

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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With this issue begins Volume III of the India Mission News. The object of this bulletin continues to be "Giving News about the Mission to Interested Friends". Eight hundred copies of it are now being distributed monthly. Our prayer is that it may continue to be used to the Glory of God in promoting His cause in this land of great need.

We are indeed happy to again list items under 'Mahodi'. We are praying that by next January we can add "Kanker Station" to our list. Surely this is not expecting too much.

Ghatula.

We toured the Ghutkel area of our district this week and found the people very receptive. Over 125 books and Scripture portions were sold including five new Testaments. The people urged that we open a sub-station in this area as soon as possible.

Workers are in Kaspur repairing houses preparatory to moving in a few weeks. The children of the surrounding villages have been registered for the school and the work will soon be established.

Nearly a mile of road has been graded under the supervision of the Ghatula missionary. We hope that more can be graded during the year which will improve the Ghatula-Sihawa road. Over a hundred people were given employment.

We also found in touring that the Hindi speaking area extends farther southward than we had thought thus increasing the size of our working district.

Medical Station.

A number of operations have been performed consequently all our rooms in the hospital are full and some of the patients have to be accommodated on the verandahs.

We are glad for the help of Dr. Troyer who has come to the hospital a number of times to help in operations.

On the 7th Dr. Troyer removed tonsils and adonoids for Ernest Smucker. Ernest has fully recovered and is doing well.

The European Ward which is under construction is now ready for the roof.

Mr. A. D. Miller acting Secretary for the Mission to Lepers paid us a visit recently in the interests of the Leper Asylum work. He inspected the building of the new Home for the Lepers. He is representing the matter to Government for a further Building Grant for this year so that the work may be continued unhindered. Arrangements are being made for the erection of a Bungalow in connection with the Leper Asylum for the residence of the Superintendent.

Mahodi Station.

We arrived in Mahodi on Jan. 18th at high noon and expect to stay here now for the next few years. All our goods are waiting on the verandah for us.

There is a jungle on one side and a fertile plain with many villages on the other. After finishing building work, then all our time will be devoted to direct Evangelistic work and language study.

Balodghan Station.

Work on the trusses for the new church has been begun. The foundation for the new Teachers Home, to be built in connection with the Girls School is being dug.

The Sunday Schools have been reorganized. The election resulted as follows:— Supt. Eva Brunk; Asst. Supt. Bro. Prosnu; Chorister, Sonai Bai; Secretary, Bro. Paul. For Supt. of Widows Home and Orphanage S. S. Supt. Sister Stalter; Asst. Supt. Bro. Sukhlal. For Primary

S. S. Supt. Ghasni Bai; Asst. Supt. Sister Good. Arrangements were also made for S.S. in the surrounding villages.

The Church council was reorganized for the new year.

Sankra Station.

Our new church is ready for the roof and we hope soon to see that going up. An effort is being made to get it ready for use before the rainy season.

On Jan. 5th the Smucker family left the station in charge of the Friesen family.

Jan. 23rd Dasru and his wife left Sankra and moved to the out station Naogaon. They are the only Christians in the village and need the prayers of the Christian people.

Jan. 25th the Malguzar (Landowner) of Sankra died. He gave the land for the first church built in Sankra but seldom attended services. He had many opportunities to hear the gospel but his heart was hardened and he passed into eternity without Christ.

Jan. 25th the missionaries started out on a tour to a village seven miles from the bungalow. The good motor-roads make it possible to spend the nights at home. The winter harvest is on and it is difficult to find many people in the village but they say if we will preach to them in the fields they will stop work. Some interesting meetings have already been held and we hope to have more. We have found a very warm welcome here.

Dhamtari Station.

The Annual Examinations are being given in the Village Primary Schools.

Mr. Stanley the Inspector of Schools of this circle visited the High School this week. He seemed well pleased with the progress of the work during the year.

Mr. Simon Benjamin and wife from Bilaspur have lately come to Dhamtari. He begins as a Language teacher for the missionaries on Feb. 1st.

Leaders of the Church in consultation with the pastor have organized a special committee to deal with prohibition. It is an excellent and encouraging sign of progress when the Indian brethren begin to feel responsible for removing these evils.

SOME FACTS ABOUT INDIA.

India has:—

315,000,000, people which is one-fifth of the World's population.

1,802,657 Square miles with 175 people to the square mile while the United States has only 27 persons to the square mile.

330,000,000 DEITIES—some of them worshipped by millions, some merely village idols, but not one presenting a lofty ideal of conduct.

5,500,000 Holy Men—whose claim to holiness rests upon the fact that they do not work, but live upon the people by begging.

3,000 Castes—member of which cannot eat together, drink together, intermarry, or have any form of intercourse.

50,000,000 OUTCASTES—who have no social or religious privileges, who are not permitted to enter a temple, or to speak the name of God.

27,000,000 WIDOWS—who are held responsible for the deaths of their husbands, and are not permitted to remarry.

50 Clearly Different Languages.

217,000,000 Hindus—60,000,000 Mohammedans
11,000,000 Buddhists, 10,000,000 Animists and 3,500,000 Christians.

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The Annual Business Meeting of the Mission was held at Dhamtari Feb. 12th, 13th, 14th. The first half day was entirely given over to a devotional programme as were also several hours of each of the following days. All of the twenty missionaries were present during the meetings. Time was not only given to reports of the past year's work but discussions and plans were made for the work of the new year. Some of the most important items of our programme you will find on the back page of this edition.

The Chhattisgarh Christian Convention and Mela was held at Madkhu Ghat from Feb. 21st to 24th. Madkhu Ghat is an island of several acres in the Mahanadi river and is about 100 miles distance from Dhamtari. This Convention and Mela have been held annually for the past fifteen years, for the missionaries and Indian Christians of this area. This year there were gathered there over one hundred missionaries and over two thousand Indian Christians. Sadhu Sunder Singh was the chief speaker of the Mela. His messages were characteristic of the man, clear, straightforward and devotional. His rare ability and peculiar messages have made him famous not only in India but throughout the world. Nine of our missionaries and about seventy-five of our Indian Christians were privileged to hear his messages. It has been partially arranged that he may come to Dhamtari next December and be the speaker at our annual Julsa. We feel sure that God will bless his work in our midst.

