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Woman's Missionary Conference

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

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Lucknow Conference

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Mrs. S. R. Smith 1923
Mrs. R. B. Porter 1923
Miss Justin 1923
Miss Whitcomb 1923

Missionaries Retired or Detained in America

Mrs. C. E. Simpson 1907
Miss R. Oldroyd 1909
Miss M. E. Ekey 1911
Miss Schroeppeal 1913
Miss S. J. Walsh 1920
Mrs. S. Taylor 1916

* On leave to America
Officers and Committees.

President
Mrs. H. Lester Smith
First Vice-President
Mrs. F. M. Wilson
Second " "
Miss E. Hoge.
Secretary
Miss J. M. Smith.
Assistant Secretary
Miss C. Lawrence.
Statistical Secretary
Mrs. M. O. Insko.
Custodian of the Archives
Miss E. M. Hutchens.

Field Reference Committee.

Field Correspondent, (ex-officio)
Miss Whiting.
Mrs. Price
Mrs. Wilson.
Miss Smith
Miss Hoge.
Miss Hyneman
Miss Nichols.

Alternates.
Miss Ludgate.

Committee to Advise with Cabinet.

Miss Hoge
Mrs. Wilson
Miss Hyneman

Joint Board of Education.

Miss Ludgate
J. R. Chitambar.
Miss Abbott
P. S. Hyde.
Mrs. S. R. Smith
F. M. Ferrill.
Miss Wheat
B. F. Wishard.
Mrs. Briggs
G. J. Shaw.
Miss Lawrence
T. C. Badley.
Miss Hoge
G. W. Briggs.

Property and Furniture Committee.

Miss Hoge, Chairman
Miss Hodge.
Miss Bragg, Secretary
Miss Abbott.

Field Correspondent (ex-officio).

Committee on Almora Home: Miss Hardsaw.

Evangelistic Board.

Mrs. Wilson, Chairman
L. C. Lewis
Miss Bragg, Registrar
M. O. Insko
All ladies in evangelistic work
E. W. Mumby
Mrs. Mumby
B. F. Wishard

Committee on Schools.

Miss Lawrence, Chairman.
Miss Ludgate, Vice-Chairman.
All ladies in school work.

Language School Board.

Miss Hutchens
Miss Cox, Registrar.
Miss Abbott, Chairman
Committee on Auditing.
Miss Gantzer.
Miss Ludgate
Miss Bragg.
Mrs. Mumby
Miss Madden (ex-officio)
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Temperance Board.

Mrs. Price
Mrs. Perrill
Mrs. Denning
Miss Hoge
Mrs. Porter

G. J. Shaw.
D. Wilson.
B. R. Franklin.
Nabidad Khan.
A. P. Cotton.
F. M. Perrill.

Committee on Conference Programme.

Mrs. Ballenger
Miss McMillan
Mrs. Thero.
Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer:—Miss Gantzer.

Committee on Medical Work.

Miss Harris
Mrs. Baksh, M.D.
Mrs. Sukh, M.D.

Committee on Funds for Homeless Women.

Mrs. Perrill
Mrs. Faucett
Miss Moses.

Committee on Lal Bagh Girls’ School.

Miss Moses
Miss Wheat

Miss Whiting.
Miss Hyneman, Alternate.

Committee on Tilaunia Sanatorium Committee.

Mrs. T. C. Badley.

Representative on Baby Fold Committee.

Mrs. P. S. Hyde.

Representative for Aligarh Vocational School.

Miss Ludgate.

Representative on Board of Trustees of Bareilly Theological Seminary.

Mrs. J. R. Chitambar.

Editing Committee.

Miss Lawrence

Miss Hutchens.

Statistical Committee.

Mrs. Wilson

Miss Hoge.

Mrs. Insko (ex-officio.)
Woman's Conference.

ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.

Boys' School, English Church, and District work, Mrs. J. O. Denning.

ARRAH DISTRICT.

District Work, Mrs. M. G. Ballenger.
Girls' School, Miss Ruth Hyndeman.
District Evangelist, Miss Ruth Cox.

BALLIA DISTRICT.

District Work and Women's Training School, Mrs. F. M. Perrill.
District Evangelist, Miss Edna Abbott (Buxar, Dist. Shahabad.)
Medical Work, Rasra, Mrs. E. A. Ilahi Baksh, M. D.

BUXR DISTRICT.

District and Medical Work, Mrs. Emanuel Sukh, M. D.
District Evangelist and Supervisor of Village Schools, Miss Edna Abbott.

CAWNPORE DISTRICT.

District and Evangelistic Work, Mrs. F. M. Wilson.
English Church, Mrs. S. Raynor Smith.
Girls' High School, Miss E. L. Whiting, Principal, Miss J. A. Bragg.
Hudson Memorial School, Miss A. M. Ludgate, Principal, Miss Rosa Hardsaw.

GONDA DISTRICT.

Chambers' Memorial School, Miss Elizabeth Hoge, Boarding Department,
Miss Lemira Wheat, Educational Department.
District Evangelist, Miss Elizabeth Hoge.
Primary Educational Work, Mrs. G. W. Briggs.
District Work, Mrs. L. C. Lewis (Basti.)

LUCKNOW DISTRICT.

Christian Mohulla Work, Miss Edna Hutchens, Mrs. E. W. Mumby.
Christian Zenanna Work, supplied by Mrs. E. M. Moffatt.
Deaconess Home and Language Study, Miss Whitcomb.
District Evangelist, Miss Ruth Gantzer.
English Church, Mrs. R. B. Porter.
WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

RAI-BARELI DISTRICT.

City and District Work, Mrs. S. B. Finch.

TIRHOOT DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work, Mrs. J. H. Wilkie.
District Work and City Work, Mrs. R. I. Faucett.
District Evangelist, Miss M. R. Moses.
Indiana Girls' School, Miss J. M. Smith.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Isabella Thoburn College, Miss F. L. Nichols, Principal, Miss Helen McMillan, Miss Alice Harris, Miss Justin.
Lal Bagh Girls' School, Miss M. C. Lawrence, Principal, Miss Edna Hutchens.
Lucknow Christian College, Mrs. J. R. Chitambar, Mrs. E. R. Tweedie until March 1924.
Methodist Publishing House, Mrs. M. O. Insko, Mrs. G. N. Shukul.
Temperance and literary Work, Mrs. F. B. Price.
On leave to America, Miss M. E. Dalrymple, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, Miss Mary Richmond, Miss M. E. Schroeppel, Mrs. C. E. Simpson, Mrs. E. R. Tweedie, (from March 1, 1924), Miss S. J. Walsh, Mrs. R. D. Wellons.
Bareilly Theological Seminary, Mrs. P. S. Hyde.
Music at Lucknow Christian College, Mrs. S. G. Thero.
Educational Work, Mrs. T. C. Badley.
Order of Business.

Devotions
Roll-Call
Election of Officers.
Introductions and Messages.
Report of Programme Committee.
Appointment of Committees.
Reports of Committees:

First Day.—Finance Committee.
   Board of Education.
   Almora Sanitorium.
   Schools Committees.

Second Day.—Advisory Committee.

   Property and Furniture Committee.
   Evangelistic Board.
   Language School Board.

Third Day.—Auditing Committee.

   Literature and Programme Committees.
   Medical Committee.
   Temperance Committee.

Fourth Day.—Report of Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer.

   Reports of Official Delegates to Other Conferences.

Unfinished Business.
New Business.
Closing.
Official Minutes.

FIRST DAY.

Cawnpore, November 28th, 1923.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Lucknow Women’s Conference was opened by a hymn and prayer after which the following officers were elected:

- President: Mrs. H. Lester Smith
- First Vice-President: Mrs. F. M. Wilson
- Second Vice-President: Miss E. Hoge
- Secretary: Miss J. Smith
- Ass’t. Secretary: Miss M. Lawrence
- Statistical Secretary: Mrs. M. O. Insko
- Custodian of the Archives: Miss E. M. Hutchens

Twenty-four members responded to the roll call.

Mrs. S. Rayner Smith, Mrs. S. G. Thero, Miss R. Hardsaw and Miss A. Harris were introduced and welcomed as new members. Mrs. G. W. Briggs and the Misses Moses, Wheat, and Bragg were welcomed back from furlough and spoke briefly of changes noted.

The hours of 11:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. were set for the conference sessions; these may be interrupted to attend joint sessions.

The Program Committee reported and were instructed to arrange for talks on special subjects.

Adjournment.

SECOND DAY.

November 29th.

After devotions the minutes were read and approved.

Special prayer was offered for Miss Whiting and Mrs. Briggs was appointed to send her flowers and daily messages from the Conference. Greetings from Miss Whiting were read.

A partial report from the Field Reference Committee was read and accepted.

A recent letter from Miss Ella Watson was read.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed: Mrs. F. B. Price, Miss Hyneman and Miss Smith.

Greeting from several absent members were received and arrangements were made to send them greetings from the Conference. The Secretary was instructed to wire greetings to Mrs. F. W. Warne.

Mrs. R. B. Porter was introduced and welcomed as a new member.
Miss Nichols moved that Miss Grace Jiwanandham and Miss Gladys Gideon be recommended to the Executive Board for membership in the Lucknow Woman’s Conference. The motion was carried.

Miss Moses favoured the Conference with a solo.

Memorials from other Conferences were referred to a Committee on Memorials composed of Mrs. F. M. Wilson, Miss Hyneman and Miss McMillan.

It was voted that the election of the Field Reference Committee be the order of the day for twelve o’clock Friday.

The report of the Schools Committee was read and accepted.

The motion that the name of the Missionary Research Library be put on our permanent mailing list was carried.

A communication from the North India Schools Committee was read and referred to the Board of Education.

Communications from Dr. Kipp and from the Upper India Baby Fold were read and referred to the Nominating Committee.

The reports of the Property and Furniture Committee and of the Representative for the Aligarh Vocational School were accepted as presented.

The meeting adjourned.

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THIRD DAY.

November 30.

The devotional service led by Mrs. Ballenger was followed by the reading and approval of the minutes.

The Conference reconsidered the motion of the previous day placing the election of the Field Reference Committee for twelve o’clock Friday, and set the time for twelve o’clock Saturday.

It was voted that immediately after the election of the Field Reference Committee, the delegates to Central Conference be elected.

The Misses Wheat, Nichols and Moses were appointed the Committee on Resolutions.

Miss Sullivan was introduced and presented the report of the Almora Home, after which the meeting adjourned for a time to attend the joint session of the Annual Conference.

The session re-opened with prayer by Miss Hoge.

The report of the special committee on Provident Fund was accepted as presented.

Miss Hardsaw favored us with a solo.

The reports of the Nominating Committee and the Isabella Thoburn College were read and accepted.

The Misses Jiwanandham and Frederick were introduced to the Conference.

The following reports were read and accepted:

- Literature Committee, Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer, and Representative to United Provinces Missionary Council.

The meeting adjourned.
OFFICIAL MINUTES

FOURTH DAY.

December 1.

The devotions were followed by the reading and approval of the minutes. The election of the Field Reference Committee was taken up as the order of the day. The following were elected: Field Correspondent, Miss Whiting; Members, Mrs. Price, Miss Smith, Miss Hyneman, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Hoge, Miss Nichols, Alternates: Miss Bragg and Miss Ludgate.

Mrs. Price and Miss Hoge were elected as delegates to Central Conference with Mrs. Briggs and Miss Whiting as alternates.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted in part. It was voted that its further consideration be postponed until the arrival of the Central Treasurer.

The report of the Medical Committee was read and accepted. It was voted that the recommendations in it be referred to the Field Reference Committee.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and accepted.

It was voted that the delegates to Central Conference from the North India, the Northwest India and the Lucknow Conferences be asked to prepare a plan of representation to the United Provinces Council of Missions and present the same to the next session of the respective Annual Conferences for action; and that for the current year the three who have been elected be asked to decide among themselves who shall be the official representative.

Miss Abbott gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Village Work" and Mrs. Mumby entertained us with a reading.

Reports of the Blackstone Missionary Institute and of the Provident Fund of North India and Lucknow Conferences were read and accepted.

Adjournment.

FIFTH DAY.

December 3rd, 1923.

The morning devotions were led by Miss Nichols.

After the approval of the minutes the report of the Central Treasurer was read and accepted.

Greetings from Mrs. F. W. Warne and from the Gujerat Woman's Conference were read.

A communication from Rev. Devadasan was presented and Mrs. J. R. Chitambar was elected the member from this Conference on the Board of Trustees of the Bareilly Theological Seminary.

Upon nomination by the Field Reference Committee the following Property and Furniture Committee was elected. The Misses Hoge, Smith, Bragg, and Abbott.

The report of the Auditing Committee was again referred back to the Committee with the request that they bring in recommendations for the keeping of books.

After the presentation of the report of the Statistical Secretary, Mrs. F.
M. Wilson, Miss Hoge, and Mrs. Insko were elected the Committee on Statistics. They were instructed to correspond with Mrs. Spaeth and to prepare a letter of directions which shall be sent out with the statistical blank forms.

