon the teaching of the Bible in the Boarding Schools. The schools are urged to secure teachers specially trained for this work.
- Helps are greatly needed to guide the teachers in the Bible study.
- It is recommended that missionaries going home on furlough take some special training, such as Bible Study, Normal Methods, etc.

# Memoirs.

### Miss Elizabeth J. Wood.

On December 14th, 1884, in Shaytown, Barry County, Michigan, U. S. A., Elizabeth J. Wood began her short life. She was translated from Cawnpore, India, February 16th, 1913, after giving a little more than one year of loving, faithful service to the people of India. She was ill only about two weeks. At first it was thought that she was suffering from measles, but the disease

proved to be small-pox.

The disease undoubtedly was contracted in zenana work in Cawnpore. At a time when it was prevalent throughout the city, Miss Wood faithfully continued her work, endeavouring to be cautious, but unavoidably encountering it in unexpected places. All that the best medical skill and the loving hands of her fellow-missionaries could do, was done to save her. Miss Randall and Miss Richmond, under the supervision of the doctor-in-charge, nursed her through the first week, after which she was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital, where the lady doctors of the S. P. G. Mission, with Dr. Hoffman of our own Mission, heroically fought for her life.

The loss to Cawnpore is a great one. Rarely has a new missionary found such a place in the hearts of the poeple as Miss Wood had won during her first year in India. The secret was in her clear religious experience and intense spirituality, her prayer-life and her personal winsomeness. Her prayers in our meetings always lifted. Under her supervision the zenana work in Cawnpore was making most satisfactory progress. The Bible-women under her felt the burden for souls that she felt almost too heavily. And new doors of opportunity opening every week indicated the favour God was giving her among all classes.

My last conversation with her the day before going out on tour a month ago, was concerning the problems of the work and her own perplexity that she was not seeing things come to pass in the full measure for which her carnest soul yearned. She was feeling a little baffled in her faith and wanted me to help her to understand God's way with the people whom she wished to see blessed. But I think the blessed Spirit helped her to a new appreciation of the use He was making of her, without taking from her that priceless gift to the missionary which she had in such rich measure—the clear, spiritual conception of India's need and the burden of feeling it.

In a wonderful way this great sorrow has been sanctified to our people in Cawnpore. The Sunday morning service was given up to prayer for her recovery, and the girls of the school continued all day in prayer for her. When at last the grief of the people gave way, one could only say: "Behold, how they loved her!"

Her fellow-missionaries in Cawnpore realize how much they have lost. We are better for having her among us for a year. As we close up our ranks it is with gratitude that such a life was given to Cawnpore, and we feel a new determination to give our best to God for India while life, strength and opportunity are ours.

We were comforted in having Bishop Warne to conduct the funeral service.

### Miss Martha A. Sheldon.

Miss Martha A. Sheldon, M.D., was born in Excelsior, Minnesota, U.S.A. She was the daughter of a Congregationalist minister, and her whole thought in life was to fit herself for Christian service. She graduated from the Minnesota State University, receiving the degree of B.A., and from the Romeopathic School of Medicine, in Boston, with the degree of M.D.

Dr. Sheldon felt called to mission work, and was sent out to India by the New England Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, where she arrived on January 1st, 1889. She was appointed to Moradabad, where she spent two years in village and medical work. Her next appointment was to the Deaconess Home in Muttra. Here she had charge of the Girls' Boarding School, and the medical work of Brindaban as well as that of Muttra. After spending two years in that work she was sent up to the mountains to Pithoragarh, on account of her health. After her next furlough Dr. Sheldon was appointed to Bhot, where she became acquainted with the people for whom she did so much. In 1905 she was again in America, and on her return was appointed to Bhot, to spend the remainder of her life in sacrifice and service.

Dr. Sheldon made herself one with the people. She knew the Hindustani language well, and learned the dialect of Bhot as well as some of the Tibetan and Nepalise languages. She translated hymns and Bible portions into these various tongues for the use of the people, and there was a strong bond of sympathy between herself and the people because she could use their own tongue in her work with them.

One of the special features of Dr. Sheldon's work was the trips she made across the border into Tibet, where she not only used her medical skill, but was able through her ability to help their bodily welfare, to help the people spiritually, and spread the Gospel wherever she went.

Dr Sheldon passed away on October 10th, 1912, at Darchula, Bhot. Her heart and life were given to the people. Surely such a life of self-sacrifice, as she lived must have an abiding influence for Jesus Christ on the lives of the mountain people with whom she spent so many years.

# Supplementary Manual for the North-West India Conference.

(The General Manual adopted by the Central Conference of 1912, is the basis for each Conference Manual).

### Assistants.

- Young ladies assisting in Mission work shall receive the increase of salary for each Conference examination given, only on having a corresponding number of years of experience and satisfactory adaptability to the work.
  - 2. Salaries shall be paid according to the following scale:—

Without Normal or Missionary	No Mi	With Normal or Missionary Training.					
	Under Mat. Part.	Mat. Pass.	F. A. Pass.	B. A. Pass.	Under Mat. Pass.	Met. Pass.	F. A. Paes.
Before 1st Conference Examination	85	40	50	60	40	50	60
After passing 1st Examination	87-8	42-8	52-8	62-8	42-8	52-8	62-8
After passing 2nd Examination	40	45	55	65	45	55	65
After passing 3rd Examination	45	50	60	70	50	60	70
After passing 4th Examination	50	55	65	75	55	65	76

Rules, Regulations, Courses of Study and Schedules of Examinations for 1918.

# Missionaries and Assistants. Examination Schedule.

### FIRST YEAR.

1.—\*English Translation Primer, MacMillan's
Revised, English-Urdu-Hindi edition
(November) ... ... Miss C. Nelson.
2.—†Gospels in Roman with Dictation (July) Miss A. Clancy.

3.—St. John in Vernacular, I & II Urdu Books, with †Dictation and Spelling (July) 4.—Platt's Hindustani Grammar, omitting pages	Mrs. Keislar.
61 to 113 and pages 203 to 222 (November) 5.—Required Reading—Hunter's Short History of the Indian People. (Thacker, Spink & Co., Calcutta).	Mrs. Wilson.
SECOND YEAR.	
1.—Dharm Tula, with *Dictation (July) 2.—*English Translation, First Reader, MacMillans' Revised (July) 3.—Mirat-ul-Urus to close of letter to Asgari	
from her father with †Dictation (November) Optional (for Assistants only) with Urdu Indian History, in the Government Code	Mrs. Ashe.
for Girls' Schools. (To be written in Urdu) (July) 4.—•Kempson's Syntax and Idioms, Part I	Miss McKnight. Miss Greene.
5.—Required Reading—Wilkins' Hindu Mythology (Rs. 7, Methodist Publishing House, Lucknow).	<b>Mas</b> 0.0010.
THIRD YEAR.	
All Examinations of this year to be written in Roman-Urdu.  1.—Mumuksh Brittant, with †Dictation (July)  2.—Mirat-ul-Urus, Part II, with Dictation (July)  Optional (for Assistants only) with Urdu Grammar in Government Code for Girls' Schools (July)  3.—Masih-ka-Namuna (November)  Optional with Persian Grammar, with exercises, omitting pages 99 to 176  4.—*Kempson's Syntax and Idioms, Part II (November)  5.—Required Reading—Robson's Hinduism in its relation to Christianity (Rs. 4/4, Thacker, Spink & Co.).	Mrs. Ashe.  Miss Greene.  Miss Bobenhouse.  Miss Greene.
FOURTH YEAR.	
All Examinations of this year to be written	
in Roman-Urdu.  1.—Masihi Musafir, Persian-Urdu, Both Parts (July)	Miss Livermore.

Optional with Gulistan, two books (July) Miss Greene. 2.—Sat Mat Nirupan, in three parts (November) Mrs. Aldrich.

3.—\*Kempson's Syntax and Idioms, Part III

(November) ... ... Miss McKnight.

4.—Essay in Roman-Urdu (July) ... Miss Livermore.

5.—Required Reading—Religious Reforms.

Four parts. Popular Hinduism.

Philosophic Hinduism. Vedic Hinduism.

Modern Eclectic System. (Re. 0/2/6 each). (Methodist Publishing House, Lucknow).

Recommended to be read--Sell's Islam.

Forman's Arya Samaj.

### POST GRADUATE COURSE FOR 1912.

1.—Persian Grammar, omitting pages 99 to 176, Miss Greene.
Optional with Arabic Grammar.

### Rules and Regulations for Examinations.

1.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Education and Examiners to prepare Courses of Study for the Missionaries, Assistants, and Bible-readers, and of Bible Study in the Boarding Schools. Also to arrange for the examinations of the same.

2.—The examinations for Missionaries and Assistants shall be held the last week in July and the last week in November, in locations convenient to the candidates, under the personal supervision of some member of the Board or another whom the Board may designate.

3.—The names of all candidates shall be sent to the Chairman not later than June 15th and October 15th. The required number of question papers shall be sent to the chairman of the Board not later than July 1st and November 1st.

4.—Written Translations of English Readers and Kempson's Exercises are to be sent to the Examiner at the time of the examination.

### 5.- Dictation-

(a) To be a separate paper consisting of sixty words to be given, and one mistake (only) in each ten words to be allowed for passing.

(b) In the Gospels in Roman, the Dictation may be taken

from any one or all.

(c) In the First Year Urdu, from the Second Book only.

(d) The dictation shall be selected from the first forty pages of a book.

 An Oral Examination of First Year Missionary candidates in Reading and Conversation shall be conducted at Conference.

7.—The prescribed reading is required to be completed and reported to the Registrar before Certificates are issued.

8.—A Caudidate who has failed in any part of one year's examination shall not be allowed to present herself for the next, until she has passed in the previous subjects, except by special permission of the Examining Board.

### Rules Relating to Summer Schools.

1. That one-half of the travelling expenses for families be paid.

2. That charpais be allowed.

3. That fuel, lights and ghurras be not allowed.

4. That a chaukidar be allowed if necessary.

 That itemized bills be furnished to the Superintendent of the Summer School Fund.

 That nothing be allowed for buildings, rent or repairs, except by special vote of the Finance Committee.

### Course of Study for Bible-readers.

### FIRST YEAR.

1. Dharm Tulá aur Imlá Hindi men.

2. Hisáb, Jama' aur Tafríq.

3. Muqaddas Kitáb ká Ahwál, I aur II.

### SECOND YEAR.

 Khatt-i-Amm, Yáqūb, I, II. Patras, I, II, III. Yūhanná, Yahūdáh, Hindi yá Roman meņ.

2. Parhezgárí kí Catechism, aur Imlá Hindí men.

3. Rasúlon ke A'mál, Hindí yá Roman men.

### THIRD YEAR.

l. Mumuksh Brittant aur Imla.

 Masshi Ta'limat ke Usul, first six chapters. (Bucks' Catechism 2nd edition) Four verses to be memorized in each chapter, the candidate to select verses.

3. I Kurinthion, Galation, Ifsion, Filippion, Kulússion, I Thiesalunikion, I Timuthiyus, Filemon.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

1. Sat Mat Nirupan aur Imlá.

. Masih ká Namúná, yá Yátrá Swapn Udai, aur Imlá.

3. Masihi Ta'limat ke Usul, seventh to fourteenth chapters inclusive (Bucks' Catechism, 2nd edition). Four verses in each chapter, the candidate to select verses.

### POST GRADUATE WORK.

 Bible-readers who have completed the Four Years' Course of Study shall study some part of the Bible each year.

They shall also read one of the following books each year.
 Life of Miss Rowe, Mat Pariksha, 2 volumes, Masíh-kí-Tálím, Roman yá Urdu, Masíhí Musáfir.

### Course of Study for Evangelist Teachers.

#### FIRST YEAR.

1. Urdu or Hindi or Roman, first book.

2. Counting to 100.

3. Copy Urdu or Hindi Alphatet from book.

4. Bunyad kí Báten (Butchers' Catechism).

5. Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments.

### SECOND YEAR,

1. Urdu or Hindi or Roman, Second Book.

2. Writing Numbers to 100.

3. Writing words of two syllables from dictation.

4. Mudge's Catechism.

5. Mark's Gospel, First Five Chapters.

6. Review Apostles' Creed and Ten Commandments.

### THIRD YEAR.

1. Matthew's Gospel and Dictation.

2. Badley's Catechism, First Half.

3. Writing and Reading Numbers to 1,000.

### FOURTH YEAR.

1. Gospels of Luke and John and Dictation.

2. Badley's Catechism, Second Half.

3. Addition, Simple,

- N.B.-1. In the Punjab as far as possible Punjabi shall take the place of Hindi.
  - In the Punjab, the Temperance Catechism may be taken in 2. Roman instead of Hindi.
  - Village women may be permitted to take an oral examination, but must do some writing in the presence of the examiner. 3.

  - Dictation shall be from the first forty pages of a book. Candidates for Bible-readers' Course who have passed the III Class in Boarding Schools shall take dictation in Roman-Urdu and Hindi. Other candidates must take dictation in either Roman or Urdu or Hindi.

### Schedule of Examinations for Bible-readers. by Districts for 1913.

The Districts are assigned as follows:-

Allahabad	•••		•	•••	Mrs.	WILSON.
Cawnpore	• • •	•••	•••	•••	,,	WILSON.
Delhi <sup>*</sup>		•••	• • •	•••	Miss	GREENE.
Kasganj		•••			31	McKnight.
Muttra			•••		15	BOBENHOUSE.
Meerut	•••	• • •			,,	McKnight.
Punjab	•••	•••			,,	GREENE.
Rajputana		•••	•••		13	BOBENHOUSE.
Roorkee	•••				"	GREENE.

### Orphanages and Boarding Schools.

- 1. Grinding shall be considered a requirement in district boarding schools.
- Where the number in the middle section of these schools is less than eight, which is required by the Grant-in-Aid rules, the girls of such classes shall be sent to Meerut, Muttra, Ajmer or Cawnpore, and the Upper Primary shall be made the highest standard for such schools.
- When a boy or girl from one District is sent to a school in another District, if the parent or guardian is drawing a salary from the Mission, and he does not pay the required fees, the District Superintendent of the District from which the child is sent shall be responsible for said fees.
- The Superintendent of Schools shall present the list of fees to be collected from Mission Workers to the Preacher-in-

Charge, or District Superintendent who pays the salary at least a week before the day of the payments of salaries. If one month passes without payment two months' fees should be collected on the next pay-day.

- 5. Arrears shall be recovered monthly with the current fees, at a fixed and proportionate rate, by the individual who pays the salary.
- 6. Scale of Fees ordered by the Central Conference Board of Education, Cawnpore, April, 1901:—
  - (a) Where the monthly income of parents is less than Rupees 8, clothing only.
  - (b) Where the monthly income is Rs. 8 the fee will be As. 4. Where the monthly income is Rs. 8—12 the fee shall be As. 4, plus one anna on each rupee; i.e., if the monthly income is Rs. 10 the fee shall be As. 6.
  - (c) If the monthly income is Rs. 12-20 five pice shall be required on each rupee; i.e., on twenty rupees income the fee will be Re. 1-9-0.
  - (d) If the monthly income is Rs. 21, the fees shall be Re. 1-11-0; Rs. 22, fees shall be Re. 1-13-0; Rs. 23, fees shall be Re. 1-15-0; Rs. 24, fees shall be Rs. 2-2; Rs. 25, fees shall be six pice on a rupee or whatever may be the actual expenses of board, tuition and clothes.
- 7. It will be understood that the above amounts refer to fees only; clothing or its money equivalent will be furnished by the parents in every case where the monthly income is Rs. 8 or more.
- 8. Christmas holidays may be allowed from December 24th to January 1st, inclusive. In case a pupil returns late from her Christmas vacation, a fine of two annas a day may be imposed, or the pupil may be detained at the close of the school year one day for each day of delay, or, failing these, her Christmas vacation be forfeited the following year.
- 9. The following scale of salaries as passed by the joint Finance Committees of the North and North-West India Conference held in Moradabad, July, 1907, shall be adopted:—
  - Middle Pass—Salary, first year, Rs. 8. Rs. 3 to be paid for board, Re. 1 for two years to be returned on scholarship, Rs. 4 in hand.