On the afternoon of Feb. 28th all the missionaries and Indian delegates of our church conference met in special session in Dhamtari to elect a bishop. After Bro. Friesen had read the 1st chapter of Titus and made a few appropriate remarks the meeting engaged in a season of special prayer. After this the vote was taken by ballot. Bro. C. D. Esch was chosen and everyone felt that the Lord very definitely led us in this work. Bro. Esch is to be ordained in a special meeting to be held in Dhamtari on Sunday morning March 9th. Will you not also pray that God may use him mightily in the furtherance of His work in needy India.

Mahodi.

The temperature is already up to 85 degrees and we find it very warm in the rooms where the ceilings have not yet been put in.

Bro. Smucker and several of the workers are attending the Chhattisgarh Christian Mela.

We are enjoying the religious services with our little flock here and ask an interest in your prayers that more may be brot into His fold thru the influence going out from this place.

Balodgahan.

Examinations for the year were held in the Girls' School. About 70% passed successfully.

Building work on the church and the Teachers Home is progressing.

A woman working on the new church building fell from a wall 18 feet high into a pile of stone and brick. She has been under the care of the Dr. and is improving.

We have a good orange crop in the farm orchard this year. It is now being gathered.

Dhamtari.

Miss Campbell one of the Organizing Secretaries of the W.C.T.U. is spending four days in several of our stations giving talks on Temperance.

Mr. Ram the Christian Headmaster of our Boys Carpenter school was very sick with pneumonia. He has been in the hospital for two weeks and is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. Sumersingh a Christian from Jubbulpore has arrived here to take charge of the Industrial work in the Boys' Orphanage.

Ghatula.

The Deputy Commissioner of the district recently took tea with the missionaries. His official visit to the district has been highly beneficial in this that he sought out the farmers and himself heard their grievances against the malguzars and petty officers and carefully made adjustments where grievances were just.

Our evangelistic campaign will, soon be on. Our congregation is small but they all take a keen interest in spreading the Gospel among the surrounding people.

Sankra.

The work on the new church is progressing. Four carpenters came from Dhamtari last week and are now busy putting the trusses together. All going well we expect to have a truss raising in the near future.

Miss Singh, the School Inspectress for the C. P., was here this month and inspected the Mission School.

Sonsir Bai, who was a Bible woman formerly but later was engaged in teaching in the Government Girls' school at Sorar, has now come to Sankra to teach in the Mission School.

Some of Our Proposals for the Coming Year.

1. Open a Normal School for Men and continue a careful study of the problem of Rural Primary Education.
2. Ordain some of our Indian Brethren to the office of the ministry.
3. Complete the following buildings: Churches at Dhantari, Balodgahan, Sankra and New Leper Asylum, Teachers Home Balodgahan, European Hospital Wards.
4. Erect—Girls' School Building in Dhantari, Masters' house in Bagtarai, Evangelistic House in Bijnapuri, Home for untainted Children and Deacon's House at New Leper Asylum site, New Hospital Building at Medical station.
5. Explain to the Home Board the urgent necessity of sending us new missionaries.
6. Arrange a special meeting of all missionaries and their children celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Mennonite Mission in India.
7. Organize in connection with the Anniversary a month's General Evangelistic Campaign to conclude with the Annual Jalsa.
8. Prepare a comprehensive profusely illustrated report of our Mission work for the first Quarter Century.
9. Request the Home Board to send representatives to visit the Mission work in India.
10. Make a special effort to deepen the Spiritual life of the Indian Church.

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With April 1st comes the beginning of the hot season. Some of the mothers and children have already gone to the hills while others will be going during the next few weeks. The thermometer already registers 96 in the north shade of the bungalow. We are therefore inclined to agree with the sentiments expressed in the lines found on the back page of this edition of the "News".

Bro. Shoemaker of Freeport Ill. a brother of Bro. J. S. Shoemaker former Secretary of our Mission Board has just arrived in Dhamtari. He is taking a world tour with the party of 720 tourists travelling on the S. S. Laconia. Bro. Kaufman met him in Calcutta. Bro. Shoemaker is stopping with us about a week while the Laconia sails from Calcutta to Bombay. We are planning to take him to all our stations. We are indeed glad for his visit.

Ghatula.

Fire swept over the hills south of our station driving the wild animals farther into the heavy Government forests.

A high caste man from 25 miles south was brought to our medical dispensary on a bed. An operation was needed and no doctor was here but the Gov't. Indian Surgeon. He refused to go to him. The Lord blessed our efforts in operating and he went home happy. He made a present of Rs. 25-0-0 for his care.

The work during the hot season is left in the hands of our Indian helpers who feel their responsibility and are striving to be faithful.

The new school at Kaspur is starting well with from 40 to 60 children in attendance. We are hoping for

a good regular attendance. We are happy to state that the liquor distillery is to be removed from the village. It will be a great blessing to the village people.

Sankra.

On the 18th sister Freisen and the children left for Naini Tal.

During the last month we have had a lot of sickness in the Christian Community. One little baby broke his arm while he was playing with a little dog.

The work on the new Church building is slowly progressing.

Mahodi.

One of our young men Baisakhu has been recently married. His wife is a valuable addition to our Christian Community.

We have recently had a number of disastrous fires in the Christian Community. We suspect one of the men who appears to have a mania for fires.

Our Evangelists who attended the Chhatisgarh Mela are taking to the work with new zeal.

We are beginning the home stretch on the building work here at Mahodi. Out-buildings and odds and ends inside the bungalow are still to be put up.

Mrs. Smucker and children are leaving for the hills on April 1st

On Sunday March, 23rd. Bro. Esch gave community to our little flock here. There were 25 who took part.

Balodgahan.

Bro. A. C. Brunk attended a week's session of Industrial Conference held at Allahabad under the auspices of the National Christian Council of India and Burma.

Communion Services were held at the Bethel Church on the 16th inst.

Medical Station.

It seems quiet at the Medical Bungalow these days. Mrs. Esch and the Children left for Naini Tal on March, 18th. where the children will be in the American School. Dr. Esch moved to Borid where he is building a new leper asylum. He comes in each morning to attend the dispensary and to see the patients in the wards.

Mrs. Antrim of the Penticostal Band Mission brought her little son to our hospital for an operation.

Today we received a shipment of gowns, towels and bandages from the sewing circles at home. They are all very much appreciated.

A female patient who was relieved of an enormous sized ovarium cyst in the Mission Hospital a few weeks ago is about ready to go home. She is very happy and the operation was an unusual one for Dhamtari, so it is talked of far and near and is quite an advertisement for the Hospital. We appreciate the assistance of Dr. Troyer in these cases very much.