The matter regarding the responsibility for district statistics was referred to the Evangelistic Committee.

The Committee on Memorials presented a partial report.

The Memorial referring to membership in the Women's Annual Conference was recommitted to the Committee on Memorials. By-laws concerning local missionaries were passed after amendment. The form of application for local missionaries and also the form of application for membership in the Woman's Conference were adopted.

Adjournment.

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SIXTH DAY.

December 4th, 1923.

Mrs. H. Lester Smith led the morning devotions.

After the approval of the minutes the report of the Committee on Memorials was continued. The memorial on Membership was accepted as amended. The Memorial on the Status of Bible Women was accepted.

The recommendations by the Auditing Committee were accepted item by item and the report accepted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Education was read and accepted with the recommendation that the part regarding the publication of *Methodist Education* be referred to Central Conference.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was accepted as amended. Miss Hyneman resigned as Registrar of the Committee and Miss Bragg was elected.

The motion that the report be printed at the Lucknow Methodist Press was carried. The Secretary was instructed to obtain rates from other presses for next year.

Mrs. Ballenger's withdrawal from the Editing Committee was accepted and Miss Hutchens was elected.

It was voted that the Program Committee be authorized to rearrange the order of Conference Reports in the Order of Business.

It was voted that our Temperance Committee join with the Temperance Committee of the Annual Conference to form a Temperance Board.

The motion that Miss Jane Peters be recommended to the Executive Board for membership in the Lucknow Woman's Conference was carried.

After the reading and adoption of the Resolution the Conference was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. H. Lester Smith.
Reports of Committees.

FIELD REFERENCE COMMITTEE 1923.

February 6. 7.

The Estimates for 1924 were considered and passed as in the printed sheet.

In reply to the inquiry in the Official letter, it was voted that we request the changing of By-Law XII-3, so that the part referring to vacations of indigenous workers shall read 'but requests for more extended leave of absence shall be made to the Field Reference Committee' instead of the present reading, 'but more extended leave shall be without salary.'

As a general rule, the Committee recommended that a Local Missionary should have a year's furlough on full pay after six years of service, and that we so recommend each case to the Executive Committee. It was also recommended that Assistants should have six months vacation on full pay after ten years of work.

In reply to the question regarding our relation to the program of the National Missionary Council, the following statement was made:

"While we wish to co-operate in every way with the National Missionary Council, yet in view of the probable financial obligations, and in view of the appointment of three missionaries from our Methodist Episcopal Church in India for general educational supervision, we do not feel that we are ready to accept the financial responsibility involved by the action of the Council at the recent meeting in Ranchi in appointing special secretaries for this work."

In accordance with the action of the General Executive, that the travelling expenses of the members of the Field Reference and Property Committees be paid, it was voted that the amount expended up to second class fare be allowed.

It was also voted that the actual moving expenses of missionaries be referred to the Field Reference Committee for action before payment. It was voted that Miss Abbott's expenses in moving her boxes from Bareilly be paid.

It was voted that the Field Correspondent be asked to write Miss Watson, representing the indefinite and irregular relation of the Isabella Thoburn Girls' School which is governed by its individual Finance Committee thus placing it outside any Conference. Since the removal of the upper classes next July will reduce it to a Middle School, we request that it be made a part of this Conference.

It was recommended that Miss Dalrymple's furlough be granted and that a request for a loan be made for her use for College study during her furlough.

It was arranged with the W. C. T. U. that Rs. 100 per month be paid to the Central Treasurer for the use of the rooms in the Deaconess Home and Miss Davis' assistance.

It was voted that the Field Correspondent write Miss Watson representing our claim to part of the amount paid to North India Conference for Homeless Women, and asking that an appropriation be made directly to our Conference next year. That she also write to the Reference Committee of North India, asking them to let us have the same amount paid during the past two years—$125.
It was voted that the Field Correspondent write Miss Watson our appreciation of the $328 which was sent out as free money to be distributed by the Reference Committee, and to ask for a continuation of the grant of a similar sum in coming years.

From the Free Money, it was voted that Rs. 300 be paid to Miss Abbott for itinerating this year, with the understanding that she return it if she receives an emergency grant from home.

Since Miss Gantzer received $300 for a conveyance, the Rs. 800 previously granted for that purpose was taken back, and redistributed as follows:

To Rae-Bareli District Rs. 300.
Miss Bacon, Christian Mohulls, Lucknow Rs. 200.
Arrah School Asst. Rs. 300.

The $2,000 Equipment Money was divided as follows:

Cawnpore G. H.S. Rs. 1,800.
Cawnpore H. M. S. Rs. 1,650.
Gonda School Rs. 675.
Muzaffarpur School Rs. 675.
Arrah School Rs. 1,200.

Additional Emergency requests from the Mid-Year meeting are:

Upkeep of Evangelist’s Auto, Cawnpore $ 300.
Laying on of Water, Muzaffarpur School $ 160.
Salary of Second Assistant, Muzaffarpur School $ 325.
Evangelistic Asst., Arrah $ 200.
Itinerating for Miss Abbott (Buxar-Ballia) $ 100.

It was voted that Mrs. Faucett be asked to let Miss Smith have Rs.75 per month from the Evangelistic Assistant’s salary while she has no assistant, and the second assistant’s salary for the school is not received.

At Miss Gantzer’s request, it was voted that the funds for the Lucknow District be sent directly to the District Superintendent with the request that he keep account of the expenditure of these funds with complete file of vouchers, as instructed by the Auditing Committee.

Miss Gantzer was given the use of two rooms in the Deaconess Home, and Rs. 50 was granted for repairing a cookhouse for her.

The Correspondent was asked to send the following information to Miss Bacon:

1. All school children of Lucknow should be sent to Gonda, and not to Sitapur, according to the present plan of affiliation for schools.
2. Travelling expenses for school children cannot be paid from the funds for Homeless Women, unless they are orphans for whom payment cannot be made from any other source.
3. Bills for the expenses of taking babies and orphans to the Baby Fold or Orphanages, and for needy women should be sent by the Chairman of the Committee for Homeless Women to the Field Correspondent for countersignatures, and presentation to the Treasurer for payment.

At Miss Hyneman’s request, Miss Hector, the assistant at Arrah, was granted six months leave on full pay.
It was voted to increase Miss Ellen Richards' pension at ten rupees a month.

It was voted that the Treasurer pay the assessment for the U. P. Missionary Council.

It was voted that the Treasurer be asked to pay Rs. 600 from the money paid by the W. C. T. U. for repairs at the Deaconess Home.

Misses Hoge, Hyneman and Bacon were elected a Committee for drawing up rules for a Provident Fund for the Assistants not in the U. P. Schools.

It was voted that where a Local missionary lives with a Foreign missionary, that the former pay three-fourths of what the other pays toward the house expenses.

It was voted that if the Scholarship in the Isabella Thoburn College be granted, that its use shall be in the control of the Educational Committee.

Mrs. Wilson was elected the member of the All-India Literature Committee. Miss Smith was elected the member of the Executive Board.

June.

It was voted that the Secretary of Topeka Branch be asked to arrange a loan for Miss Mary Richmond for study in Columbia University during her furlough according to the ruling of the Society.

July.

At the request of Miss Joan Davis, owing to the serious illness of her father and sister, the Committee granted permission for her to go home at once, and authorized Miss Madden to advance the travelling money.

July 24.

It was voted that since the conditions in the compound at the back of the Deaconess Home are unsatisfactory, the Correspondent should write Mr. Bal­lenger cancelling the agreement, and asking him to clear it of the present occupants, and to return it to the lady-in-charge of the Deaconess Home. He was also asked to pay the Conservancy tax with the exception of Rs. 6 per month, until that time.

It was voted that rent at the rate of two rupees a month per room be charged for the small houses at the back of the Deaconess Home, from Sept. 1st.

It was voted that Miss Gantzer be authorized to buy three electric fans for the Home, paying for them from the money received from the W. C. T. U. and the balance remaining from her conveyance fund.

It was voted to increase Mrs. Dempster's pension to Rs. 7 per month.

A letter from Miss Moses was read. In reply to her request to move the Arrah school to the bungalow on the B. of F. M. land adjoining our property, the removal was sanctioned as soon as the deed for the land is in hand. Sanction was also given Miss Hyneman to rent the bungalow to be vacated by the school.

From the Free Money in hand, it was voted to pay the following:

To Miss Bragg, auto upkeep . . . . . . . Rs. 345.

\" Moses, moving the school . . . . . . . . . 175.

\" Hyneman, house rent (annulling the action of Dec. '22) 160.

In reply to the letter sent out by Miss Gabrielson suggesting a reorganization of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in its relation to other countries, the Field Correspondent was asked to reply that it is our opinion that the change is not advisable in India at the present time, for we do not see the need for it, or the advantage to the Indian Church. We feel there is need for closer co-operation of the Men’s and Women’s work on the field, rather than closer
connection with the Society of America. We believe also that the suggestion would be unpopular with the Indian leaders who are eager to develop the national spirit in the church as well as in secular life.

(This action was approved by the members of the conference who sent replies to the circulated letter.)

**Conference, Nov. 28—Dec. 4th.**

Correspondence was read from Dr. Denning regarding the action taken in the Finance Committee last May requesting the W. F. M. S. to take over the Primary Boys' School at Allahabad. But as the Secretary of the Finance Committee did not send an official request it was voted that we could take no action in the matter.

Correspondence was read from Miss Madden asking for the authorization of the various Mission bank accounts by the Field Reference Committee, so as to permit easy adjustment in the event of the sudden transfer or death of the one operating the account. The following accounts were authorized by the Committee:

1. The Indiana Girls' Boarding School account of Muzaffarpur, to be operated by Miss J. M. Smith.
2. The Hudson Memorial Girls' School account of Cawnpore, to be operated by Miss A. M. Ludgate.
3. The W. F. M. S. District account of Cawnpore, to be operated by Mrs. Mary Eva Wilson.

The Girls' High School account of Cawnpore was previously authorized by its Board of Trustees, so further action is not necessary.

It was voted that the outstanding bill of Rs. 261-8. for repairs on the Deaconess Home should be paid from the rent received from the W. C. T. U. and the balances.

Attention was called to a gift of Rs. 317-15-0 received by Bishop Warne for use in purchasing a motor car in this Conference. It was voted that this be given to Miss Abbott at Buxar to start a motor car fund.

The following were nominated for the Field Reference Committee: Misses Hoge, Smith, Bragg, Abbott.

It was voted that we formulate rules for keeping of accounts and ask the Auditing Committee to communicate with each one in charge of W. F. M. S. funds to know if she will agree to keep the accounts as required as a condition of handling the funds.

Balance reported for re-distribution were:

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<td>Allahabad District</td>
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<td>(approximately) 681</td>
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<td>Lucknow Christian Mohulla</td>
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From these, it was voted to give the following:

| Arrah, Sawtelle Girls' School | 200    |
| Arrah District Evangelist     | 50     |
| Lucknow Deaconess Home        | 47     |

It was voted that the rest should be distributed at the meeting after the appropriation list is received.
It was voted that the Central Treasurer be instructed to pay intermediate railway fare to the delegates from the Women’s Conference to Central Conference.

It was voted that Mrs. Wilson be allowed to repair the quarters occupied by the Bible Women in Cawnpore from W. F. M. S. funds, and that hereafter the W. F. M. S. shall pay a monthly rent for the houses or keep them in repair.

E. L. Whiting,
Field Correspondent.

Report of Property and Furniture Committee.

During the year this Committee met three times. The first meeting was held in Cawnpore February 7th. The crowded condition of Hudson Memorial School was considered. It was voted to move the Middle School to Rawatpur. The buildings are to be planned so as to be enlarged for accommodating the lower primary as well, after some years. Estimates $30,000.

The second item considered was that of land and plans for the Girls’ School in Arrah. It was decided to purchase a part of the land known as the Solano Property.

On March 28th the committee came to Arrah and accepted plans for school house, hostel and bungalow. The details of each to be worked out and presented later.

It was voted to purchase one-third of the Solano Property for the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society.

On July 24, there was a called meeting in Lucknow. The building of the Girls’ School in Arrah was put in the hands of the lady in charge of the school.

By correspondence it was voted to ask Miss Madden, Central Treasurer to advance Rs. 1,000 for the purchase of bricks for the buildings in Arrah.

By correspondence it was voted to grant some furniture for the following places.

Hudson Memorial, Cawnpore,
Indiana Girls’ School, Muzaffarpur

Evangelist at Buxar.
Evangelist at Arrah.

Furniture Money.
January 1, 1923 Balance Rs. 194-12-0
Received 600-0-0

Expenditure
Cawnpore Rs. 274-4-0
Muzaffarpur 143- 8-0
Buxar 167-15-0
Arrah 120-6-0
Rs. 710-1-0

Total Receipts Rs. 794-12-0
Expendit. Rs. 710-1-0
Bal. Rs. 84-11-0

J. M. Smith, Chairman.
R. E. Hyneman, Secretary.

December 3, 1923.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

List of Furniture for W. F. M. S. Bungalow.

