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We regret to report the serious illness of Bro. M.C. Lapp. He has been stricken with creeping paralysis and is at this writing well nigh helpless. His mind is active and he greatly appreciates bedside prayers, good reading and music. His speech is so affected that he is understood with difficulty. The Doctors advise his going to America as soon as he is strong enough for the journey. Will you pray for Bro. and Sister Lapp in their sore affliction.

The Annual Church Conference held on the 2nd was well attended. Nearly all the delegates and members of conference were present. Many of the subjects were taken up with marked enthusiasm. The Conference decided upon a new venture of purchasing land in connection with the Home Mission Station in order to provide means of self-support for the workers appointed there. The Conference reports 124 baptisms and a net increase in membership of 116.

In order to do a constructive piece of work it is essential for a missionary to hold his appointment long enough to study his field, develop plans and establish confidence among the people. This is especially true in evangelistic work.

Frequent changes in appointments, therefore, while not always avoidable, is a serious drawback. Some one has observed that "there is perhaps no country in the world where changes of station and work is more harmful to the whole cause than India, and it would seem that the perpetual changes in personel constitutes one of the greatest weaknesses in our work today."

On page four is found the list of appointments for 1923 considered necessary by the Managing Committee. In order to take up these appointments it is necessary for the following persons to change stations: Bro. and Sister Brunk move from Sankra to Balodgahan. Bro. and Sister Smucker move from Balodgahan to Sankra. Bro. and Sister Kaufman move from Mahodi to Dhamtari. Mahodi will be without a resident missionary for at least eight months.

News from the Stations.

Ghatula.

Bro. and Sister Lapp made several trips to Balodgahan to be at the beside of Bro. M. C. Lapp.

Lois Lapp had a toe amputated, Dr. Esch performing the operation. The toe had given Lois considerable trouble.

Mahodi.

Sunday School was re-organized for 1923. A new Village Sunday School was started. The attendance at the regular Sunday School is 65.

Balodgahan.

The cold season crops such as wheat, legumes and flax look fine with the exception of some of the flax which is red with rust.

A boy with a fractured arm was brought a distance of fifty miles on a springless cart for medical help. The bone was set without administering an anaesthetic.

The building of the new church is going on nicely. Most of the walls are up to their full height—16 feet. Although the money is coming rather slowly yet we are very thankful for the donations of our friends.

Sankra.

Work on the foundation of the new church is progressing nicely.

The re-organization of the Sunday School and the Church council took place the first Sunday of the year. The new officers are taking up their work with zeal.

At the beginning of the year one new village Sunday School was started.

More Christian literature was sold in the bazars in January than during the latter part of last year.

Missionary Appointments for 1923.

G. J. & Fannie Lapp—Ghatula (Church, Bible School, Village school, Evangelistic, Medical, and Gattasili out-station.)

R. R. & Alma Smucker—Sankra (Church, Evangelistic, with outstations, Village school and Medical.)

A. C. & Eva Brunk—Balodgahan (Church, Farm, Widows' Home, and Medical.)

J. H. & Nellie Warye—Balodgahan (Village schools and Evangelistic work at Balodgahan, Bhatgaon and Maradeo, Shoe shop, and Chikli outstation.)

Anna Stalter—Balodgahan (Girls' Orphanage.)

Mary Good—Balodgahan (Girls' Primary and Middle School.)

E. E. & Ruth Miller—Sundarganj (English School, Boys' Primary and Middle School, Men's Home, Bible Women and Maradeo Church.)

Dr. C. D. & Mina Esch—Dhamtari (Leper Asylum and Church, Evangelistic, Bijnapuri and Seodi outstations and Health Officer of the Mission.)

Mary Wenger—Dhamtari (Superintendent of Hospital.)

J. N. & Elsie Kaufman—Sundarganj (Church, Evangelistic, Boys' Orphanage, Industrial School and work shop, Mahodi Evangelistic Station and Gopalpani and Bagtarai Village schools.)

M. C. & Lydia Lehman—Proceeding on furlough.

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The annual Business Meeting of the Mission was held on the 14th and 15th. Eighteen missionaries responded to the roll call.

A special devotional program on the morning of each day was a profitable feature. It started us out for the day's business with thoughts of God and our need of Him.

Bro. M. C. Lapp, our chairman, was not able to attend on account of his serious illness. Sister Lapp remained at his bedside. We greatly missed both.

The Managing Committee and the following standing committees gave their reports of the year's business: Evangelistic, Medical, Publicity, Educational, Industrial, Language and Translation, Building and Survey, and Auditing.

Because of a contemplated change in the educational policy of the Government the Business Meeting decided to adopt the recommendation of the Educational Committee to discontinue within two years the sixth and seventh classes in the Hindi school in order to facilitate the amalgamation of the Hindi and English middle schools, provision being made to vernacularize the latter.

The election resulted as follows :—

A. C. Brunk was nominated Secretary. President, G. J. Lapp; Recorder, E. E. Miller; Treasurer, J. N. Kaufman. Trustee for Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, P. A. Friesen; Language Board, J. N. Kaufman; Mid-India Christian Council, A. C. Brunk; Book and Tract Society, Mary Good and G. J. Lapp.

The following are the members of the Managing Committee as now constituted: C. D. Esch, Anna Stalter, E. E. Miller, R. R. Smucker, G. J. Lapp, including A. C. Brunk and J. N. Kaufman who are ex-officio members. This committee has final authority on all financial matters and in matters of appointments.

NEWS FROM THE STATIONS.

Balodgahan. Examinations in the Girls' School were held during the month and the school re-organized for the year. A seventh class is added making the teacher problem greater than ever. One of the encouraging features is the progress made by the girls who came in as a result of the famine. The older of these girls have passed into the second grade. The verandah is still not built on the school house which makes it very hot in the rooms but about three fourths of the money required to complete the building has now come and work will be started at once.

Two of our young men who have been trained in the Government Shoemaking School have now taken over the Mission Shoe Shop and are running an independent business.

MEDICAL STATION. The mornings at the hospital are very busy.

The Civil Surgeon was called from Raipur for consultation once for Barbara Esch and twice for Bro. Lapp. Barbara was suffering from pneumonia but is completely recovered for which we are thankful. Bro. Lapp is suffering much pain and so far as man is concerned his case is hopeless. But there is nothing impossible with God.

The Honourable Mr. Kelkar, Minister of Education and Sanitation of the Central Provinces Government, together with the Civil Surgeon of Raipur visited the Leper Asylum on the 1st.

Work has begun in earnest on the new buildings for the new Leper Asylum. Government have agreed to furnish half the cost of the new Asylum the Mission to Lepers furnishing the other half.

Thirty-five lepers are taking the new treatment for leprosy with the hope that they may get relief from the disease.