Work on the European ward is progressing nicely. In a few months we hope to have it finished.

Dhamtari.

On March 6th two Bible women accompanied by Sister Sarah Lapp visited the Kharenga Bazar about eight miles from here and sold a number of Gospel portions and song books. All who heard the Message were very attentive. They returned the following day, stopping at several villages on their way, and visiting a number of homes. May the Lord bless His Word.

During the month Annual Promotion examinations were held in our Primary Schools. Some twenty boys also took the Government final examinations. The High School examination will be held the 1st two weeks in April.

THE HILLS

Heat, heat, around me everywhere,
A dust-brown road and dust-brown trees,
No blade of grass the wind breathes hot;
Can naught this torture ease?

My thoughts turn to the hills,
My eyes the hill now seek,
At last my path lies to the hills
Whose noble contours speak
Of coolness for the fevered blood,
Of green for tired eye;
I thank my Master for the hills
And all the hills supply.

Heartsick, discouraged, work all wrong:
Faith's pulse far, far too slow;
The trails like giants loom their heads,
The joys of stature low.

Then comes the thought, "The Hills."
My vision leaves the plain,
At last my path lies to the hills,
And life no longer vain,
And work a failure—'front my soul,
I trust my fellow-men;
For in the glory of God's hills
My soul finds poise again.

Away from heat that saps the blood,
And cares that greater grow
Unto God's everlasting hills
My comrades, let us go;
With bodies rested, hearts attuned,
And courage strengthened wills,
We will to work, with hearts of praise,
Return from God's own hills.

B. M. H.
In Burma Life Line.

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The Masihī Sudharao Samaj (Christian Discipline Society) recently organized in the Sunganj congregation is active in running down liquor drinking, gambling and adultery the three sins they are pledged to stamp out of the congregation. They have up to date done good work.

Their method of discipline is very effective. Members found guilty of any of the above sins are reported to the pastor and bishop and are expelled by the latter. Expelled members will receive no help whatever from the other members. No one will eat with them, make any marriage arrangements with them or bury their dead if they remain outside of the church. One man who has been drinking was recently expelled and fined fifty rupees. He promptly paid the fine and voluntarily deposited one hundred rupees with the pastor to be held in trust on good behaviour. Should he backslide the money will be confiscated at his suggestion. These sins having started to make inroads into the church aroused the brethren to preserve the spirituality and dignity of the church.

Brother J. H. Detwiler recently paid a week's visit to the Mission. On account of so many of the missionaries being away at the hills he did not get to all the stations. Those of us who are on the plains enjoyed his visit very much. He comes from the Near East and is on his way home to America.

Balodgahan.

Brother and Sister Brunk and Sister Stalter have left for the hills. They went to Kashmir.

Work on the Teacher's Home is progressing and it is hoped that it will be ready to occupy by the time school re-opens—June 16.

A number of the orphanage girls being away on vacation only 17½ are left. These are kept busy at cooking, cleaning rice, grinding flour, sewing and mending, carrying brick and other building material and filling holes in the ground that are mosquito breeding places.

Lydia, one of our orphan girls, returned from the Bilaspur Normal School at the close of the school year having completed the one year's kindergarten course in the school. Her work has been good and we are glad to add her to the staff of teachers for the coming year.

Nurse Prudence Singh from the United Provinces has been secured to assist with the medical work of the orphanage.

Baby Paul son of Brother Parsadi deacon at Maradeo whose mother died is being cared for at the orphanage bungalow during the hot season.

Leper Asylum.

Building work at the new asylum is proceeding slowly. Only the unfinished buildings will be complet-

ed this hot season. New buildings will be started later.

Government has again made a building grant for the new Leper Asylum. They have just paid over 26,000 rupees.

Medical Station.

Dr. Esch with his family is away at the hills and during his absence the nurse in charge and her assistant, and Indian nurse, are taking care of the work.

Building work on the new European Ward is suspended during the hot season.

Sundarganj.

Some fifty boys are enjoying their vacation away from the orphanage this hot season. Those in the orphanage find plenty to do. Most of them are helping with the building work. One gang is digging wells. One well is already dug and they are working on the second.

The boys enjoyed a treat of musk melons twice recently. It was interesting to see them walking around eating at melons as big as their heads. They are enjoying mangoes now. This is a delicious fruit that ripens at this time of the year.

The Government has recently sanctioned two scholarships to Christian students attending the carpentry school. These are the first scholarships granted to Christian students. The others were for non-Christians only.

At the Hills.

Our missionaries at Darjeeling are Bro. and Sister G. J. Lapp, Bro. and Sister Troyer, their families and Sister Sarah Lapp. They all occupy the same bungalow.

Harriet Lapp has gone through an attack of measles followed by a slight attack of bronchitis. She is rapidly improving.

Our missionaries at Naini Tal are Bro. and Sister Esch and family, Sister Friesen and Sister Kaufman and their children. Paul and Kathryn Kaufman have been very sick, Kathryn with a severe attack of tonsilitis and Paul with catarrh of the gall bladder. Both are slightly better.

One of our missionaries Sister Smucker is at Landour with her children.

Bro. and Sister Brunk, Bro. and sister Miller and baby and Sister Stalter are in Kashmir.

Those on the plains are anxiously awaiting their return from the hills to give them back their work they are looking after during the hot season.

At Darjeeling meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life have been conducted with great success and blessings to those who attended. A great many publicly declared their desire to experience a deeper work of grace in their lives and a number who had not confessed Christ confessed Him in the meetings.

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The rains have arrived but they came several weeks later than usual. Due to the delay the missionaries who were in the hills for hot weather, came home while the real hot season was still in progress. The party from Kashmir dropped from an atmosphere of snow to one of 117 degrees in less than twenty-four hours. The journeying home was consequently very trying.

There is no report from Mahodi this month because Brother and Sister Smucker are in the hills for a few weeks vacation. They will return about 15th of July.

Word has reached us of the good Mission Board Meeting at Sterling. We are now anxiously looking forward to the visit of the Board representatives to India. We are also very happy over the decision to send out the new workers and are praying that God may speedily bring this about.

Sankra.

The people in this district are getting very anxious for rain. If it does not rain soon the farmers will have a very hard time again.

Two of the workers left for Ghatula to attend the Bible-school for another year.