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<th>Room</th>
<th>1 library table</th>
<th>3 small tables</th>
<th>1 book case</th>
<th>6 chairs</th>
<th>1 dining table</th>
<th>1 side board</th>
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<td>Bed Room</td>
<td>1 bed</td>
<td>1 hanging almira</td>
<td>1 shelf almira or 1 chest of drawers</td>
<td>1 writing table</td>
<td>1 dressing table</td>
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<td>1 mirror</td>
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<td>2 tables</td>
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<td>1 book case for each missionary in different kinds of work.</td>
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<td>2 hanging safes</td>
<td>1 strong matting for each room</td>
<td>2 extra beds</td>
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<td>1 wash stand</td>
<td>1 towel rack</td>
<td>1 commode</td>
<td>1 set of dishes (12)</td>
<td>1 desk for each missionary</td>
<td>1 book case for each missionary in different kinds of work.</td>
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Board of Education

The following are the actions of the Board of Education during the year which directly affect the women’s work:

**Actions of May Meeting:**

It was voted that we recommend to the Lucknow Finance Committee that they request the Ladies’ Field and Reference Committee to recommend to the ladies in America that they authorize the appointment and undertake the support of a missionary or local missionary in the Allahabad Boys’ School.

**Actions of December Meetings:**

It was voted that we approve of the forms for Educational Statistics introduced by Mr. T. C. Badley and memorialize Central Conference that they be adopted.

A resolution received from the members of Annual Conference that Rae Bareli should be affiliated with Cawnpore schools instead of Gonda was approved.

Concerning a matter connected with Hudson Memorial School presented by representatives of the Schools’ Committee, it was voted that the committee be authorized to prepare a letter to be forwarded to the party concerned and be given power to act should further action be found necessary.

The resolution from North India Woman’s Conference regarding making Lal Bagh a High School again, was rejected.

It was moved and carried that little orphan girls supported by the mission, may if the Principal thinks best, go to the homes of near relatives such as aunts, uncles, and grandparents until they are twelve years of age.

It was voted and carried that teachers in our schools not be permitted to do any regular remunerative work outside the schools during the school year, not including vacations, without permission of the Board of Education.
We recommended to Central Conference that the publication of the magazine *Methodist Education* be continued, and that it be made the official organ for the Conferences through which our Educational Secretaries may give publicity to their work and aims.

It was voted that we substitute Barrister David's wording for the wording of the committee in the letter to be sent from the Board of Education to S. N. Jonathan.

The Board recommends that a six weeks Training School be held for Women Teachers at Isabella Thoburn College.

It was voted that a sum of Rupees fifty be given Isabella Thoburn College for incidental expenses connected with the proposed training school for women, on condition that the other two Conferences, North and North-west India, give like sums.

We recommended to Annual Conference that the members of Conference send all Children's Day collections direct to the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

**Report of Evangelistic Committee.**

*Recommended:—*

1. That one month's pay for each year's service be granted assistants when extended leave for illness is necessary. Further requests to be made to the Field Reference Committee.

2. That third class railroad fare be given to assistants when required to attend District Conference out of their own station.

3. That one half of all family expenses for District Conference may be paid from W. F. M. S. District Funds when funds allow.

4. That all account books for District work and of Evangelists be closed December 31st.

Mrs. F. M. Wilson, *Chairman.*

Ruth E. Hyneman, *Secretary.*

**Salary Scale for Bible Women.**

Any woman giving full time under supervision, that can qualify as a Junior Teacher may draw the same salary, save her maximum will be Rs. 2. less.

Any other woman having passed all the Bible Woman's Course of Study may receive up to Rs. 12-0-0.

All wives of preachers shall receive a salary according to the rule for joint salaries.

**General Rules of Evangelistic Work.**

1. More work should be done among Christians than among non-Christians. Where non-Christian schools are conducted at the expense of work among the Christian community they should be closed.

During the winter months the work among the Christians should have the preference and should, if possible, have the entire supervision of the missionary during that time. The Zenana Work should not overshadow that done among Christians.
2. We urge that every Missionary in this work feel the responsibility of more diligently presenting the needs of the evangelistic work to the Home Base in frequent letters on the subject.

3. We recommend that at least a total of one month be spent among the villages during every Missionary's first three years in India.

4. It is recommended that Miss Livermore's life of Christ as contained in Nahnma-i-Pasban, and Zaruri Ta'ilim be taught to villagers everywhere.

For use in the Zemunus Masih ki Tamsily by Rev. J. H. Lawrence of Kasganj, Mrs. Annett's Course, and Miss Gabrielson's selected Bible stories are recommended.

5. District Funds shall not be used to purchase Christmas presents for Bible-women.

6. The Committee recommend that one copy of the Rafiq should be furnished free to each Bible-woman, and that copies of that paper may be given with alteration in the Zemunus.

7. Because of the urgency of the need that our Bible-women have some knowledge of Hindi, it is recommended that heads of schools shall be encouraged to have Hindi taught in the Fourth Standard three times weekly instead of Drawing which is an optional subject. In introducing Hindi we have been formally assured by the Chief Inspectress of Schools of the sympathetic attitude Government will take in the matter.

8. Realizing the need of observing a reverent attitude in prayer we urge that an effort be made to teach the habit of kneeling in prayer in all our public religious services.

Evangelistic Committee.

Rules relating to Bible Readers' Examination.

1. A committee on each District shall be appointed by the Lady-in-charge of work to aid in examining Bible Readers at District Conference.

2. The First and Second Years' examinations may be oral or written, as the examiner shall decide, but the Third and Fourth Years' must be written. The Third and Fourth Years' books must be read in the character, but the examinations may be written in Roman.

3. For passing 50 per cent. is required.

4. The Registrar shall issue all certificates.

5. The Lady-in-charge of each District shall send to the Registrar a full report of all examinations of all women, including failures as well as passes.

6. A similar record of all examinations must be kept in each District.

7. A recommendation of the character of each Bible woman must accompany the examination report to the Registrar.

8. The following books should be read by those who have passed their Fourth Year's examinations. For this work the Lady-in-charge may give certificates:—

"Titus", by Florence Kingsley.
"Life of Helen Keller"
"Life of Pandita Ramabai"
"Robinson Crusoe"
"Buck's Parables"
"Pastor Hsi"
"The Women of the Bible"
Course of Study for Bible Women.

FIRST YEAR.
1. Dharmtula with Hindi dictation.
2. Muqaddas Kitab, Parts I and II with Dictation in Roman.
3. Mere Rahne kā ghar.

(Instead of Arithmetic, for girls who have passed the third standard in school, four selected Bhajans and Zarurī Talīm are to be committed to memory).

SECOND YEAR.
1. General Epistles, with Notes, by Mrs Wilson.
2. Ratan Mala-Hindi Dictation.
3. Temperance Catechism-Hindi Dictation.
5. Arithmetic—Subtraction.

THIRD YEAR.
1. Mumuksh Britant—Hindi Dictation.
2. Seven Pauline Epistle, with Notes, by Mrs. Wilson.
3. Duncan's Christian Stewardship.

FOURTH YEAR.
1. Sat Mat Nirupan.
2. Romans.

Elementary Course for Evangelistic Teachers.

FIRST YEAR.
First Book in Urdu, Hindi, or Roman.
Writing of Urdu or Hindi Alphabets.
Counting to one hundred.
The Lord’s Prayer and two Bhajans, “Ham se Barnī na jāe’’ and “Piyaro Masīha jiya hai.’’

SECOND YEAR.
Second Book in Urdu, Hindi, or Roman.
Addition of numbers up to fifty
Writing words of one syllable from Dictation.
First five chapters of Mark.
Ingram’s Stories, First Half.
Memory work—Three Bhajans, “Yishū Masīh merā pran bachaiyā,’’ “Yishū paiyān lagun,’’ “Bacha lena Prabhū Yishū hamare pran.’’

THIRD YEAR.
Ingram’s Stories, Second Half.
Addition and Subtraction of number up to fifty.
Memory Work—Zaruri Talim and four Bhajans,—"Karo meri sahaj Mashi jī," "Chet karo sab papī logo," "Jai Prabhū Yishū jai adhiraja," "Mashi tū qudrat ab apnī dihā de."

FOURTH YEAR.

Gospels, Matthew and John, with Dictation.
Balakon kā Sudhrao.
Mudge’s Catechism.
Addition and Subtraction to one hundred.
Three Bhajans, "Yishū kī musibat jīs ṃam tumheī sunānū, ," "Raja Yishū Ayā," "Māi to Yishū ko man meī mana rakhiūn."

Revised Course of Study for Village Schools.

1. What constitutes a School,—
   At least five girls or women learning to read.
   A regular place of meeting.
   School shall meet at least three times a week.
   A register must be kept.

2. Course of Study.
   At least three Bhajans committed to memory.
   Story of the Life of Christ.
   Zaruri Talim.
   First Book with Dictation.
   Counting and Writing of numbers up to fifty.

3. Rewards,—
   One anna a Bhajan.
   Two annas for The Life of Christ.
   Four annas for Zaruri Talim.
   Eight annas for Reading and Dictation from First Book.
   All examinations are to be given by a missionary.

   The Schools Committee present the following recommendations:
   1. That the salary for the seventh passed teachers range from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30;
      that the salary of the eighth passed teachers range from Rs. 18 to Rs. 33.
   2. That the Meerut School be recommended to make certain reduction in
      the clothing outfit, i. e.:
      
      | List 1     | List 2 |
      |------------|-------|
      | Chaddars   | 4     | 3   |
      | Petticoats | 4     | 2   |
      | Nightgowns | 3     | 2   |
      | Chemises   | 4     | 2   |
      | Pairs shoes| 2     | 1   |
      
      List 1, presents minimum requirement.
      List 2, presents proposed minimum requirements.
   3. That the Muttra scale of salaries be printed in the annual report.
   4. That a special committee, Miss Hoge and Miss J. M. Smith, be appointed
      to look into a special case connected with the Hudson Memorial School.
5. That rule 6 under the special rule for Assistants be changed to read "Twelve month salary is to be paid to Assistants during the year; however if the teacher has taught only a part of the time, the vacation salary shall be in proportion, but two weeks' board is to be deducted."

6. That little orphan girls supported by the mission may, if the Principal think best, go to the homes of near relatives, such as aunts, uncles and grandparents, until they are twelve years of age.

7. That the report of the special case connected with Hudson Memorial School be accepted and referred to the Board of Education.

8. That the Chairman of the Schools Committee secure the report of the Schools Committee of the North and North-west India Conferences.

9. That assistants and teachers who are on sick leave be paid one month of salary for each year of service up to three months on the certificate of a doctor designated by the principal of the school and after that the case be referred to the Field Reference Committee.

M. C. Lawrence, Chairman.

### Salary Scale for Junior Teachers in Girls' Schools.

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<td>VIII passed</td>
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<td>Matric failed (when living in the Hostel.)</td>
<td>25</td>
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For Vernacular training the increase in initial salary shall be—

- Rs. 5 if trained after passing the Middle Examination.
- Rs. 6 if trained after passing the VII Class Examination.
- Rs. 7 if trained after passing the VIII Class Examination.
- Rs. 8 if trained after passing the IX Class Examination.

For example, a girl who passed the Middle, took training and later studied through the VIII would begin on Rs. 23 while a girl who studied through the VIII and then took training would begin on Rs. 25.

### Scale for Teachers trained in Bijnor.

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### Scale of Salaries for Meerut Girls.

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Special Rules for Salaries of Junior Teachers.

1. In case of a girl who has failed in the Normal examination or who has not been able to appear on account of illness, her salary may be decided by the principal of the school in consultation with the Principal of the Normal School: the increase in no case to exceed two-thirds of the increase she would have received if she had passed.

2. The salaries shall be increased at the end of the first, third, fifth, seventh years, and so on at the rate of Re. 1 per mensem for each increase, without taking the Bible-readers’ examination, if her work has been satisfactory. If she takes the examination, she may reach the four years’ maximum in four years instead of seven.

3. An increase in salary shall begin the month following the month in which the examination was passed.

4. Teachers who are receiving school food and no extras, shall be charged Rs. 5 a month.

5. Two months’ salary shall be paid during the vacation months, but two weeks’ board is to be deducted if they board in the school; however, if the teacher has taught only a part of the time, the vacation salary shall be in proportion.

6. Full board shall be paid during the Christmas holidays.

For Repayment of Scholarships (see Rules and Regulations of the Boards of Education for Repayment of Scholarships.)

Scale of Salaries for Assistants.

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<td>L. T. Passed</td>
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Special Rules for Salaries of Assistants.

1. An assistant who cannot qualify under the above ruling shall start on a salary of Rs. 40, increasing to Rs. 60.

2. All school assistants shall receive their salary according to the scale whether they live in the bungalow or make their own arrangements.