All but three of those in the leper schools have passed their annual examinations.

ITEMS FROM OUR PROGRAM.

1. Open two evangelistic stations in the next two years.
2. Welcome to India at least four new missionaries this year.
3. Introduce the "Project Method" of teaching in our schools.
4. Introduce special forms of industrial work in our Boys' Orphanage.
5. Settle more Christian farmers in our village (Balodgahan.)
6. Complete the Hindi Manual for our Christian workers.
7. Construct a European and a Children's Ward in connection with the Hospital.
8. Build a Dispensary at Ghatula.
9. Complete the following buildings:—
Sundarganj Church; Balodgahan Church; Sankra Church; Balodgahan Girls' School.
10. Build the new Leper Asylum.
11. Raise an endowment of \$ 20,000,00 for the English school.
12. To be as economic as possible in the use of money provided for the work by friends in the home land.

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Medical Station Batena.

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Mrs. Esch and the children went to Naini Tal on the 23rd inst. where the older children are now in school for the year.

Sister Wenger left for Calcutta on the 30th where she is to spend a month getting some experience in the laboratory of Dr. Muir in preparation for the work in the Mission Hospital and Leper Asylum.

The new home for the nurse at the hospital is nearing completion.

The foundation for three of the buildings in the New Leper Asylum have been laid and work is progressing slowly on account of the shortage of water.

Communion services were held at the Leper Church on Easter Sunday. It was a happy service with all who were able present. Those who were not able to attend were served in their rooms. At the same service six applicants were baptized.

Bro. M. C. Lapp has been moved from Balodgahan to Dhamtari. His condition is growing gradually worse and it is now a question whether he will be able to leave India.

Sundarganj.

Bro. and Sister Lehman and children Irene, Caroline and Waldo sailed from Bombay on March 1st via

Italy and England for America. We are praying a safe journey for them and also that after they have reached America they may be blessed in their efforts to present the needs of the work here to the church at home.

Communion services were held last Sunday with 239 members present.

Indications are that the Mango Orchard will yield a fair crop this year. This is one of the few fruits available to us in the hot season months.

Work has been begun on the new Hospital Ward which is to be used for the boys of the Orphanage.

March 15th to 18th the annual examinations were given in the Boys Vernacular Middle and Primary Schools. In the seven grades a total of 217 boys took the examinations out of which 180 passed successfully.

The five boys of the High School Senior class went to Raipur from March 12th to 22nd to take their government examinations. The results will not be announced until sometime in June. Four out of the five boys were christians.

Ghatula.

Bro. and Sister Lapp and two Indian workers, Bro. Mukut and Bro. Narayan toured in the native state east of Ghatula during the third week of March. Three or four meetings were held each day and evening in the villages with good attendance and interest.

Sister Lapp made several visits to the sister of the chief of the State who urged very much that we open a station in the chief town, Gariahband.

The medical dispensary and nurses home are under construction.

Communion services were held the last Sunday in February in order that Lois who was going to Darjeeling to school might participate.

Balodgahan.

The past two weeks five of our evangelists toured in the native state of Kankar. This is the large unoccupied state to the south of us. The men preached the Gospel to several thousand listeners the majority of whom had never heard the story before. One hundred books and portions of scripture were also sold.

Our evangelistic campaign has just been held. Every evening about fifteen of the brethren went out to the nearby villages and preached the Gospel. On Easter Sunday three souls were added to the church by water baptism.

Communion services were held on Easter at which time 390 partook of the sacred emblems.

Miss Chandaya the Girls Orphanage nurse left for her home in Jagdalpur on the 19th for an indefinite time because of the sickness of her mother.

There are seventeen girls in the Hospital Wards at present. Fevers, sore eyes and measles are the chief causes.

Sankra.

Work is progressing on the new church building. The foundation is about completed. But the work will soon stop until the rains come due to a shortage of water. People already have to carry their water for house use from a well about a quarter of a mile distant.

Evangelistic meetings will soon begin, and continue for two weeks. We are now having preparatory meetings.

There is not much sickness here. Eye trouble seems to be the principal ailment. The strong winds and red dust are hard on eyes.

Pray for the work here.

Missionary Institutions in India To-day.

Middle Schools	364
Printing Presses	43
Boarding Schools	124
Colleges	46
High Schools	291
Hostels	184
Industrial Schools	177
Schools for Missionaries children	17
Teacher Training Institutions	93
Training Institutions for Pastors and Evangelists	71
Training Institutions for Christian Workers	60
Rest Homes for Missionaries	17
Hospitals	221
Dispensaries	173
Leper Institutions	64
Tuberculosis Sanatoriums	8
Homes for the Blind	11
Homes for Women	59
Homes for Christian Converts	15
Agricultural Societies	98
Co-operative Societies	113
Orphanages	146

TOTAL 2485

Out of this total 209 are listed in the Central Provinces.

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In India the seasons are commonly called rainy, cool and hot. The rainy season extends thru July, August and September, the cool from October to April, and the hot from April to July. The average monthly temperature taken last year for the district in which we live beginning with January is as follows: 67.7°-73.6°-81.9°-90.3°-93.6°-86.0°-79.6°-79.0° - 80.3° - 78.1°-71.5°-66.0°. This makes a monthly average of 79 degrees. This is the average temperature of day and night. The highest average monthly temperature for any part of India is 82.1

To avoid the intense heat of these hot months it has been arranged that the missionaries spend every alternate year in some hill station. This season Bro. and Sister Brunk and Sister Good are in Kashmir; Bro. and Sister Kaufman and family and Sister Esch and children at Naini Tal where the children are in school; Sister Wenger in the Language school at Landour, Mussoorie; and Bro. and Sister Smucker and Ernest and Harriet and Lois Lapp in Darjeeling. The rest of us are enjoying the hot season temperature.

In the winter months at home you are careful to keep all the doors and windows closed. We are just as careful about keeping them closed here in the hot season. But you do it to keep out the cold and we do it to keep out the hot. During the night time the temperature is about fifteen degrees lower than by day. So by having the houses open at night and then closing them at about 8:00 in the morning we are able to keep the temperature almost ten degrees lower in the bungalow than what it is outside. By having a grass mat made and placed over a door or window and then keeping it wet with water we can reduce the temperature about three or four degrees more. The hardest thing about the hot season is the steady monotony of the heat. It's a steady pull for eight weeks with practically no variation.

Batena.

Work on the new Leper Asylum is progressing rather slowly on account of the water shortage. But the blasts in the new well are helping matters.

We have recently received word that the Indian Government has sanctioned 25,000 Rupees to be spent this year in the erection of new Leper buildings. Since the government gives only half the money it means that there will be Rs. 50,000 on hand for new building work this year.