Sister Freisen and two children returned from Naini Tal on the 27th. They suffered some from the heat especially the children.

Sidh Gopal and family from Ghatula have moved to Sankra during the last month. Brother Sidh Gopal helped in the Bible School for several years but now prefers to be independent and we hope he will be successful in his new business which he has started.

Dhamtari.

Brother Miller and Mr. Biswas are attending a special Educational Conference of Central India Missionaries and school supervisors held at Jubbulpore, June 30th to July 5th. The conference has been called especially to consider the rural phase of the educational problem.

Brother Kaufman is now in Naini Tal for his month's vacation. He will return with Sister Kaufman and baby Cathryne about August 1st.

The boys orphanage is securing shortly a Christian weaving instructor. There has been for some time urgent need of more industrial work in connection with this institution.

With the breaking of the rain there is considerable sickness. This is the usual thing and is due to the radical change of climate.

Balodgahan Station.

The schools have opened after the hot season vacation; with good interest.

Brother Smucker and Sister Good who had charge of the work at Balodgahan during the hot

season went for a short rest immediately after the return of Brother and Sister Brunk and Sister Stalter. These short rests prove a great blessing to workers.

The delay in the coming of the rains is causing some alarm among the farmers, as it is getting late for rice sowing.

Brother Gotu a blind man who came to the mission in the early days, passed away this hot season. He made very good rope as that was his trade.

Medical Station.

The Esch family (excepting the three oldest children who remained in school) returned home from the hills on the 28th.

In spite of the fact that people are sowing fields, attendance at the hospital has been rather large since the doctor is back.

We are happy to know that the Mission's share of the cost of the bungalow for the Superintendent at the New Leper Asylum is forthcoming. The land arrangements for the bungalow are completed, and we hope to begin work on the bungalow soon.

Miss Pulmat, one of the teachers in the M. E. Mission School at Raipur was brought to the Leper Asylum a short time ago, with an affection on her one foot, which was pronounced leprosy. The ulcer and affected parts are not very extensive and we hope that she may recover with treatment.

This is a tragedy to touch the hardest heart, but how like the Leprosy of sin that continually attacks the young tender lives all around us.

Some interesting facts about City of Dhamtari.

1. It has a population of 12,721.
2. There are 10,855 Hindus, 918 Mohammedans, 731 Christians and 16 Annimists.
3. There are 10 schools, 7 for boys and 3 for girls. There is one High School, 2 Middle Schools and 7 of Primary grade.
4. In these schools are enrolled a total of 875 children of which 162 are girls, and 713 boys. Out of these 875 children 381 are students of Mission Schools.
5. There are 17 Hindu temples, 2 Mohammedan mosques, and one Christian Church under construction.
6. There are 3 doctors, 2 hospitals, 2 nurses.
7. There was sent out from Dhamtari last month—Harra 8,000 lb, Railroad sleepers 15,000, Rice 3,000 lb and Urda and Mung 4,500 lb.
8. The principal industries are :—
Carpentry, Blacksmithing, Brickmaking, Tilemaking, Tilli-oil extracting, Brassmaking, Pottery, and Jewelry.

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Although in India, schools are nominally in session the entire year July 1st seems like the yearly opening date because this session follows the two months hot session vacation. On the back page we have given data about our schools which has just been compiled.

Dhamtari Station.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Church building. We are hoping that it may be ready for dedication services by Nov. 22nd which will be the 25th Anniversary date of the founding of the Mission.

The Evangelistic work done by the Bible women in Dhamtari and nearby villages is continuing. The poor and common people listen to the Word gladly, but the rich are much like in Christ's time, making excuses that they are too busy with their work and do not have time to listen. Pray for this work.

Sunday August 2nd was Promotion Day in the Sunderganj Sunday Schools. Twenty one pupils were promoted from the Primary to the Junior and eight from the Junior to the Adult Departments. There is a present total enrollment of 351 in the Sunderganj Sunday Schools.

Balodgahan Station.

Brother Jahajit one of the teachers in our school has passed to his reward. He leaves his wife and one little girl. His wife has been a matron in our Widows Home.

In connection with the Widows Home we have arrangements to care for some small orphan babies. The

latest arrival came to us June 12th. He was only one and half month's old. His mother died when he was only a few days old.

Rice sowing is finished and most of it is up. Rain is needed.

The Widows Home garden is looking fine.

Ghatula Station.

Bible School opened late because of the intense heat and late rains. The enrollment took place on Monday the 23rd of June.

Three babies were recently born in the Christian community. Two of them in one day. They were Allen Hirau, Francis Harri, and son of our Deacon Mukut.

The scant rain in the beginning of this season has greatly delayed sowing of rice. Many fields are yet unsown. Some of them are so dry the plows do not burrow in the ground. Myriads of small grass-hoppers are making their appearance and it is feared they will greatly damage the crops unless plenty of rain falls.

Our Ghatula School is again picking up. More children are waiting to return as soon as more of the non-cooperation pressure is lifted. Our Kaspur school is in a much more flourishing condition. The people seem to be very happy with the school. The village people are a timid folk and have to be very carefully and slowly won.

Mahodi Station.

The R. R. Smuckers returned to their station on July 30th. Sister Smucker having been at the hills some over three months while Bro. Smucker has been looking after Bro. Brunk's work at Balodgahan and also took a few weeks' vacation at the hills.

The Convention at Mussoorie with Dr. Zwemer in charge was well attended and all report a fine spiritual feast. These seasons of spiritual refreshing are always a means of great inspiration to the missionaries while at the hills on hot season leave.

Sankra Station.

The Christian Workers at this place have carried the Gospel message to 34 different villages during the

last month and hundreds of people have heard it. The work in the villages is increasing.

Up to the present time we have had only eight inches of rain and most of that fell during the last week.

A Sewing Circle has been started in this station this month. The main object of the circle is to teach those women to sew who have never before had an opportunity to learn it.

Medical Station.

In spite of rainy weather, and farm work, the last month has brought over 1000 patients to the hospital.

A number of major operations have been performed. One of these patients came from the Kanker State, about 50 miles away.

We were called to see a patient at Gurur who had fallen from a mudwall. Her leg was broken in two places and at the ankle joint the bone was protruding.

She was brought to the hospital, and all that was possible was done for her. However on account of severe infection and great loss of blood, and weakness she passed away a week later. The friends did not blame us for they realized that everything possible was done for her. It was good to see the interest taken in this case by her friends, even though she was a widow.