3. Qualified teachers of Middle Class Urdu or Hindi shall receive an advance of Rs. 5 above the usual salary.

4. An assistant may receive an increase of salary at the end of the first, third, fifth, seventh and ninth years if satisfactory work has been done. The increases shall begin in July for schools in the U. P. and in January for those in Bihar.
5. Assistants shall pay Rs. 30 per mens em for board when living in the house.

6. Twelve months salary is to be paid to assistants during the year; however if the assistant has taught only part of the time the vacation salary shall be in proportion, but two weeks board is to be deducted.

7. Full board shall be paid by the Assistants for the Christmas holidays.

8. Assistants attending Dasera and the Teachers' Conference shall have their board paid and half of third class fare, where possible, otherwise half of intermediate fare. The board shall be paid for the Assistants rupee one per day from the School account and the rest from the house account.

**Blackstone Missionary Institute.**

*Scale of Salaries for Graduates from the Vernacular Department.*

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Memo. 1. Below this—Bijnor Scale

2. Increase of Re. 1 after first, third, fifth year, etc.

M. I. F. McKnight.

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.**

*Scale of Pay for Graduates.*

1. Matriculation or School Leaving or S. C. Pass and Muttra
   A Certificate Rs. 75.
   B Certificate Rs. 71.
   C Certificate Rs. 67.

2. Matriculation or S. L. C. fail may receive Rs. 5 less in each case.

3. A student who passes Class VIII, Anglo-Vernacular or Class VII, in an English School may receive the same salary as a Matriculation pass on completion of a three (3) years' course and obtaining an A certificate.

Memo. The above rules were passed by the Board of Trustees, Oct. 2, 1922.

**Isabella Thoburn College.**

The Isabella Thoburn College began work in its new location August 15th 1923. Since a year before this date the four buildings were hardly begun we count the completion to have been made in good time. We still need a college hospital which is being built at present. We need very much another Hostel for every bed is filled and the three rooms built for Domestic Science are used as an overflow dormitory.
We all like our new buildings. Students and teachers grow more enthusiastic about their new home each week. The health of all has been almost perfect since college began. We now understand that this is due to the sandy soil, the open country and the fresh air.

Our enrolment is 125 girls. The most encouraging feature of our student body is the splendid group of Indian Christians. There are two other encouraging features; one is that 29 of the girls are Purdah Hindus or Mohammedans. The second is that local parents have taken their daughters from convents and other schools and entered them in college. They are being entered in the ninth class for M. A. work.

The result of the First Arts examination was good, fourteen passing out of a class of eighteen. Our B. A. results were also good, nine out of ten passing. All the students of the Training Class passed.

The religious life of the students has been encouraging. There are two Y. W. C. A. organizations, one for the College students and one for the Ninth and Tenth classes. We have the usual prayers and Bible classes in the college. The Y. W. C. A. also conducts Sunday Schools near the college. We have very respectable neighbors and the girls are warmly welcomed. The flood of this year, while it has brought great trouble to the people, has helped the college get established in its new home. Teachers and students have done Social Service work from the beginning of the flood. We have started a Community School in the Chapel of the servants' quarters. Work with the servants has been most encouraging. Miss Bacon and Miss Ahmed Shah have this largely in charge but the students have helped. We are very proud of our new chapel in the servants' quarters. A University Church has been established and our students attend services at the college. In regard to our Staff; although we lost six at the close of last year, yet we have done fairly well in getting new recruits. We are sorry to lose Miss Walsh, but the other missionaries who have gone home will return. We expect Miss Justin in December to take the Domestic Science position. We have three new Indian teachers and one Anglo-Indian teacher. We have an American trained nurse. Our staff consists of eighteen women and two men.

In our large pleasant dining-room where Hindus, Mohammedans, and Christians all eat together, the teachers eat their breakfast with the students. We have initiated self-service and it is one of the sights of Chand Bagh to watch teachers and students waiting on themselves and on their companions. The system works well.

It was fortunate that the University did not allow us to open the L. T. and B. Sc. departments this year. We should not have had enough teachers. We expect, however, to open both of these departments next August. Our relations with the Lucknow University continue to be happy ones. The University has given us this year Rs. 1,000 for scholarships and Rs. 200 for games.

Miss Vincent, an Indian teacher, has gone to America this year for study, she is taking graduate work in History at Radcliffe College. Miss Thillayampalam, who is now studying in America on the Edith Jackson Fellowship, is doing excellent work. She will return next year with a Ph. D. in Biology.

Our extra Curriculum activities continue this year much as they were last year. Friday evening lectures have been given. The assembly period which comes each day is given to Social Service, Public Speaking, Current Events and Music.
On the 13th January 1923 the tablet was unveiled at the new college. Bishop Warne was in charge of the ceremony and a large crowd were present. In October the Countess of Reading visited the college and expressed great pleasure in meeting the staff and students and in seeing the buildings. The college had two "At Homes;" one at Dashrath and one in November. Every body has seemed well pleased with the buildings. The students have sung at these "At Homes" and their music has made a fine impression.

The college alumnnae have raised 6,000 rupees which they have given to name the drawing-room of the students dormitory. The Alumnae are giving two scholarships to students from July 1923.

Never did the college have so fine an opportunity for service. Teachers and students are enthusiastic to make real our college motto "We receive to give".

Lal Bagh Girls' School.

M. C. Lawrence, Principal; E. M. Hutchens, Headmistress; V. E. Parks: Jean Bothwell.

No, we are not a new institution though you may not be as familiar with our new name as with that of the Isabella Thoburn High School. But Lal Bagh Girls' School is the name Miss Thoburn first gave to the little school she founded here at Lal Bagh, and we have only taken again its former name.

Last year, when we were so crowded for room both for classes and for boarding accommodations, we looked forward eagerly to the time when, the college having left, we should have room enough and to spare. We now experience that privilege and are occupying nearly all of the room handed over to us by the college. Our enrolment is not quite so large this year as it was last year when we still had the ninth and tenth classes with us but we hope to have a larger enrolment next year.

During the summer the walls, along the street near the old Hazzard foundations, were raised to ten feet in order that we might shut out any return of the nightly invaders who so troubled the college last year. A six foot wall was built along the inner wall of the Hazzard Building and then back of the kitchens so that the little children should have a playground quite protected from the view of the servants at work there.

Our plan for separating the little children from the older girls has been carried out and, where once the B. A. girls lived, one now finds the little folks with their toys and games. This arrangement is much more satisfactory both from the point of view of convenience and discipline.

The food arrangements have all been removed to the old college building and the girls have their meals in the college dining-room while the teachers have utilized the old library room for their dining room. In order to make this change it was necessary to build a passage way from the old bathing rooms of the ninth and tenth row to the rose arbor and from there to the verandah so that, even in the rains, they were able to go back and forth to their meals with very little inconvenience.

In the school classes we have had an enrolment of 280 (Oct. 31, 1923) and several of the classes were too large and needed to be sectioned. We fully expect that the enrolment this year will reach 325 for new pupils are entering nearly every day.
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One of our difficulties this year has been in the large amount of illness that we have had both among the students and the teachers. Enteric and dengue have both been our visitors more persistently than we have enjoyed. After having from 25 to 30 sick girls in the hospital at one time for so many weeks, it seems good to have the hospital practically empty for a while. One of our girls, after suffering for two weeks with enteric and pneumonia, went home to be with her Heavenly Father.

This year we have not had our regular Y. W. C. A. meetings but instead have divided the girls into three groups and each group has had one temperance, one mission study, and one Social Service and Hygiene lesson each month. For these meetings the girls gather together for opening exercises which are in the hands of the different groups and then we separate for the lessons.

Our Girl Guides still hold an important place with the girls. This year, after so many of the Guides had gone to the college, we had rather a small group but the new recruits soon made our depleted ranks look flourishing again and nearly all are working to pass off the tests and to win the honors possible to them.

We received rich blessings at the annual Deshahra meetings and our early morning prayer meetings, well attended by the girls, speak for themselves as to the interest of the girls in the things of the Higher Life.

Though our problems are still many we are grateful for the opportunities here vouchsafed us.

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

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Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee has audited twenty-four sets of books and listed balances for Miss Madden in each case. The auditors reported many failures still in keeping vouchers and numbering the same. They also report that in some cases footings were left in pencil instead of in ink, also that pencil marks had not been erased. There is a lack of regularity in the time of closing books. Some close every month, others once a year and others at odd times.
RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That inasmuch as Lal Bagh Girls' School is an inter-conference institution, its books be audited by a joint auditing committee, composed of one member of Lucknow Conference Auditing Committee and one member of North India Conference Auditing Committee.

2. That rules for keeping books and preparing same for audit be adopted and printed in Annual Reports, as follows.

3. That the following Requirements for those receiving District or Evangelistic Funds be adopted.

RULES FOR PREPARATION OF BOOKS FOR AUDIT.

1. All footings should be in ink and pencil figures erased.

2. Books are not to be closed for the auditors, unless the regular time of closing comes at time of audit or just before.

3. No change should be made in books after the audit.

4. Vouchers are required for amounts of Rupees 10 and over. Same should be arranged in order and numbered.

Requirements for those, receiving District or Evangelistic Funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

1. Separate account of Funds to be kept throughout the year.

2. December 31st is to be considered the end of fiscal year, when books should be closed or summary made.

3. Bills allowable
   (a) Regular monthly salaries of Bible Women.
   (b) One-half of family expenses of District Conference and Summer School, if funds allow.
   (c) Special help, such as medical bills, etc., is allowed only in cases of very special need. Any such over Rupees Ten should be referred to the Field Reference Committee.

4. Bills not allowable
   (a) No itinerating allowances for Bible Women to be given, except in unusual cases.
   (b) The giving of presents from Woman's Foreign Missionary Society funds is not approved.

5. The salary of missionary is not to be entered in account books.

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Report of Temperance Committee.

The usual temperance teaching in the schools and district conferences has been given. Members of your committee have cooperated with the Committee on Woman's Work in the United Provinces Christian Council in calling the attention of those in charge of all girls' schools in the Provinces to such helps as are available for teaching purity and temperance to girls. Plans have been made for the adaptation and translation of certain leaflets into Urdu and Hindi, suitable for use in girls' schools.
In this connection we wish to call attention to a new elementary book in Hindi: "Your Body: Its Use and Care," prepared especially for primary schools and which is being found very useful. It may be purchased at 3ns. per copy from Temperance Headquarters, Lucknow.

Allahabad reports special programs held and temperance instruction given in the Junior Epworth League.

BALLIA. Mrs. Perrill writes, We have held two mass meetings in the bazaar with such speakers as Bishop Warne, Mr. J. R. Chitambar, Mr. E. Sukh and Mr. J. W. Pickett. Our little society of village women in the Training School has held several meetings this year putting special emphasis on prayer.

Temperance Instruction has also been given in the Madhopur Boys' School. Temperance Literature has been distributed and some of the more costly books circulated. The Child Welfare Quarterly has been used with good effect in the Training School and all the Bible women are asking for copies to use in the villages.

LUCKNOW English Church Special teaching with songs and pictures has been given in the primary and beginners' departments. The Epworth League is cooperating in planning for a medal contest.

CAWNPORE In the Girls' High School each teacher has a temperance book from which she gives object lessons to her pupils.

MUZAFFARPUR Haridasi slides have been used in the Girls' School, also at the District Conference. Literature such as "The Cigarette and Youth," "An Englishman's Study of American Prohibition" and several pamphlets have been circulated. "The Cigarette and Youth" led one boy to give up cigarettes. Five meetings have been held during the year.

GONDA In connection with the hygiene classes the effects of alcohol on the human system has been given as regular teaching.

"The Loyal Temperance Legion is organized at the Lal Bagh School and the Young People's Branch of the W. C. T. U. at Isabella Thoburn College.

Emma S. Price.

Registrar's Report.

The following missionaries passed language examinations during the year as follows:

Miss R. Cox—Rusum-i-Hind of the first year Urdu course.

Miss R. Hardsaw—All subjects of the first year Hindi course.

Miss A. Ludgate—Rusum-i-Hind, of the first year Urdu course and Grammar and Scripture of the second year Urdu course.

Miss M. Moses—Readers, Gospel, Grammar, English-Hindi translation and Orals of the first year Hindi course.

G. V. Tweedie,
Registrar.
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Report of Provident Fund of North India and Lucknow Conferences.

Amount on deposit with Mr. Manley Jan. 1, 1923. ... Rs. 2961 3 11
Amount sent to Mr. Manley during the year ... " 245 6 0
Amount on hand ... ... ... ... ... ... ... " 101 10 0
Interest for six months ... ... ... ... ... ... " 76 1 8

Total " 3384 5 7

This amount is divided as follows.—

Miss E. Blackstock has credit of ... ... ... ... Rs. 384 3 6
Miss Gantzer " " ... ... ... ... " 454 12 1
Miss Hays " " ... ... ... ... " 165 11 0
Miss McMullen " " ... ... ... ... " 169 15 10
Miss Oram " " ... ... ... ... " 448 6 6
Miss Ramsbottom " " ... ... ... ... " 310 11 9
Gifts to fund " " ... ... ... ... " 1450 8 11

Total " 3384 5 7

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF THE ARCHIVES.