- Middle Fail—Salary, first year, Rs. 7. Rs. 3 to be paid for board, Re.1 for two years to be returned for scholarship, Rs. 3 in hand.
- Normal Graduates (Anglo-Vernacular) Senior Course—Salary, first year, Rs. 12, Rs. 3 to be paid for board, Rs. 3 for two years to be returned for scholarship Rs. 7 in hand.
- Normal Graduates (Anglo-Vernacular) Junior Course—Salary, first year Rs. 10. Rs. 3 to be paid for board, Rs. 2 for two years to be returned for scholarship, Rs. 5 in hand.
- 10. Training School Graduates shall receive Rs. 2 more than the above scale.
- 11. The increase of teachers' salaries shall depend upon efficiency and examinations passed.
- 12. The Superintendents of Boarding Schools (Orphanages, Training and Normal Schools having boarding departments included) be constituted a standing committee on schools.
- 13. A joint meeting of the school committee of the two Conferences shall be held every year at the Teachers' Conferences.
- 14. (Central Conference, 1908). Whereas, on account of the exacting requirements of the Government Educational Examinations, there is a tendency on the part of some schools not to give the study of the Scriptures the important place it demands in the curriculum, therefore—

Resolved, that the Boards of Education of the different Conferences be instructed to see that a systematic course of study be followed in each school, which shall be uniform for the Conference as far as possible, and that an examination be held by the Boards, the results to be tabulated and printed in the Annual Conference Minutes, showing —

- 1. Number of pupils presented.
- 2. ,, ,, ,, passed.

3. The grade.

# Course of Bible Study for Boarding Schools for 1918.

CLASS A. Bible stories on the life of Christ, and Mudge's Catechism on the same. CLASS B. Bible Stories from the Old Testament, and Mudge's Catechism on the same. Memory verses.

" I. Genesis—Mark.

- " II. Exodus—Matthew and Luke.
- " III. Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy-John.

" IV. Joshua—Life of Christ.

, V. Single Monarchy--Acts.

,, VI. Epistles:--James, I John.
Psalms:-18, 19, 32, 46, 51, 103, 110, 119, 121, 122.
Biographical Study, Nehemiah, Elijah, John the Baptist and Peter.

, VII. The Teaching of Jesus Christ, Biographical sketch of Isaiah, with the historical setting and selected chapters.

"VIII. The Post Exilic Period. (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi).

N.B.—Examinations in Classes A. B., I and II to be given orally by the Principal.

Examinations in Classes III—VI to be written.

Passing grade shall be fifty per cent.

# Schedule of Boarding School Examinations for Scripture for 1913.

First and Second Classes (For Girls'

High School, Cawnpore, only) ... Miss A. CLANCY.
Third Class ... ... ,, C. C. Nelson.
Fourth ,, ... ... Mrs. R. CLANCY.
Fifth ,, ... ... Miss Livermore.
Sixth ,, ... ... ,, Greene.
Seventh ,, ... ... Mrs. Wilson.
Eighth ,, ... ... Miss McKnight.

# Muttra Training School.

- 1. Aim—To furnish an opportunity for preparation for Christian service to girls of our boarding schools and orphanages and village women; and to increase the efficiency of Bible-readers and Teachers.
  - 2. Conditions of Admission
    - a. Age.—Candidates must not be less than sixteen years of age.
    - b. Health.—Candidates must have good health, and in case of doubt, a doctor's certificate will be required.
    - c. Character.—A Christian character and a desire to help others must have been manifested.

d. Educational.—For the regular English course, the applicant must have passed the Seventh Standard, or have had sufficient previous preparation to enable her to pursue the studies satisfactorily.

For the regular Vernacular course the candidate must have passed the Fifth Standard or have had sufficient previous preparation to enable her to pursue the studies satisfactorily.

- 3. Arrangements shall be made for a shorter course for those women who cannot take the full course of study, and such women may be admitted on terms agreed upon with the Superintendent of the Training School.
- 4. Any one sending women who are already in mission employ, may be allowed to use the salary of those women, or such part of it as may be necessary, for their expenses while in the school.
- 5. The salaries of those holding diplomas from the Muttra Training School shall be
  - a. For the English Department Rs. 10 more than the regular scale.
  - b. For the Vernacular Department Rs. 2 more than the regular scale.

### Rules Relating to the W. F. M. S. Sanitorium, Almora.

- 1. W. F. M. S. ladies who do not go to the Sanitorium will be charged two rupees annual dues.
- 2. Those who go to the Sanitorium for less than ten days shall be charged Dak Bungalow rates, or one rupee a day.
  - 3. Those who go for a longer time shall be charged Rs. 7.
- 4. Missionaries of the General Board may be admitted when convenient to the ladies there, at the same rates as are charged our own missionaries.
- 5. Representatives of other Missions who come for more than ten days shall be charged Rs. 15,

# DISTRICT REPORTS.

### ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.

# District and City Work.

Missionary.—Mrs. F. B. Price. Assistant.—Miss H. D'Mello.

ALLAHABAD CIRCUIT.—Ruth Buck, Livinia Lal, Eva Claudius, Bilaso
Lal, Bible-readers. Sundri Dhar, Evangelist
Teacher.

BANDA CIRCUIT.—Hannah Nath, Constance Pershad, Bible-readers. Lachmir Pershad, Sundar Masih, Evangelist Teachers.

BHARWARI CIRCUIT,—Lali Jacob, Bible-reader. Sukhiya Pershad, Bundo Martin, Evangelist Teacher.

CHUNAR CIRCUIT.—Emma Nelson, Piyare Downey, Sudhariya Sheobalak, Bible-readers.

KARWI CIRCUIT .- Sundri Singh, Nanhi Dass, Bible-readers.

MANIKPUR CIRCUIT.—Louisa Joseph, Bible reader. Sundar Ansuiya, Hannah Darson, Evangelist Teachers.

SHANKARGARH CIRCUIT.—Martha Portion, Bible-reader. Khemi Daniel, Evangelist Teacher.

Before Miss Crowell left for America she attended to sending the girls of our Boarding School to other schools—the orphans to Phalera and the others to Cawnpore. Bundo, one of the oldest orphan girls was married to a young man who had just been graduated from Bareilly and went with him to work on Bharwari Circuit. Through the year we have sought to send girls to the Cawnpore School and at first hoped as many of our girls would be kept in school as when we had a Boarding School here. It works very well with the older girls, but parents of small girls are unwilling to put them in school where they cannot see them often and some have been withdrawn. In September we sent one little orphan girl about sixteen months old to the Cawnpore school.

Since the beginning of February, 1912, Miss D'Mello has helped in the evangelistic work. She goes to all parts of the city, working in turn with our Bible-women living in the different sections. She has also made some visits to the circuits outside of Allahabad. Children gladly attend our Sunday-schools and are giving something toward the cost of papers,

etc. In one section of the city, especially, the people are very desirous of having a day-school. They will provide a room and the necessary books and promise to pay small fees if we can supply the teacher. We understood that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in closing our Boarding School planned to support day-schools, but as yet we have received no appropriation for day-schools. At Salim Sarai the people manifest much more interest than formerly and two women

have been baptized.

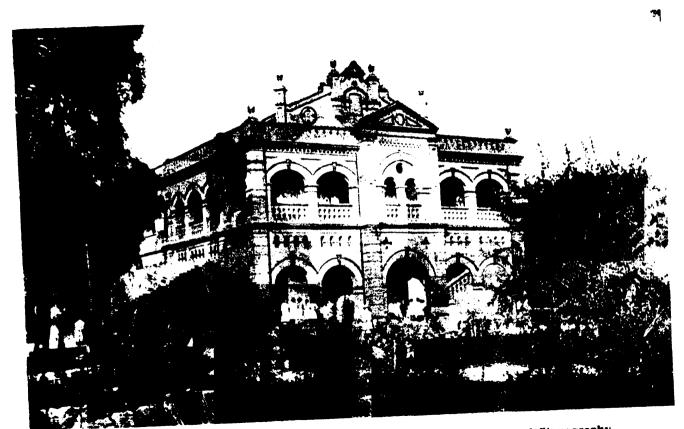
Sickness and death have invaded our ranks this year. Some who have been "nigh unto death" have been restored. but God called home Sudhariya, the wife of Sheobalak, who has worked ten years on Chunar Circuit. In August it was decided that Sheobalak and Sudhariya should go to Ahraura, about twelve miles from the railroad, and teach the young converts, about 80 of whom had been baptized there. They found it difficult at first, for Indian people like the old places, old ways and old friends and do not like to try new ventures. after a time they became acquainted with the people and were getting along nicely, until the first of December Sudhariva fell ill, and almost from the first she felt that God was calling her to leave her husband and the three dear little ones He had given, and go home to Him. After six days of illness from that dread disease, plague, Sudhariya closed her eyes to this world. She was conscious almost to the last and prayed often, sending her greetings to all the workers of the District, and asking that we care for her little ones, Daisy, Daniel, and Dorothy who is only sixteen months old.

Late in May, Emma Nelson, also of Chunar Circuit, was called upon to give up her youngest, a bonny baby girl about ten months old. She had been quite well until less than twenty-four hours of her death, probably from sunstroke.

We have several quite small boys in our Boys' Boarding School, and since November Eva Claudius, with her little son, has been living in the school and looking after the boys, being partly supported by the school. We feel that it is very necessary to have the little boys "mothered" and that great care is required in their training.

# English Work.

The work in the English Church is much the same as that of a pastor's wife in the homeland, except that the number of workers is not large and more falls to the pastor's wife than should. Mrs. Osborne, widow of the late Dennis Osborne, has been here all the year, and has rendered valuable assistance



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in all departments of the work, especially in the Sundayschool in which she has taught a class, superintended the Home Department and also the regular school whenever the writer has been absent. Mrs. Osborne has also interested herself in the Hindustani work and given helpful talks to the Hindustani people at District Conference and other times.

Largely through the second department of the Epworth League, the people of the English Church are becoming more interested in the work of Missions. Dr. Mott's book, "The Decisive Hour," has been studied with profit, and the duty and privilege of Christian stewardship is emphasized in the English church as well as among the Hindustani people.

### CAWNPORE DISTRICT.

# Cawnpore.

Girls' High School.

Missionaries. - Miss A. E. Lawson, Miss S. E. Randall.

Teachers.—Miss Dease, Miss Witton, Miss E. Griffiths, Miss G. Grey, Miss E. Kowen, Miss D. De Souza, Miss Ottley, Miss I. Gilder, Miss A. Weguelin.

Music Mistress. -Miss Plomer.

Commercial Instructor. - Mr. M. D. Bosz.

Another year is drawing to a close. As we review the past months, with their record of hard work and varied scenes of success or failure, we realize that the hand of our God has been upon us in blessing, and our hearts are full of gratitude as we count our blessings.

As we recall the words of our Honorary Secretary in last year's report concerning our needs and plans for the new building then under way, we realize that the year has brought

forth some visible results.

### Our New Building

stands complete and beautiful and meets a long-felt want of the Kindergarten and Music Departments. The click of the typewriter, too, is in evidence in the large, airy room of the new Business Department.

Extensive repairs have also been done to the old buildings, including new stone floors for some of the rooms and verandahs, and a much-needed verandah has been added to the sick room, but best of all the whole place has been lighted by electricity.

### Our Pupils

are about the same in number as last year, the average enrolment being 130, of whom a little more then half are dayscholars.

Our graduating class numbers eight, the largest class that has ever left the school. More then half the class will go on to College or to train as teachers. Our Business Department has enrolled five during the year and has been in charge of Mr. Boaz, a graduate of the Business Department of Reid Christian College, Lucknow.

### The Health

of the school has been excellent, and there has been no serious case of illness either on the staff or among the children.

### The Staff

has had a number of changes since last year. Miss Richmond was transferred at our Annual Conference to our Hindustani Girls' School and Miss Randall, fresh from America, has taken her place.

Miss Dease, Miss Kowen and Miss De Souza have been on the staff several years, and the general efficiency and good results of the school are largely due to them. Miss Grey also has done faithful work, and has also finished her course in shorthand and typewriting.

We have welcomed as new workers Miss Witton from Cheltenham College, England, and Misses Ottley, Gilder, Weguelin and Griffiths, all trained teachers.

## Our Examination Results

of the last year's Government Examination were excellent, two High School and one Middle School girls winning scholarships. The three girls sent up for the Trinity Music Examination also passed and their certificates have been received from London.

### Our Annual Grant-in-aid

was a little larger than last year, being Rs. 8,911. The balance of our Building Grant has also been received this year, the total amount for building being Rs. 14,250.

Our grateful thanks are tendered to our good patrons, the business men of Cawnpore connected with Messrs. Cooper Allen, the Woollen Mills and others. Our thanks are due in an especial manner to our good friends Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen, whose great kindness and hospitality are perennial, and whom our children all regard as their very own friend.

And last, but not least, do we give sincere thanks to our good friends of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on the other side of the globe who throughout the years have stood by the school in prosperity and adversity, always ready with sympathy and help, giving scholarships, paying debts and furnishing teachers. This year they have promised to send the money needed to finish paying for our new building. Their last gift will doubtless arrive within a few days in the person of Miss Porter, who is to have charge of our Business Department and also Domestic Science.

We wish to record also our appreciation of the rupees fifty which the Boston Quartette, who so recently charmed us with their splendid singing, contributed to our Library

Fund.

The recent Educational Conference held in Simla under the presidency of Sir Harcourt Butler, which gave special attention to the problems concerning English Schools, inspires the hope that in the near future our school with others may be placed in a better financial position, so that the staff as well as the pupils may reap greater benefit. We have also placed our needs before the Committee of the "Laidlaw Fund," which has in view also the better education and development of the domiciled community, and better pay of teachers.

With such help in sight we feel sure that with the co-operation of our friends and patrons and a hard-working staff, such as we have at present, God will add His blessing and crown our

efforts with success.

# Hudson Memorial School.

Missionaries. - Miss Mary Richmond, Miss Elizabeth Wood.

Assistants. - Miss M. McKenzie, Miss S. Dhar.

Teachers.—Mohania Masih, Augie McGee, Opheia Gay, Grace Moti, Momia Mall, Sarah Jacob.

Matron. - Mrs. Pant.

It is with grateful hearts for all the blessings that God has poured out upon us during the year that we begin this report.

At the beginning of the year we were much troubled because the assistant could not come back and many of the teachers, we felt must be changed, but from where could we get good workers to fill so many places? In answer to our prayers, God sent us two good assistants who are real Christians and interested in the girls' spiritual welfare; we were also able to get four Normal Trained Teachers and one who had taken the Muttra Bible-training, making all trained treachers on the staff but one. The Inspectress was much pleased with the work being done in all the standards.

Mrs. Pant, in faithfully discharging her duties as Matron, has been a great comfort to us. Under her management, affairs in the boarding move on quietly, orderly, and with a goodwill and spirit of helpfulness among the girls. Our numbers are larger than ever before, being twenty-nine day pupils, one hundred and ten boarders, besides six babies too

small to go to school.

The health of the school has been excellent. We had one case of plague and one of small-pox, and were much alarmed lest we should have a general outbreak, but in each case the girl got well and no one else took the disease.

This year we received a Government Grant of Rs. 8,924, with which we have completed the new dormitories, matron's

and teachers' rooms.

We were glad to have the parents and friends of the school with us on two special occasions this year—once at the closing exercises held in May and once during District Conference, when three of our girls were married to District workers.

While we are pleased to see the school prospering and attaining higher educational standards, yet our chief concern is that the girls may truly learn to know Christ and go out from the school with a burden on their hearts to help in bringing in the Kingdom. In this line, too, we believe much has been accomplished this year. Every evening a little prayer service is held just before the girls dinner, in which they take part. The teachers and some of the sixth class girls have gone out every Sunday to help in the Muhalla Sunday-schools. Some special evangelistic services under the direction of the Pentecostal League were a blessing to the girls. One day was set aside for prayer. The school-house was left open and the girls went as they liked to the classrooms for prayer. Many of them fasted and all day groups of girls, gathered in the different class-rooms, could be heard praying. I slipped quietly into the different groups and was greatly pleased with their earnestness.

Twenty-one girls have been taken into the church this year. We thank our friends in the homeland for their help and prayers.

# City Work.

Missionary:-Miss Elizabeth J. Wood.

Pastor's Wife .- Lily Lal.

Bible-readers.—Karuna Dhar, Chbitiya Lal, Bessie Charles, Naini Lal, Julie Pershad, Kasturia Singh, Bella Dhar, Sharoda Reuben, Violet Luqa, Alice Lal, Shanti Singh, and Sundar Pershad.