Leper Asylum.

The lepers have been busy the last week getting their gardens going and they will soon have a variety of vegetables to eat.

The work on the New Asylum is progressing nicely and the finishing work is being done on a number of the buildings. There are 2 carpenters, 12 masons, 2 teams of buffaloes and about 75 laboring men and women at work. Our weekly pay roll amounts to about Rs. 175-0-0 or less than \$ 60.00.

Mr. Miller, Acting Secretary of the Mission to Lepers is at present paying us a visit.

Some Information about Our Schools.

1. Primary Schools including grades from 1-4.

We are conducting eleven Primary schools with an enrollment of 564 boys and 323 girls. In these eleven schools are employed 31 men and 19 lady teachers. To pay these fifty teachers and provide for the incidental expenses incurred in connection with the 887 scholars costs Rs. 1139 per month or Rs 13,668 per year.

2. Middle and Secondary Schools including grades 5-12.

We are conducting two Middle and Secondary schools with an enrollment of 115 boys and 17 girls. In these two schools are employed 12 men and 2 lady teachers. To pay these 14 teachers and provide for the incidental expenses costs Rs. 1325 per month or Rs. 15,900 per year.

We have therefore in all our schools a total of 1019 pupils and 64 teachers with a total monthly expenditure of Rs. 2464. This makes an average of Rs. 2-7-0 per pupil per month. The average monthly expenditure for scholars reading in all Mission Schools of the Central Provinces equals Rs. 3-5-0 per pupil per month.

3. Needs.

Regular support for these schools and teachers. \$250 will provide the total running cost of an entire Village School for one year. From \$60 to \$200 will support a Primary or Middle School teacher for an entire year.

Special needs for this year. \$1000 for a new Primary Girls School house for the Christian girls of Dhamtari. \$300 for a Teachers house in Bagtari Village.

4. To remember that

The Bible is taught to all these 1019 pupils daily.

There are still 150,000 boys and girls in our Mission area without school privileges.

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The two programs referred to on the back of this number of the "News" were to have been given on Nov. 22nd and Nov. 23rd; Nov. 22nd being the actual 25 years Anniversary date. Due to delay in arrival of Bro. Ressler and the other returning missionaries the date will however need to be changed. Although no definite date has as yet been chosen the Meetings will probably be held about holiday week.

Will you join us in earnest intercession that these meetings as well as the months special evangelistic campaign which is to accompany them may result in a deeper spiritual life to the Indian Church and to the gathering of many "other Sheep" into the Kingdom.

Sankra Station.

The work in the villages continues to be encouraging. The missionaries and workers are welcomed and the people listen to the messages every day attentively.

Work on the new church building is progressing nicely now. The roof is going up and the plastering is being put on the walls and the floor is almost ready for the stone.

Ghatula Station.

We are fortunate in having stationed in Sihawa a Christian doctor located there by Government. We are glad to have his christian influence among the sick and suffering. He comes once a week to give lectures on hygiene and first aid, in our Bible Training School.

Another village family is under instruction for baptism. They are anxious to make a living independent of the Mission for which we are glad.

A cooperative bank has been started in this station. The beginnings are small but we hope to make it a blessing to the Christian Community. The different members of the community are depositing their small earnings. The plan is to guarantee a small annual interest on all deposits of money or gain plus dividends on the surplus.

An organization has been effected with different members of the community as officers and working committee.

The Missionary was called upon to set a broken arm for a boy who was brought to him a few evenings ago. A man with a very sore face is an in-patient in our little hospital.

Only this evening a delegation of farmers from the village of Ghatula waited on us for help regarding to grazing their cattle in the Government forest. There seems to be some difficulty. We help them where we can.

The general health of Christian community has been very good thus far during the rainy season.

Dhamtari Station.

We are glad to say that work on the new Sunderganj church has been resumed. We hope to open it for worship by the close of the year.

The new weaving master in the Boys' Orphanage is doing very well with meagre equipment he has. Arrangements are being made to set up two cloth looms which are to be ready to operate in a few weeks. The boys in the weaving department are learning to make a good quality cotton webbing.

The orphanage boys are again doing some agriculture work this year. They helped to transplant several fields of rice. They also have two plots of peanuts growing.

Reuben, one of the orphanage boys, was married recently to the eldest daughter of one of our Christian

men at Balodgahan. They are living at Dhamtari where Reuben is employed in the boys orphanage as head mate.

Exchange on American money has dropped considerably within the last several months. For the last American cheques we realized only 308½ rupees on the hundred dollars.

The Sunderganj congregation was recently solicited for funds for the India Home Mission and in five hours we had in cash and pledges a hundred rupees.

Chherkin Bai who had been a faithful Bible woman since 1911 passed to her eternal reward on August 17th, 1924. After a short illness, she leaves to mourn a husband, two sons and relatives. She is missed by all who knew her. May her earnest pleadings with the non-Christians be remembered by them and they become believers in Christ.

Balodgahan Station.

We are still having the shortage in rain. The crops are suffering.

Carpentry, stone-cutting, rope-making and clay-modelling have been begun in our boys school.

Our midweekly prayer meeting and Sunday Sermons are seeking to prepare this congregation for a series of meetings to be held later on in the year. We ask you to pray that each member of our church here may receive a real spiritual blessing.

Sister Good has returned from language study in Darjeeling, and is holding examinations in her school.

In one of our village Sunday schools we have been having from 100 to 125 present. Many grown up men and women attend.

Today is a Hindu holiday. The priest told the people here in Balodgahan that he would make the customary round at mid-night to all the Hindu worshipping places in the village if ten chickens were given. Only seven chickens were secured so he refused to serve them.

Programs of 25th Anniversary Meetings.

- A. Meeting of Missionaries to be held in Mango Groove at Sunderganj at 1:00 P. M. Nov. 22nd, 1924.

Bro. Lapp will act as Moderator of the Meetings and Bro. Miller will conduct the Devotional exercises, Bro. Ressler will first address us on "The Mission as I remember it and as I see it now". This will be followed by short papers by Lois Lapp and Russel Kaufman on "School Life in the Hills". Bro. Kaufman will then review for us the "Growth of the Church in India". After this there will be brief eight minutes talks by various missionaries telling what has been accomplished during the Quarter Century at each of the various Stations. Bro. Albrecht will then speak to us on "What has the Indian Mission meant to the Church in America". Bro. Brunk will give the final address on "A Review of the History of our Missionary Force". The Meeting will close by a Quartete selection "Under the Mango tree".