During the year a tin box was bought and marked "Archives of Lucknow Conference 1923."

The picture of the first conference was not secured as we hoped.

The box contains the following: a large picture of the Woman's Conference held during Miss Watson's visit to India, an Indian Directory by Rev. B. H. Badley dated 1876, reports and minutes of the two conferences of 1921 from which the Lucknow Conference was formed, with reports and minutes of the Lucknow Conference since its birth, and copies of the "Woman's Friend" for the last three years or since the Lucknow Conference existed.

Nettie A. Bacon, Custodian.

Rules of Provident Fund for all Assistants who do not come under the Government Provident Fund for teachers in the U. P.

1. Each Assistant will contribute a percentage of six and one fourth on her pay.

2. The Mission will contribute a sum equal to one-half the contribution of the teacher.

3. These amounts will be deposited in the P. O. S. B.

4. The P. O. S. B. interest shall be added to the above amount for the Assistant contributing.

Withdrawal of deposits—
1. Withdrawals will be permitted on the death or complete retirement of the depositor, provided that—

a. An Assistant who resigns her post with due notice before the end of the 6th year from the commencement of her admission to the scheme will receive her own deposits and the interest thereon, and with the sanction of the Finance Committee given for good reason, the contribution of the Mission.

b. If an Assistant is disabled or becomes invalided, she will receive her own deposits with interest on them at whatever stage of her service this may take place, and with the sanction of the Finance Committee she will receive the whole deposit at her credit. Cases in which the latter course would not be pursued would be those where the teacher was incapacitated by her own fault.

c. If an Assistant is dismissed or removed from service, the portion of the deposit which is made up of the contribution of the Mission and the interest thereon, may be withheld at the discretion of the Finance Committee, but such an Assistant will receive her own deposits with interest thereon.

d. If the services of an Assistant are dispensed with for no fault of her own, she may, with the sanction of the Finance Committee, receive all deposits to her credit or if she seeks re-employment, may continue to participate in the scheme without contribution until the date of re-employment, provided the period of unemployment does not exceed one year.

E. Hoge,
N. Bacon,
R. E. Hyneman.

Literature Committee.

During the year eleven members of the Woman's Conference wrote articles for the "Woman's Missionary Friend" and "Children's Missionary Friend". Mrs. Chitambar very kindly took charge of this, sending post cards of reminder to those appointed to write.

E. M. Abbott.

Conference Medical Report.

Dr. E. A. Ilahi Baksh continues her good work in the Rasra Dispensary. She reports something over 56,000 cases treated during the past year and Rs. 200 collected from the patients in small amounts from one pice to four annas each. Her usefulness in Rasra is greatly limited by inadequate equipment. She should have at least two rooms for patients who are too ill to come for daily treatment, and especially should she have a place for the wives and children of the Christian workers who have absolutely no place to go for treatment. Now we send them to Patna or Lucknow incurring an enormous expense in so doing when a small investment in two rooms would not only save that great expense but would result in more prompt attention and speedy cure. We find it quite impossible to keep everybody well all the time. Dr. Ilahi Baksh should also have a Compounder as she is working absolutely alone, except for a low-grade Bible woman.
Besides the Dispensary work Dr. Ilahi Baksh performed invaluable service at District Conference among the sick workers who for once during the year could get extended treatment. She also has the habit of visiting the schools in the Conference for the purpose of examining the girls when the School Principals call her.

Dr. Mrs. Sukh has charge of a Government Woman’s Dispensary at Raghunathpur in the Buxar District. She reports 15,642 patients treated this year. Government supplies her with a Compounder and a yearly grant of Rs. 800 for medicines so that she is able to do a great amount for the Christians of the District. But she, too, would like some place for in-patients.

In Rae-Bareli and Muzafarpur Districts there are private Christian physicians who are doing very acceptable work among the Christians especially.

All Districts and stations are not so fortunate as those mentioned. Large cities, of course, are well provided for by Government. In some of the smaller cities the Government Hospitals do not enjoy the confidence of the people, especially the poor, who absolutely refuse to go to these Hospitals. The result is they come to all available missionaries who are thus compelled to do more than they feel qualified to do rather than let the poor distressed people die before their very eyes. It is, therefore, of prime importance that more provision be made for the health of our people as our present work and equipment is utterly inadequate.

Mary V. Perrill,  
Chairman.

Almora Rest Home

This year has seen the completion of the new kitchen and godowns, a verandah along the front of the servants’ houses, a much needed addition, and the painting of the bungalow roof. There now remain floors and walls of dining room and sitting room, which I hope to accomplish before guests begin to come.

From the middle of April until the middle of October, I had guests most of the time, and, of course, in May and June the house was more than full, so we made use of the Swiss cottage tent under a deodar tree for one guest.

I hope to be able to make guests more comfortable next year than heretofore, and will be glad to see as many as we can accommodate. I wish evangelists and some others who can arrange would come up earlier or later when not so many are present, and I could then easily make your coming more restful.

The rains in Almora are fine and September and October are specially enjoyable.

Lucy W. Sullivan.
Memorials for Central Conference Action.

Membership of the Woman's Annual Conference.

Membership shall be composed of the following:

1. Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.
2. Wives of missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions.
3. Lady missionaries who are working under the Board of Foreign Missions but not wives of missionaries.
4. Educational, Evangelistic and Medical workers who:
   a. Have passed matriculation examination or its equivalent and have had two years further training in college, normal, medical, kindergarten, nurse or Bible Training School.
   b. Have had two years' experience of work in our mission.
   c. Are members of the M. E. Church.
   d. Have been recommended by two-thirds vote of the Field Reference Committee and approved by the Conference, District Superintendent and Bishop.

Form of application for members of the Conference other than missionaries.

1. Full name.
2. Residence.
3. Place and date of birth.
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord? Answer this question somewhat in detail.
5. Are you a member of the M. E. Church and a regular attendant upon its services, and are you fully in accord with its doctrines as set forth in Part 1, division A of Discipline?
6. Have you graduated from a recognized High School, and have you had two years additional educational training? Please outline the character and extent of your education, and name institutions in which you were educated, the course, or courses pursued and the date of graduation.
7. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the M. E. Church and how long have you been a member of this Church?
8. What experience have you had? Please state in detail whether your work has been in the Mission or elsewhere.
9. Are you a total-abstainer from all alcoholic beverages and from opium, cocaine and other narcotics?
10. This application must be accompanied by written testimonials from at least four people, these to include the lady missionaries of the M. E. Church with whom you have worked most recently.

By-Laws concerning Local Missionaries.

1. They shall be members of the M. E. Church and the Woman's Annual Conference and shall have had at least five years experience in the work of the M. E. Church. Educational requirements to be the same as for the Annual Conference.
2. They shall be recommended for the work of a Local Missionary by two-thirds vote of the Field Reference Committee and approved by the Conference, the District Superintendent, and the Bishop in whose area they are working or residing.

3. They shall be entitled to regular annual vacations of at least one month and at the end of every six years of service they shall be entitled to six months leave with full salary or twelve months leave with study.

4. A retirement allowance shall be provided for by the W. F. M. S. for all local missionaries who have served the Society twenty years or more on the same basis as given in By-law 17, paragraph 7 which refers to workers indigenous to the field.

5. They shall be eligible to membership in any of the Committees of the Woman's Conference.

6. The preferred age of a candidate shall be twenty-five to thirty years.

7. The new term of service of local missionaries shall be taken at the time of granting furlough and a medical certificate from a doctor designated by the Field Reference Committee be required upon return.

Concerning the Status of Bible-readers.

1. With reference to the status of Bible women in Quarterly and District Conferences, we recommend that the words "Bible women" be inserted in the Discipline in the list of those eligible for membership.

2. A Bible woman is a woman employed by the Church as a worker among the women and children in her community; her qualifications are to be determined by the Central Conference.

3. The duties of a Bible woman are to visit the homes, to hold meetings for prayer and religious instruction and to give herself to any other form of service which will advance the Kingdom of God.

4. That the name "Bible woman" be given only to those who have passed two years of a course of study to be prescribed with the approval of the Bishop in charge and equivalent to the Exhorters course of study.

Resolutions.

We regret the absence of Mrs. F. W. Warne from our Conference and extend to her our loving Greetings.

We express our appreciation in having Mrs. H. L. Smith as our Presiding Officer.

We heartily welcome the new recruits and those who have returned from furlough during the past year.

To those going on furlough, we wish God-speed and assure them a hearty welcome on their return.

We extend loving greetings to those who were unable to be here, especially those who are ill.

We express our sincere thanks to the Entertainment Committee who have provided excellent music and worthwhile programs, and to our host and hostesses who have made our stay in Cawnpore so comfortable and pleasant.

Lemira Wheat,
Chairman.
District Reports.

Allahabad District.

Mrs. M. B. Denning.

There are now twelve Bible-readers in the District. They report visiting in families of new Christians, and to some extent among non-Christians. Two of the women have day schools, but they are mostly for boys as the villagers in these parts are not eager for their girls to be taught anything.

The city work stopped on account of illness of the two workers in the city. Other workers could be employed if we had any place for them to live. I have had a number of applicants to do Zenana work.

There is no W. F. M. S. appointee here and none is asked for as there is no place for her to live, unless she should occupy part of the parsonage. If there were a girls' school here, containing rooms for Bible-readers, Zenana work could be opened; but on the other hand there are several girls' schools in this city and Zenana work is carried on by other Missions. The horse and tonga used in the city work has been sold, as the horse must be fed whether work goes on or not and a horse means a syce and a grass-cut as well.

I have been out on the district with my husband several times in the car, but there are very few Christians and these are very scattered.

Instead of eighteen Bible-readers—we need but fourteen, and the extra money can go where there is more urgency of workers. There is also no need for conveyance allowance, as I can bear some of the petrol expense when we go into the country and it is far less expensive than to feed a horse and pay for two men.

The women are now in for District Conference and are prepared to take part on the programme. Some are very much interested in the essays they have prepared.

Nothing very encouraging to report, but seed sowing is necessary, and we are holding on, believing in God's promises.

Arrah District.

Ruth Hyneman.

This past year has had some new experiences for the writer. Hearing at Annual Conference my name read as District Evangelist one would never have thought I would have spent so few months in that work. The first three months it seemed best for me to stay in the Girls' School in Arrah. This I thoroughly enjoyed and had to remind myself every once in a while that there was no one going to the villages to keep from wanting to just stay in all winter and enjoy a good home and working with the girls. This experience helped
me to see the great opportunity for evangelistic work with the girls. All of us know that could we be with our village people every day they would easier learn the way Christ wants us to live. This touch one gets in school.

In March I was no longer needed in the school so off to the villages I went. It had been decided that I should try to get to every village in the district if possible so that meant miles of travel and but one visit to each place. The sun drove me home to stay on the 9th of May so I left about twenty villages in which we have Christians living unvisited.

It is a joy to find most of our people happy to be Christians, even tho' the past few years they have been tormented and persecuted for it. My one prayer and aim is to get them to know Christ in their hearts and live like He says. This vision not all have caught and to many it seems impossible. One woman after listening carefully to my telling over and over in a simple way, that Jesus was the way and He could make one so they did not have to sin, looked up at me with tears in her eyes and said, 'He can not do it for me. I cannot quit sinning.' Such as this gives us the chance to do the best work we do I think, that is personal work.

After the summer vacation and two months spent at home trying to help those who suffered from the flood and cleaning house I again went out. My plan now is to go to a village and not be rushed. Personal work is my aim. Teach and talk, not preach, seems to be the best way for me to help.

Sawtelle Girls' School, Arrah.

Miss Mathilde R. Moses.

The first important item in connection with our school is that we have a name. The Cincinnati Branch has decided to raise the money for the building of this school in order that it be named for Mrs. Clara E. Sawtelle, their former Superintendent of Special Work, who was killed in an automobile accident last October. We thought it best to call the school by that name from now on so it will become established with the school.

The school has had a year of varied experiences, but seems to have weathered having three different principals in one year and the Inspectress reported "good work under difficulties". We have forty-five girls, five classes and five teachers. Since July I have had to be the head mistress as Miss F. Hector who was our assistant is having a well earned six months furlough. Notwithstanding this the school has a fairly good staff—all trained teachers except one. She has had one year's experience. There is a very good spirit among the teachers and girls. For the most part all the inconveniences, discomforts and extra work caused by the flood were borne cheerfully and bravely, each showing herself ready to be helpful and do an extra share. For several weeks someone of the teachers was doing two people's work; as each including the matron (who was off for a whole month) took a turn at having some ailment.