Word has reached us that a good friend of the Lepers living in Ontario, Canada has contributed \$3,000 for the erection of a church building on the Leper site. We are planning to build a church to accomodate five hundred people. About \$2,000 more will be required.

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Sister Wenger reports an interesting and profitable course of study in her laboratory work at Calcutta. This training will help greatly in the work of the Leper Asylum and Mission Hospital.

Dr. Henderson, a distinguished lady doctor from Nagpur was recently called to see Bro. M. C. Lapp. Her help and advice were appreciated both by the patient and attending physician. There seems to be little that can be done for Bro. Lapp.

The Medical station bungalow is a quiet place just now since seven out of the eight regular occupants are gone. It leaves the place and the one lone occupant rather lonely when he finds time to be lonely.

Sundarganj.

The Boys' schools have closed for two months' hot season vacation on the 30th. Most of the boys have therefore gone home to their parents. In India the official school year continues for the entire twelve months. New students enroll just before the hot season vacation. The teachers also receive their pay for the entire twelve months.

The Headmaster of the High School has purchased a village five miles out from Dhamtari. He hopes to demonstrate that more modern and scientific methods of agriculture can be successfully used in conservative India. When Indian Christians begin putting their own dollars and brains into the problem of economic improvement it should be a time of rejoicing to all foreign missionaries.

Bro. and Sister Geo. Lapp have moved here from Ghatula for the hot season. They are looking after some of Bro. Kaufman's work and also helping to care for Bro. Mahlon.

Balodgahan.

During the past month there have been eight weddings, four baptisms and four reclaimed at this place.

The Mission farm which has been owned and farmed by the Mission for many years has been rented out to village farmers for cash rent this year. Most of these farmers are christians. This arrangement seems to be a possible financial advantage to both the Mission and the farmers.

Plans have been prepared to build industrial sheds in connection with the Widows Home. It is hoped that considerable may be done toward making this institution self supporting.

The work on the New Girls School Building is practically completed. We are very grateful to those who have so generously given of their gifts.

Sankra.

In the absence of Bro. Smuckers, Bro. and Sister Lapp have been given charge of this station for the hot season.

Bro. Sadhuran the deacon has been very ill from fever. It is hoped that he will soon recover.

A leopard carried off Ernest Smucker's pet pup.

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The weavers and rug makers are doing very satisfactory work and are proving themselves able to provide for their own livelihood. They handle the fly shuttle looms very well.

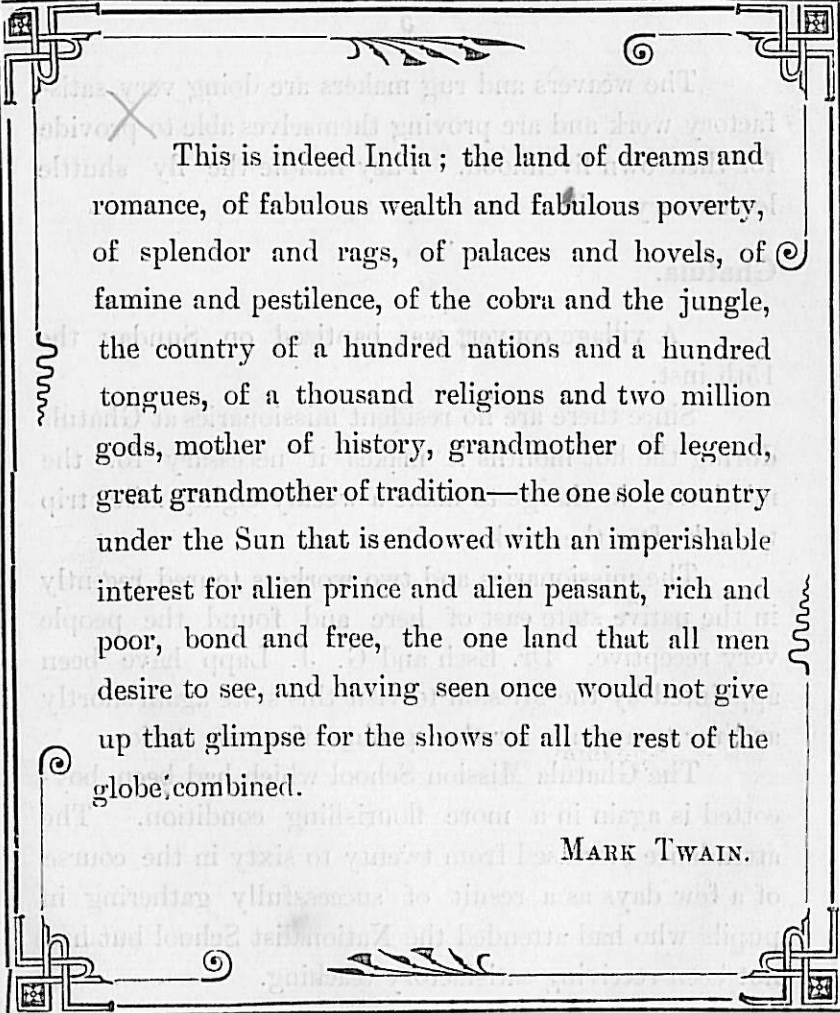
Ghatula.

A village convert was baptized on Sunday the 15th inst.

Since there are no resident missionaries at Ghatula during the hot months it makes it necessary for the missionary in charge to make a weekly eighty mile trip to look after the work.

The missionaries and two workers toured recently in the native state east of here and found the people very receptive. Dr. Esch and G. J. Lapp have been appointed by the Mission to visit this state again shortly and try to arrange for the opening of a new station.

The Ghatula Mission School which had been boycotted is again in a more flourishing condition. The attendance increased from twenty to sixty in the course of a few days as a result of successfully gathering in pupils who had attended the Nationalist School but had not been receiving satisfactory teaching.



This is indeed India ; the land of dreams and romance, of fabulous wealth and fabulous poverty, of splendor and rags, of palaces and hovels, of famine and pestilence, of the cobra and the jungle, the country of a hundred nations and a hundred tongues, of a thousand religions and two million gods, mother of history, grandmother of legend, great grandmother of tradition—the one sole country under the Sun that is endowed with an imperishable interest for alien prince and alien peasant, rich and poor, bond and free, the one land that all men desire to see, and having seen once would not give up that glimpse for the shows of all the rest of the globe combined.

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Darjeeling Hill Station.

The season here is unusually damp and foggy but very refreshing to tired bodies and frayed nerves.

The Darjeeling Christian Convention will be held May 21st to 24th. Rev. C. A. R. Janvier of Ewing Christian College, Allahabad will be the speaker. These annual conferences are a great inspiration to the many missionaries who gather here for the hot season.