Evangelist Teacher .- Ganeshi Masih.

As we take a retrospective view of our first year in India, we can truly say it has been a blessed one, because of the joy of service and what we have known of His presence. Our hearts have rejoiced at the eagerness with which the people have welcomed us and listened to the message, whether in the huts of the poorest of the poor or in the bungalows of those

possessing material blessings.

We have taken on four new Bible-women, all of whom have passed at least two years in the course of study. Six new day-schools besides many zenanas have been opened. There is a good spirit among the workers and always a desire to please. We have an organized Missionary Society, a Mothers' Meeting, and Temperance Meeting which meet the first three Saturdays in the month, and the last Saturday is a Workers', Conference in which we give a report, discuss

methods of work and pray for special cases.

One of the new Bible-women went to a needy section of the city and opened a school of forty children the first day. The children came regularly every day and in a short time had learned the Ten Commandments, a portion of the Catechism, the Hindi letters, and some of the older ones are now reading in the first Hindi Reader. As soon as they are able they will begin to read one of the Gospels in Hindi. Many passers-by stopped to listen to the Gospel songs as sung by the Hindu and Mohammedan children, and thus the seed is being sown in the different day-schools. If what the Catholic Priest said, "Give me the first seven years of a child's life and I care not for the rest," has any psychological and spiritual value, then who can estimate the importance of instilling Christian truths into these little hearts when they are so pliable and receptive.

Besides the day-schools a large work among the Christians and non-Christians is being carried on regularly. As we visit a zenana, some one living in the adjoining house will hear

the singing and at first peep very shyly over the wall, but with a smile and reassuring nod from us will at last beckon us to come to her home. To-day it is a Mohammedan doctor's wife who is eager to read the New Testament. As she already knows Hindi she can begin at once. Thus another zenana is

opened.

A number of calls unsolicited have come from some of the more aggressive families among the higher classes of Hindus and Mohammedans. In some cases they have bought Bibles and asked for instruction in Christian doctrines. making a special effort at this time to sell portions of the Scriptures among the non-Christians, and getting them to promise to read it with unprejudiced minds and open hearts. Then we are praying that the Spirit of God may give light and the promise in the word be verified that, "My word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The zenana worker gets an entrance into the homes as no one else can. Recently a family of five members has been baptized, the women having been taught by one of the Biblewomen. We are expecting a number of other families to

come soon, the women now being under instruction.

We must not close the report without at least mentioning an important feature of the city work that is being carried on by the twenty-four Sunday-schools. The workers, teachers of the Boys' and Girls' Boarding Schools, and young people of our Hindustani church are divided into bands, each band having a leader. After the large Christian Sundayschool in the Central church they go out in groups to different sections of the city where Sunday-schools have been organized. The lesson is taught and tracts and pictures on the lesson are distributed.

Our Cawnpore friends made it possible for us to give a Christmas treat of sweets and oranges to our Sunday-school children. It was blessed to see that great crowd of mostly non-Christians sitting in groups with the teacher and listening to the Christian program. All joined at the close in singing the favorite song of the non-Christian children, "Yishu

Masih mero pran bachaiya."

### District Work.

Missionary-in-Charge.—Mrs. W. E. Tomlinson. District Evangelist.—Mrs. Bella John.

AKBARPUR CIRCUIT.—Bible-readers: Bertha Jai Ram Caleb, Miriyam Lal, Martha Baksh, Khemi Lal, Dorotby Morgan and Taramani Dec.

Evangelist Teachers: Janki Mathri and Sukh-rani.

AURIYA CIRCUIT.—Bible-readers: Jain Lal Titus, Ruth Lal, Kaunsilla Lal, Duliya Lal.

Evangelist Teachers: Rakhil Brown and Daulti Simon.

BILHAUR CIRCUIT.—Bible-readers: Sundri Sukh, Alice Days Singh,
Lydia Rowe, Balki Masih.

Brangelist Teachers: Sukhni Masih, Miriya.

FATEHGARH CIRCUIT.—Bible-reoders: Alice Ram Singh, Meni Manti David, Chandri Masih.

Evangelist Teachers: Neksi Thakuri, Jaini Lal, Tikaniya Masih.

KONGH CIRCUIT.—Bible-readers: Shama Mall, Revti Pershad.

Brungelist Teachers: Mathuriya, Laohhmi.

MADHOGARH CIRCUIT.—Bible-readers: Daisy Paul, Gulabu Bingh.

Evangelist Teachers: Machhliyan Charan,
Bakhtia.

Orai Circuit.—Bible-readers: Bella Lal, Phulmani Johnson.

Evangelist Teachers: Finkni Ramzani.

Tirwaganj Circuit.—Bible-readers: Juliana Khan, Miriyam Jacob, Elizabeth Singh, Salomi Lal.

Evangelist Teachers: Bhaggu, Miriya Masih.

Our third year on the Cawnpore District has come to a close, and as we look back our faith is strengthened, for surely God has helped and blessed the work which we have tried to do for Him.

Soon after Annual Conference the preachers-in-charge were called in and a simultaneous evangelistic campaign over the whole District was planned. Two bands of workers were sent out from Cawnpore to help the district preachers, while Mr. Tomlinson and I, with a third party, itinerated in camp. The result of this campaign was about 200 baptisms.

We started in at Fatehgarh, and from here went to Tirwaganj. This is one of the most remote circuits and the work is comparatively new. But the workers are wide awake. We went to a village about seven miles out, where we found the men of five families were Christians, but the women never had received baptism nor openly professed Christ. We had a meeting with them, and they said they were willing to come out fully on the Lord's side, so on the following Sunday the five of them came into our camp and

were baptized and allowed to take part in the Communion Service that evening. They remained in town over night and returned to their village early the next morning, very happy

and saying they wished to come again.

We called to see the Rani while in that neighbourhood, and found her very sad because of her husband's death. For this reason she did not want us to sing or read the Bible, but she seemed to enjoy our visit, and the next day she sent her elephant to take us back to the railway station eleven miles away.

After visiting the Bilhaur, Akbarpur, Orai and Madhogarh circuits, at each place having new experiences and encouraging results, we found the weather so hot that we were obliged to end our tour and return to Cawnpore. The hot wind had begun to blow and the sun was warning us that it was unsafe

to dwell longer in tents.

The work at Konch was closed for two months because of the plague, and again this fall by both plague and cholera.

Four new Bible-readers have been taken on, and one evangelist teacher. Three of these new workers are our

own Cawnpore school-girls.

Salomi Solomon, after a brave fight for life at the Tilaunia Sanitarium, where I fear she had been sent too late, passed away in October. The last time we saw her was when we were touring in Orai and she then appeared to be well. But the dread comsumption does its work quickly in India, and she did not let us know until too late to save her.

Our District Conference was the best we have had. It continued through two and a half weeks, with four meetings

a day in addition to the classes for study.

We are grateful to the New York, the North-western and the Pacific Branches for their generous support.

### DELHI DISTRICT.

### District Work.

Missionary-Mrs. F. M. Wilson.

BAHADURGARH CIRCUIT.—Sharbati Lal, Bible-reader. Julie Singh, Jamima Chambers, Evangelist Teachers.

DELHI CIECUIT.—Rachel Dass, Janki George, Fannie Singh, Sallie Masih, Odassiya Chand, Bilaso Singh, Sons Singh, Bible-readers. Sukhiya Lal, Mitri, Evangelist Teacher.

GUEGAON CIECUIT.—Kaunsilla McGee, Lado Parshad, Rebekah Parshad, Dorcas Chaud, Bible-readers. Grace Singh, Evangelist Teacher.

Panipat Circuit.—Piyari David, Bholi Peter, Parbati Lal, Bible-readers. Mariyam Roy, Evangelist Teacher.

ROHTAK CIRCUIT.—Lois Judd, Parmi Judd, Bible-readers.

Sonepat Circuit.—Jasoda Runyan, Clara Paul, Harriet Singh, Susan Ullah, Maikaniya Singh, wife of Brown Jackson, wife of walter David, Bible-readers.

Dorcas Singh, Birji Godwin, Evangelist Teachers.

This is the baby district of the Conference—just two years old and beginning to talk, though it has done some lisping before.

### The City.

My appointment to the woman's work of the District was made in less than a month after the King's proclamation, changing the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi. We have watched with great interest the building of the temporary quarters, in an almost incredibly short time, the secretariat, the houses for the officers and office force, the erection of large and comfortable camps for the accommodation of many, the coming of the Government officers, and finally, on December 23rd, 1912, the official handing-over of the city by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab to His Excellency, The Viceroy. All of this has been of great importance in its bearing on the Government and on mission work in this part of the country.

Much time has been occupied in making plans for the future, in consultation with missionaries and mission officials and representatives. In the midst of all this planning and changing, the regular mission work of the city has gone on uninterruptedly and has steadily increased. There are about six hundred Methodist Christians living in the City of Delhi, which would mean about three hundred women and girls. These consist of lady doctors, wives of railway employees, wives of office clerks and servants, and muhalla women from the Chamar and Sweeper castes. Work among them is carried on by four Bible-women living in different parts of the city. In addition to the regular work, two of them have canvassed the city from time to time to find out the new-comers and get them identified with the Church. The congregations are increasing, and nearly every Sunday there is at least one new face in the audience.

### The Villages.

Almost immediately after my appointment we went into camp in the villages, going from village to village, looking after old work and organizing new, as the people were baptized.

Delhi is in the heart of the Mass Movement. There have been 2,426 baptisms during the year, of whom about 1,200 would be women and girls. I rejoice to say that every visible trace of idolatry is abolished before baptizing. There are at present over eight thousand people ready to give up their idolatry and accept Christ just as soon as the District Superintendent can arrange to baptize and shepherd them, besides multitudes of others under instruction and favorably inclined. The new Christians are enthusiastic and eager. They not only come to the meetings gladly and listen intently, but beg for more teachers and teaching than present funds and workers make possible.

We have had no money for conveyance, so we have travelled in a springless, topless, rope-strung, two-wheeled cart, drawn by oxen. It has no protection from either rain on sun, but we have suffered the inconvenience for the sake of getting the Gospel to the people. It has been our hope that the society at home would appropriate for the half of a conveyance for this next year (the other half to be provided by the General Board), but we are disappointed and must continue to get about as best we can. Itinerating in the villages is of value not only to the Christians in the muhallas, but to the Bible-women as well. One of them said to me, "Since you came and showed me the weaknesses in my work, I have

been so ashamed, that I have been more faithful."

As many of the Bible-women have babies in arms, it is impossible for them to walk to the most distant villages, so the care of many village women devolves largely upon the men workers, hence we make a great effort to break through their custom and have the women attend all meetings so that they will not be left without instruction. It is much easier to instruct the men than the women, for they are free and independent, but the women are shy, timid and even fearful. To teach the men and leave the women ignorant and superstitious would mean divided families and a weak church, so we make a great effort to instruct whole families together and develop whole families together. Thus a strong church life and a strong family life will be built up. In some places the Bible-women looks after the work of both men and women, girls and boys, in their resident village, while the husband is off visiting distant villages which she cannot reach.

The women are more superstitious and usually the last to give up the household gods and shrines; so, before baptizing them, we search every nook and corner of every house in the muhalla to see if, like Sarah, any have secretly hidden some away. When this occurs at night, it is a somewhat wierd scene, for we take lanterns, and, going in and out of these mud huts, search nooks, recesses and obscure places. We rejoice to say that we practically never find any. They are coming to know that they cannot serve God and idols.

### The Chaudharins.

Much has been said and written lately about the Chaudharis (the head man or men of a muhalla) and their work. We rejoice that in some places the chaudharin (wife of the chaudhari) is not only taking special interest but responsibility as well. For instance, in one muhalla it is the custom of the chaudhari to gather his people together, about fifty in all, every evening for prayers. When he is away the chaudharin, his wife, conducts the worship. It was she who said, in regard to the visit of some Christian workers: "When you are here and talking of the things of Christ, I could sit all day and listen without getting tired or hungry or thristy or sleepy." The glow in her face showed this to be true.

Soon after I came to Delhi, a village woman walked about eighteen miles to greet me and beg me to come to her village, as her people wanted teaching and baptism. Some weeks afterward we were able to go and a royal welcome awaited us, and our hearts burned within us as we watched their eager reception of all that we had to say, while we talked to them of Christ and salvation, in last preparation before baptism.

### Self-support.

We are teaching the people to give and to give systematically and regularly. The village self-support meeting is unique. When the gifts are made in cash the men usually bring them, but when in grain, the women bring it from their houses and pour it on a sheet spread for the purpose on the ground.

In one meeting we attended, after the people having decided upon the amount of grain each family should give, one woman came bringing just half the amount. When I inquired about it, one of the chaudharis said, "Please forgive her, she is a poor widow woman, and we have permitted her to

give what she could!" These things are pathetic and touch one deeply.

### Needs.

We need the immediate support of at least ten more Bible-women. Arrangements have been made to put that many more men into this needy field, and their wives should also be employed to teach the women, for reasons written above.

We need a conveyance and money for the feed of the animals and the upkeep of the conveyance. The General Board will pay half the price of buying it and of its keep if

the W. F. M. S. will pay the other half.

No money for itinerating has yet been given to this twoyear-old child of a District, although there are few places in any mission field where there is such advancement of work and where there is more need of supervision than of these new Christians and the new workers being put among them. We need money for itinerating.

### A Final Word.

The welcome of the village people is most cordial and hearty. They receive us, figuratively, and almost literally with open arms. They learn beforehand of our approach, and often come out to the edge of the village to meet us, the crowd increasing as we proceed, until we reach the place of meeting. On our departure, practically all of the people at the meeting accompany us for some distance, and some of them for a mile or more, while frequently certain ones go from village to village with us throughout the day.

It is with a grateful heart that I send this, my first report, of the woman's work of the Delhi District. I am grateful for health and strength to stand the strain of the village itinerating under present conditions, grateful that the people hear the messages gladly and respond heartily, grateful for the support of those who are now sending money for Bible-women, and grateful to God for the privilege of

service.

This report is sent with the prayer that ere long work among the women of this District will receive better support by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home.

### KASGANJ DISTRICT.

### District Work.

Missionary.—Miss C. T. Holman.

Kasganj Circuit.—Janki Lall, Nanhi Chhoti, Sandal Itwari, Taramani, Samarti Ram, Rampo Summer.

ETAH CIRCUIT.—Bilaso Lall, Janki Shiv Lall, Champi Safri, Sahodra Nanhu, Larheti Chand, Gango.

MAREHRA CIECUIT.—Phulmani Peter, Khanji Ram, Bhawani Bhikki, Munni Tulsi Ram.

Patiali Circuit.—Ellen Simon, Nimiyan Masih, Mohaniya, Rampoo, Jhumiya, Dulari.

QAIMGANJ CIRCUIT.-Umda Wesley, Patiya.

SOHANAR CIRCUIT.—Asaish Bakhah, Durga Mall, Sukhiya Girwar, Sona Ram.

SORON CIRCUIT.—Sohadra Lall, Muliya Durga, Munia Parshadi, Dillo Dharm.

SIKANDRA RAO CIRCUIT.—Rachel Khan, Sundri Nek Ram, Panna Sobha Ram, Bhagwanti, Kokla Revti, Bhawani M. Singh.

Kasganj District has been in the charge of an Indian District Superintendent for years until last November when God called the Rev. Mahbub Khan from us. His health had been failing for some time, and we feared that he might have to give up the work, but did not realize that the end was so near until the word came that he had passed away.

The Rev. Rockwell Clancy, D.D., was asked by the Bishop to take charge of the district, in addition to his own large district, at least until Conference. Dr. Clancy presided at the District Conference and made all the necessary arrangements for the District. All the Circuits are now in

good working order.

Owing to sickness we were not able to attend the District Conference. This was a great disappointment to us, but we were comforted in that Mrs. Matthews was able to go and efficiently take charge of the Woman's Conference. Miss McKnight went as the examiner and spent two days there, and Miss Terrell, our clever missionary nurse, also went to do the necessary medical work.

Most of the Circuit centers and very many villages have been visited during the year. Over sixty were baptized within three days on one tour, mostly adults. In some cases, the little tuft of hair, which Hindus wear on the crown of their heads, as a sign of their religion, had to be sawn off with a knife where scissors were not available. We found many people eager for the Gospel. In some places two or three hundred non-Christians, some of high caste, would crowd around and listen most attentively to the Gospel message.