On the whole there has not been much sickness among the girls. Immediately following the flood a nasty crop of boils appeared, but that was not to be wondered at considering the water they washed in for a few days.
The flood caused us to leave Arrah and take refuge in Buxar for six weeks. Miss Abbott not only turned over her home to us, but herself and her Assistant, helping us in every possible way to be comfortable and happy. We held classes in the Church near by and thus have lost only eight days of school.

On September 24th I returned to Arrah to get ready for the girls to come. We could not return to our former abode, but fortunately, the new property had proved to be a choice bit of land as the flood did not affect the old bungalow in the least and very little water came into the compound. This is a huge old bungalow containing eleven rooms and it will actually take months to get it properly repaired, but by doing a few absolutely essential things I was able to call the girls on October fifth. Those things are not in readiness we are all very happy here. Every letter the girls or teachers write they speak of the beauty of the place, the room they have and how happy they are here. They really have so much more room than they ever had before that they are rejoicing in their freedom. I foresee there are going to be some tears when they eventually have to go into a boarding. I shall almost be sorry myself this is a so much more natural life for them.

I would not want to close this report without expressing my appreciation to Miss Hyneman who was tireless in her help all during the flood and afterwards while we were in Buxar exercising the utmost care and thought in gathering up and preserving all the things she could find, and later packing them all up and sending them across to us. We have much to be thankful for in that so few of our things were either lost or destroyed.

I want, too, to express our great appreciation to the many friends who thought of us at flood time and sent to our relief.

This report would not be complete without an expression of sincere gratitude to our District Superintendent, the Rev. J. W. Pickett. Though the school has been taken over by the W. F. M. S. we could not have run on our appropriations, so each month he has cheerfully given the necessary amount to tide us over. Not only in financial matters but in every way he has always had time to listen to school matters and give us the benefit of his advice. From a selfish standpoint we very much regret the coming furlough of him and his wife.

We very much hope that during the coming year our appropriations will be increased to such an extent that we can pay our bills without help. In fact whether appropriations are increased or not that is what we shall have to do, as the Men’s Board is very short and we can not ask them to help bear our burdens. However we have faith to believe that funds will be forthcoming and the work need not be decreased but increased to meet the demand.

Ballia District.

Mary V. Perrill.

The work on the District has continued about the same as the preceding year. We are thankful, indeed, to have Miss Abbott, the Evangelist for Ballia and Buxar Districts for half time, but that double arrangement is wholly inadequate and quite as unsatisfactory to her as to the work of the District. She has been swamped with work and has made one very hurried round in the villages,
scarcely being able to get acquainted with the workers, let alone the village Christians. However, they have been most delighted to have the privilege of seeing a Miss Sahib again.

The Woman’s Training School has done good work in spite of the sicknesses and family cares that the two married teachers have had to face. Miss Abbott and her Assistant, Miss Benham, were able to spend a few weeks in Ballia, helping in the Training School. Three women again this year went out to appointments in the District with their husbands. When one considers that the women are mature before they come to this school and usually are unable to stay more than two years at most, their accomplishments cannot be very great, since they have so much to learn besides what is in mere books. We need a whole time evangelist who can spend the hot weather when touring is impossible, working in this Training School, encouraging the teachers and introducing more effective methods of teaching.

The Christian “Mela” (Fair) in Pieria has become a yearly affair. We had a very interesting meeting with the women of the nearby villages. As the meaning of the “Mela” spreads we expect women from more distant villages to come also, which will give a great opportunity for practical teaching.

The development of the Christians in some of the villages is most gratifying. One man, to show his thanksgiving to God for the restoration of his child to health, at his own expense arranged for a meeting, called “Katha”, when the whole story of the Christian religion is told by the religious teacher. “This is especially an Indian style of religious meeting”. It lasted almost all night.

A very distressing rumor has been circulated all over the District, accusing the Christians of kidnapping children at the instigation of the Government. All kinds of wild motives have been attributed to the kidnappers. One of our Local Preachers, named Prem Das, came to the city of Ballia in company with several village Christians on business connected with their Co-operative Bank. Prem Das was assaulted by a young Hindu who called out “Here is the man who is kidnapping our children”. A small crowd gathered and they seized him and stripped off most of his clothes searching for the bottle of medicine which was said to be used to put the children to sleep. They were on the point of beating him when a Mohammedan acquaintance of his rescued him and took him to the Police Thana to report the assault. My husband brought the matter before the Chief Magistrate who advised Prem Das to bring a lawsuit against the offenders. But he refused to do so, saying “They are my brothers. How can I win them to Christ if I fight them?” So he is living up to his name, Prem Das, the servant of love.

Dr. E. A. Ilahi Baksh has carried on her good work in the Rasra Zenana Dispensary even better than before. A report of her work will appear elsewhere.

During the winter I have accompanied my husband on his tours over the District, but was unable on account of sickness to do much during the hot weather, even though I stayed on the plains through the heat until the beginning of August. These trips gave me a chance to see most of the Bible women in their homes where often they are the only Christian women in the village. The Christians are very often scattered some miles from the centres where the preachers must live and this leaves the Bible women practically without any Christian associations. This makes my visits to them of special interest and affords me an opportunity of bringing a little inspiration into their lives.
While my home is in Buxar, the work in Ballia District connects up very closely with it, one corner of Ballia District being just across the Ganges River from Buxar.

During the months of February and March I made a tour of almost all of Ballia District, taking with me a young man and woman from the Ballia Training School. We were out for six weeks without returning to Ballia, spending most of the time in tents. This gave me a good general view of the District, with the location of the villages and the problems which vary from circuit to circuit. During the last two weeks our work was somewhat hindered by plague, which was prevalent over large sections. To pass through deserted villages, to see everywhere the little groups of refugees in improvised shelters, to be entertained for a day in such a group, to witness the constant toll which death was taking, to pass a group by because we did not dare go near the stricken lad was heart-breaking. This was my first experience of this sort and it was difficult to throw off the burden of it. We did what we could to comfort the stricken and to encourage the refugees to trust in God—but what we could do seemed so little and to contribute nothing to the solution of the problem.

The Spring harvest had begun before we had finished our work, so that for a week or two we had to work almost entirely at night, going by the light of a lantern from village to village. I learned at last to have no fear, being perfectly content if the preacher were just ahead with enough light for us to see the next step. As we have walked thus through the fields, I have often thought of how content we may be just to know that Jesus leads and knows the way and that He will always give light for the next step.

Conditions on the whole have been encouraging. I think perhaps our work has counted for most in the more distant villages, where the Bible-reader has not been able to go. It has been a joy to minister to these women, sitting as they often do, in lonely sorrow, with hearts darkened by superstition and burdened with household cares. Often it has been difficult to find the key which shall open their hearts. The wife of the chaudri, the head man, is often a great help. At other times it is a child who opens the way. In one village we sat for a long time in certain courtyard. The woman who apparently belonged there had such a sour expression on her face that it did not look as though we would get very much of an opportunity. Two or three women came and went and still no opportunity for us. Finally a little child came and I began to play with it. Before very long there was a smile on the woman's face; then a welcome and in the end we had a nice little meeting. Truly, a little child shall lead them.

In one place in particular we felt so very helpless. The woman was in such need of comfort, but my life of opportunity seemed so far from her meager, poverty-stricken, sorrow-laden life, that I knew not by what means I could offer comfort. We prayed very specially for guidance and did the best we could. Some weeks after we learned that this woman had been praying to Jesus ever since we had been there. This is but one example of what we have experienced many times this year that like Lydia, "whose heart the Lord
opened’’ so now the Holy Spirit prepares the heart and makes the message real

We have had occasion in more than one instance to observe that where the Bible-reader has been at work among the women, there we find the happiest women. Their lives have been lifted out of sordid narrowness, and are taking on new meaning and brightness.

During a part of September my assistant and I went to Ballia to help in the Training School. It was well worth while and we were glad for the opportunity to help those who have come out of their villages toward a broader life and a better understanding of Christianity. Also in September we made a second tour through part of one circuit. The rest must wait for a few months, much as we long to go soon.

With a constantly-increasing Christian community it is becoming more and more difficult to properly shepherd these little ones. There should by all means be an evangelist for each district. A house for the evangelist in Ballia is very much needed and would greatly multiply her usefulness, as she would be able to work in the Training School during the hot and rainy seasons when touring is practically impossible.

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Buxar District.

Edna M. Abbott, Missionary.
Agnes C. Benham, Assistant.

Buxar is a new name in the annals of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, this being the first time that Buxar has been made the headquarters of a Methodist missionary. The work, however, is not new, having been a part of Arrah District.

Buxar is about forty-two miles west of Arrah on the same railway line. It is located on the Ganges River and is quite a center for melas. At these times crowds and crowds of people come to bathe in the Ganges in the hope of washing away their sins. Many also carry back some of the water to their distant homes, there to offer it before idols or use for some other religious purpose. To an ever-increasing number this is only a custom, the real religious belief having been lost. We pray that the time may speedily come when faith in Jesus will entirely supersede the superstition of the Ganges. Other features of the melas—the trading booths, amusements, etc. will doubtless continue.

Considerable repair work was necessary to make the bungalow and the compound, which had been formerly occupied by the German Mission, fit for occupancy. However, I took as little time as possible from the touring season for this work, but utilized the warm and the rainy seasons. Practically everything is now in good shape.

I was unable to find a helper until August, so that much of my touring had to be done alone. In August Miss A. C. Benham came to be my assistant. She is well equipped for her work, having taken the English Training in Muttra and being gifted with keen spiritual insight.

My usual vehicle is an ekka, a small two-wheeled cart with a wooden platform extending out over the wheels and a low railing at the back. It has no top. We have gone for miles and miles on this, our longest ride having consumed
almost six hours. As a great many of the villages are located off from any road, we walk across the fields or follow the ridges between the rice fields.

We have toured in two circuits with the tent. Elsewhere we have used the Government rest houses or stayed in the preacher’s house. On one occasion I spent the night on the roof of the verandah of a grain merchant’s house. On account of the heat in April and May it was necessary to omit a few distant villages, but on the whole I have had a good general view of the District. We are now beginning our second tour, with a slight change of plan. We purpose to pick out two or three places in each circuit, and devote considerable time to them, giving more intensive teaching than is possible in regular touring. We were quite satisfied with our first experiment along this line. While we were welcomed on our first visit, it was not until the third or fourth day that we felt that we had really gotten into heart to heart contact with them. Then we were able to do much more than would have been possible the first visit.

Conditions vary greatly from village to village, but for the most part they were encouraging. In one section we found that the women knew the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer and considerable of the life of Christ, and are now being taught the story of the creation and of the coming of sin into the world. In another place we had a royal welcome from the boys and girls. They were with us morning, noon and night. When we were leaving the mohulla we could scarcely walk, so eager were they all to get hold of our hands. Never have I seen a more loving group. And what possibilities are wrapped up in them, if we may only be given skill to know how to unfold them!

In another village we had an unusual opportunity. One morning a number of women passed by the tent. When we asked where they were going they said, ‘‘to beg.’’ On making further inquiry, we found that many women had gone on this errand. The idea is that the earth rests on a snake and if the snake turns over there will be an earthquake. The snake, it appears, is angry because some woman in grinding wheat accidentally ground a snake. In order to appease the snake the women were told to beg for two and a half days and then offer what they received to the gods. The next evening we went to the village. While the begging women had not returned, we found that the minds of other women were full of this superstition. Then came our opportunity to proclaim the love of Jesus and His power to deliver from fear. It was an effective message, because we were in vital contact with a fear that haunts the minds of the women. So often I fear our message does not link up closely enough with the unspoken fears and dreads which are foreign to our minds but very real to the untutored mind of the village woman. May God give us such insight, that we may be able to make the ‘‘old, old story’’ very real to the women, that they too may share in the joy which comes from Jesus and which increases in our own hearts as we tell it.

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**Rasra Medical.**

Esther A. Itahi Baksh.

I can truly say that God has been with us and has blessed our efforts in the past year in this little Dispensary. Praise His Holy Name.
While there are no startling features, yet there have been a good many things to be thankful for. We have had two women sing bhaajas (sacred songs) and explaining the Scriptures to the waiting patients and they have gone away thinking about their future happiness. Often, upon their return visits, they have said, 'Your God is truly Mighty'. The ten by ten room has been a blessing to over twenty patients who have occupied it through the year, who have returned to their several homes cured and praising our Saviour who did more for them than their own or their friends' expectations. Many have given such wonderful testimonies for which I am grateful. My earnest prayer is that the Lord may enable me to be a real blessing to this and the surrounding communities as long as He lends me life.

Many things have happened here of interest from a physician's point of view, but far from pleasant for the laity. Therefore I am always at a loss to know what to put in my report. How I wish some of the good friends in America could step in and see what is being done in this little out-of-the-way place for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom, in which they are helping. How shall I thank you all for the good that has been done here for the poor suffering ones, through your benevolence. What a joy it has been to be able to say to those who come to be taken in, 'Come, here is a place to stay until you are free from your suffering.' Of course it means more work for me as there is no one else here to nurse or do the compounding. It is nothing compared with the pleasure I get in seeing them perfectly well, and praising our Lord and Saviour for their restoration. Pray with me, dear friends, that the Lord may put it in the heart of some good steward of His, to make it possible for us to have a place to house a compounder and nurse. I am truly grateful for all the prayers and financial help of the past.