The Annual All-American Picnic will be held the last Saturday of May.

Sankra.

During the month quite a number of the people have been sick with fever.

The cook's son was chased and rather severely bitten by the bungalow watch dog. The boy is under the doctor's care for a few days.

During the absence of Bro. and Sister Smucker the services are in charge of Bro. Sadhuram, the Indian deacon.

Ghatula.

Ghatula being higher in altitude than any of the other mission stations is several degrees cooler during these hot days.

The masons are working on the walls of the new dispensary. The nurse's home is having the roof put on.

Part of the road near the bungalow which is almost impassable during the rains is being filled in with dirt.

We hope that during the next rainy season the carts will be able to get over this stretch of road without the wheels and oxen being almost buried in the mud.

During the absence of Bro. and Sis. Lapp the church services are in charge of the deacon Bro. Mukut.

Medical Station.

Dr. Esch accompanied Bro. and Sis. Lapp to Calcutta on the 11th inst., where Bro. Lapp is now in the hospital in a critical condition. Although he had improved considerable on first arriving there he has since gotten weaker.

Cases come to us continually which show the fruits of the terrible moral conditions of the people of Dhamtari. Satan is busy and sin is attractive especially to the young.

Two little girl orphans who are being kept by relatives in a prominent Mohammedian home in Dhamtari have been suffering with typhoid fever. They are now convalescing. The people of the home seem very grateful to the doctor who condescends to make frequent calls to help poor orphan girls.

The inmates and staff of the Leper Asylum are enjoying the abundant fruit of the mango trees located on the grounds.

Recently we amputated the foot of one of the lepers. It is the first operation of this kind we have tried and we are watching results with interest. At present he seems happy in having gotten rid of the painful burden.

Balodgahan.

The Orphanage Nurse returned from Jagdalpur on the 3rd inst. She was absent for six weeks on account of the sickness and death of her mother.

Between the last week in March and the first week in May there were fifty seven cases of measles in the Girls' Orphanage. There was however only one death.

Repairs on the Ladies bungalow at the Orphanage are progressing slowly.

One of the village christians took a contract for making bricks for the Mission. He successfully burned 43,600 out of 45,000 placed in the kiln.

The village bungalow is under repair in order to make living quarters for two families.

An epidemic of influenza in the village is causing a great deal of discomfort and suffering during the hot season.

Dhamtari.

While the schools are closed for vacation, buildings and furniture are being repaired and replaced. A new well and kitchen are being built at the Boys High School Hostel. Thirty new desks, six new tables, four library book cases and thirty stools are some of the things which the Carpenter shop is making for the schools.

The former Sunderganj Dispensary building is also being converted into a Girls' Primary School. This school will open June 15th. There will be three teachers and about thirty five scholars. There is a Government Girls' School in Dhamtari but the staff is notably unqualified and the atmosphere is non-christian. This school is therefore being opened primarily for the girls of our own christian community.

There are only 131 boys in the Boys Orphanage during the hot season vacation. The rest have found friends or relatives who are willing to keep them for these six weeks.

A good many of the Orphanage boys have been sick during the month. Some have fever and others have been eating green mangoes. Eating unripe mangoes produces about the same effect as eating green apples. The American boy is rare who has not at some time passed thru the green apple experience. And our Indian boys are also just boys.

ANOTHER NEW OPPORTUNITY.

Some over ten years ago one of our missionary families lived temporarily at Gariaband in the Indian Native State of Bindra-Nawagarh. Before land could be secured and a bungalow built the missionary was asked to leave. Ever since, our missionaries have been praying that this door might again open. Occasional tours were made into the district and recently the Mission Managing Committee again decided to make an effort to get into this state. Dr. Esch and Bro. Lapp were appointed to make an official visit to the Zamindar of the State. This visit was made about ten days ago. The brethren were given a friendly reception by the Zamindar and his chief minister and informed that they were ready to sell us land. They asked the Mission to select a site and request its purchase officially, after which the sale would at once be effected.

This state contains 1600 square miles, has a population of 63,000 inhabitants living in 530 villages and only 18 schools of primary grade with no middle or high schools. The minister spoke repeatedly of the poverty of the people and said they would expect much advice and help from the American missionary. They are expecting a missionary to locate there at once. Although all missionaries now on the field have their assigned work I am sure the Mission will arrange to send some to this field at once. It is an open door which we dare not pass by or it may again be closed for another number of years. It is an opportunity to lead a people to Christ.

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Kashmir—hill station.

We have all been well and have enjoyed the beautiful scenery and invigorating air and feel refreshed and eager to again return to our work.

Mission work was opened in Kashmir over fifty years ago and has been carried on under great difficulties. Even now there are only one hundred and two Indian christians living in the State. The work is carried on largely thru schools and medical dispensaries. It has been a great inspiration to visit the different institutions and to see the faith and untiring service of the missionaries in spite of discouragements.

Naini Tal—hill station.

A successful Temperance conference was held here recently. One of the main speakers was a Mr. Edwards of Bombay who visited America to see how the prohibition movement is succeeding. He proved conclusively that thro prohibition America is progressing along many lines.

Resolutions were passed among which were appeals to newspapers and railways to refuse liquor advertisements.

A conference for the deepening of the spiritual life was held immediately after the Temperance Conference. It was well attended and very profitable. J. Sinclair Stevenson author of "The Friend of Little Children" one of the best books on the life of Christ written for little children was one of the speakers.

Quarterly examinations are being conducted this week at the Philander Smith College. Three of our mission boys are taking the examinations.

There are about 120 missionaries and missionaries' children at this hill station this year.

Medical Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Plumley old friends of the Mission are spending most of the rainy season with the missionaries of this station. They are getting old and after last years experience of being cut off from medical and other help out in the jungle where there work is, they decided to come here for the rains this year.

Government paid over Rs. 25,000 to the Mission recently for the purpose of building the new Leper Asylum.

The Leper church donated Rs. 40 to the Bible Society this year. The Lepers were happy to know that their offering would pay for printing several hundred scripture portions to be given to the poor. Although many of the lepers cannot read yet they are happy to help others to God's message of love because of what He has done for them.

Dhamtari.

With the coming of the rains the missionaries are returning to their stations. Bro. and Sister Smucker were the first to arrive reaching Dhamtari on the 22nd. Bro. and Sister Brunk and Misses Good and Wenger came the following day and Bro. and Sister Kaufman are due to arrive on the 29th.

Sister M. C. Lapp is staying at Sunderganj at present. She will probably have charge of the Bible Women's work in Dhamtari.

Since the rains have come the Orphanage boys are busy preparing and sowing rice fields.

One of the orphan boys fell from a mango tree this week and fractured his arm.

Ghatula.