Our hearts ached again and again, as the Christians begged us to send them more teachers that they might have

meetings more frequently.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

### MEERUT DISTRICT.

### Meerut.

Howard Plested Memorial School.

Missionarics.-Miss Winnie M. Gabrielson, Miss Ethel L. Whiting.

Assistants.—Miss Anna Blackstock, Miss Eva Harris, Miss Alice Poteuger.

Teachers.—Krishan Narain, Shepherd Gardner, Samuel Bais, Natho Siugh, Tarsi Thorn, Helena Datt, Mary Small.

Matron .-- Miss A. Watson.

If God's dealings with all that centers in this institution were to be summed up briefly, it might all be comprehended in the words "goodness and mercy." We have had unnumbered opportunities of testing both, and He has never failed. Our faith has been much strengthened by the wonderful ways in which He has answered prayer.

Missionaries.—Miss Nelson was granted furlough, and started for America immediatly after Conference. Miss Whiting, who came to us last year, has in every way measured up to our highest expectations, and has superintended the tuitional part of the work with efficiency and tact. God has mercifully granted both of us almost unbroken health.

Teaching Staff.—Miss Anna Blackstock has shown marked ability in this first full year of the High School Department, and has been ably assisted by Pundit Narain, B.A. In the Middle School, Misses Harris and Potenger remain our efficient "stand-bys." There is special cause for thanksgiving concerning Miss Harris who by an accident last

year nearly lost the use of one eye. The doctor who still attends her says the improvement is due to prayer largely as the case seemed hopeless. Miss Potenger had well earned her furlough after twelve years of service, but kindly remained this year to help us. She will take her needed rest in a hospital in Calcutta to better equip herself for work. Master Gardner has taught Urdu without break since 1897. Master Bais has been added to our staff this year. Two of our famine, orphan girls, Natho and Tarsi, are still with us, the former having finished her Normal Training this year, the latter formerly of our Muttra Training School. The other two are both Middle-passed from Muttra.

During vacation, Mrs. O'Toole, our matron, was compelled to undergo a very serious operation to which she succumbed. Since that time we have been without a matron, with the extra work divided up between several, though largely done by Miss Potenger. In December, Miss Watson, who has had considerable experience in missionary work, came to take

this responsible position.

Scholarship.—There were only two girls in the Middle class to go up for the Government Middle Examination and one of these failed in one subject. The other has gone to Benares for Normal Training. The seven girls of the first High School Class (VII Standard) all passed, and have thus far done very fair work in the VIII Standard. Thirteen girls entered the VII Class last July and most of them are doing well. There are now twenty-one girls in the High School Department, and we hope to see a number of these complete the entire course. The need for this higher training is manifest on every side, where it now seems almost impossible to secure enough teachers, or such as are qualified for the waiting positions.

Health.—The general health of the school has been very good. Out of over 150 girls living in our Boarding School there have been only a few serious cases, such as pneumonia. But God spared them to us. One dear girl, Sukhraniya, has long been a most patient and sweet-spirited sufferer, having been twice operated on; but little hope is entertained for her recovery. She is the recipient of many loving ministrations by the other girls. Miriam Diyal, who last year was sent to Tilaunia, died there of pneumonia, and Irene Masih after a lingering fever contracted consumption and was also sent there to save her if possible, but she is now in its last stages. The saddest happening was when one of our little Kinder-

gartners had her clothes ignited accidentally, and before they could be torn off was so severely burned that after

eleven days of suffering she died.

We are fortunate in having the services of skilled Government physicians whenever necessary, and practically free of charge. The Civil Surgeon especially shows us many favours. A thorough examination of the whole school has been made, and during the scason when small-pox and plague were raging, general vaccination and inoculation took place.

Two of our girls, Jessie and Rosie, are in nurse-training in Delhi, and Giyani and Romli (both famine orphans) are learning compounding and nursing respectively in the Lady

Dufferin Hospital here.

Marriages.—Three of the orphan girls have been married this year—Rupli, Bai and Advina—the first to a Christian man in Government employ, the two latter to workers.

Spiritual Life.—While there is yet much to be desired, yet we feel that the standard of life and experience is on the upward grade. The girls are demanding more from one another and seem to be grasping experimentally more of deeper Christian truth. Several have taken a pronounced

stand, and six more have joined the Church.

After considerable teaching as to its responsibility and meaning, twenty-five girls have pledged themselves as Christian stewards. The Epworth League devotional meetings are held jointly between the boys' and girls' schools, and at least once a month the girls have charge and lead. Miss Harris has charge of the Intermediate League and Miss Blackstock of the Juniors. An auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. is also maintained for the women of the compound, but the membership is largely in the girls' school.

During the special month of evangelistic work, daily half-hour morning meetings were held, and at twelve the church bell called all, wherever they were, to five minutes of prayer. Two or three times a week groups of girls went out with us to zenanas or muhallas, and it has materially increased their interest as well as opened their eyes to the needs. At one place in a near-by village, they were quite horrified at the ignorance of the women concerning Christ, but were so

happy to help tell the story.

Buildings.—The much-needed dormitory which has been granted us is as yet unfinished owing to the delay in securing Government sanction. Because of that, we are still in

cramped conditions, but hope soon to see the work accomplished. The school building is quite inadequate to present needs, as there are four classes—among them the High School—who have no rooms at all and must meet on the verandahs,—not a very satisfactory arrangement.

Quite extensive repairs were found necessary, as all the masters' houses and servants' quarters and store-houses had

to be re-roofed.

The compound for the High School dormitory has been enclosed with a good wall.

Acknowledgment.—Several very practical and helpful boxes were received from various places. To all the senders we acknowledge our appreciation of this help.

The work is supported by Topeka, Columbia River, Des Moines, Pacific, North-Western and New England Branches.

# District Women's Training School.

Missionary.-Miss Winnie M. Gabrielson.

Teacher. - Kathleen Fisk.

This work is not a large one, but fills a great need. It seeks to train and prepare the wives of those men who come in for special training in the rudiments, that they may do the

humbler, but very essential village teaching.

Its possibilities are great, but with very fitful and inadequate support and equipment its greatest efficiency cannot be reached. Several of these men are unmarried, so that at present there are only five women here. Few can remain to complete the course, as they of course must go where their husbands are appointed to work. This year, one of them passed her first Bible readers' Examination and two of them the second Evangelist Teachers' Course in all but one subject. The others are still in the first year's work.

# District and Evangelistic Work.

Missionary. - Miss Livermore.

Assistant,-Miss M. Thom.

Baraut Chroutt.—Grace Haqq, Narbada, Alice Masih, Patchwi Mohan, Florence Wilson, Mary Mathews, Karuna Martin, Dulari Charan, Shibkaura Hassan, Bible-readers. Dhapo B., Dhapo D., Imarti Phullo, Margaret Yatroo, Evangelist Teachers.

- BULANDSHAHE CIECUIT.—Nellie Dass, Ruth Sterling, Violet Singh,
  Kaunsilla Lawson, Gaura Dass, Giyano, Monica
  Dass, Bible-readers. Phulmani Bux, Ramdel
  Lall. Martha George, Miriam Shibrati, Evangelist Teachers.
- DIBAI CIRCUIT. -- Clara Dass. Cathrine Peter, Salina Clement, Alice Canning, Alvina Edward, Bible-readers. Miriam Khan, Indrauti Joseph, Evangelist Teachers.
- GHAZIABAD CIRCUIT.—Mariam Gordon, Tabitha Caleb, Sophia Samuel,
  Grace Diyal, Tejni Dass, Dina Pershad, Khemi
  Sain, Louis Jeremy, Jane Singh, Bille-readers.
  Sera Tomas, Mary Lall, Mary Mall, Sukh De,
  Dharmo John, Bhoi John, Har De, Nandi,
  Evangelist Teachers.
- HAPUR CIRCUIT.—Alice Wilson, Julia Lall, Bijinia Shekh, Piran Soiglar, Alice Small, Bible-readers. Tabitha Lall, Lilly Boswell, Evangelist Teachers.
- JOHANGIRABAD CIRCUIT.—Rosie Massey, Piyari Elisha, Chhoti Dass, Sadli Martin, Jairar Singh, Bible-readers. Kitty Lall, Evangelist Teacher.
- KHURJA CIRCUIT.—S. Brave, Tabitha Datt, Makhano Jacob, Dulari Lall, Piyari Lartius, Chandan lingh, Georgiana Singh, Bible-readers. Champi Masih, Evangelist Teacher.
- MAWANA CIRCUIT.—Mary Cornelius, Sahoniya Singh, G. Charan, Tamizan Shering, Dora Charan, Gaurja Singh, Bible-readers. Martha, Ecangelist I eacher.
- MERRUT CIRCUIT.—Alice Swami, Lizzie Davie, Dulari Singh, Parbat Singh, Mary Pearson, Amy Luke, Kitty Fardell, Margaret Gardner, Kathrine Fisk, Mrs. Fisk. Bible-readers. Bhuriya Sujan, Sibia Mangal, Koangelist Teachers.
- MUZAFFARAGAR CIRCUIT.—Elizabeth Marih, Clara Alexander, Jumiya, Cathrine Johnson, Bible readers. Halki, Badamo Lall, Evangelist Teachers.
- MUSSCORIE CIRCUIT.—Bessie Bailey, Allic Samuel, Bible readers.
- RABUPURA CIECUIT.—H. John, Budhia Chand, Alice Diyal, Puniya Walden, Lilly Sain, Salomi Lall, Bible-readers.
- SIKANDRABAD CIRCUIT.—S. Mc.Geo, Angelina Masih, Lizzie I.all, Azizan
  Pershad, Mohaniya Yakub, Shanti Ram, Kahturia Singh, Dolly Barrow, Hallen Patras,
  Bible-readers. Sitalia Chattan, Nellie Brave,
  Miryam, Kvangelist Teachers.
- KANDHLA CIRCUIT.—Jessie Fisk, Maggie Griffith, Sahodra David, Bible readers. Premi Tulai, Jane Dirpal, Evanyelist Teachers.

A group of women and children are sitting on the ground; near by and on the same level sit their fathers, husbands, and brothers. Just back of these, in a crowded line, stand the non-Christians of all castes and conditions. Mud walls of the houses and buffaloes, black and shiny, tied near their doors, fill in the background. A famine of pure thoughts, high

purpose, and of God's Word is written on many faces. How needy are they all! How the heart yearns to give plainly, simply, effectively, the message of the Kingdom! The temptation is to address one's self to the non-Christian crowd, but duty and experience both say that the message which helps Christians may be just the message for non-Christians too. The dusty days, the long tramps, the inconveniences incident to camp life are not so hard to bear as the thought that the greatest of all needs of the Conference, the evangelistic work,

is being so feebly met.

In our evangelistic tours, that the message might reach both classes, two separate meetings, or services, used to be held in the same village. But now to the evangelistic meetings held in the Christian section of the village, the non-Christians of all classes come, so a separate meeting seems unnecessary for these. They listen attentively. Opposition to us, and to their neighbors, who are often their servants, to become Christians is disarmed when they listen to the teaching and message and hear the replies of the Christians to questions of faith, the Christian life, and duty. Their own imagination is aroused, they begin to think in new lines, and many there are, who leave such a service, that have lost something vital to the old faith, and some become secret inquirers.

I try to define for myself the word evang-lism. Does it mean the hasty visit of the missionary with one or two Bible-readers once in every two years? Yet this is all some women get. Is it the delivery of a Gospel message whether the hearers believe and accept it or not? Should it not rather be said that, "Evangelization does not end in the delivery of a message but finds its beginnings in the awakening of religious life in the heart of a hearer." What can be done to meet this definition, to insure such evangelism and instruction as shall help the 100,000 Christians of our Conference to become efficient members of the Church? The time has come, not to shift the emphasis from our splendid school and educational work, but to give to evangelism the same emphasis that the other is receiving.

Although the persecution of the Jatiyas (the highest class of Chamars) by the Aryas has been severe during the year, yet work among this important and influential section of India's laborers has gone steadily on with gravifying results. Over 400 in the Chaziabad circuit alone, where persecution has been bitterest, have been baptized during the year. Recently the leader of the Jatiyas in seven villages near Pilkhua was baptized. He promised to bring all his people of these villages to Christ and he is hard at

work to make good his promise.

A Jatiya Christian who has been the means of bringing eight villages to Christ, and who is very influential in Christian work in many other villages, urges the missionaries and other workers to be faithful and of good cheer, that this movement to Christ and Christianity which has begun among his people is to sweep the country to Cawnpore on the south and to the Punjab on the north. We who go out and in among these people and see their faith and patience under persecution think it can be even so, and in so short a time as to surprise the whole Christian and non-Christian world. This Christian Jatiya leader is an unpaid worker with no thought of mission service, as such, but he is alive for Christ and Christian service among his people. It is the possibility of losing this large and important class, namely, the Chamars, to Hinduism, that makes the Arya Samajhists so aggressive, even to the point of throwing away caste prejudice and of going among the untouchable Chamar, making extravagant promises as to schools for their children, temples for their worship, and even, under certain conditions, to admitting the Jatiyas to caste.

A Hindu of good position and family in the Baraut Circuit, who became a Christian, has had much to endure from the people of his caste,—beaten, false charges preferred from which he barely escaped imprisonment, ostracized, forbidden the use of the village well and the services of the village barber, property damaged, household goods and money stolen,—but he holds firm and says, "Christ suffered more for me."

A high-caste widow whose dying husband requested her to become a Christian, has suffered the loss of land and harvest, and the climax is the sudden disappearance of her only son, supposed to be stolen or hidden away by her castepeople, and the imprisonment of herself in a relative's home. But she sends word secretly and privately that she does not think of recanting, that the storm of rage will be over soon,

and to pray for her.

The Bible-readers throughout the District are teaching the Gospel message to the people by story. They seek not so much to prove Christ's power, as to arouse the imagination, to give a higher ideal, to lead to a desire for something better in life and to show how it can be obtained. For instance, the simple telling of the story of the burning bush without sermonizing or moralizing will show up God's holiness in contrast to man's unholiness. The imagination is aroused to count unholiness as undesirable and holiness as desirable, and naturally a longing comes to obtain that which the desire covets—an important step in conversion.

There is an effort being made throughout the District to replace the coarse, even vile, village songs with the clean, wholesome, inspiring bhajans, to win the children, and to get into their minds the Christ-story before the stories of gods and goddesses and the blighting influence of idol worship make them tenfold harder to win. An effort, also, is being made to reach every Christian woman and girl in the district and to teach them a short catechism and a prayer. In a recent itinerary it was gratifying to see that this was really being accomplished. How proudly they recited what they knew! Even grown men, Christians, came forward to say, "Examine us too."

Never was there such a readiness to listen to Christian teaching as now, never have the masses seemed so ready to hear. These times, this accessibility, these openings the Church has long prayed for. We tremble lest we fail to use this answered prayer aright. Whole villages come to say, "Teach and baptize us too." We say to their leaders, "We cannot properly teach you so why should we baptize you?" But they reply, "Teach us and we will teach others." This is practically being done in scores of villages to-day.

## District Work.

Mrs. Carrie M. Buok, Evangelist.

Returning from our furlough in April last, we at once went to Mussoorie for our summer's work. In the English

congregation it was indeed a season of blessing.

Our little native girls' school took a more tangible form. It was held in one of the buildings in the English Church compound, and was supported by one of the ladies of the congregation. Mrs. Kirwin, an experienced mission worker,

taught the children.

In October we returned to Meerut to help in the Summer Bible-school. It was good to again meet our workers and we had a profitable month together. The highest upward step taken perhaps was the pledge of our some 250 workers, men and women, to give one-tenth of their whole income to the Lord's work. It was a great thing. Their salaries are small, and there is often a shrinkage in the amount to be raised by the native Church that must be met by these workers. In the face of it all not one drew back. The movement was led by Indian workers themselves. It will mean much of self-denial, but can the Indian Church rise to the "Prove Me," "The windows of heaven will be opened?"

After the Summer School we began our itinerating work in the District. It meant a four months' campaign, and a simple itinerating outfit had to be gotten together. It took planning, for there would be weeks away from food supplies and from things we have grown to believe we need in the larger stations. Then the bulk of the things had to be considered, for we had no camp equipage of tents and conveyances. It often means a native house, a little corner somewhere for the day or two that can be given in different places.