- B. An all day Public Meeting to be held in the new Church at Dhamtari on Sunday Nov. 23rd, 1924.

Bro. Friesen will be the chairman and the Devotional exercises will be conducted by Deacon John Haider. Bro. Ressler is then to preach a dedication sermon. The fore noon session closes with two short addresses by Deacons Sadharam and Sukh Lal on "How the Mission has helped me".

In the after noon Bro. Ressler will tell us "How the Mission was Started", and Elisha will also speak on "Things I remember about the early days of the Mission". After this Deacon Persadi will review for us "What the Indian Church has done during the past 25 years to Spread the Gospel". Following this Deacon Mukut will talk on "Missionaries who have passed away" and Sister Lehman on "Indians who have given their lives in Service". The session will close with addresses by Dr. Esch and Deacon Peters on "What ought the Church Accomplish in the next 25 Years".

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Many of you have at different times asked us "What do the Indian Christians work?" The survey on the back page of this edition of the News will give you an idea of what the Mennonite Christians do. A careful study of these figures will indicate some of the problems we need to face in the future development of the Mennonite Church in India. Next month we are planning to include a survey showing the literacy of the church.

The Chhattisgarh district Missionary language examinations were held in Dhamtari on Sept. 24th. Sister Good and Mrs. Troyer appeared in the examinations. Five candidates from neighboring Missions also appeared. Bro. Kaufman is chairman of the committee.

Mahodi Station.

Interesting meetings are being held at the bungalow every Sunday. Four weeks ago we invited an entire village to come and about 375 people came. Since then each Sunday afternoon we have had a crowd of village people come. Last Sunday was the climax when 500 including two village malguzars and several other men of note came. We had three separate meetings, one for men, one for women and one for children with good attention in each of the sections.

There is so much water everywhere that the ground seems like a wet sponge. Since our well is not yet bricked part of it has caved in badly and as result the water is unfit to use and so we have to get it from a quarter mile away.

Indications are that there will be a "middling" crop of rice.

Dhamtari Station.

The District Commissioner made his annual tour to Dhamtari during this month. He inspected the Leper Asylum, Boys Carpentry School and the High School since these institutions receive grants from Government. Although the Commissioner is a Mohammedan still he was keenly interested in and expressed his appreciation for the good work the Mission is doing thru these institutions for the people of this district.

On Sunday Sept. 28th. Bro. Parsadi of Maradeo Congregation and Sister Rangsir of the Sunderganj Congregation were united in holy matrimony. An unusually large number were present to witness the ceremony. Bro. Parsadi is deacon of the Maradeo Congregation.

The Circle Inspectress of Schools made her annual inspection of Dhamtari Girls School during the last week. She was pleased with the progress of the School.

Leper Asylum.

The foundation of the Superintendent's bungalow is being put in.

The continual rains with much dampness are causing much suffering among many of the Lepers with large ulcers.

The Leper men are taking good interest in their special prayer meetings which are now going on.

Sankra Station.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Sumari, a son, on Sept. 2nd.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Naresh, a son, on Sept. 5th.

On Sept. 23rd a Hindu man came to our nearby bazaar with his son. They live about twelve miles away and started early from their home. After they arrived the son suddenly, without warning fell over unconscious. When they called us we brought him to the Dispensary and in spite of our efforts to do something for him he died in about half an hour. It was very sad to see the poor man start home with his only son lying dead in his cart.

Balodgahan Station.

The school boys have begun digging the foundation for a school workshed.

We have had rain and rice looks fine. We have about fifty men and women weeding rice in the Mission fields. The weeding will be completed in about another week.

The widows garden has suffered many pests this year. The chief among which were caterpillars, crows, white ants, and now wild pigs.

On September 21 a little baby girl was brought to us from a near village. She was born about noon on the 20th, and her mother died at 5 P. M. on the same day. She is a fine little girl and is doing well.

The teachers Home and the girls school building at Balodgahan are finally completed and furnished.



Ghatula Station.

The examinations in the Bible School were held during the second week of September. All the students passed except one who failed in one subject. We are pleased with the results and are glad for their interest and hard work.

One village man and his wife were baptized and received into Church membership on Sunday the 14th of September. They had been inquirers for nearly seven years. They have a family of three small children.

Two patients are lying in the sick ward of our dispensary. One is the wife of a forest officer and was very ill from fever. Both patients are recovering nicely. A number of out patients come for medicine every day.

There is an increasing interest on the part of the village people in the messages of the Gospel. There is less opposition to the school. More schools are wanted and we should have double our staff of evangelists and Bible-women to meet the evangelistic needs of our district.


SURVEY OF OCCUPATIONS
 — OF —
MEMBERS OF INDIAN MENNONITE CHURCH


Occupations.	Men.		Women.		Totals.	
	Major.	Minor.	Major.	Minor.	Major.	Minor.
1. Evangelists ...	35	2	35	...	70	2
2. Teachers ...	24	2	20	1	44	3
3. Clerks ...	5	...	2	...	7	...
4. Carpenters ...	23	...	...	...	23	...
5. Tailors ...	4	...	1	...	5	...
6. Doctors ...	1	...	...	...	1	...
7. Nurses ...	...	...	2	...	2	...
8. Blacksmiths ...	6	...	...	...	6	...
9. Masons ...	12	...	...	...	12	...
10. Farmers ...	5	37	2	...	7	37
11. Farm-laborers ...	9	...	3	...	12	...
12. Contractors ...	1	...	...	...	1	...
13. Shopkeepers ...	1	...	...	...	1	...
14. Household-servants	57	...	16	...	73	...
15. Coolies and Rejas	82	...	234	...	316	...
16. Housewives ...	...	...	47	...	47	...
17. Students ...	174	...	166	...	340	...
18. Other Occupations	15	...	34	...	49	...
19. Weavers ...	2	...	1	...	3	...
TOTALS .	456	41	563	1	1019	42

This Survey covers only church members and not the entire Christian Community. Our church membership last year was listed at 1177. The difference of total persons listed in this survey and that figure is due to inmates of our Charitable Institutions who are church members but unable to follow an occupation.

Item No. 16 contains only married women who are not engaged in any other employment except homemaking. Economic pressure compels most married women to take up an occupation to supplement the meagre family income. The simplicity of their home life also allows this.