I urge you in the name of our good Lord and Master to continue your prayer for work here so that we may be able to go forward and possess this section for Him.

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CAWNPORE DISTRICT.

City and District Work.

Mrs. F. M. Wilson.

One cause for great thanksgiving in the District this year is the return from furlough of Miss Bragg in the early part of the year. On her arrival she was given charge of the Day Schools both in the City and District. She has also helped in the city Evangelistic Work.
Cawnpore City.

Our members and adherents are scattered over this city of about two hundred and fifty thousand people and it is a difficult task to reach them all. For the Evangelistic month the work was well organized and meetings were held in different parts of the city. The missionaries, laymen, Bible women and School boys helped in these meetings, which ministered to many who do not regularly attend the central church.

The visiting is very heavy and with the small force we now have cannot be done satisfactorily. The fact that there are no good transportation facilities makes it almost impossible for many of the women to get to the central church. These should be visited regularly in their homes—but about all we have been able to do has been to see the very sick, the bereaved, and the ones needing special care for one reason or another.

District Work.

Besides other trips in the villages we were out during nearly the whole of the Evangelistic month.

Because of much prayer better organization and more systematic effort the results this year have been greater than last. During the one month 3248 Scripture portions were sold, 17,522 tracts were distributed and thousands had the Gospel preached to them.

Some of the Bible women were able to itinerate with their husbands in the Evangelistic bands.

There has been a thirty-three and one third per cent increase in baptisms this year and an increase of Rs 895 in Self-Support and benevolences.

A high caste family was baptized during the year and the three, father, mother and child, are now in the District Training School. The woman is the brightest woman in the School and making the best progress.

City and Village Day-School.

Miss Jessie A. Bragg.

Arriving in March to a work not only new to me but new as a division of district work has meant that things have moved slowly, yet not so slowly but that one can see the need and possibilities for the continuation of just this division of the work. It is to be regretted that as a Mission we have been a few years slow in providing a supervisor for the Mills Settlements schools. Just as I arrived other plans for them were being made. We still have, however, three city day-schools enrolling one hundred children, with rather regular attendance records.
A personal survey of the main sections of the city where Christians live disclosed a number of Christian children of school age who were having little or no opportunity for the first steps of education. A Bible-reader, little Bessie Bua, had been saying, "Show me where you want a school and I will start one". We showed her Gwaltoli-mohulla. In a week's time from a piece of gunny, a stool, a 9 by 12 approach to a mud hut, and Bessie Bua's optimistic faithfulness and love for children, there evolved a school of thirty-five happy youngsters which has grown to nearly fifty now. In Parmat-mohulla we want a similar equipment, or even an elaboration on the stool and gunny! I went one day with Mama John to see Parmat. Her heart has long been burdened for Parmat's children. In and out through the dirty narrow alleys we went and everywhere children, little girls and low caste boys especially were asking for her to teach them, to come often, wondering why she wasn't staying for Sunday School on that particular Thursday. Such a mass of children as there was everywhere!! As we came away my heart too was burdened. I understood even a little. I still hear the echoes of those voices, and still hope that we may answer the call, for I am sure it would open up many avenues for Christ's message to get into the homes and lives of the people there.

District work with the village schools has been hindered by a variety of things, making me all the more eager to get to them between now and conference. Twenty new schools are being asked for by the Preachers-in-charge, some for Christian children who have no chance for schooling, some for Chamars who are asking for schools. Chamar work is very promising in Cawnpore District as I could see when I was touring with Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, and it just seems to me that the village schools must be developed now to anyway nearly meet the need we are facing. A visitation of some special village-school centres has made more vivid and real to me the possibilities of Cawnpore District of the village school problem can have the supervision and attention it challenges.

The Cawnpore Girls' High School.

Miss Ethel L. Whiting.

Miss Marion E. Dalrymple.

This year has been uneventful in that there has been no unusual occurrence. The classwork has been continued with the usual standard of progress and success, as there has been no change in missionaries, and only one among the teachers.

We have a splendid group of young women to help us. Most of them have been educated in this school or another of our schools for European children, and assist us by their examples among the pupils. Five of them received free education, and in return are doing their utmost to assist the children here in all ways.

The largest number of boarders enrolled at one time was sixty in April; of day scholars, one hundred and two in October. The average enrolment has
been larger than during the previous year. The results of the public examinations have been very good, and the teachers have shown an interest in the individual child's welfare and progress, a point often neglected in large classes.

Health was unusually good until the middle of September. Since then, we have had many cases of malaria and dengue fever, but we hope to be free from these when the winter begins.

The higher enrolment has increased the income, but still finances are discouraging. We hope to end the year with no increase in the deficit, but shall have made little or no progress towards paying off the existing debt. Conditions in Cawnpore made it inadvisable to attempt subscriptions this year either towards the debt or endowment, so we are waiting until a more opportune time.

There has been no revival movement among the girls this year. They were very fond of our acting pastor, an aged Englishman, and I had hoped that we could unite in special effort during this month. But his death last month leaves us without a pastor, and the additional work in connection with the church and school makes it difficult for us to find time for special conferences and meetings.

The needy children still trouble us. I am constantly receiving appeals for help, and in spite of determination and oft-repeated denials, I frequently yield to the pleadings and admit another. Our scholarship funds are not sufficient however, so these ventures in faith are not considered good business by the Trustees. We are praying that more scholarships may be granted by the Society, and that further donations from India may enable us to meet the needs.

We appreciate the help received, and thank all who have united in prayer for the success of this part of God's work.

Hudson Memorial School, Cawnpore.

Miss Abbie M. Ludgate, Miss Ruth M. Cox.

Taramani David, Elisabeth Lal.

Anyone acquainted with school work knows that there is much of routine work about it; that it is line upon line, precept upon precept. Some bright girls are the joy of the teacher's heart while the dull ones try her patience. Some give no trouble in discipline, while others find it hard to be good. Some are naturally tidy, while others seldom are. Many come from homes where they have had good Christian influences, while others have come from places which we could never call a home. To put one hundred and forty such girls of ages ranging from four to eighteen years in one big Hostel, and to try to have them conform to the same rules, live happily together, and to help them to improve in character and personal habits is no small task. We have an excellent matron who superintendents much of this work, giving special attention to the girls' food and clothing. We find our eleven monitors chosen from among the older girls, a great help, and the responsibility is beneficial in the development of their own characters.
Four of our girls passed the Government Examination this year; one in the First Division, and three in the Second Division. The one who passed in the First Division has been given a Government Scholarship which is enabling her to go to our Isabella Thoburn High School in Lucknow. The other three girls have also gone to High School for further study. We are sorry to say, however, that one of these after studying only a few weeks became very ill, and is now with her Heavenly Father. She was a sweet, quiet girl and a general favorite with all.

One of our dear little girls, nine years of age, after a short siege of fever died very suddenly before we could get word to her father who lives in a village thirteen miles away. Although she was their only daughter, they in a very sweet spirit were resigned to her death as they felt that everything possible had been done for her recovery.

A very interesting little Mohammedan girl was put into our Hostel by her widowed mother in July. At first Phundan found it exceedingly hard to become accustomed to her new surroundings, and begged and pleaded to be taken home every time her mother came to see her. And on visiting days, hours before the time, she could not be driven away from the gate so eagerly was she watching for her mother. However, her mother was firm, and insisted on her staying with us although she is herself a Mohammedan. After about three weeks Phundan came to me and said that she was happy now, and since then it has been a pleasure to see her beaming face.

There is a good spirit of helpfulness among our girls, and a real interest in spiritual things which we hope to see become greater.

A year ago our Society gave us Rs. 750 to be used for the reflooring of our school house, and this was supplemented finally by a similar sum from the Government, so much to our joy, a new floor is now being laid in the school house.

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Elizabeth Hoge.

GONDA DISTRICT.

Gonda City Work.

Work has been carried on as usual in the City. The other day someone said that the Zenana work is simply a waste of time. I was glad I could say that there are many, many earnest Christian women shut up in the Zennas but trusting Christ as their Saviour. In one home I was astonished to find the woman so well informed. She said she had come from a certain place, and the missionary there "led me to Christ". She was as true a Christian as I have seen in India. Her husband, who holds a good position under the Government, was transferred, so the dear woman has left Gonda. One woman died, leaving a fine testimony of her love for Christ as she went out to meet Him.

I haven't been able to get out among the Zennas much as I have been alone in the school and had to teach three periods a day, but our Bible-readers are very faithful and really work because they love the women and the One who came to save them.

The Bible-readers and I meet together each morning for prayer before they start out for work.

We have a W. F. M. S. Auxiliary which meets once a month. We now
LUCKNOW DISTRICT.

have two Christian young women in Government Service here in Gonda, one a doctor, and the other the Head Mistress of the Government Hindu Girls’ School. They come to us quite often and we are expecting great help from them during the coming year.

Statistics do not show baptisms but the Lord knows the hearts of these secluded women. He hears them tell what they know of His life, He hears their quiet testimonies and He claims them as His own and I am sure we will meet many of them in the great beyond. Surely this is not a waste of time to carry the “Good News” to those who sit behind “the purdah” with hands uplifted to the Christ who gave His life for them.

Chambers Memorial Girls’ School, Gonda.

Elizabeth Hoge,
Evelyn Lal, Martha Sahae, Selma Abul Khair.

During the past year we have had a total enrolment of 170. Our school has been full to overflowing. We have three divisions of the A class and should have two divisions of the 1st Class but haven’t enough teachers.

In April eight girls went up for the Government Girls’ Middle Examination and all passed.

This year three of our teachers are preparing for the Middle and will appear as ‘‘Private Candidates’’; one studying in the 5th Class.

We have had excellent health in the hostel again this year. The discipline continues good. During the District Conference the older girls received a great blessing and a real change of heart in Dr. F. M. Wilson’s meetings.

We have formed three prayer Bands. The girls elected their own leaders. We hope these will help them greatly in their daily lives.

During the District Conference, Mr. Lorenzo showed “Moving Pictures” of the Life of Christ. This was the first time the great majority of our girls had ever seen moving pictures so of course they were very greatly interested. I often think of the very little of outside interest and pleasure our girls have and yet they seem so happy.

Last year, Miss Johnson, (who proved to be a myth), was appointed here, this year Miss Wheat was appointed but as neither of them came the burden fell upon the one again. Miss Wheat is now on the journey out and we feel sure she will do excellent work during the coming year and we are looking forward eagerly to her arrival.

LUCKNOW DISTRICT.

Lucknow District Evangelistic Work.

Ruth E. Gantzzer.

This year I have had the one district with headquarters at Lucknow.

In January I was out at the farthest end of the district, Darabad, Ridauli, etc., and worked down towards Barabanki.

Mrs. Calkins accompanied me and we had some rather rough trips to the distant villages on ekkas as I had no kind of conveyance for itinerating. Once I thought my end had come when the ekka pony ran down a narrow lane and dashed against a brick wall and upset. I had no bones broken but a good shaking and a black and blue arm.
Another time when we were out on one of these delightful rides I just saved myself by jumping off before the wheel came to pieces.

I am very grateful for the money that was sent me for a tonga and horse which I got after I was through with my itinerating.

In some villages where the preacher’s wife had visited and shown her love in attending to some sick people, we had a very warm welcome. We had a large number of listeners and when we had finished, crowds of men and women saw us through their village into our ekkas and urged us to return soon.

In Barabanki the Bible-readers were ill so I went out with the preachers to the near villages and Mrs. Calkins had a week’s meetings in our Mission School house in the midst of the city which were well attended. Many places had no workers and in February plague broke out in some of the circuits and one of our old preachers died. People were greatly disturbed and were leaving the plague stricken places so I had to give up itinerating in several villages and came back from camp much earlier than I wished to. From March I have been working in Lucknow and the near by places.

During the rains work is rather irregular and this year at the finish of the monsoons we had unusually heavy showers which caused the rivers to overflow and many parts of Lucknow were submerged. For days boats were being freely used instead of conveyance. It was strange to see a line of street lamps with no road, minarets of mosques standing up out of the water with no mosque visible, bushy tops of trees just resting on the waters. One day I went out with one of our preachers in a boat to see if I could be of any use at Daliganj where about 100 Hindus and Muslims had taken refuge in one of our Mission Schools. Hundreds of people are homeless and some have lost their all. It is not only plague, rain and floods that hinder our work but the dengue fever in an epidemic form is prevalent and whole families are prostrated.

There has been much illness among our Bible-readers in the district, and the work has not been done as it should have been, but it is wonderful how eager and anxious some of them are to get out among the people.

In a few days we are to have our District Conference and we are expecting a time of refreshing and uplifting as preparations are being made for a good time.