As I write seven weeks have passed, and all these little matters sink into insignificance before the great things that have opened up before us in which we have been able to take a little part. Scene after scene comes up of village congregations, the men grouped on one side, the women on the other, with the children overflowing on both sides as they sat out before their mud huts, or under the shade of a "neem" tree. There was a light on their faces, as all intent to hear the message, they listened or united in prayer and song. Oh, these groups of village Christians! To be out among them belps us to realize what it means to shepherd these more than thirty thousand converts in our own District, scattered in some fourteen hundred villages. Who is sufficient for these things? We go on and on among them, realizing that we are touching only the outer fringe of this great work, and our hearts go out with a breaking longing for the hundreds of villages and thousands of these Christ's little ones we cannot reach.

This represents the garnered sheaves, the enrolled Christians, but what of the thousands not in the regions beyond, but closely linked to our Christian communities, in the same villages or close beside them, that are calling for teachers

and asking for baptism?

Surely we are in the midst of a crisis such as has seldom been known. God heard in high heaven the Church's clarion call, "That the heathen may be evangelized in this generation," and in response He has swung open the doors in the darkest places of idolatry and sin. The blessed Holy Spirit broods over these millions, awakening them into new life and soul-yearnings for what they have dimly seen, but have never known. Jesus the Christ stands before them as the One mighty to save, but where are the Gospel heralds?

Our staff of workers has become reduced in numbers and vacancies have been left unfilled. The call for retrenchment has saddened all hearts. We are attent to hear the command, "Speak to the people that they go forward," that the needed

help may come before it is too late.

# City and Circuit Work.

Missionary.-Mrs. Robertson.

It was January in England when Bishop Warne's cable-gram acquainted us of my husband's appointment as Meerus District Evangelist. We sailed in February, arriving at our post by March 5th, so we have not had a full year here as yet. We were glad to be back again in the work, and praised God for His great goodness to us. Some little time went in getting unpacked and settled and the children off to our hill-schools.

My opportunities for getting out with the workers were few, so I was able to see very little of the work before the heat compelled me to take our little boy to the hills. In addition my health has not been what it should be, and the active part of my work has been neglected. Nevertheless, the workers have not been neglected. By personal acquaintance, letters and prayer, I have kept in touch with them. I have visited most of them and seen some of their work, all of which convinces me of the fact of the leavening power of the Gospel. Many homes are happier and the children are growing up for the Lord because their parents are Christians, or with them are learning, believing and being haptized. In many a village home the rising generation knows nothing of heather worship, and large and small look eagerly for the worker or preacher to tell them more about Jesus, their Saviour.

It has rejoiced my heart again and again to see the glad faces and hear the comments of these hungry ones when we

visit them.

"Oh, that the world might taste and see; The riches of His grace."

## MUTTRA DISTRICT.

## Agra.

City Work.

Missionary.—Mrs. Plomer.

Assistant.—Miss Herring.

Bible-readers.—Harriet, Rhoda and Rvangelina.

Bvangelist Teachers.—Munia Bux, Mohania and Chando.

Another year has closed and we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the measure of health we have had so as to be able to carry on our work. The year had seen progress and we are glad to be able to report better work done. Our Bible-readers and evangelist teachers have been more enthusiastic and conscientious. The girls and women also have been more appreciative.

Miss Herring, who has the work here, has been faithfully carrying it on, and has been devising new means for pushing it on and getting the girls more interested in their studies.

We have five day-schools with 175 girls. These girls are taught Scripture stories, Bible texts, the Catechism and the Ten Commandments. They join in repeating the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and know quite a number of texts. They sing several hymns heartily and are reverent while we pray with them. They read and write Hindi and Urdu, and some have Gospels which they read very nicely.

We have 150 women being taught in the zenanas and muhallas. It is very encouraging to see their quiet and respectful attention to the reading of the Word of God. They follow the teachings intelligently and several of them believe, but have not the courage to come out from among their people. One woman said, "My neighbors know I have lost faith in the religion of my fathers and they know that I worship Jesus Christ. My husband also believes but we are not ready to make a public confession." We find that we can give the Gospel message fearlessly to the women in the Hindu and Mohammedan homes without fear of offence. They feel that we are in earnest and respect our zeal and receive us kindly.

We have five Sunday-schools with 165 children attending. Little brothers come along with their sisters who have to care for them. They never tire of singing the hymns and listening to Bible stories. Women and men gather around

to hear their singing and the Gospel message.

We have given away hundreds of tracts in the zenanas. Go-pels and hymn-books have been sold. We find that Gos-

pels bought are better appreciated and read.

Our Bible-readers teach for three hours daily in the schools and then for two hours in the homes near the schools. In some homes they gather four or five families and teach them. We have opened up several new homes this year. These women have invited us themselves and are very eager to learn to read. It is surprising to see how much they have learned from the Scriptures during the year.

The evangelist teachers teach the children of the depressed classes and follow the married ones to their homes. The people are very poor, living in little huts. So the schools are held in the open, under trees, or in a little hired hut. These

children are very bright and are willing to attend school. They know a number of texts and Bible stories. As they have to help their parents in earning a living, they are not in school more than three hours. Yet while they are there, they pay great attention to the teaching given, and it is wonderful how much they know with such scant teaching.

We feel that we have a great deal to be thankful for. The opportunities given to us to take the message of salvation to these homes and to be able to teach the children God's Word is breaking up old superstitions and the Christ is conquering. We thank God for the share He has given us in this blessed

work and pray that He may use us for His glory.

# Aligarh.

Louisa Soules Girls' Orphanage.

Missionaries. - Miss C. T. Holman, Miss S. C. Holman.

Assistants. - Mrs. Bose, Miss Dayal.

Teachers.-Margaret Franklin, Louiss Dass, Ada, Jamelan, Gendi.

Munshi .- Barkat Ali.

Matron. - Losh.

Nurse. - Piyari Lall.

At the very beginning of this report we wish to express our gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father for His care and protection and for the excellent health of the school-girls throughout the entire year. Only one night has it been necessary for us to sit up with a sick child, and now she is the picture of health.

Twenty new girls have been admitted into the school this year. Some of these are orphans, some are the children of destitute Christians, and others are the children of our

preachers.

Nine girls have been married this year, the most of whom married our own Christian workers, and a few have become

the wives of well-to-do Christian farmers.

Three girls who have passed Government examinations from this school are now in Moradabad taking the Normal Teacher's training. Ada who passed her Middle Examination here last year, is doing excellent work as a teacher now. She has also passed three years of the Bible-readers' course of study. Sundar, another Middle-passed girl, is taking the Bible-training course in Muttra. Three other girls are also in the Muttra Training School this year.

Two of the Fifth Class girls were given double promotion, so there are six girls in the Sixth Class now all trying their

best to be ready for the Government examination next April. A studious spirit seems to have taken hold of the school, so that in study hours as well as in the classes, the girls show a determination to gain an education.

We do want to thank most heartily all the kind friends who contributed towards the nice Christmas boxes. ways try our very best to make everyone happy during the blessed Yuletide days. This year we had the joy of giving every girl a nice new American print dress. All the dresses which came out ready-made were fitted to the girls with little or no alteration. After this, dresses were cut from the webs of cloth for the girls who were less casily fitted. How we did wish that those who gave the dresses could have been here the day they were given out and seen how much they were appreciated. How the tiny girls do enjoy taking their dolls to ride in the little waggonettes! Christmas Eve every girl received a nice little gift and tresh fruit. Christmas morning girls, boys, widows, city and village Christians crowded the church to over-flowing to hear the Christmas sermon. In the afternoon the girls thoroughly enjoyed the big dinner. This is the one day in the year when the missionaries are almost lavish in giving out supplies.

Last June during the hottest days in all the year, Dr. and Mrs. Clancy came to Aligarh for a week of special services. Although the heat was almost unendurable, we felt the Holy Spirit was in our midst and great blessing attended the

meetings.

Again in October Mr. Badley held services in our church and we all felt that he had done us good, even to the very

youngest children.

We are greatly encouraged by the spiritual growth of the school. The girls seem glad of every opportunity to gain spiritual help. We often find them sitting alone studying their Bibles, and they often come to us with questions from the Bible.

Last week Mr. Aldrich gave a magic lantern lecture on the Life of Christ. The girls recognized the pictures almost instantaneously and seemed to be quire familiar with the narratives. At the close of the lecture they called for the hynns, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "More Love to Thee, O Christ."

Some girls have saked to unite with the Church, and we hope that before long a number may be received into Church membership.

"The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our

refuge.

### Woman's Industrial Home.

Mrs. G. F. I. Matthews, Superintendent.

Miss Murray, Miss Sircar, Miss Herring, Assistants.

Elizabeth Michael, Matron.

We thank God for the blessings of the past year, although

there have been many hard lessons to learn.

The health of the women has been remarkably good. We lost three of our babies when they were between six and eight months old, but it was best that they should go, as they would never have been strong and healthy had they lived. The Father knew best, and we were glad when the little mites were freed from further suffering.

Twenty-five women and girls were married this year, and forty-seven have been received into the home. I have had to refuse several applications for admission, owing to lack of

funds.

The women have done good work this year in the bakery, dairy and garden. Others do drawn-thread work, pillow lace, embroidery, and those with weak eyes make bamboo baskets, which we use to send out bread to the out-stations. Many have been put to field work when they fail in other lines and here they develop and enjoy working.

There are some who are not strong and need an open-air life. These are put to watch the fruit trees. It is wonderful how happy they are, sitting under the trees jingling an old tin full of stones to scare the birds away. Some old women are engaged in raising poultry. We have an incubator and raise many chickens during the year.

It is no easy matter to keep 245 women and girls employed. I am constantly having to make plans so as to keep

my large family busy and happy.

Our religious meetings have been kept up as usual. Several of our women and girls are members of the Epworth

Lengue

My faithful helpers have done much to carry the burden of this heavy work, and I am truly grateful to our Heavenly

Father for their help.

The women are developing in Christian character, and my constant prayer is that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord.

# City Work.

Missionary-in-charge.-Mrs. Matthews.

Assistant. - Mrs. La Valetto.

Bible-readers .- Mariam Uddin, Catherine Dutt, Sons David, Masitan.

The zenana work has gone on as usual. Homes have been visited and new ones opened and the good seed sown, with the hope that some day it may bring forth fruit.

Mrs. LaValette and the Bible-readers have also visited villages weekly. There are Sunday-schools where the children receive instruction at noon every Sunday. Mrs. La Valette came to us in April and has done faithful work in the zenanas

and Sunday-schools.

#### Brindaban.

#### Medical Work.

Physician-in-Charge.-Miss C. I. Kipp.

Superintendent of Hospital and Nurses' Training. - Miss L. Terrell.

Medical Assistant. - Miss N. Cousins.

Nurses. - Lali, Bella, Champi, Dulari, Sakina.

Another busy year has passed in the Medical work in Brindaban. The work has been carried on as usual in the dispensary and hospital here. In addition to this, supervision has been given to the care of the sick in the Girls' Boarding and Training Schools at Muttra. A special dispensary was conducted at the District Summer School in Muttra during July and August. Just recently a dispensary has been opened for the Christians of Muttra. This is a development of the medical aid that has been given by the nurse heretofore residing in the Boarding of the Girls' School there.

Aside from a good many small-pox cases cared for in the spring we have not had any special epidemic with which to contend.

We cared for a Bengali widow ill with small-pox in one of our dispensary rooms for six weeks. Her people refused to take her away when the diagnosis of small-pox was made, and were quite willing that she should eat our fo d and take water from our hands. We were thankful indeed when we could let her go home; and that none were stricken with the disease because of her stay with us.

The past year a Nurses' Training class has been started. We are expecting that the development of this department

will make our work lighter and more efficient.

While we have been pleased with the results of many of our cases medically, we are much happier over the results spiritually. It is true that the amount obtained in fees is not large. But we feel rich in the souls gathered in, here

and there, for His Kingdom.

Nine children have been given to us during the year. With the exception of one, all have been under two months old. Of these four died in the hospital, two were sent to Mrs. Matthews, and the others are still with us. One of the babies at present in the ward was given to us by the father after the mother had died at the hospital. The women in the hospital and at the dispensary like to listen to our songs. our Bible stories and our prayers. Some of the children have learned the Ten Commandments and other Gospel truths from the Bible-reader while waiting their turn for treatment at the dispensary. One woman in the hospital gave up Hinduism, and hearing of Mrs. Matthews' work asked to be sent to Aligarh. This year two Bengali widows have been sent to Pakur to the Widows' Home there. One of these after being taught some time continued to refuse to accept Christ, until one day a monkey took rupees 20 from her which she had wrapped in a bit of cloth. Through the loss of this money she declared herself through with Hinduism and ready to accept Christianity.

The other woman, five years ago, would only take dry medicine from us. In May, 1911, she came to the hospital ill; on the following Christmas day she was baptized, and now after receiving further teaching in Pakur, is doing good

work as a Bible-reader there.

We have done some work for the men too. We usually urge them to go to the Government Dispensary here or elsewhere, but sometimes we concede to their wishes. Recently, we had as our patient for several weeks at the dispensary, the man who rented a room to Dr. Emma Scott when she first came to Brindaban. One day a Sadhu came to have an aching tooth extracted.

It is a privilege to give to these people the message of

Jesus' love. Certainly, here in Brindahan they are,

Down before their idols falling, For a little bit of love, Many souls in vain are calling, For a little bit of love.

It is because of this bit of love leavening the work that the people come to us, for they give as their reasons for their coming; kind attention, conscientious treatment and a faith in the prayers offered day by day in connection with the work.

# Zenana and Evangelistic Work.

Missionary.—Miss Terroll.

Bengali Assistant.—Miss Bonarjee.

Bible-readers.—Eliza Irwin, Khairatan Singh, Bilaso, Grace, Leona.

Our hearts are very glad over a Bengali young man, a Brahman, who has given up Hinduism and accepted Christ as a personal Saviour. Six years ago he heard of Christ and became convicted of sin. He went from one sacred city to another, hoping, if possible, to find what he wanted in Hinduism. When he took off the sacred thread which the Hindus believe to entitle one to a second birth, he said that he knew that he had found the second birth in Christ. He seems very earnest and sincere, and is very eager to receive teaching that he may preach to his own people in Brindaban.

We feel sure that "the harvest is ripe," and are expecting God to give us a revival. He has promised, "My word shall not return unto me void." A number have said that they have given up idol worship and serve only the true God. But it is very hard for them to take a definite stand for Christ, as it means giving up all that is near and dear to

them.

Miss Rai Chowdherry left us in November, after five years of loving, faithful service. We were sorry to lose her. She has done excellent work and was greatly missed. We have in her place Miss Bonarjee. She is untiring in her efforts to give the message of salvation to the people, and is a real

comfort and an inspiration in the home.

Leona came to us in February and is doing excellent work in the dispensary and girls' school. About a year ago at Quarterly Conference after hearing the report of boys' schools, Mrs. Clancy suggested starting a girls' school. I very reluctantly replied that we might try. To-day we have a fine school with nineteen enrolled and a good attendance. The girls are being taught to pray, recite Bible verses, sew and knit, as well as to count, read and write.

A short time ago as some of our workers were going to the Jamna River to talk to the pilgrims, they found a "Sadhu," a holy man of the Hindus, sitting by the roadside, reading the Gospel of St. Mark.

We visited about 40 villages, giving the message to hundreds of people this year. During the last three months

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about 150 Gospel portions have been sold and almost 600 tracts distributed. This work is supported by the New York, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati Branche. We are grateful to all who have helped us in the work.

#### Muttra.

# Blackstone Missionary Institute.

Missionaries.-Miss McKnight, Miss M. A. Clancy.

# Training School.

Miss McKnight, Principal.

Miss M. A. Clancy, Assistant Principal.

Miss Ridley Clancy, Teacher.

Miss Ogilvie, Miss Wells, Assistants.

Kate Silas, Ganeyshia White, Mary Elias, Bessie Massey, Nanhi Ram, Champa, Muniran, Teachers.

"Oh how good this looks!" "This," was the mission compound, and the speaker a new missionary who had been out sight-seeing in Brindaban,—otherwise known as Satan's seat. Millions of rupees have been spent on the massive temples that we saw, and thousands of pilgrims long for a sight of this city that is considered so holy that they eat the very dust of the streets, and think those who die there happy. But to those of us who know the other side of Hinduism all this counts only for idolatry, superstition and unspeakable degradation. So the contrast of our Mission buildings and what they stand for was almost overpowering to Miss Boddy, who had had her first taste of what it means to be born a Hindu. The joy of being a co-worker with God in bringing India's girls and womanhood into the glorious light of the Gospel, fitting them to be light-bearers to others is indescribable, after such a day as this.