One of our pressing economic problems is to provide a means of transferring the large number now in the coolie and reja class to permanent occupations offering a living wage. People in this class are on the border line. They live on the barest necessities only and are unable to help in the support of public institutions. Stability and independent development of the future church will depend on our ability to decrease this class.

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Dhamtari Station.

The Annual Christian Workers Normal is in session here. Brother Friesen is in charge. Mrs. Esch, Mrs. Sarah Lapp, Mrs. Miller and Brother Kaufman are also teaching classes daily. Fifty two workers are in attendance. The course continues three weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Thiessen from the G. C. Mennonite Mission made a two weeks' visit to our various stations. Rev. Thiessen also gave lectures on the Life and Teachings of Jesus to our school boys during their six days camp at Maramsilli.

Six boys from the Orphanage are now learning weaving. They are making plain cloth and towels.

Manual Training has been started in the High School. Seventy two boys spend two and three periods weekly learning simple and practical carpentry. An effort is being made to correlate this work with mathematics and other school subjects.

Ghatula Station.

Had a week's vacation in the Bible school at which time a number of the students and the missionaries went to Dhamtari. The workers travelled with the mission buffalo cart and the Lapps in their horse cart. The mud was so deep in places that we had to walk for several miles at a stretch.

A young man was brought to our hospital during the month who was stricken with strychnine poisoning received either from his having taken it of his own free will or from having been fed it by someone else. It is gotten from the nux vomica seeds which may be gathered from the tree of the same name found in the forests. The

seed is a deadly poison and is often used to get an enemy out of the way. It is also ground into powder and spread over water in ponds to kill the fish. The young man's case was reported to the police, who made investigations to ascertain how the poisoning was done. It was pitiful to have to see the young man suffer from such paroxysms of pain and convulsions. He died without Christ.

Mahodi Station.

Evangelists and Bible women are in Dhamtari attending the Christian Workers Normal.

Many people are sick with malaria. Many people come to the dispensary for treatment.

In the Sunday afternoon services we are following the life of Christ beginning at His birth and taking each main event in sequence. This is to give our Christians who are ignorant and unlearned some teaching and knowledge of Christ's life and works.

Balodgahan Station.

Hay making and reaping early rice have begun on the farm.

Work on the Church roof has begun. The raising and placing of the heavy trusses is a difficult task.

Sisters Stalter and Brunk have had attacks of malaria fever which kept them from their work for a week.

Dr. Troyer is giving instruction in first aid to High School boys in camp for a week.

Sister Good is taking advantage of the school holidays and is having the school building cleaned and white washed.

Leper Asylum.

On the 19th Communion was observed in the Asylum Congregation.

Brother Brunk preached the sermon and assisted in the Communion service. The brethren sang a song of their own composing in which was the story of the betrayal, crucifixion and, resurrection of Jesus. At the same service 12 applicants were baptised.

The Lepers are much interested and want to help all that they can in the building of the new Church in their new Home at Shantipur. They decided to give two days rations. The women fasted for two Sundays in succession. The men gave their offering by taking out one fourth of their food every day for eight days.

Medical Station.

The European ward is nearly completed. Some of the furniture is already on hand, the rest is being made in the Carpenter shop. We hope to have it ready for use in a few weeks.

Our nurse, Asra Bai, is off duty on account of sickness.

Dr. Esch and family expected to move from the Medical Station next week. They will be located at "Shantipur", the new Leper Asylum. We are sorry to have them leave the work here but wish them much joy in their work at the new Station.

Dr. Troyer and family will be located at the Medical Station.

We have had several major operations this last month. One patient walked from her home 10 or 12 miles distant with about a foot of intestines protruding through her abdominal wall. Her operation was successful and she was able to return home in a few weeks.



Among our in-patients at present we have one of the servants of the King of Kanker State. Also one of our Christian Workers.

Sankra Station.

During this month very little village work was done on account of the Bible Normal which was held at Dhamtari. All Christian workers except those that attend the Bible School in Ghatula attended the Normal in Dhamtari.

The Lord willing, we expect to have a Church dedication service in Sankra on November 23rd.

Rice harvesting is now beginning. The crops look fairly well. Some fields the farmers say, are very much damaged by grass-hoppers.


SURVEY OF LITERACY
 — OF —
MEMBERS OF INDIAN MENNONITE CHURCH.


No.	Items.	Men.	Women.	Total.
1.	1st. Class Primary. ...	11	17	28
2.	2nd. " " ...	19	13	32
3.	3rd. " " ...	24	27	51
4.	4th. " " ...	28	16	44
5.	5th. " " ...	71	72	143
6.	Middle school department ...	26	22	48
7.	High School department ...	2	0	2
8.	Read in High School but not completed ...	14	3	17
9.	Special training—Bible School, Nursing, Medicine ...	15	5	20
10.	No. still going to school ...	168	176	344
11.	No. who have never gone to school...	174	344	518
12.	No. of Christian children between age 5—15 who are not in school ...	4	13	17
TOTAL ...		566	708	1264

Up until last year the C. P. school system was run on the 5-3-4 basis. That classification has therefore been used in this survey. The item 5-3-4 means that Primary School includes the first five grades, Middle School the next three and High School the last four. Completion of Middle School in India therefore roughly corresponds to a completion of common school in United States.

In the above table the number listed after each item indicates the number of men and women who have completed that grade.

People who have not read beyond the 2nd. Primary class can hardly be called literate. Therefore adding the totals of items 1 & 2 to No. 11 it gives us a total of 568 illiterates. In other terms this says that out of every hundred members 54 can read and write while 46 cannot. This at first seems discouraging, and it is an index to peculiar and difficult problems, but comparative figures give more encouragement. Out of India's 315 million only 18 million can read. Out of every hundred Hindus five can read, out of every hundred Mohammedans three can read and out of every hundred Indian Christians sixteen can read. Our Mennonite Christians Church is therefore 38% more literate than the average of Indian Christians while the great difference between the Christians and non Christians is evident without comparative figures.

Another most encouraging feature is item 12. This says that all but a few of our Christian children that ought to be in school are there. This of course does not say that after a generation the Indian Mennonite Church will be 100% literate. It might be if we received no new illiterate converts, but since most of them come from the uneducated masses we hope to have this problem continually.

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General Items.