**Lucknow Christian Mohalla Work.**

*N. A. Bacon.*

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity of visiting the homes of our Indian Christians with Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Alexander during the year. They are most efficient workers and so keenly interested in their work. I only regret that my time has been so limited that I could not go oftener. Since the College was moved to Chand Bagh I have only been able to meet the women once in two weeks for prayers and to talk over the lesson they were to teach during the two weeks.

Mrs. Mumby was out of Lucknow from March until October, hence our ability to help with the work has been decidedly limited.

The women visit the homes of all our Christians occasionally but spend the greater part of their time in reading the Bible and teaching those who are unable to read the Bible for themselves. Everyone seems so glad to have them come.
They are friends to all, sympathizing with those in trouble, caring for the sick or taking them to the hospital, just loving and understanding everybody.

During the dengue epidemic, I found Mrs. Peters caring for a baby she had brought home with her as both parents were down with the fever and she was trying to keep the little one from getting it. During this special need she worked beyond her hours visiting the sick, preparing food for them or bringing it from the bazaar, nursing those who needed special care and ministering to them in so many ways.

In one of the mohallas the women found the work so discouraging when they first began. They said the women would not listen and often they went away, so discouraged. Instead of going there less often they went more often than any where else. Now as they go to that section, all of the Christians, men and women, come together and fill one of their houses and have services together. They became so interested and asked them to come more often. The women suggested that they meet by themselves with Padri Jacob as pastor.

A most interesting story for the temperance committee was told me on one of our visits to the home of a khansama. He worked for an Englishman who often got drunk. The Indian servant did not approve and threatened to leave if his master did not stop drinking. He did not stop and so the cook left him. The Englishman found it difficult to get along without his servant and begged him to come back. The Christian servant agreed to on condition that his master would read his Bible and pray every day and stop drinking. The Englishman made the promise and the servant had gone back.

The women have succeeded in persuading several parents to send their children to boarding schools and have sent some younger children to Bareilly Baby Fold. Two little fellows who had been in a boarding school and sent home because they were too young were sent to Bareilly. They cried and said they did not want to go to school at first but on the way to the station the older one said to the younger brother "We are going to school and will never be hungry any more.

We have also succeeded during the year in interesting the Indian Christian women of the Central Church in this work and several have held meetings and given talks to the women of the mohallas, who have had so little of this world's opportunities.

Several of the Missionaries and teachers from the college and school have also visited these poorer homes, reading the Bible to those who were unable to read it for themselves. We have so many Indian Christians to whom Christianity means so little, so many who are Christian in name only.

The work is so much needed. If we could in some way enlist a large number of voluntary workers in this work I should be so glad. I do hope and pray that those in charge of it next year will have more time to give to it.

Lucknow Zenana Work.

Mrs. E. M. Moffatt.
Mrs. E. C. Rankin.
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The Zenana Work was turned over to me after Conference last year. The work was very well organized. Mrs. Tweedie had visited the Zenanas so much, and had been so helpful with her teaching and her advice, that the shut-in women
had come to anticipate with pleasure the coming of the Bible women.

I tried to visit all Zenanas before going to the hills. Mrs. Rankin also visited some.

Mrs. Tweedie again took charge of the work while I was in the hills, and visited constantly during the trying hot days of the rains. She goes on furlough this winter and we shall sadly miss her.

We are happy to have secured a fourth good Bible woman, Mrs. Raymond, who has long served in our Mission, always giving herself enthusiastically to her work. Mrs. Stratton has been doing good work with us for a year, and Mrs. Lal and Mrs. Harvey continue to serve faithfully with us. The burden of the work lies heavily on my heart and I pray for strength and vision to do it well. We appreciate the prayerful support of our sisters in America.

Deaconess Home.

Miss E. Gantzer.

Miss Joan Davis left for America early in August and I was appointed in charge of the home. There were several of the English Church people quite ill at that time so I visited among them every evening as I was out in the mornings with my own workers in the city. We have had two deaths besides that of Dr. Price who was such a help and comfort to these in the absence of our Pastor during their last days. Some very necessary repairs have been done and there is still some more that should have speedy attention.

In October we had our usual Dashehra Meetings which were well attended and many seemed to be greatly helped and blessed. The Lal Bagh English Church has taken up the suggestion of having a "Believer's Meeting" every Saturday morning for intercession and testimony and the very first Saturday after the meetings closed nineteen of us met for our first meeting which we trust will be kept up.

The Epworth League and Sunday School are carried on week by week and effort is being made to help the young people of the Church.

RAE-BARELI DISTRICT.

Mrs. S. B. Finch,

There are in this entire district 23 Bible-readers stationed at eight different centres and devoting their time and energy to establishing the Kingdom of Heaven among 594 Christian and more than a thousand non-Christian women. The work is divided into two sections, city and village work. Ten of these women give full time to Rae-Bareli and Unao while the remaining thirteen work in the villages with their husbands preparing new candidates for baptism and teaching the gospel to many, both Christian and non-Christian.

There have been 115 baptisms among the women and girls this year who are steadfast and firm in their faith, and, though many of them are illiterate, they have tasted the Saviour's power to forgive, and they are helping to bring others to His feet.
MUZAFFARPUR DISTRICT.

There are 21 Sunday Schools with an attendance of 370. These Sunday Schools help us to get an entrance into some of the homes which might otherwise remain closed were it not for the children who have attended the Sunday Schools.

We have a school at Rae-Bareli in which ten little Christian boys and girls and two married women are given instruction. This school is conducted by one of the Bible women who is a Middle Passed and Moradabad trained girl.

Temperance work is done among the Christian and non-Christian women teaching them the evil effects of drink and urging them to help their husbands and sons to see the danger in using alcoholic liquors.

Our work has been somewhat hindered this year by the poor health of some of the Bible women and by illness in the homes of some. This District Conference and the Summer School which we held from October 23 to October 31 proved a means of great blessing to all. Lantern lectures by Rev. J. W. Pickett and Sermons by Rev. J. R. Chitamber were greatly appreciated.

The outlook is hopeful but we need your prayer and sympathy.

MUZAFFARPUR DISTRICT.

Indiana Girls' Boarding School.

Miss Jennie M. Smith; Miss Hardsaw.
Miss L. Dc; Miss S. Bardri, Assistants.

It is with heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God that we write this year's report; gratitude for health and strength, for work and workers, for a spirit of cooperation throughout the school, for progress made and for high hopes that much more shall be accomplished.

The work for the teachers and pupils, on the whole, is satisfactory as noted in the Inspectress' report. She was pleased with the improvements that have been made in the class rooms such as good, inexpensive blackboards which make the class work more efficient, and rearrangement which makes it possible to use better lighted rooms. New desks and chairs replace the high tables and old benches without backs. This new furniture, from the sawing of the lumber to the last polish has been made here on the compound under our supervision. We thank you for the equipment money sent this year. Although the class rooms are far from being ideal, and because of the distance from one to another, are inconvenient, still they are far better than the arrangements at Malighat were the school was formerly located.

The total enrolment for the year is seventy-four. There are seven teachers, four of whom have been here for several years. One of our own girls has returned from Jubulpore High School, and another, a normal trained teacher, was added to the staff. The discipline is good.

Three girls received Government scholarships totaling about fifty dollars for the year.

Owing to the lighter rainfall of this season and careful attention given by a conscientious matron, the health of the girls and teachers has been very good.
Extensive repairs have been made on the roofs, walls, floors and verandahs. Yearly repairs are necessary because of the age of the buildings.

To develop the spiritual life of our girls is the aim of the missionaries, the teachers and the matron. We are encouraged by even a little growth and rejoice greatly when some soul is really born anew. During the District Conference and also since the meetings, some of the girls have seen their need of the Saviour and are trying to live as He wishes them to live. Many still need to see the awfulness of "little" sins. Pray for them and for us.

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Mrs. E. I. Faucett.

As usual I have had to spend six months of this year in Naini Tal where our children have attended school. This, of course, means a long absence from home, but it is something which at present cannot be avoided. In the interval Mrs. Dowring in charge of the City and Zenana work has done very faithful visiting and reports a real interest among many of the Zenana women in the teachings of the Bible. With her helpers she goes each day into these homes, and is always received very kindly. I have had an opportunity to visit a few of the homes with her. It was pathetic to see the eagerness of some of the women for the message we brought them.

I have also visited our centres of work in the District as far as opportunity and strength have permitted. Not long ago we took a day’s trip in the car, and that it may serve to give a little idea of other such visits and a glimpse into the lives of some of the Bible women, I will describe it briefly.

After a three hours run it was a pleasure to come to our first stop, Sitamarhi, and to enter the home of our Indian Pastor and his lovely wife and children. Here was cleanliness and order. Here Christianity had brought its rich blessings into the lives of this family, and one could have felt its influence even if one could not have seen the external evidence all around. Near the Parsonage stood the little Church just built last year. I sat and talked with Mrs. Wheeler, and she told me of the death of their little boy. His sickness was not through lack of care, but a strange fever had taken the little fellow away, one day, during the hot summer months, and this mother, had wept, but she knew there was a God in Heaven Who loved her and Who loved her baby too, and her heart was comforted. Because of the other children in the home, the youngest a little one in arms, she is not able to do much personal work outside. But she is a good wife and mother and ready to help as far as she can in the neighborhood where she lives.

Taking a shuttle train from here we went to our next place, Bairagnia, and were met at the station by our worker Jhappas Jones. Walking with him through the village, threading our way through narrow lanes (where we saw many things from mangy parish dogs to a woman pouring out dirty buttons of candy on a dirty sheet on the dirty ground,) we came finally to a little clearing near a field and here in a neat little house lived Jhappas and his wife, their house flanked on one side by a new little church also just completed last year. Again I found absolute cleanliness and order. Jhappas’ wife, our Bible woman, is a
TIRhoot DISTRICT.

tiny little body and looks so wee one could imagine she might vanish any minute. But she is all energy and quickness. It was some excitement to have the District Superintendent and his wife come to see them, and her little hand trembled as she put it into mine and led me into her home. The floor looked clean enough to eat off of. She offered me her best to sit on—a low bed. Presently there came into the room an old woman, two younger women, a young girl and two little children. They sat down in a little group to one side, and looked timid and afraid. I became curious. "Who are these?" I asked. The Bible woman smiled and said, "These are some of my neighbors, whom I have visited from time to time and who now want to become Christians and have come here to be baptized." "Has any one come with them?" I asked. "Yes," she replied, "the old man of the family who was baptized last year, you remember, has brought them". I looked at them with much interest. Here was raw material indeed. They were dirty, frightened—yes—and smelly. I wanted to move away a little from them. I glanced up and my eye was caught by a text, on the wall, whose meaning was clear: 'Clothe yourselves with humility and serve one another'. I moved closer and said, 'Do you want to be baptized?' They nodded and still looked a little frightened. "You know about Jesus?" I asked, and there came a gleam of interest. "He loves you, and you, and you, and He loves me," I said softly, and they nodded, looking straight into my face. "Do you love Him?" I asked, and they all nodded. The old man of the family then came in with my husband, and after further questioning, seeing their evident sincerity they were all baptized. Mrs. Jhappas Jones was very happy as she bade us good-bye. "Here are some baskets I have made", she said. I looked at them; they were very lovely both in design and colour. "What shall I do with them?" I asked, as she handed them to me. "Please sell them for me, and put the money into the fund for the new Church building in Muzaffarpur," she answered. I thanked her, and with a glad heart we hastened out to catch the shuttle back to Sitamarhi. Here we ate a hasty lunch we had brought along, then started in the ear on our return trip home and to our third point of visit. This we reached in the evening. It was our plan to go with our worker here to some villages a little distance away, but as it was getting late, we had to postpone this trip. I found our Bible woman here, Somni Brewer, in poorer health than I had anticipated. Arrangements were made for her to come into Muzaffarpur for special medical examination, following which we have found it advisable to send her to Tilaunia where we have hopes of her complete recovery. From here we hastened home in the twilight of the evening. It was a long ride back but very peaceful and quiet. Village after village we passed; smoke was rising from myriads of little homes; everywhere on the horizon as far as the eye could see, were little brown clusters of huts,—and not one Christian family in them all. I thought of all this and that in the total population of this District numbering 10,000,000 souls, our Christians number only 1,105. It was a challenge to toil on.

We had a most blessed District Conference this year. Our workers and their wives all came. We had meetings every day with the Bible women as well as the general morning and evening meetings for all. We tried to make the meetings for the Bible women helpful and we tried to give them a fresh vision and new inspiration. They came with their reports and we counseled and prayed together. The last two days were consecration days. Bishop Warne was
with us and we were greatly blessed. We feel the workers went back to their appointments with a new note of joy in their hearts, for the new year seems to hold greater opportunities for the spread of the Kingdom than ever before. Last year we had an 11 per cent increase in our Christian community; this year we have had a 20 per cent increase. Next year we believe we will have a 100 per cent increase. It is with gratitude and confidence that we approach another year.
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**Summary of Lucknow**

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