Three of our Training School graduates have been carrying on a vigorous campaign in the high-ways and by-ways, low-caste muhallas and high-caste zenanas of Brindaban. Christian and non-Christian children are gathered into Sunday-schools beneath the neem trees, in the courtyards of houses, and even in the shade of the big red temple itself. Every Hindu festival is as opportunity for telling the villagers, who throng the streets, of Jesus. This is just a sample of what the Training School is doing in evangelistic

work. The ten girls who completed the course this year are all in mission service,—two as the wives of preachers, two learning nursing in mission hospitals, and six as teachers or Bible-readers. Our trained girls are found in the work from tho Punjab and Rajputana to Bengal, and from Gujerat to the scattered villages that lie hidden in the folds of the

Himalayas.

It seems superfluous to speak of the loss that Mrs. Wilson's departure has been to the work after twelve years, in which she put her heart and life into the training of some hundreds of students. Her work and influence will live on. We hope she may still be able to give short courses of Bible study, and to continue her work as Field Secretary for the school We also miss greatly Miss Parkhurst after her five years' valuable service in the office and miscellaneous work of our large institution. We are glad to say that Miss Ridley Clancy has been accepted by the W. F. M. S. as teacher in the English Department. She does almost all of the English teaching and is efficient and enthusiastic in her work.

Miss Ogilvie has spent a good deal of the year in district work with Miss Livermore. This was primarily on account of her health but has also proved most profitable to her in acquiring a knowledge of village work and its needs. She is now better qualified than ever to give practical application to the training. Miss Wells has been carrying very heavy work during Miss Ogilvie's absence. She is a fine teacher and a spiritual power with the girls. Both of these are graduates of the English Department. Our faithful Kate and Ganeyshia are growing old in the service, and four of our trained girls are helping effectively in the Preparatory and Village Departments.

Besides teaching the entire Bible, regular instruction has been given in methods of teaching and of various other lines of mission work. Much practical work has also been done throughout the year. For about seven weeks students went by turn to villages, and were thus given opportunity for experience in this form of evangelistic work. Muhallas and zenanas have been regularly visited, Scripture taught in the

schools, etc.; all under the supervision of experienced workers. A quiet, personal work has been carried on in the school by several of the girls, which shows that there is among them a

real desire for soul-winning.

I cannot close without speaking of the crowning benediction of the year—as I write this, Mr. Blackstone is in our midst. For years his thoughts, his prayers, and his investments have largely centred in Muttra. To have him see

"Gracie Hall" filled with bright-faced girls, "Flora Hall" packed with Sunday-school scholars and resounding with God's praises, and the Deaconess Home, Smith Hall and the dormitories, carrying out the purposes for which they were planned with prayer and self-denial, has been almost as great a joy to us as to him.

# Boarding School.

Missionary. - Miss M. A. Clancy.

Miss McCullough, Miss De, Miss Masih, Assistants.

Victoria Scott, Alice Parbati, Betsey Hakeem, Ella Samad, Salome Singh, Elsie Nathan, Harriet Chand, Teachers.

Ada Scott, Matron.

Christmas day is past, but there still lingers remembrances of the happiness of that day. Some of our teachers said that it was one of their happiest Christmas days. I wish I could give you a picture of the whole scene, for we held our exercises in "God's out of doors" under the trees. The sunlight sifted through the branches and flecked with light the oranges piled up on the tables in readiness for the children. The boys and girls, men and women listened with such interest to the accounts of the birth of Christ and the happiness of this day as a result of His coming among men.

After the program, we went out into the fields where a camel, swings, sports, and other good things took up the rest of the day. When it became dark the girls went back to

their compound tired, but happy.

Now school will soon open and the girls who went home will come trooping back ready for work. We have many little ones, as well as large ones in school, and have great hopes for their future. Our enrolment has been over 116.

All our highest class girls passed their Government Examination in April. Some of them are now teachers, while others

are in High School or Normal School.

We were sorry to lose our head mistress, Miss McCullough, who left us in October for work in a higher institution. Miss

De, our present head mistress, is doing excellent work.

The Summer School Kindergarten bears good fruit, for there many of the little ones have their first beginnings of school work. This summer a regular class, in ad lition to the kindergarten, was formed for some of these children, and they seemed to feel very proud as they marched into prayers with the regular school children. One little girl, who nearly always had a baby on her hip, was able to come to school without the baby. How she must have rejoiced in her freedom!

During this month of special evengelistic work, our girls have seemed very much in earnest, and I believe much good will come as a result of the quiet voluntary prayer-meetings held.

The whole school has been blessed by the coming of Mr. W. E. Blackstone. We rejoice that he has at last been able to visit the work in which he is so much interested, and for which he and his family have given so much money, thought and prayer.

#### Zenana Work.

Miss McKnight, Missionary.
Miss Barker, Assistant.
Jessie Massey, Ballo, Bible-readers.
Training School Students.

Miss Barker, Jessie and Ballo, accompained by Training School girls, have been threading their way through the narrow alleys and up the dark stairways of Muttra visiting and teaching the women and children in the zenanas. have just as many houses as they can get time to visit once a week. Some of them are poor little places, some quite imposing, but all welcome our workers and are glad to have the brightness that they bring into the dull, gray monotony of life behind the purdah. Miss Barker is full of missionary zeal and talks very plainly to the women of what it means to be a Christian. I am convinced that there are to-day many who believe and would step out of Hinduism if they had the The day of their emancipation is drawing near. Pray definitely that our workers may be so filled with the power of the Spirit that they may hasten it. I must close this to go to the city to attend a meeting of Indian ladies of the Hindu Marriage Reform League. I expect to meet there several of the women from the houses wo visit as well as many others. They will come in all sorts of closed conveyances and will be enveloped in chaddars, that no one may see them as they step from their carriages into the lecture room. The evils of child-marriage will be discussed and an endeavor made to create a sentiment against it, for after all it is the women who are hardest to free from the trammels of old This League is doing something to improve the awful conditions that still exist but, as someone said yesterday,

it is only treating the symptoms! what the Hindus need to-day is the Physician who can get at the root of India's diseases and heal them all.

#### Muttra District Work.

Missionaries.—Mrs. Rockwell Clancy, Mrs. Dennis Clancy (on furlough). District Enangelist.—Miss McLeavy.

District Bible-readers. - Mrs. Matilda Lal, Grace Mati.

AGBA CIRCUIT.—Ghisiya Singh, Bible-reader.
Lena Singh, Evangelist Teacher.

ALIGARH CIECUIT.—Grace Cornelius, Zimri Baksha, Bible-readers. Gango Bhima, Evangelist Teacher.

ATRAULI CIRCUIT.—Pirani Dass, Louisa Alexander, Bible-readere. Jiwani Singh, Topha, Biriya Ram, Ruth Baksh, Bhagwanti Masih, Evangelist Teachers.

BRINDABAN CIECUIT.—Rosio Jacob, Bhagwanti, Bible-readers.

BHARATPUR CIRCUIT. -- Ellen Gardner, Rosie Mitchel, Kokla Balmokand,
Barji Lal, Bible-readers. Kamli Charan, Evangelist
Teacher.

Dig Circuit.-Kate Wilson, Banni Failbus, Bible-readers.

FIROZABAD CIRCUIT.—Maryam Roberts, Maharajiya Pirana, Bible-readers.

HATHRAS CIRCUIT.—Rosic Budden, Diwasiya Joel, Patience John, Biblereaders. Jiwani Mal, Rukma Godha, Evangelist Teachers.

Iglas Circurs.—Carrie Sahae, Mariam Samed, Bible-readers. Champa Lal, Ramo Pitah, Evangelist Teachers.

Jalesar Circuit.—Annie Claudius, Sunderi Singh, Maharajiya Yaqub,
Mariam Lalman, Bible-readers. Jawitri Shama,
Evangelist Teacher.

KHAIR CIRCUIT.—Elma Wilkinson, Nathi Cornelius, Bible-readers. Diwaliya Paulus, Evangelist Teacher.

Kosi Circuit. -- Maharani Masih, Ella Lal, Bible-readers. Champi Pola, Evangelist Teacher.

MAHABAN CIRCUIT.—Ganeshiya Paulus, Sunderi Singh, Punniya Singh,
Bible-readers. Jummiya Sahae, Evangelist Teacher.

MUTTRA CIRCUIT.—Munna Lal, Mary Masih, Mary Bahadur, Rani Lal, Hira Joel, Shama, Virdi Daniel, Lilian, Eva Izhaq, Samariya Lal, Buddho Patrus, Bible-readers. Robecca, Ramo Natha, Evangelist Teachers.

SHIRHOHABAD CIRCUIT. -Sunderi Nath, Gyano Ram, Bible-readers.

SADABAD CIRCUIT. -- Rosma Khan, Jamma Khushali, Lily Wealey, Biblereaders. Gonda Singh, Jabta Debi, Jabta Ram, Evangelist Teacher.

Taj Ganj Circuit.—Nellie Raj, Munni Bright, Bible-readers. Koka Lal, Evangelist Teacher.

TAFFAL CIRCUIT. - Mary Masih, Sunderi Singh, Bible-readers.

Two years since we returned to Muttra from furlough in U.S. How the time has flown! Every day is so full of expected

and unexpected duties, that we do not have to worry over what we do, but more often are troubled about what we do not seem able to accomplish.

# Itinerating.

More than 400 villages were visited between November 1911, and April 1912, by Miss McLeavy and her evangelist band. They had many interesting experiences. shrines were broken down, and many women received a vision of what Jesus Christ can do for them.

In addition to the villages visited by Miss McLeavy, Miss Barker, the zenana work assistant, visited 64, with bands of students, and pastors of Circuits. Miss Terrell also itinerated in the Brindaban Circuit, with the preacher-in-charge, Pundit Isa Dass, and saw the work in more than 30 villages. 296 villages were visited by the Bible-women in various parts of the district, and I was glad to be able to attend two Quarterly Confernces in most of the eighteen Circuits. I was also present in the three sets of grouped quarterlies. The workers of five Circuits met together in Agra, those of eight, in Muttra and the remaining five, in Aligarh. The weather was hot, May and June, but the meetings were enthusiastic, inspiring and profitable. Our tonga oxen became old and so tired that they could only creep along, so we sold them in November, and have not succeeded in buying a new pair yet. Miss McLeavy is at present using a hired pair, which we secured through the kindness of a friend in the Native State of Bharatpore. We hope to be able to keep them as long as the camping season lasts.

### The Summer School.

I was not able to be at the Summer School, as there was no one with whom I could leave our three children in the mountains. But Miss McKnight and Miss McLeavy, together with Miss Ogilvie and Miss Wells, were quite equal to the occasion, and though the work was an additional burden on Miss McKnight's already over-burdened shoulders, everybody said it was the best Summer School yet held.

Miss McLeavy made a special feature of the evening meetings for the women. These were held every evening at 8 o'clock, in different parts of the encampment, and were led in turn by the preachers' wives. The meetings were largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the women, as they came "when the children were asleep," and could listen with un-

divided attention.

#### The District Conference.

I was glad to be present at the District Conference, which came at the end of Summer School, and lasted about ten days. The Woman's Conference is regularly organised for business, with a President, Vice-president, Secretry and Assistant Secretary. At each session, after the devotions, the roll was called, the minutes read, and a report of her work was given by every woman, whether a teacher in boarding or training school, a nurse in hospital, or a Bible-woman on the district. All the work of every kind was reported, so that all could feel the inspiration of hearing what was being done in all parts of the district.

Essays were read by some of the older Bible-women, on the "training of children," "cleanliness," and other practical subjects connected with their life and work, while the younger women told some of the Bible stories. Dr. Kipp gave the women a most practical lecture on cleanliness, sanitation, and simple remedies for fevers, sore eyes, and such ailments as are

common to all the poor folk living in Indian villages.

We are so glad to see how our Summer School Kindergarten is being more and more appreciated by the parents, who are coming to see that it is quite a factor in the better discipline and development of their children.

## The Christian Mela-

A new thing under the sun, in Muttra District, was the gathering of Christians in a village of the Khair Circuit, largely due to the energy and enterprise of S. S. Wilkinson and his workers. It was of the people, among the people, and financiered by the people entirely. No mission money was spent for it, except what we spent in getting there. Mr. Aldrich of Aligarh and Miss Sadie Holman went out with us, and the only regret we had was, that we could stay so short a time. The people, 259 men and 33 women, had come in from the villages around, and it was delightful to see with what keen interest they listened to the message. They greatly enjoyed the magic lantern pictures from the Life of Christ, shown by Mr. Aldrich, heathen as well as Christian crowding round to see and listen. And we greatly enjoyed hearing the men and hove read from the New Testament, and tell some of the stories. Each one who could read was asked to teach some one else. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

The women and girls sat in a bunch with the babies on one side, and they could sing bhajans lustily, and some could

repeat the Commandments, and knew something of Jesus Christ.

But throughout the district, the work among the women leaves much to be desired. We are laying stress on the importance of family prayers, telling the men to call their wives and children together, at least once a day to pray to Yisu Masih, for His blessing on their lives.

The work is strenuous, but we are glad to have a part in proclaiming the good news of Salvation to India's needy

ones.

Mr. Blackstone, formerly of Oak Park, Illinois, is with us for several days, and while he is overjoyed at all he is seeing and hearing, he is a constant inspiration and means of spiritual refreshing to us. The generous giving of himself and family has equipped the Muttra Mission with its splendid and substantial buildings.

The Muttra district work is supported by the New York, Philadelphia, North-western and Des Moines Branches, to

whom I would express my gratitude.

## PUNJAB DISTRICT.

# Girls' Boarding School.

Lily Dexter Greene, Missionary.

Mrs. Thorpe, Matron.

Clara Piyari, Heleua Das, Dhapuri Clark, Allah Rakhi, Teachers.

"Sooner than we sometimes think, the morning comes.
Though far the stars, and long the weary night,
A soft wind stirs, a bird awakes,
Over the sea the first light breaks,
The morning comes!"

The night of waiting for this much-needed school was indeed a long, weary one, but at last the dawn, and now the

full morning light has come.

It seems but yesterday that I was in the home-land, listening to the welcome decision that at last Methodism would provide for the education of her Christian daughters in Lahare. However, between that time and the present a host of historic events may be recorded in the annals of India Methodism in this vast Punjab Province.

At the Annual Conference held at Meerut in 1912 I received my appointment to the Girls' Boarding School

Lahore.

The next morning after I arrived in Lahore I looked out over the W. F. M. S. promises—just a field of grain, that was all.—not a tree, not a shrub, not a building of any sort.

It did not take me long to rush out and "view the land-scape o'er," and begin to plan for the erection of the buildings. The importance of this new venture and the difficulties before me somewhat subdued the exuberance I had felt at the final realization that we were at last to have a girls' school up here, but still all through the year the joy of this fact has been greater than all the obstacles in the way.

In drawing up plans for the new dormitory—which was the only building that could be erected this year with the amount of money at hand—the whole general plan had to be kept in mind, so that the dormitory and enclosed compound

should fit into its own proper place.

These plans were sent in to the city officials, as no building may be erected in Lahore without the sanction of the Municipal Committee. They kept me waiting for two months before granting permission for the erection of the building.

Negotiations with contractors was the next problem to attack—yes, that is just what I mean, to attack, and the one who wins in the end is the one who can hold out the longest. Building in this city is especially difficult, owing to the fact that there is no reliable firm here but only a host of unsatisfactory contractors. I asked old residents and experienced engineers to tell me which was the very best one and the universal decision was, "There is no choice. They are all alike, there is no best one."

The first one I employed spent three days in staking off the plot for the dormitory and then had put it eighteen inches out of line. He put in the foundation and began the masonry. But a Public Works Department engineer, who kindly agreed to inspect the work, ordered it all to be pulled down as it was not safe. The contractor refused to do this.

After a delay of two weeks, during which I patiently and persistently endeavoured to induce him to take down his bad work and put it in satisfactorily, but to no avail, he was dismissed and another employed to do the work. This one came well recommended and promised "honest dealing and wholly satisfactory work," but after only a few days of most unsatisfactory work he departed carrying my plans with him! That, too, was a long story, but I must not take time to tell it. Finally in July the work actually began, and this time the contractor promised to complete it by October 1st.