The party of visiting brethren and returning missionaries arrived in Dhamtari on the evening of the 29th of November. Several hundred Christians were waiting to welcome them as they arrived from Raipur by motors. After eating supper and having a prayer meeting of thanksgiving Brother Ressler and the Lehman family went on to Balodgahan where several hundred more Christians had congregated to welcome them.

Brother Ressler is busy visiting the various stations and getting a knowledge of the work. Brother Albrecht is spending the bigger share of his time with his daughter at Mahodi. The Lehmans are located at Balodgahan until Brother Kaufman and family go on furlough at which time they will again occupy South Sunderganj bungalo.

Dhamtari.

Evangelistic meetings are to be held at Sunderganj from December 14—20th. They will be in charge of Brother Lapp.

Brother Kaufman was in Bombay to make final settlement for sale of Igtapuri house and property. This property was purchased in the early days of the Mission for a Rest Home. It proved unsatisfactory and so at the request of the Mission the Home Board gave sanction to dispose of it. Brother Kaufman met the American party in Bombay and accompanied them to Dhamtari.

Due to delay in securing bricks the Sunderganj church will not be finished by Christmas as had earlier been planned.

Sidh Gopal one of our Christians has opened a general grain and cloth store on the main street of Dhamtari. He is the first Christian to make a venture

on such a large scale. We are anxious that he may succeed. This will be very difficult due to caste prejudice and dishonest competitors.

Shantipur (Leper Asylum.)

The Esch family moved to the New Leper Asylum site on the 5th inst. They are living in the buildings erected for the Untainted Girls until the bungalow will be completed.

The Esch and Friesen children returned from school in Naini Tal on 28th October.

The last Service at the old Leper Asylum was a Thanksgiving service on the 13th. All were happy and real thankful. The year's offering by the Leper Congregation is considerable over Rs. 200/-.

Mr. Anderson Secretary of Mission to Lepers accompanied by Mrs. Anderson visited with us from the 19th to the 21st. In connection with their visit a formal opening and dedication service of the new asylum was held. The main speakers for the occasion were Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jatar, Government Commissioner of this Division and Mr. J. N. Kaufman.

Many of the important people of the Community were present at the opening. The Leper situation was presented and some enthusiasm worked up on the matter of getting lepers to come to the asylum for care and treatment instead of being allowed to remain in the villages where they are a menace to the Community.

Mahodi Station.

Just closed a series of revival meetings at this place. Had good attendance and interest. We are encouraged anew that the people seem to have gotten some good spiritual food and seem to have taken it.

Had two heavy dashing rains since rice cutting began. These rains did much damage to the ripe rice which is just being cut. Farmers are feeling pretty blue.

Communion services were held on Sunday, the 23rd of November. Bishop Dr. Esch being with us at that time. He had to come out on his bicycle as the jungle roads were not ready for a motor.

A baby girl, Elizabeth, was born to Brother and Sister Pakal on November 7th.

Balodgahan Station.

Harvest is on and the grain was damaged by hard rains.

A series of meetings were held in the Church here for deepening the spiritual life of the congregation. The meetings were in charge of Brother C. D. Esch. The Church received a spiritual blessing and was greatly strengthened.

November 30th we had a Communion meeting in the morning and in the afternoon we had a meeting of welcome for the missionaries and visiting brethren just arrived from America. Both of these meetings were well attended.

Ghatula Station.

The Bible School will close on December 10th. Four students will finish the fourth year work and be awarded diplomas.

The heavy late rains hindered the fall cleaning and whitewashing.

Lois and Harriet arrived home from Darjeeling Friday the 21st of November. Lois has finished her school work in the Queen's Hill School, Darjeeling and will stay home with her parents for a year with the hope that she may go to America to continue her educational training.

We are very much gratified at the interest taken in the Kaspur school by the village people. The attendance is increasing and we believe the school will become an important evangelistic factor among the backward people among whom it is established.

Many of the Christian community were sick with malaria fever because of the damp rainy weather.

Sankra Station.

The farmers around here are now busy cutting rice. The last rain we had in October has done much harm to the late crops.

On November 23rd. the Sankra Church was dedicated. A number of Missionaries and Indian brothers and sisters from the other stations attended the meetings. In the morning Brother G. J. Lapp preached a good dedication sermon and in the afternoon the subject was Home and Foreign Missions. The speakers for the afternoon were Brother J. N. Kaufman and Brother G. J. Lapp. Both gave very helpful talks on the subject.

November 28th Grace Elizabeth Friesen was born. She is a happy addition in the Friesen Family.

Appointment of Missionaries for 1925.

Ghatula Station.

G. J. Lapp—Principal of Bible school, Evangelistic, Educational and Medical work, Pastor of Church.

Fannie Lapp—Bible school and Evangelistic work.

Mahodi Station.

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

Alma Smucker—Evangelistic work.

Medical Station.

Dr. Troyer—Medical work, Evangelistic work at Hospital, and Language study.

Mrs. Troyer—Evangelistic work and Language study.

Mary Wenger—Superintendent of Hospital.

Sunderganj—Dhamtari.

M. C. Lehman—Pastor of Church, Manager of Boys Primary schools at Dhamtari—Meradeo—Bhatgaon—Gopalpuri and Bagtarai, Supt. of Boys Orphanage, Advisor to Carpenter shop.

Lydia Lehman—Boys Orphanage and Evangelistic work.

E. E. Miller—Principal of High school, Old Men's Home, Superintendent of Boys Carpenter school, Advisor to shoe shop, Telephone line to Chitod.

Ruth Miller—Manager of Girls school, Evangelistic work at Bijnathpuri and Chhati.

Shantipur Station.

Dr. Esch—Superintendent of Leper Asylum, Pastor of Leper Church, Building work at Medical station, Evangelistic work and Church work at Meradeo, Telephone line from Chitod to Balodgahan.

Mina Esch—Evangelistic at Leper Asylum, Bhatgaon and Meradeo.

Balodgahan Station.

A. C. Brunk—Pastor of Church, Manager of Boys school, Balodgahan and Chikhali Evangelistic work, Manager of Village and Farm.

Eva Brunk—Superintendent of Widows Home, Medical work, Evangelistic work Balodgahan and Chikhli.

A. Stalter—Superintendent of Girls Orphanage and Boarding.

Mary Good—Principal of Girls School.

Sankra Station.

P. A. Friesen—Pastor of Church, Evangelistic work at Sankra Tengra and Nawagaon, Industrial work.

Mrs. Friesen—Medical work, Primary school, Superintendent of Widows Home, Evangelistic work.