Bible school started Monday the 18th with 15 students in attendance. All seem happy in their work and have started on their courses of study with a will. Their work covers three years of the Bible school curriculum.

After chapel exercises this morning the students killed a very poisonous snake in the rear of the hall. It might have been attracted by the music!

Our boys Primary school is again boycotted by the reactionaries. They seem to have been embittered by our temporary success in getting the boys back into our school. Two leaders who had been in jail came in this section and stirred up the people against sending their children to the school and took oaths from them that they would not send them. They also set up a small idol in front of the Non-Cooperators school, worshipped it and as much as said "These be your Gods". We are awaiting developments and hope the children will again return. The attendance decreased from 70 to 9 in one day. Today there were only 13 in the school.

Because of the rains during the last few days the temperature has gone down making the weather more like the June days in America.

Sister Sarah Lapp spent ten days with us. We wish she might have remained longer.

Mahlon C. Lapp was born in Line Lexington Penn., in 1872 and died in the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, India May 30th 1923, age 51 years, 3 months, 24 days.

He came to India with his wife in 1901. His missionary life was busy and strenuous from the beginning. A many-sided able man placed in a land of many and urgent needs he was constantly sought out for help and advice by Europeans and Indians of all classes. He was farmer, builder, doctor and minister. "He became all things to all men that he might by all means save some". Although handicapped by training he kept pace with the growing work of the mission and the expansion of the Indian christian church. He loved the people and was loved by them.

His body was brot to Dhamtari and a funeral service held in the Mango Orchard in the presence of some of the missionaries and about 800 Indian Christians, Mohammedans and Hindus. Just one day less than fifteen years before his death he gave an address at Goshen College which gave rise to the song "Under the Mango Tree" found on page 223 of Life Songs. To-day he lies at rest under the same tree by the side of Bro. Burkhart. He too gave his life for the Church of God in India.

His sacrifice should bring to the whole church a deeper consecration coupled with a renewed dedication of her strength to the cause of Christ in this needy land.

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This is the school opening season. Actually the new session opens in April but due to the hot months vacation July 1st is more like the real opening date.

According to the reports from the various stations we have enrolled for this session 836 boys and girls in our Primary schools and 120 in our Middle Schools and High School. This makes a total of 956 students.

To teach these pupils we have a staff of 54 teachers. The monthly Mission expenditure to carry on this work is Rs. 1725. The amount of the Grants given by government equals Rs. 485 which makes a total monthly expenditure of Rs. 2210 for teaching 956 students. This means a monthly expenditure per child of slightly over Rs. 2 or about seventy cents in American currency.

In America it costs between three and five dollars per month for a child in the Primary grades and at least twice that amount for high school. Dollars go a long ways in India.

Sankra.

A son has been born to our deacon Bro. Sudraham and wife. Some few weeks ago we had a hard rain and strong wind which took tile off of almost every roof in the community. The entire roof of the weaver's workshed was blown off and it also did a good deal of damage to the bungalow roof. Fortunately no one was hurt.

On July 19th the actual work of building the church walls began. The entire christian community gathered on the spot and we had an appropriate praise service before the first brick was laid. The stone foundation had been laid previously.

Balodgahan.

The recent opposition of Hindus towards christians has practically ceased. A good spirit again seems to prevail in the village.

The seven years old daughter of our deacon Suklal died of fever this month. The child was sick only about eight hours.

The widows of the Widows Home are caring for four acres of gardening and six acres of rice. So far indications are that this year's crop will be good.

The Boys' Village Primary School has opened after five weeks of vacation. There are 29 christian and 18 non christian boys enrolled.

Medical Station.

Thelma Marie Miller arrived July 5th to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Both mother and baby are getting on nicely.

Dr. Esch left for Naini Tal July 8th where he has spent nearly two weeks with his family. He with Mrs. Esch and the two smaller children are now on their way home.

Our Indian nurse Asri Bai is still off duty but is improving some in health.

This is the season of the year when malaria fever begins. A few of the missionaries have already suffered slight attacks.

Mrs. Warye is still in the hospital at Nagpur but reports are that she is slowly improving.

Ghatula.

Bro. Lapp was called out to visit ten sick people, all out of three families, in a village six miles from Ghatula. They seemed to be afflicted with scurvy. They are merchants and were ready to pay any price to have their sick recover. They were in a pitiable condition.

One of our new converts is very sick with Cancer of the stomach. He is slowly starving to death but firm in his faith. His heathen relatives have forsaken him.

One of our Bible women told of an ignorant woman who came to buy a Scripture portion as the one she had was badly worn. She told the Bible woman that although she was unable to read it she put it under her head every night believing that it protected her from evil spirits. She is a Hindu woman and evidently very superstitious. She does have some idea of the power of the Gospel only we would rather see the Word get into her heart than merely under her head.

The dispensary and hospital rooms are nearly finished. The garden wall is nearing completion and garden vegetables are coming up nicely. Crops look well but they need rain.

Dhamtari.

George Paul one of our high school graduates last year has entered the Robertson Medical College in Nagpur. He is receiving some help thru a government scholarship and some direct from the Mission. He is to serve in the Mission on the completion of his course.

The schools opened with the following enrollment: Girls Primary 37; Boys Primary and Middle 230; English High and Middle 98; and the Boys Carpenter School with 12. There are 47 boys in the Christian Hostel most of whom are second generation christians.

Sister Lapp reports that from July 4th to 25th she in company with her Bible women visited 36 homes. These homes represented 15 different castes. There are usually about five people present not counting the children. They seem very attentive. Pray for this work.

ANNUAL TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

In continuation of last years efforts at an Institute for our teachers we again arranged a ten days session this year. This was held in Dhantari during this month.

The general topic of our Institute was "Community Schools". Mission schools should serve both as literary centers and evangelistic agencies. We are quite agreed that our schools have been doing neither satisfactorily. This we feel is due to the lack of any real vital connection between the schools and the people of the villages. To help our teachers also to see and feel this problem was the primary purpose of our Institute this year.

The first three days were given over to Rev. McKee of the Punjab Presbyterian Mission. He is conducting successfully such community schools in the large Mass Movement area of that Mission. He gave us much splendid help. Our own classes followed for a week on a study of how to relate the teaching of Reading, Arithmetic and Bible to village life. If this vital connection can be properly established and maintained there is tremendous opportunity for good in our village schools. Around them as a centre churches may be established. To help establish and maintain such schools 1. One missionary should give his major time to a study and supervision of our Village Schools. 2. We must improve the efficiency of our teaching staff. 3 We must revise the curriculum to fit the needs and interests of the village people.

150,000 children in our Mission district are without schools.

95% of the men and 99% of the women have never learned the first letter of the alphabet.