Slowly the walls began to rise, but all my efforts to make haste were utterly useless. Over and over again did I realize

the full force of Kipling's oft-repeated verse with reference to all attempts to "hustle the East." Try hard as I would the contractor moved at his own snail pace, and coolies, masons and carpenters talked and smoked and wasted time, blissfully unconcerned as to whether the building should ever reach completion or not. The strikes in England caused delay in the arrival of the girders for the roofs, and every shower of rain or heathen festival or local wedding was made an excuse for a holiday, so that when October 1st arrived only two rooms were ready for occupancy. However, I had planned to begin the school at that time, so we began and twenty-five girls entered the school.

Life is nothing in India if not exciting and we have had

our share.

Soon after school opened two girls had the mumps and a little later thieves came in, but as there was nothing of value to steal they carried away no prize, but gave our girls a dreadful fright.

After that experience, I decided that we must have a compound wall around our premises and at once began to

erect one.

Our next real trial was no water. As the city is supplied with water from the Ravi River we must have pipes put in and thus secure an abundance of good pure water. I am only waiting for some one to send two hundred dollars to put in the water supply. It would indeed be giving many a "cup of cold water" to provide for this need for these little children.

I have been telling in this report of material wants and material things, but have not forgotten that the life (of the child) is more than meat and the body more than raiment.

To provide for the physical well-being is but to lay the foundation for the more enduring work of character-building, and so all these efforts to provide good buildings with plenty of light and fresh air has in it one aim, and that is to develop girls that will have sound minds in sound bodies, and souls alive to every spiritual influence.

A good matron has been secured who was formerly with me in Cawnpore, and I am grateful indeed for her faithful services and the help that she gives in training the girls in

home duties.

To secure teachers was a difficult task as this is so far from all our schools and other institutions, but the spirit of Methodism is greatly needed in our Christian community in the Punjab, and I was very anxious to have teachers who had been trained in the schools of our own Church. At last three

Methodist teachers have been secured and the fourth is a Presbyterian.

The Inspector of Girls' Schools in the Punjab has paid us a visit and was pleased with the general plan for our

school plant.

She has sent in a report to Government, and so we fully expect to receive recognition and take our place as a part of

the educational system of the Punjab.

During the year we have been greatly encouraged and cheered by many visits from our W. F. M. S. sisters, no less than ten of our own missionaries having stopped with us to look in upon the "baby school" of the W. F. M. S. family group.

The mother of history who used to point to her sons exclaiming, "These are my jewels," could not have done so with more pride than we feel as we look into the faces of these

bright children and say, "These are our jewels."

To be sure many of them are stones in the rough, but this is the place where we will shape and polish them until they become fit jewels to adorn His crown.

We are delighted at the news that comes from beyond the seas, that the Standard Bearer Thank-offering is to be

given to the school in 1913.

We will then erect the school building we so much need. Just now as I write the busy hum of the voices in the verandah and out in the yard, as well as in some of the rooms, shows how much we need a building for the school educational work.

Our highest class is the Fourth in which six girls are studying. As this is an entirely new school the lower classes are very large. We have enrolled forty-two girls. I must also record the fact that Christmas was a very happy one here in Lahore, as some friends in America had sent boxes and we were able to give every girl some present. We also gave some little remembrance to all our Christian women who attended the services held in connection with the Christmas tree. The past year has been one of plowing the ground and sowing the seed, and though the harvest time is not yet at hand, by faith we see in the future the rich harvest that is sure to be gathered in. To all who have prayed and planned and given in order to make this school a reality we extend our heartfelt thanks, and assure them that this school shall indeed be the channel through which the life-giving waters of salvation shall reach many a thirsty soul.

To our wise Heavenly Father we give all the praise for all that has been done, and trust Him for all that is before us

in the future.

# Evangelistic Work.

Lily Dexter Greene, Missionary.

It has been a real pleasure to visit even a few of the places in this vast territory of the Punjab, and my great sorrow has been that I have had so little time to give to this important work in the city and in the villages round about.

In the early part of the year I was free to go about more, but since the Boarding School opened and the buildings have been taking so much time I have had to stay at home

more closely.

It has not been an easy task to orient myself in this new territory with a new class of people, a new climate, a new and strange tongue and an entirely new type of girls and a

different class of workers in the district.

However, it did not take long to make myself at home, and the experiences of evangelistic work here are similar to those in other places. Last March, I visited a very interesting village. Dr. and Mrs. Butcher were to hold a quarterly meeting at a place only a short distance from Lahore, so we went part of the way by train. When the station was reached one of our workers met us and told us to get off, which we did, only to find that the village was five miles distant. Dr. Butcher at once jumped on the moving train to go on to the preachers' village and inform him of the dilemma. In the rush he had carried the umbrellas with him and left the bag of provisions with us. Nothing daunted, we decided to walk on to the village. We were hot and tired indeed on arrival, and felt sure that it was a long four or five miles.

After we had refreshed ourselves with food and tea I went up on the flat roof of one of the houses to talk to some children. Quite a little group came and listened while I sang one of their Panjabi tunes. Among the women was a very intelligent one, the wife of the village religious teacher. She begged us to go to her house, so finally Mrs. Butcher and I both went. She took us into her little court-yard and brought out seats for us, and even tried to join us in singing one of the simple Christian tunes. After the reports of the quarterly were given we went off with the women to the shade of a huge banyan tree, and seated on a fallen log sang and talked and tried to instruct these ignorant ones.

In another village we visited, a great crowd gathered for the whole day, so we had services for the women in which

about two hundred girls and women were present.

We often have most exciting experiences on these trips. For instance, once the oxen of the cart in which we were riding started to run away and almost turned the cart over just on the bank of a deep canal. And on another trip little temporary canals were cut right across the road, and each time we had to get out of the cart and jump the canals, many times slipping down the wet banks.

In one village near Lahore we accidentally came upon a large wedding party. This gave us a splendid audience, and they listened very intently to the Gospel message as we

spoke to them and sang the Christian songs.

At one of the meetings we were in a large room and almost suffocated with the foul air, but the women crowded in, filling every available spot. As I was trying to speak to them one of the women held the door open, but at last weary of that she called out to her husband and he came and slipped the door off its hinges and stood it up outside. Then another man came and threw his house key to his wife who was seated in the farthest corner of the room, and two little boys kept up a chatter about these strange foreigners. Under these circumstances we were glad to join the men in a service out under the shade of the trees, and at that little gathering four women, two men and twelve children were baptized.

All during the hot season, meetings were held in the city and over in Cantonments several evenings each week. As a result of these efforts several were baptized, church attendance was increased and many good influences set in

motion.

A series of cottage prayer-meetings were held in different centres in this great city, Christians of all denominations

attending them.

One event stands out in memory just now. The day had been a weary one dealing with the perplexing problems of my school building then being built, and after the evening meal I started off to the home of a poor Christian family in the midst of the close hot city. Reaching the narrow lane I picked my way through the dirty street, with dogs and cows all about, and the lines of beds where the people sat outside owing to the intense heat indoors. As I neared the house they brought a small light so I could see my way up the narrow mud stairway. After the songs and prayers and the Bible lesson I gave them, we were just ready to close when one of the men said, "Wait a minute, Miss Sahiba."

An old woman came up to the front and knelt down for baptism. She seemed so in carnest and one of the men

said in an undertone, "Shukr Khuda ka." It seems that this old woman had for a long time resisted every influence to bring her into the Church, and had been a great hindrance to others, so they were all very happy to have her come out in this way.

During the months from March to July, I held a mothers' meeting every Thursday at the home of Mrs. Stephens in the city. This was a union service and we very much enjoyed our Bible study together. Many of the women took

part in song and prayer.

In the various services that have been held many of the weak Christians have been strengthened and their consciences enlightened as to the Christian duty of right living. For instance, the keeping of the Sabbath day holy and the setting of such examples before their heathen neighbours and even their own children as will be worthy of imitation.

The crowds of people that greet one in the village communities always remind me so forcibly of the Man of Galilee and the thronging multitudes that pressed around Him, so much so that He had no time to rest or eat or even

pray.

The muttitudes are here and the labourers indeed few.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest."

We should have one W. F. M. S. worker free to give all her time to evangelistic work.

# Punjab District Work.

Missionary-Mrs. Butcher.

Ambala Circuit.—Grace Jacob, Zamkaur Das, Grace Das, Asso Lal Singh.

BARNALA CIECUIT.—Alice Yuhanna Singh, Hakim Bibi, Jawali Ram, Esther Din, Shanti Singh.

Batala Circuit.—Gomti Shaw, Mariam Joseph, Martha Beli Ram, Chandi Shah, Rosie Ram, Firozi Agia Das, Ashan Din, Bissi Din.

BHATINDA CIEGUIT.—Lily I.al, Laduri Masih, Bhagwan Dei, Edwina Theodore, Munsha Dei.

PEROZPORE CIRCUIT.-Karuna Khan, Sukhli Masih, Hasso Singh.

Kalwan Circuit.—Chatra Bai, Naomi Khan, Kitty Basil, Mehran Atu, Lachhmi Peshori Mall, Barakati Das, Fateh, Kesar, Shanti Dhaunu, Rukhman.

KANA KACHA CIRCUIT.—Rosie Daniel, Umri Lal, Grace Elisha, Mahtab Bibl, Jiwan Chand, Lacy Samuel, Piriyo Mall, Alice Matthews.

LAHORE CIRCUIT.—Mrs. Farnon, Martha Yusaf, Sonawa Bindra, Caroline James, Sarai Mark, Rajan Failbus, Caroline Din, Lily Umr Bux.

LAHORE NORTH CHROUT.—Alice Soloman, Lily Ganda Mall, Daulti Das, Angelina Das, Karim Bibi, Viru Barakat. MULTA N CIRCUIT. -- Bella Sampson, Zinda Shah, Alice Paul, Martha Jones.

Patiala Circuit.—Mrs. Cornelius (Preacher's wife), Mohaiya Singh, Grace Masih, Rebecca Masih.

RAEWIND CIECUIT.—Mrs. Shahbaz, Jawal Saul, Chameli Tara Chand, Kumri Silvanus, Bhuri Das, Kasturi Mall.

SANGBUR CIRCUIT.—Sonamani Lal, Mungeri Singh, Atri Mall, Samarti Chand, Susanah Masih.

There are now 13 Circuits in this District, where we have 75 women at work. The District covers a very large territory. Starting out on our itinerary to Ambala, is a distance of 187 miles to the south-east, Bhatinda on the south is 113 miles, Multan south-west 208 miles, Sangrur 183 miles, Patiala 186. The other Circuits vary from 15 to 58 miles distant. We can go by train to all of the Circuit centers except two, but to these centers we go any way we can, by pony cart, oxcart or walking. We have visited many villages this year where we had not been before, and the people have been most friendly.

3,605 have been baptized during the year, making a

Christian community of 15,035.

It has been a great joy to go about among these new Christians and encourage them and give them such instruction as we could in our limited time. We had a most interesting time in the Barnala Circuit. The sand was so deep we had to walk a good deal of the way, but when we did get to the villages we had such large crowds and such enthusiastic meetings that we never thought about the difficulties of the journey. Our Bible-woman who went with me had three very small children, and I thought we should never be able to get them there, but she managed it by taking two of them with her on a pony. Bhatinda Circuit is also in a very sandy locality and in some places we could get no conveyances, so had to walk from the railway, sometimes rather long distances. The crowds that welcomed us on our arrival were so large and so anxious to hear all we could tell them of our Jesus and His saving power. Some of our workers in this Circuit have suffered a good deal of persecution, having been forbidden the use of the wells, and no one daring to draw water for them they had to carry water from long distances.

The people are gradually becoming more friendly and the workers are greatly encouraged. Early in the year. Miss Greene went with me on an itinerary in the Raewind Circuit and also in the Kana Kacha Circuit. We found good crowds in every place, but in one place where the people had come in from all the surrounding villages the crowd was so large

that we had to divide the meeting, Miss Greene taking as many as she could make hear and I the rest of the women in another place, while the District Superintendent held the men in another place. It has been a wonderful year. The health of the workers has on the whole been good. Two workers, Barakati and Asso, have died since the Summer School, just before the close of the year. Barakati was a new worker this year but was very much beloved by the people. I visited her just a few days before her death and in the faintest whisper she told me she was happy in Jesus. Her poor body had wasted away till she was only a shadow of her former self, but her spirit was bright with the hope of her home-going. The women of the village told me that she was so good and patient that it was a pleasure to care for her. am sure the influence of her life will forever remain with those village people.

Summer School for the workers was held in Lahore during September. Sixty-one women were in attendance. The others were kept at home on account of illness. The health of the people kept good though they were so crowded and the weather hot. Classes in all the subjects of the course of study were held daily, and the results of the examination which Miss Greene gave them at the close of the term showed that good work had been done. Our District Conference was held at the close of the Summer School. The women reported

advance all along the line.

# Lahore City and Circuit Work.

Lahore is a large and important city with a population of over 200,000, the seat of the Punjab Government and a city of considerable historical interest.

We leave the zenana work to other Missions who have more missionaries and who mostly confine themselves to that work. There are over a thousand Methodist Christians in this Circuit beside many inquirers. To these our workers go, and they are kept busy instructing, comforting and helping. Martha and Lily go regularly, also the senior class in the Training School go by turn with them to learn the work. During the summer Miss Greene greatly encouraged and helped the workers by holding evening meetings in the scattered homes of the people. Lahore Cantonments has had no worker living there this year but has been worked from Lahore. All the near villages have been visited, and Caroline Nasir-ud-din living at Bekiwal about four miles from here visits the villages near there.

# The Training School.

Eight women have studied in the school this year; one other began the year but went away to see her daughter and did not return. These women are being trained for village workers. Three of them will, I hope, be ready to go out into the work this year. Caroline James, the present teacher, has had training in the Woman's School at Bareilly. We expect to have more women next year, but how to provide for their support is a difficult problem which we wish some of our friends would help us to solve.

Three of our Bible-readers are supported by friends, the rest are supported by the California. Minneapolis, Topeka and

Philadelphia Branches.

## RAJPUTANA DISTRICT.

Ajmer Girls' Boarding School.

Missionaries. - Miss Bobenhouse, Miss Mills.

Miss Lawrence, Assistant.

E. T. Orr, Bakhti, Mary, Horli, Dhapuri, Amri, Abigail, Teachers. Rupa Masih, Matron.

"New are His mercies every morning," we can sing with the inspired poet, as we review the blessings of the past year. Our hearts rejoice in God's goodness in dealing with these dear girls. The work has been very fascinating this year. A good number of little ones have come into the school-home. They always bring sunshine and new life into a school, as well as into a parental home. The older girls love and care for them, and the teachers' greatest interest lies in the classes of little ones.

Our teachers' meetings are interesting hours. Our staff consists of one English assistant, an educated Hindustani Christian man, who teaches the higher Urdu books and helps in other subjects, and six Hindustani girls, all of whom were educated in this school. Five of them are orphans, the sixth being the daughter of a poor widow. Two of our teachers are graduates of the Muttra Training School, one of a Normal School and holds a Government Certificate, and two have each had one year's training in our Normal School in Moradabad. One of these is our efficient Kindergarten teacher. It is intensely interesting to see how wide-awake these

young women are in discussing methods of teaching and of giving discipline, and how they are willing to sacrifice, even offering to teach extra time in order to advance the little ones. They are awake to the importance of their God-given tasks. The Bible and Catechism are carefully taught daily. In their examinations in the Bible course of study last year, our girls passed well, one girl in the Third Class gaining 100 per cent.

Three girls took the Government Middle Examination last April, of whom two passed. The other failed in one subject only. Of the two who passed, one is now teaching here and the other is studying in the Muttra Training School. Two others are studying in the High School in Meerut, and our medical girl is busy in her perparation for a life of usefulness. Two girls are preparing in our school to take the

Girls' Middle Examination next April.

The health of the girls has been good on the whole. Twice the angels came and bore away a loved one. Ramuri passed away in the Tubercular Sanitarium in Tilaunia. Hers was a triumphant passing, filled with the joyous expectation of soon being with her Saviour. How can I tell of the passing of our gentle, sweet-spirited Alice Orr, the daughter of our Urdu teacher. She was loved by all, in her own home and in the school. She was so bright and promising. She seemed to belong to heaven more than to the earth.

The revival we have prayed for has not yet come in our midst. Still we have great cause for thanksgiving as we see the light burning true and constant in the lives of so many of our girls. We rejoice that some are truly consecrated to the Lord and His service. Many of the older girls who have married and gone out as Bible-readers were present at our Annual District Conference last November. It was truly an inspiration to hear them tell of their work with beaming faces, showing how deeply interested they were in the spreading of the Gospel story.

We are endeavoring to awaken the interest of the girls in the fight against the liquor traffic. Sixty-eight girls have signed the Temperance Pledge. Some of our boarders come from a home where spirituous liquors are used. When they returned from their Christmas holidays they told how they

had kept their pledge and had not tasted any wine.

Last year Queen Mary of England visited Ajmer while Their Majesties were in India for their crowning as Emperor and Empress of this land. It was a happy day when the girls all went to see and honor their Queen. It was an occasion that they will never forget. This year another great treat was in store for them. The Viceroy, Lord Hardinge, the highest ruler in India, and Lady Hardinge, visited Ajmer in November, and Lady Hardinge graciously came to our school to see the girls. They will always think of her as a noble lady who feels a personal interest in Hindustani girls. Thus will the hearts of the girls be won to be loyal to their country and to their great Emperor and Empress.

Our great aim is to so instil the principles of truth, purity and righteousness into their young minds that they may be loyal, not only to their earthly Sovereign, but to their Heavenly King, and that they may be true citizens of His

Kingdom.

# Ajmer Circuit Work.

City Work.

During the past year we have had a force of nine Bible-readers at work in Ajmer. Six of these go two by two into the muhallas. They visit seven muhallas and teach in forty-six homes. All of the city workers have been supplied with report books this year, and these books show a general average of sixty-two non-Christian listeners per day for each of the three groups of Bible-readers. So you see these six women are sowing the seed in a broad field. Besides these listeners there is an average of twenty-five Christians who are visited each day.

In one muhalla there are thirteen inquirers who have given up all idol worship and are reading the Bible and repeating the Lord's Prayer in their own home each day. They have all but taken a definite stand for Christ. Please

pray especially for this little group.

These six Bible-readers hold three Sunday-schools in different muhallas each Sunday, with an average of twenty-eight children in each Sunday-school. They are encouraging the children to bring a collection each Sunday and we are hoping for improvement along that line. Two heathen

families are each giving four annas per month.

Our remaining three Bible-readers are each working alone. Jane Dass visits four houses each day with an average of fifty hearers. In one of these places she has gathered together about twenty children, who might be called street Arabs for all the teaching or training they have ever had, and these children have learned several verses of Scripture, a good portion of the Catechism and several bhajans, and during prayer have learned to close their eyes and bow their heads. She is doing very good work.

Our pastor's wife, Muniran, has this year started a nice work in a new muhalla of the city which has just been built up near their home. She visits six homes with an average of nine non-Christians and four Christian hearers per day. Two women are learning to read. She has two Sunday-schools. One meets in the pastor's home and is for the Christian people of that part of the city, as they live nearly three miles from where our regular Sunday-school is held. The other is held under a tree, and is for the non-Christian women. It has an average attendance of seventeen.

Angelina, our special zenana worker, is visiting seventeen homes, in which thirty-three are learning reading, writing and a little arithmetic and sometimes a little knitting. Besides these that are learning there are others of the families who are always listening to the Bible lesson and join in the hymns that are taught. She has a Sunday-school with an average attendance of seven.

# Village Work.

On this circuit six Bible-readers are working in six villages. Their work is mostly muhalla work, although many high-caste homes are visited, especially in Pushkar and Rajgarh. The work in three of these villages is comparatively new and there is not one Christian as yet. In one village there was a great deal of opposition at first, but through the Christ-like spirit of our worker and his wife the goodwill of the people was soon won. Pray especially for these our young workers who are the only representatives of Christ in the villages where they live.

# English Work.

The English work shows a slight increase in numbers. A few new faces are seen and a few old ones are missing. Two new members have been added during the past year. Our prayer-meeting, which is held at the home of one of our members, is a real means of grace to those who attend. Our Sunday-school has an average attendance of about 45 or 50. It is an interesting and encouraging work. A number have gone from it to our schools in Cawnpore and Naini Tal. We have just had our annual Sunday-school picnic at Tilaunia which is always greatly enjoyed.

#### Phalera.

#### Girls' Industrial School.

Missionaries.-Miss E. M. Forsyth, Miss M. A. Parkhurst.

Eleanore C. Cruden, Daphne Heron, Assistants.

Master Andrew Singh, Pundit.

Rukhmin Bahadur, Mary Barmal, Devli Dudo, Khemli Moto, Teachers.

As we glance backward at the year's work we are again grateful for divine guidance and help.

For the continued good health of the girls, due largely to

Dr. Keislar's supervision and help, we are very thankful.

From Allahabad and Meerut Districts thirteen new pupils have been received, and six women have found refuge in our widows' home.

Weddings have not been as numerous as last year. A number, however, have gone out to homes of their own, several

becoming Bible-readers.

With Miss Heron as head-mistress, the school work continues to progress nicely. In the annual school examinations and also in the Conference examinations, the girls passed well. Master Singh is still our Pundit. Piyari Johns, after several years of faithful service has resigned. Rukhmin Bahadur was successful in the Government Middle Examination and is now teaching for us. Several pupil teachers are also employed.

Eight girls are away for special training, six in the Muttra Training School and two are pursuing the nurse's course in

the Medical School in Ludhiana.

We are very proud of the Industrial Department, which is still under the careful supervision of Miss Cruden. The same beautiful handiwork is being sent out and orders are constantly coming in. Drawn-thread work, lace-making and weaving keep the girls busily employed a part of each day. Strange to say they prefer needlework to employment in the garden. The girls owe much to both Miss Cruden and Miss Heron for the influence exerted in their behalf, and can only repay the obligation by passing on to others what they themselves have received.

The five weeks' session of Summer School was exceedingly interesting this year. So many of the Bible-readers are our own Phalera girls, and we were pleased to see them again and to hear their reports of the work out in the villages. It was a pleasure also to note the interest in their studies and how well they did in the annual examinations. During these

weeks many new visions and spiritual blessings came to our school-girls as well as to all present. The last few days, when the Rev. Mr. Forman of the Presbyterian Mission was with us, were especially helpful.

We are all glad for the privilege of having been able to

give another year's work for Jesus.

## Phalera Medical Work.

Missionary-in-charge.—Mrs. Mott Keislar, M.D. Mrs. Bella Lall, Medical Assistant.

When Mrs. Baksh arrived in Tilaunia to take medical charge of the girls in the Sanitarium, our medical assistant there was transferred to the work in Phalera. She has proven herself an efficient and faithful worker. The people have confidence in her, and she is frequently called by the people in Phalera to attend cases.

There have been during the year, 6,038 attendances at the dispensary, of whom 1,522 were new patients. The number of obstetrical cases has greatly increased, many of our Christian women coming in from their villages to be under Bella's care. Every year adds to the list of interesting cases we are

called upon to treat.

An eight-year-old boy who had been a sufferer for three years, was brought to the dispensary. He lived in a village sixteen miles distant. After remaining here a month he recovered. A three months old baby was carried to us in a basket, from a village near Phalera. It was a little girl baby and the parents sent her with servants. The little helpless thing was having convulsions when she was brought. We insisted on keeping the child at the dispensary until there was some improvement. Two or three weeks after it had recovered we had the pleasure of visiting the mother. She proudly exhibited the baby who was then plump and healthy. With this as our introduction, we were able to give the Gospel message to a large group of women in this zenana home.

And thus we always find it. The medical work opens to the Gospel message the homes and hearts of our village

people.

The work has as usual included the medical care of the Girls' School. Since the beginning of the medical work at Phalera it has been found necessary to treat men as well as women. There has been no other provision for the village people. This year it has been possible to have with us an

assistant, who is being supported by the Parent Board, to care for our men patients. He has been a great help in our dispensary work.

#### Tilaunia.

#### Mary Wilson Sanitarium.

Missionary-in-charge.—Mrs. Mott Keislar, M.D. Mrs. Baksh, M.D., Medical Assistant.

Kesri Haqq, Compounder.

Agnes Henry, Matron.

Harli Kali, Anandi, Nurses.

Our roll of patients this year numbers eighty-three, of whom forty-four have been admitted during the year just closed. There have been eleven deaths, and seventeen have been sent back to their respective institutions. Of this latter number, but one had not improved since coming to us. We consider this an encouraging record. A large number of cases have been sent to us in the early stages of the disease, and we consider this one of the chief reasons for our

improved record this year.

The Union Mission have sent us fourteen patients from Cawnpore and Allahabad. The Scotch Presbyterian Mission in Rajputana has united with us in this work. They are building huts on a plant adjoining our compound, and will this month send us probably twenty-five patients. This union will necessarily increase our responsibilities, but we trust it will open up also new possibilities for the institution. A joint committee will be formed, and we feel that the added counsel and help will strengthen our efforts. We have much appreciated Mrs. Baksh's work this year. She has taken much of the burden of the work and has proven herself efficient and painstaking in the work assigned her. She reports as follows:—

I came to Tilaunia and began my work in February. We have a matron who is very kind naturally, and a good Christian woman. Her influence over the girls is good. She has been with us several years. She is careful with everything. She takes the girls out for walks, orders their food, sees that it is properly prepared, and serves it out to them. We have a cook-woman who does all the cooking for the Sanitarium. The convalescent girls by turn help her. The girls are not required to do any of the heavy work, nor are they allowed to sit by the fire; but they help in a general way with the work in the kitchen. We have four nurses. Re-

cently we have taken on three patients to help with the nursing. They have recovered, but need to remain in the beautiful climate of Tilaunia for a while longer so as to be quite

fit to return to their respective places.

The heavy field work is done by men, but we let the girls help with the light work. The vegetable garden inside the compound is also cared for by the matron and girls, and affords exercise in the open-air for them. The small poultry farm is giving employment to a few of the patients, who take turns feeding and watering the ducks and chickens. We have been able to add eggs to the diet of the weaker patients. We have church services on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of each week. These include Epworth League Meetings and Sunday-school. There is a wide-awake Missionary Society. Over ten rupees have been collected this year.

Our little dispensary is also doing much good for all the villages around. Kesri does the compounding and takes care of ordinary cases without any trouble. We want not only to heal them of their physical ailments, but to point

them to the great Healer.

# Rajputana District Work.

Missionary .- Mrs. Mott Keislar.

Bandiqui Circuit.—Sarah Singh, Dulari Ram, Chatri Parshad, Margaret Sanny, Muniran Cornelius, Bible-readers. Sona Kallan, Evangelist Teacher.

BIKANIR CIRCUIT.—Nellie Mall, Taramoni Dayal, Radha Gir, Yasni Ram, Bhuri Lall, Bible-readers. Dhanki Dasa, Evangelist Teacher.

NABAINA CIRCUIT —Azizan Mall, Seoli Daud, Sakina Ram, Ulfat Singh, Bible-readers.

NAWA CIRCUIT. - Pulmani Lall, Dhanni Masih, Kitty Lall, Bella Dass, Bible-readers.

Phulera Circuit.—Ganeshiya Stephens, Hasturi Alexander, Jamna Singh, Ramli Joseph, Dulari Lall, Jamni Chand, Anchli Chand, Harki Chand, Bible-readers.

PISANGAN CIRCUIT. - Florence Bahadur, Bhuri Bhuj, Gorli Lall, Bible-readers.

RAMBAR CIRCUIT.—Lucy Das, Miriam Singh, Ganeshiya Lall, Grace Massey, Bible-readers.

RUPMAGAR CIRCUIT.—Ellen Singh, Rupmani Anthony, Kakuri Singh, Ruth Bahadur, Kaunsilia Dae, Jammu Masih, Hiru Singh, Rebecca Andrew, Bible-readers.

The majority of the Bible-readers on the district are girls who have been educated in our schools at Ajmer and Phalera.

Most of these are orphans who have been with us since the famine. The years in school, quite away from all contact with heathenism have been of untold value in establishing them in the Christian faith. When they go out into the work, however, they have much to learn about the methods in reaching the people. We feel that the most important work, which the missionary-in-charge has to do, is the training of these girls in the practical methods of evangelistic work. It is gratifying to note their efficiency, as they go among the women of their villages. They are well received. and very soon win the confidence and respect of all.

The year has been one of advancement. We wish to make a special effort to reach the little village girls. It is of course much more difficult to gain the consent of the parents to teach the girls than the boys. In the villages where we have two Bible-women it is our desire to have one spend more of her time with the children and to especially develop this work. We were much gratified, on one of our tours, to find a number of Christians, men, women, and children who had had as pastor, one of their own number. They were able to join heartily in singing the Christian hymns, and knew something of the rudiments of our faith. At Summer School this year, this pastor's wife passed in two examinations and

has since been put on our roll of evangelist teachers.

For about six weeks our Summer School and District Conference were in session. With the exception of one or two, who were detained by illness, all of our Bible-readers were present. As the Bible-classes were taught by missionaries, the women, who had completed their course, were required to attend some of the Bible-classes. Four evangelist teachers, who had been carefully taught by a few of the older Bible-women, appeared for examinations. The morning devotional services held in the church were attended by all. The afternoon meetings for women were led by the different missionaries of the district. Various subjects were presented and discussed, which we believe will help our women in their practical work. The evangelistic services were helpful and uplifting.

A few days after the close of our District Conference, there was held the great Hindu festival at Pushkar, a sacred city situated near Ajmer. To this went about twenty-five of our workers, including missionaries. For several days we went in and out among the throngs of seekers, giving the message. Tracts were distributed, Gospels sold, and the Word presched and sung. We believe God used the message to bring peace

into troubled hearts.

## ROORKEE DISTRICT.

## District Work.

Missionary. - Mrs. A. L. Grey.

DEHRA DUN CIRCUIT.—Louisa Richards, Roxie Singh, Bible-readers
Kaunsilla Singh, Dhan Bhai, Evangelist Teach

DEGBAND CIRCUIT.—Ganeshi Dass, Rosie Singh, Sarah Peter, Bible

JALALABAD CIRCUIT.—Rozana Singh, Reshan Johnson, Kitty Sherring Sarah Chatterjue, Bible-readers.

THARBAR CIRCUIT.—Julia Williams, Sukhdei Singh, Harriet Gulab Haryat Diyal. Augusta Ransom, Bible-readers Rukya, Puni Jitu, Evangelist Teachers.

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ROORKEE DISTRICT.—Annie Callaghan, Dhapuri Lall, Gendia Baksh
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Teachers.

BAHARANPUR CIRCUIT .- Grace Robert, Piyari Singh, Bible-readers.

Again it is my lot to report what is, to me, a new work. I would much prefer to write this report after the next few weeks of touring, but that would be too late. We were transferred to Roorkee District last Conference and arrived here the middle of February. The summer had to be spent in the hills as usual, so it was not until our Summer School began in October that I really because acquainted with our women workers. The names of all had become quite familiar to me so I soon learned to know them.

Three of our Bible-readers have died during the summer,

Budya Edson, Lachhmi Lall and Ruth Lall.

Our Summer School and District Conference proved to be very profitable. We were so grateful for the timely help of Dr. Butcher, Dr. Clancy, Rev. J. T. Robertson and Mrs. Buck. Mrs. Wilson very kindly came up for one day to take the examinations, leaving her own Summer School to do so. Eight women were made happy by receiving certificates.

Since District Conference a number of villages within a radius of twelve miles have been visited. In some places we find the work very encouraging, the women working faithfully. Opportunities are abundant. It is difficult to get away from a village. In going from one muhalla to another, some one calls and asks you to go into that zenana and then into another. The women are so glad to have us come to them. Unfortunately, in some places, where splendid work might be done in the zenanas, only one young and inexperienced woman worker is stationed.

During the latter part of the year only two women were in the Roorkee Training School. Nikoriya Singh, the teacher, is faithful in her work. She seems to know quite well how to prepare her pupils for their examinations. Both of them passed in their respective courses. During the revival month she took them out with her in the city for evangelistic meetings.

The Lord has blessed the English work even though we have had so little time for it. At the request of one of the men, evening services were begun. The increasing interest and

attendance have been very gratifying.

One of the great needs of Roorkee District is the services of a lady evangelist. It would mean so much to the new converts, and also to the weak and faltering workers. I pray that this need which to us seems so urgent may be speedily supplied.

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