A christian community of 2,000 are already directly dependent upon the Mennonite church for the blessings that come from being able to read and write.

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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The head office of the Mission to Lepers is located in London. They have branch offices in other countries. The American office is located 156, 5th Ave., New York City. The Mission does a large and important work in the world. They send out no missionaries but work through other missionary bodies already located in the field. They supply the means for the feeding, clothing, medical care and Spiritual teaching of the Lepers.

The Mission supports forty-six Leper Asylums and aids twenty-seven more. Counting lepers and their children these asylums have 8466 inmates. Including Government Grants the Mission spent last year over \$300,000.00. About 75% of their work is done in India.

There are 5670 Leper Christians. Last year 644 individuals were baptized. There are 192 members in the Indian Mennonite Leper Church.

In C. P. India the Government gives grants amounting to one-half of the maintenance cost for all lepers cared for by the Mission.

Medical Station.

G. David the Caretaker at the Leper Asylum has gone on a months leave. He will bring his family when he returns.

Asri Bai our nurse has returned from the hospital in Nagpur much improved in health but still not able to do any work in the hospital.

Buddu Lal the boy from the Untainted Leper Home who has been sent to the agriculture school at Allahabad writes that he likes his work fine. We are expecting to use him in the Leper Asylum as farm manager when he has finished his course.

The attendance at the hospital is large these days. Very many bad cases have come lately.

The latest reports from Panchimirhi are that Sister Warye is recovering slowly.

Balodgahan.

We have had thirty two baptisms in the church here during the month, twenty four of which were orphanage girls.

The attendance in our Sunday Schools August 28th was as follows:

Church Sunday School adults	79	
Division II Adult S. S.	168	
Intermediate department	58	
Six Village S. Schools	161	
Orphanage Primary School	69	
Community Children Primary	91	total 624

Sankra.

Sankra church walls are up eleven feet part of the way and seven feet all the way around. The arches are now being put in over the windows and doors.

There is considerable sickness here this rainy season. Our deacon is bothered with lumbago which leaves the part of the church work he usually does on the shoulders of the missionaries.

Gardens, rice fields, and peanut patches are growing fine.

We received a brother and sister into the church by letter. Another brother and sister confessed a sin and were again received into full church fellowship.

Dhamtari.

Bro. J. N. Kaufman is attending a meeting of the Union Hindi Language Board in Lucknow as representative of our Mission. A telegram sent home says he is detained with fever and under the doctors care. We are hoping that it will not prove serious.

We have had unusually heavy rains during the month. The older missionaries say it seems more like an old fashioned rainy season. Of course a good rice crop is not yet assured. There will need to be more rains during the heading season in September.

Our deacon Mr. Haider preached a good sermon on Sunday against the use of strong drink. This is one of the battles of the Indian Christian Church.

Dr. Esch, Bro. Brunk and Sisters Stalter and Wenger are attending the meetings of the Mid-India Representative Council of Missions in Jubbulpore. The sessions continue for one week. There are special days to consider Temperance, Educational, and Medical mission work. One hundred and fifty missionaries usually gather for these annual meetings.

New Leper Institution.

The present Leper Asylum at Dhamtari being too small and the site considered unsuitable since it is located too near the town, a new site of 114 acres has been secured on which we are at present building an entirely new institution. This site lies half way between Dhamtari and Balodgahan along the main stone road. About forty acres of the site is suitable for gardening, orcharding, and general farming, while the remainder is an almost ideal building site. The buildings and grounds have been laid out according to the plans suggested by the secretaries of the Mission to Lepers in consultation with our own Mission.

Buildings are now under construction. The C. P. Government have already given over to us Rs. 25,000 as their share of this year's expense. The Mission to Lepers have also put in nearly that amount. We are planning to have enough buildings finished so that the women can be moved to the new site soon after the holidays. Our complete building programme however extends over the next three years. The entire institution including bungalow for the Superintendent and homes for the untainted children will cost about \$50,000.00. It will accommodate four hundred people.

Plans for a new church building have also been made. **Government does not help to build church buildings.** The building is to cost about \$ 4,200.00. One lady in Canada has given \$ 3,000.00 of this amount. The rest is yet to be raised. Since our Leper church is a Mennonite church and its individuals are members of the Mennonite Conference would it not be well for the Mennonite Church at home to help build the house of worship at the new Asylum? Practically all the lepers that come to the Asylum respond to the teaching of the Gospel and unite with the Church.

DR. C. D. ESCH.

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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The editor spent September in the Panchmirhi hills doing much needed language study and taking a short vacation. Therefore no September number of this bulletin was printed but it has been combined with this October number.

During this month our annual Christian Workers Normal has been in session in Dhamtari. Fifty-two workers have gathered from our various stations for this short training course. A more complete report of the Normal is found on the back page of the News.

At present sixty-one men and women are giving their full time to the work of evangelism. These visit regularly several hundred villages telling Bible stories and explaining the Christian religion.

The Mission desires to give its workers every advantage of training. In line with this purpose the Bible School at Ghatula is also in session six months out of every year with regular consecutive courses leading to a complete four years course of training. At present there are sixteen students enrolled in the Bible school. There are four regular teachers on its staff and it already has a total of nineteen graduates. We look to this institution for our evangelistic workers.

Balodgahan.

384 Christians communed in our Communion service held October 28th. A good spirit prevailed.

Since our last report 28 more have been added to the church by water baptism.

Work sheds are now under construction at the Widows Home for the introduction of more industries.

A new store house is being built near the Girls' Orphanage kitchen. One room is for storing grain, one for grinding it and one for a wood shed.

The rice crop is fair but not so large as last year. The late rains during the last of October greatly damaged the winter crops such as flax and pulse.

Ghatula.

During the second week of October the Bible school had a vacation during which time the men students went to Dhamtari and surrounding villages to do their shopping. Brother and Sister Lapp also came to Dhamtari in a horse cart after four months of isolation in their jungle home.

A number of children and grownups are suffering from malaria.

A leopard made several visits to our Christian community and carried off two dogs and two chickens.

A young man and his wife are candidates for baptism. They heard the Gospel in a neighboring state and asked for baptism in a sister Mission whereupon they were told by some of the Indian Christians that since they were of a good caste (oilmaker) it would be a disadvantage to them to become christian! They seem to be in earnest and need our prayers.

Crops in the surrounding villages are poor. Many of the farmers will barely receive back their seed.

Sankra.

Church walls are all completed ready for the roof. It took about two and one half months actual working time to build the walls. Due to a failure of wood contractor to deliver wood as per agreement there is a temporary delay in finishing the building.

Rice is about ready to cut. This week of rain which is very unusual is causing the farmers a lot of anxiety.

There is considerable sickness among the Christian people—mostly, malaria and colds.

Dhamtari.

Two Orphanage boys died recently from pneumonia.

The Orphanage gardens are being prepared for the

winter season. The boys are very enthusiastic about them.

292 members communed at Sunderganj congregation on Sunday October 28th.

Rev. and Mrs. Thiessen of the General Conference Mennonite Mission spent five days visiting the missionaries and seeing the work of our various stations.

The winter season has begun. The night temperature runs at about 68 degrees. This season is the most pleasant as well as the most busy season of the year.

Medical Station.

Helen. Rowina Esch was born on the 28th of September. She is a happy little baby and is doing fine. Our Indian friends seem to be much disappointed and very sympathetic with us because its another girl. They had all prophesied that it would be a boy. They seemed to be more disappointed even than the parents were.

Since the rains have stopped the number of patients at the hospital have greatly increased. An important man from the state of Kanker sent his man to Balodgahan recently to see if he could get some help from there for his son who needed an operation.

They had been in the habit of coming to Balodgahan for treatment while Brother M. Lapp was living and working there. Brother Brunk and I went to see the man and persuaded him to come to Dhamtari. He came and after a successful operation went away pleased with the place and the work. The man is a close friend of the King of Kanker and we hope this may prove seed well sown for our future mission work in this native state.

Brother Daulet who teaches the patients at the hospital is attending the Christian Workers Normal the last few weeks.

Herbert Benjamin Warye was born in Panchmirhi on September 22nd. Parents and baby returned to Balodgahan on October 19th. Sister Warye is improving slowly.

Annual Christian Workers' Bible Normal.

Our Annual Christian Workers normal is now in progress. The object of this Normal is to deepen the Spiritual Life of those that preach and teach the Bible in the villages and to enlarge their knowledge of the contents of the Bible. Most of those who are Christian workers are also leaders in our respective churches. The value of the Normal is two-fold, it helps to make our Evangelistic Work more efficient and it helps train the leadership of the Church. For this reason we as missionaries consider the work of the Annual Bible Normal to be a real important part of our Mission work.

The Bible Normal lasts of only three weeks. At the close examinations are given in all the subjects. After the examinations a workers meeting is held. Those attending the normal are divided into three classes, advanced, Intermediate, and Primary. Those in the advanced section this year studied, Jeremiah, Galatians, Ephesians, and Desh Bhakti (Loyalty to Country). Those in the Intermediate studied Bible Stories Part II Judges, and Gospel of John. Primary class had Bible Stories Part I, Mark and Acts. The enrollment was Fifty two. All attending the Normal read the Book Alcohol and Life on which Bro. Esch gave seven lectures. Bro. Smucker gave three lectures on the Church. Mr. Biswas gave one lecture on The Christians relation to India's Present day problems.

Interest in the work of the Normal has been good and it is hoped that much benefit has been derived.

A. C. BRUNK.

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Brother & Sister Warye and baby are leaving for America on December 4th. Although Mrs. Warye's health was improving still the doctors advised that she return to America. May the Lord continue to bless them and use them in His service—if not in India—then in America, is the prayer of the missionaries they left behind.

It seems difficult to understand why people must go home when we are all so anxiously waiting for new missionaries to come to the field. Unless new volunteers are sent out shortly it means that for another four or five years we can only hold the positions we now occupy. New stations will need to continue to wait. Surely the men and money can be found if our faith is not wanting.

Word has reached us that the Freisens and Troyers are due to arrive in Bombay about the middle of December. This is good news. Brother & Sister Freisen will again be located at Sankra Station while Dr. Troyer and family will live in the Village Bungalow at Balodgahan with Brother & Sister Brunk. Brother & Sister Smucker will move to Mahodi where a bungalow is already waiting for them.

Dhamtari.

A number of the Orphanage boys are going thru a siege of the Mumps.

Seventeen babies were consecrated at the regular Church service on Sunday morning among which were Helen Rowena Esch and Thelma Marie Miller.

Mr. Ram a Christian has recently come to Dhamtari as Headmaster of our Mission Carpentry School. The transfer was made by the C. P. Government. We are indeed happy they have now given us a Christian Headmaster.

Harriet and Lois Lapp returned home from school on November 31st. Brother Lapp went to meet them in Calcutta.

Brother Kaufman is leaving on December 4th for Naini Tal to bring their boys home from school. Brother Detweiler will accompany him and visit some of the noted places of North India.

The Annual Church Conference this year will be held at Sankra on 1st January and the Sunday School Conference at Balodgahan on Sunday December 30th.

Medical Station.

November 4th J. J. Detweiler nephew of Mrs. Esch arrived in Dhamtari on his way home from the Near East. He is enjoying several weeks of rest and at the same time seeing some of India at her best.

On October 28th a class of six applicants were baptised at the Leper Asylum Church.

The Lepers have saved out of their food allowance this year a little over Rs. 200-0-0. This is to be given to some worthy cause.

Arthur Allen Smucker was born at the Medical Station Bungalow on the 27th of November. He weighed seven pounds and is a lively youngster. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Sankra.

Rice cutting is about half over now. The crop is fairly good and the farmers are rejoicing that they have such a good yield.

Thanksgiving day was observed on the day appointed by our Church here in India. It was on the second Thursday of November. We do this out of courtesy to the British Government.

We expect Brother Friesens back at this station by about the middle of December.



Balodgahan.

Our Annual Thanksgiving service was held on the second Thursday of the month under a large peepal tree. The offering amounted to Rs. 77-0-0.

The Government Agricultural Assistant has been making an extended call to the village giving advice to the farmers and testing out some of our rice fields.

The Church Graveyard Committee gave their annual report and explained their work to a large Christian gathering in a meeting held near the large tank on November 25th.

Parsadi, the deacon of Maradeo whose wife has recently died brought his three months old baby boy here to be taken care of. Sister Brunk takes care of such babies in connection with the Widows Home.


FINANCIAL CENSUS
 — OF —
Indian Mennonite Church.


A recent census of the financial status of the Indian Mennonite Church shows the following:— (Rs. 3 equals 1 dollar.)

2	families have an income ranging between Rs.	75—100
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31	" " " " " "	30— 50
35	" " " " " "	20— 30
71	" " " " " "	10— 20
98	" " " " " "	0— 10

400 orphans, 135 widows, 20 old men and 200 lepers are entirely dependent on the Mission.

In other terms 95% of the **families** have a monthly income of less than \$16.50; 70% receive less than \$7.00; while 35% get monthly less than \$3.50. Thus 35% are not only unable to give anything towards the cost of educating their children but must receive aid from the Mission to provide for their food and clothing.

We are often asked why so much money is required from America to build and maintain our schools and churches. The table gives the answer. The masses of India are very poor, and it is from these masses that the majority of Christians have come and are coming. The paramount necessity of a continued study of the economic problem is at once evident. Upon it depends the final financial independence of the Indian Church.

Discouraging as the table may seem to you in the home land it nevertheless is a source of inspiration and encouragement to your missionaries on the field because it shows progress. At the sametime it is however very clear that it will be many more years before the Indian Mennonite Church will be able to provide the money necessary to build and maintain her own Institutions. She is doing what she can but she must continue to depend on you. If you should fail her now she would lapse again into illiteracy and idolatry.

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This month was crowded with many important meetings but the two outstanding were the Sunday School and Church Conferences.

The Sunday School Conference was held at Balodgahan on Dec. 30th. A large representative gathering of Christians attended this meeting. Among the subjects discussed were:— "The Object of Graded Sunday Schools", "The Importance of Teaching *Giving* to our Sunday School Pupils", "Characteristics of:— A Good Superintendent—A Good Secretary—A Good Chorister—A Good Teacher", "The Improvement of our Station and Village Sunday Schools." It was a fine spirited and profitable conference.

The Church Conference was held at Sankra on Jan. 1st 1924. Due to the distance of Sankra from the other stations there were few visitors outside of the body of delegates. The Conference sermon was preached by Dr. Esch. Among some of the subjects discussed were:— "How can the Indian Church Prepare itself to support itself?", "Shall the wives of Indian deacons be regular delegates to Conference?", "Shall we have an Annual Julsa?", "How should we Observe such Christian Holidays as Thanksgiving, Resurrection Day, Good Friday and New Years Day?" Among the important work of Conference was the decision to open up another Home Mission Station and appointing a brother to take up that work. A good spirit of fellowship and unity of purpose was manifest in the body of Conference delegates.

Ghatula.

Two lines of buildings for Bible School students are being enlarged and repaired for the next term. The quarters were too small for the families who must occupy them.

Bro. Lapp and family together with three evangelists and two Bible women spent the second week of December on tour in the western part of their district. A number of meetings were held both day and night and a large quantity of Scriptures and booklets were sold and tracts distributed.

Bro. Lapp who was absent from his station attending S. S. and Church Conferences and doing Auditing Committee work was delayed in returning home several days on account of heavy rains and high water.

Balodgahan.

Christmas day was observed in the usual way. The services could not be held in the church because it is too small to accommodate the large number of people who wish to attend.

Sweets and clothing were distributed to poor children on Christmas day. We are especially thankful to the children in Oregon who made this possible by sending us the means.

A school kitchen has been opened where poor school children may receive food. About twenty six children are being helped in this way.

Sankra.

The Indian Mennonite Annual Church Conference was held here on Jan. 1st. All the delegates but two and all ministers and deacons were present. Dr. Esch preached a good sermon and all the discussions were timely and to the point. About ninety people from other stations attended. This is good considering the distance and inconvenient methods of travel for the people.

Bro. and Sister Friesen and family arrived at Sankra on the morning of New Years Day. The Indian people had fixed up two arches of welcome and had lined

an avenue of bamboos and string with leaves and twigs. We are glad that Sister Friesen is rapidly regaining her strength after the siege of pneumonia. The Friesen children had come on from Bombay with Dr. Troyers while Bro. and Sister Friesen had remained in Bombay about ten days where Mrs. Friesen was in the hospital.

Christmas exercises were held in the church on Monday evening and the Christmas sermon was preached on Christmas day to a full house.

Medical Station.

The Commissioner of this district recently paid a visit to both the old and new Leper Asylums. He seemed favorably impressed and remarked that he thought it was not necessary for the Government to erect any Leper Institutions as long as Missions continued to do what they are doing now. He will also recommend that Government give further grants for the continuation of our building work.

The Lepers had their usual joyful Christmas time. We had received a special gift of Rs. 150 which made it possible for us to give them a good Christmas dinner and some other gifts. We wish the donors might have seen their happy faces.

Sunderganj.

A Junior Department has been opened in our Sunday School. We have now an Adult department with an enrollment of 210; a Junior department with 133 and a Primary department with 150 making a total of 493 pupils. Each of these departments has its own weekly Teachers Meeting and meets in a separate building for its own services every Sunday morning.

A new house is being built for the Old Men's Home.

There was a good Christmas spirit. Everyone was happy visiting friends, giving and receiving gifts and taking some part in one of the many programmes. The Schools, Sunday Schools and Institutions each rendered programmes. Christmas is the big Indian Christian holiday. As one Christian brother remarked "We are beginning to understand the spirit of this day and how to enjoy it."

APPOINTMENTS OF MISSIONARIES FOR 1924.

Ghatula.

G. J. Lapp. Principal of Bible School. Medical Work, Pastor of Church, Primary Schools at Ghatula and Kaspur, Gattisila Evangelistic Station.

Fannie Lapp. Bible School, Evangelistic work at Ghatula, Gattisila and Kaspur.

Mahodi.

R. R. Smucker. Pastor of Church, Medical work, Evangelistic work Mahodi and Seodi.

Alma Smucker. Evangelistic work Mahodi and Seodi.

Medical Station.

Dr. Esch. Medical work, Supt. of Leper Asylum, Pastor Leper church, Evangelistic work Bijmathpuri.

Mina Esch. Leper Asylum, Evangelistic work at Bijmathpuri.

Mary Wenger. Supt. of Hospital.

Sunderganj.

E. E. Miller. Principal of High School and Vernacular Middle and Primary School. Supt. of Old Men's Home. Primary Schools at Bhatgaon and Merideo. Pastor of Merideo church.

Ruth Miller. Manager Dhamtari Girls School, Evangelistic work at Maradeo and Bhatgaon.

Sarah Lapp. Evangelistic work in and about Dhamtari.

J. N. Kaufman. Supt. of Boys Orphanage, Pastor of church, Supt. Boys Carpentry School, Advisor to Shoe & Carpenter Shop, Primary Schools at Gopalpuri & Bagtarai.

Elsie Kaufman. Boys Orphanage, Evangelistic work Gopalpuri and Bagtarai.

Balodgahan.

A. C. Brunk. Manager of Village & Farm, Pastor of Church, Manager of Boys School, Building work, Evangelistic work at Balodgahan and Chikli.

Eva Brunk. Supt. of Widows Home, Medical work Balodgahan, Evangelistic work Balodgahan and Chikli.

Anna Stalter. Supt. Girls Orphanage and Boarding.

M. M. Good. Principal Girls Middle and Primary School.

Dr. & Kathryn Troyer. Language study.

Sankra.

P. A. Friesen. Pastor of church, Evangelistic work at Sankra, Tengna and Naagaon, Industrial work.

Florence Friesen. Medical work, Manager Primary School, Widows Home, Evangelistic work.